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St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Point of Rocks
Private

1889

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church was built in 1889 in the typical form of rural churches in the last quarter of the 19th century, with a rectangular main section and an attached bell tower with the entrance on the gable end. Gothic arches at the window openings and doorway were used by many denominations, as were the open belfry and turret roof with finial. In its original form, St. Luke's had scroll-sawn details on the belfry and a dentil cornice molding. In 1987, a remodeling of the building removed these details and covered with exterior with aluminum siding. A concrete block parish hall had been added to the northeast corner of the church in the late 1950's. St. Luke's was built during a brief period of expansion and building activity in Point of Rocks following the 1870's construction of the Point of Rocks Railroad Station (F-1-129; NR).

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Point of Rocks
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function & Use
Religion/religious facility/church

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1519 Ballenger Creek Pike not for publicationcity, town Point of Rocks vicinity of congressional district 6th

state county

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Point of Rocks state and zip code MD 21777

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MHT Inventory of Historic Properties F-1-7

date 1978 federal state county local

depository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. F-1-7

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church is a frame one-story building erected in 1889 on the east side of Ballenger Creek Pike about 100 yards north of the intersection of Clay Street (Md. Rt. 28) in Point of Rocks, Frederick County, Maryland. The church faces west and has a concrete block late 1950's parish hall adjoining it on the northeast corner. Kanawha Avenue, an early 20th century street opened from Ballenger Creek Pike toward the east, borders the north edge of the church property. The date of the church is based on the datestone at the northwest corner of the building's stone foundation and on land records.

The principal section of the church is a rectangular hall with an attached, projecting bell tower on the center of the west gable end with the main entrance in the west side. The windows and door opening have Gothic arches. The exterior is covered with aluminum siding, covering German siding pictured in the original 1978 survey photos. The roof is covered with composition material. The bell tower has an open belfry with a turret roof topped with a weather vane and finial. In the 1978 photos, a scroll-sawn balustrade and dentil molding at the cornice are visible. In 1987, the church was remodeled, according to a stone in the north side of the foundation. At that time, the balustrade, the molding, an arched stained glass window and a rectangular sign panel in the upper west face of the tower were removed or covered over by the aluminum siding. The stained glass panel was relocated to the transom over the double 3-panel doors. The north and south elevations have three bays each, with stained glass windows. On the east gable end, the stone foundation is revealed by the sloping ground level, with a vertical board door into the basement of the church. A projecting section behind the pulpit with arched windows in the north and south sides is centered in the gable end. The interior of the church was inaccessible for this survey.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1889 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church is a fair example of a typical rural church design found throughout Frederick County in the late 19th century. As stated in the 1978 inventory form, St. Luke's was built during a period of building activity in Point of Rocks following the erection of the Point of Rocks Railroad Station (F-1-129; National Register) in the 1870's. The church has the simple form of many rural churches built in the last quarter of the 19th century, with a gable-roofed hall fronted by a projecting bell tower with the entrance in the base. The open belfry with a turret roof is a familiar sight in both communities and rural areas. The 1987 remodeling removed much of the trim which supported the "carpenter Gothic" stylistic connection mentioned in the 1978 survey.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC St. Lukes Evangelical Lutheran Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East Side Ballenger Creek Pike

CITY, TOWN

Point of Rocks

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

E.D. 1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES RESTRICTED
- YES UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME St. Lukes Evangelical Lutheran Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Point of Rocks

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21777

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

N. Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The St. Lukes Evangelical Lutheran Church is a one story frame church three bays wide and three bays deep, which faces east from the west side of Ballenger Creek Pike.

A two story frame belfry extends forward of the main block of the building and accommodates Gothic twin paneled doors with triangular stained glass transom and dentiled molding which states "St. Lukes Evangelical Church, Built 1889." Segmented Gothic stained glass windows are located on the north and south sides of the belfry and occupy each bay of the main block of the residence. The frame belfry tower with original fishscale wood roof, finial, weather vane and bell, has a dentiled frieze at the base of the belfry.

The front gable asphalt roof is jointed to the structure with a plain boxed cornice with return. The entire structure is built on a low whitewashed random stone foundation.

