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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. **Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).**

1. Name of Property

Historic name Evangelical Lutheran School

Other names/site number Bethlehem Lutheran School, KHRI # 105-5310-00001

Name of related Multiple Property Listing N/A

2. Location

Street & number 308 N. Indiana Street

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 not for publication

City or town Sylvan Grove

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 vicinity

State Kansas Code KS County Lincoln Code 105 Zip code 67481

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,
I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:
 national statewide local Applicable National Register Criteria: A B C D

See file.
Signature of certifying official/Title Patrick Zollner, Deputy SHPO Date _____

Kansas State Historical Society
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
Signature of commenting official _____ Date _____

Title _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register determined eligible for the National Register
 determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register
 other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal

Category of Property
(Check only **one** box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>	
1		buildings
		sites
1		structures
		objects
2	0	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

RELIGION/Church School

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

RELIGION/Religious Facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American

Movements: Prairie School

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: Stone/Limestone

walls: Stone/Limestone

roof: Wood/Shingle

other: Chimney/Brick

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Narrative Description

Summary

The Evangelical Lutheran School is located at 308 North Indiana Street on the east edge of Sylvan Grove, Kansas (population 279 in 2010). The building is on the east side of the street and faces west. It is directly north of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The two-and-a-half-story building is constructed of native limestone and reflects influences of the Prairie School style of architecture.

Elaboration

The Evangelical Lutheran School is a two-and-a-half story stone building with a full basement. It has a square plan with a full-height entry tower. The main portion of the building has a deck-on-hip roof and the entry tower has a hipped roof. The building was constructed in 1913 to accommodate the growing population of German Lutheran students attending grades one through eight in Sylvan Grove. It retains excellent integrity.

Several feet behind the school to the east is a school bell perched atop a base similar to that of a windmill. This feature is believed to date to the same period as the school building. It is a contributing structure.

EXTERIOR

The building's approximate dimensions are 51' (south) x 51' (west) x 51' (north) x 51' (east), excluding, the entry tower/stairwell on the west side, which measures 10'8" x 20'. The building's height at the roofline is 35.5', with an attic housed under a hipped roof.

The exterior of the building features limestone blocks measuring 9" tall x 9" wide and of varying lengths. The walls are of double-block thickness. A raised band of dressed limestone delineates the entry way double doors and the foundation at ground level. A similar raised band 90" up from the foundation partially encircles the building on the west, north and south sides. A dressed limestone band is located on the entryway 179" from the foundation and again 189" up from that band.

All of the windows have smooth-cut limestone sills and lintels. The lintels wrap around the corners of the windows extending down 9" on each side of the windows.

West side (front)

A two-story entry tower with a hipped roof is centered on the west side of the building. A concrete sidewalk leads to the grade-level, double-door entrance, which has modern doors with windows surrounded by a transom and sidelights. The entrance is enframed by a simple, raised, smooth-cut banding that is one stone thick. The second story of the entry tower includes two 6-over-1, double-hung wood windows, above which is an enframed carved stone with the name of the school – "Ev. Luth. School." Above this are two square, 6-light windows with smooth-cut window hoods. Above these windows, just below the roofline, is an enframed date stone that reads "1913."

On either side of the central entry tower (on the main portion of the building) there are two 6-light windows at the first and second stories. Also, there are two ground-level basement windows on either side of the entrance. The appearance presents a symmetrical facade.

North Side (side)

Two groupings of five multi-light, double-hung wood windows measuring 104" x 37" are located on the first and second stories of the north side of the building. (The lower sashes are slid into the upper sash areas, and a modern window has been installed in the lower openings.) A small window second-story

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window measuring 41" x 34" is located at the northwest corner and lights the cloak room. A similar infilled opening is located directly below this on the first story. There are four ground-level basement windows measuring 41" x 34". A metal fire escape staircase is located at the first story near the northeast window.

East Side

The rear of the building has just three openings all non-historic doors. There are two doors centrally located on the second story. The doors open onto the same landing, with straight-run metal fire escape staircases leading down to the corners of the building. The third door is located near the southeast corner at basement level.