A modern one story cinder block addition has been made on the north side of the main chapel.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1889	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Lukes was built in 1889 during a peak building period in Point of Rocks. After the construction of the Point of Rocks Railroad Station in the 1870's, the town boomed and many frame buildings were constructed in the popular carpenter Gothic style. However, changes through the last one hundred years have left only the public buildings with any semblance of their original fine architectural style.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

9/29/78

STREET & NUMBER

12 East Church St., Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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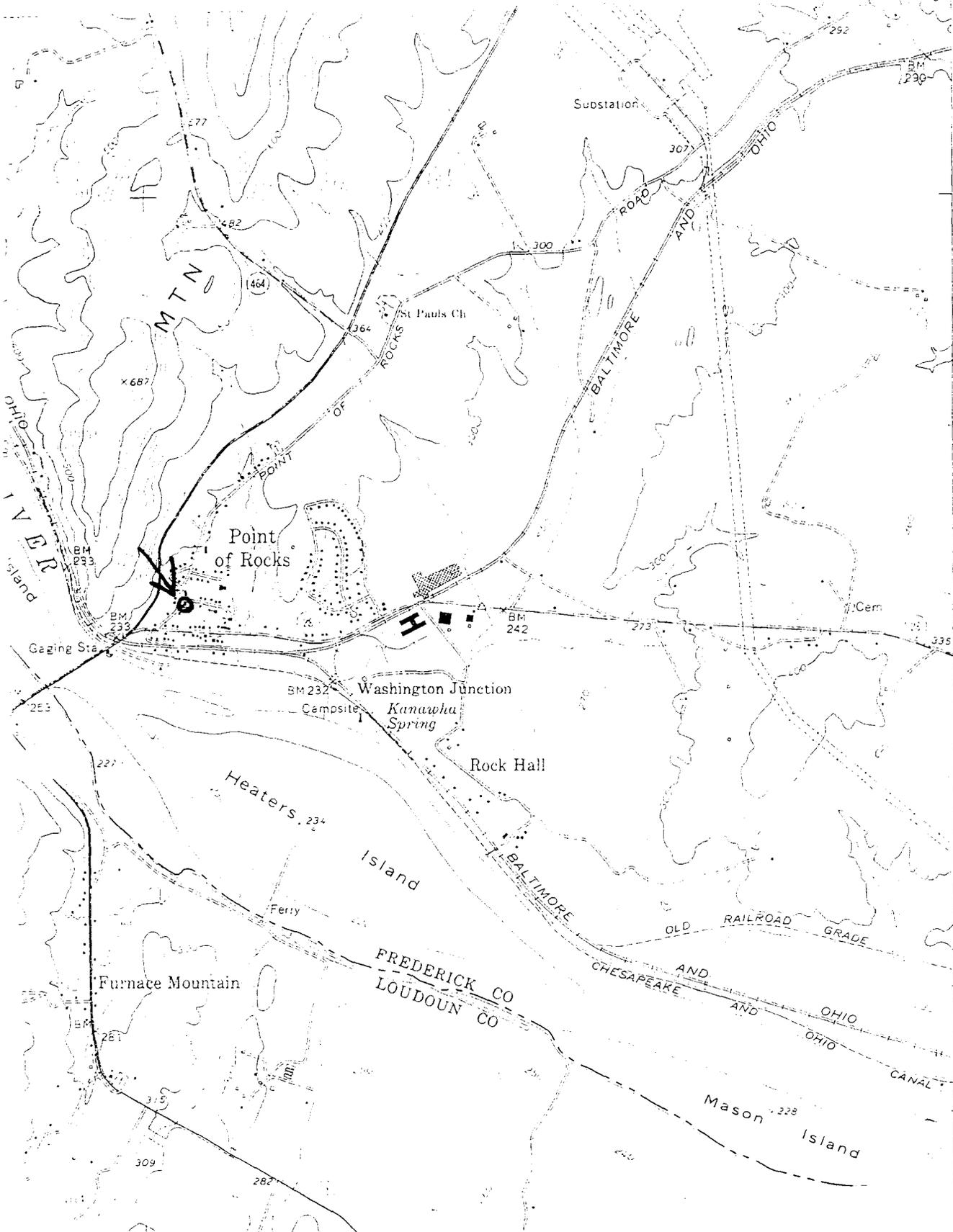
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4352
17'30"

4351

4350

4348

4348000m N.

580 000 FEET
(VA)

32'30" 781 782

• INTERMEDIATE GEOLOGICAL
2 280 000 FEET (V)

1 MILE

ROAD CLASS

- Primary highway, hard surface
- Secondary highway, hard surface
- Interstate Route

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 St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Ch.
 Frederick County
 USGS Point of Rocks, Md.-Va.
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ST. LUKES EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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E/S BALLENGER CREEK PIKE

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POINT OF ROCKS

WEST ELEVATION



ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTH. CHURCH

E/S BALLENGER CREEK PIKE

POINT OF ROCKS

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NORTH ELEVATION



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St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Point of Rocks, Frederick County

Photo: Janet Love

June 192-

Mrs. "Jessie" D. [unclear] [unclear], Md.

West elevation

1/2



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St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Point of Rocks, Frederick County

Photo: Tans & Tavis

June 1925

Neg. loc.: 113. 1172. 1172. 1172. 1172.

East elevation detail

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