South Side

The south side of the building generally mimics the north side. Two groupings of five multi-light, double-hung windows measuring 104" x 37" are located on the first and second stories of the south side of the building. (The lower sashes are slid into the upper sash areas, and a modern window has been installed in the lower openings.) A small second-story window measuring 41" x 34" is located at the southwest corner and lights the cloak room. Below this is an identical window on the first story. There are four ground-level basement windows measuring 41" x 34". A metal fire escape staircase is located at the first story near the southeast window.

INTERIOR

Entryway/Stairwell

A double-door entry opens to a 15.5' x 5' vestibule, then to a stairwell of eight steps measuring 77" x 12" that lead up to the first floor. At the first floor landing, the staircase turns and goes up along the north and south walls of the stairwell to a landing and then up a central stair to the second-floor landing. The stairwell is well-lit by the windows on the west wall of the entry tower. Three more flights of stairs, each with a landing, lead to the upper level classrooms. Wooden chair rail trim accents the inner wall of the stairwell. The bannisters feature a 2" rounded-wood railing above Wainscot siding and are affixed to 3'9" posts. The post toppers are 6" x 6" and 1.5" tall. At the top of the stairs, the safety bannister measures 135.5" x 3'6" tall. The second-floor landing, 15.5' x 6'10", contains a water fountain (inoperable) and a ceiling entrance to the attic.

The first-floor landing contains a wooden phone booth in the northeast corner, no longer in operation. There are three door openings on this first-floor landing. A door on the south wall of the landing, measuring 7' x 36", leads into a space once occupied by the cloak room, but now functions as a restroom. The space measures 4' x 7'3" x 12' and contains one toilet and sink. Two doors (each measuring 7' x 36") with operable transoms (each measuring 24" x 36" and featuring original hardware) are on the east wall of the landing, and each lead into a classroom.

The south classroom (or primary room) is 30' x 23' with 12' ceilings clad in pressed tin. The flooring is 3" hardwood of various lengths. Four original schoolhouse lights and two non-historic ceiling fans hang from the ceiling. There is a doorway at the southwest corner of the classroom that leads to a cloak room that is 14.5' x 7' x 12'. This cloak room is not the original size because a restroom was installed in the north third of the room in 1998. Original blackboards, measuring 17'4" x 2'10.5", 20' x 2'10.5" and 14'7.5" x 3.5", border the room on the north, east, and west sides, respectively. The blackboards are trimmed with 2" beveled wood trim, except for the bottom piece which is 3" wide and supports a 3" chalk tray. Five adjoining windows, 104" x 37" border the south wall. A metal floor furnace register 34" x 27" is set in the floor in the northeast corner. In this classroom, the teacher's desk sits on a raised platform that is 77" x 154" x 6" and covered with 3" wood planks to which the desk is affixed. The walls are lathe and plaster.

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The north classroom (or lunch room) is 30' x 23' with 12' ceilings clad in pressed tin. It also has a wood floor laid with 2" plank of various lengths. An original blackboard, 23' x 3.5', runs across the entire length of the east wall and has three-inch molding with ½ round trim along the top and sides. The 3.5" molding on the bottom of the blackboard supports a two-inch chalk rail. Two metal floor furnace registers are located in the southwest and southeast corners. The walls are lathe and plaster. Four original schoolhouse light fixtures and two fans hang from the ceiling. A serving counter 127" x 36" x 24" is located at the west end of the room. Two doorways, each 6'9" high and 38" wide lead into a small kitchen, 19' x 7' x 12'. The kitchen contains built-in sinks and cabinets the full length of the room, some open shelving and a prep table. Five large adjoining windows, 104" x 37" are located on the north wall of the room.

The second-floor classrooms also are accessed through doors on the east wall of the stairwell landing. The paneled doors, like those on the first floor, have transom windows with original hardware. The south classroom is 30' x 23' with 12' ceilings clad in pressed tin. It has 3" wood plank floors. Blackboards border the room on three sides of the same dimension as the classroom below it, with the exception for space for a 34" x 6'7.5" door in the northeast corner of the room that leads to a fire escape. There is one metal floor furnace register 27' x 39.5". Pressed tin covers the ceilings, and the four hanging lights are mid-century Modern light fixtures. The two ceiling fans are non-historic. Five adjoining windows, 104" x 37", are on the south wall of the room.

The second-floor north classroom is 30' x 23' with 12' ceilings clad in pressed tin. Original blackboards line 23 feet of the south wall; the east blackboard has been modified to accommodate a cabinet and is only 9.5' long. The room has been carpeted. The fire escape door is located in the southeast corner. Four mid-century Modern light fixtures plus two non-historic fans hang from the pressed tin ceiling. There is one metal floor furnace register 27' x 39.5". The cloak room is 19' long x 7' deep x 12' tall. Five adjoining windows, 104" x 37", are on the north wall of the room.

The basement is accessed on the interior from the main entry stair. The stairs along the north wall lead to the basement and former boy's restroom, which now houses the hot water heater. The stairs along the south wall lead to the former girl's restroom, which is no longer in use. Both were abandoned with the installation of the new restroom on the first floor. Like the floors above, the basement space is divided into two rooms. The south room is 30' x 23' with a ceiling height of 7'8"; there is a 7.5' x 10' storage room in the northeast corner. The concrete floor is carpeted, and the ceiling is tiled. There are three small windows on the south side and an exit door on the east. Blackboards measuring 96" x 34" and 52.5" x 34" run along the west wall. The north room is divided into two rooms. The west room, 18' x 23', and east room, 12' x 23', are used for storage and a furnace room. Both rooms on the north side are unfinished with concrete floors.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

ARCHITECTURE

SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

1913-1965

Significant Dates

1913, 1918

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

C.A. Smith, Architect, Salina, Kansas

Wilson & Gilbert, Builders, Hoxie, Kansas

Period of Significance (justification)

The period of significance begins with the construction of the school in 1913 and ends in 1965, the 50-year cut-off date established by the National Park Service to provide sufficient passage of time to allow objective evaluation of the historic resource eligibility at the time of its listing.

Criteria Considerations (justification)

The school is owned by Bethlehem Lutheran Church and continues to be used for religious educational purposes including Mid-week, Sunday School, confirmation class and as a meeting facility for the church's youth group. It meets the registration requirements for Criteria Consideration A: Religious Properties because it derives its primary significance from its architecture. The property does not derive its significance from associations with religious doctrine.

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Narrative Statement of Significance

Summary

The Evangelical Lutheran School is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C for its local significance in the areas of social history and architecture. This two-and-a-half-story limestone building is a landmark in Sylvan Grove, Kansas. The use of limestone to construct buildings was common in this area during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, due in part that limestone quarries were plentiful and the stone could withstand wind and weather. The building's architecture, Prairie School, lends itself well to the rural area and function of the building. Even though it is now more than 100 years old, the school house continues to function in the 21st century as a religious educational center.

Elaboration

In the mid-1870s, when the first Euro-American settlers inhabited the area now known as Sylvan Grove, one of the first business buildings erected was the General Store, which contained an upper floor that was also home to a place for religious services.¹ Although people of many faiths and nationalities eventually settled in the small town, German Lutheran immigrants seeking rich farm ground, agricultural opportunities, and freedom were soon the majority. On August 21, 1881, they organized a congregation, and by 1884 the members had constructed their own building that housed a church and school.²

How they came to settle in this particular area can be traced back to the efforts of Christ Kruse, a railroad man from Chicago, who learned about the fertile farm land in Lincoln County that was available to "prove up" through the Homestead Act. He later became known as a community builder and founder of Lutheran churches. He saw the opportunity to establish German Lutheran communities and set out in the late 1870s or early 1880s to Kansas to see the area for himself. According to an historic account of Kruse's activities published in the *Lincoln County News*, he was a visionary in the development of communities:

The need for a Lutheran church as the center of the community impressed itself so firmly upon Kruse that he and seven other heads of families organized St. John's Lutheran Church [south of Lincoln, Kansas] in the early '80s. Then, knowing they would have a place of worship, other families from the east began inquiring of the new settlement and coming out to settle there themselves. Kruse became something of a real estate man as his advertising began bringing results. Prospective settlers began coming to him and with pioneer hospitality he and Mrs. Kruse took them into their home, sometimes for two or three weeks, while they located farms of their own.³

Through his efforts, many German Lutherans populated farms south of Lincoln, Kansas. Coincidentally, St. John's Lutheran Church was chartered on the same day in August 1881 as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sylvan Grove. Kruse then set out to establish a similar community around and south of Sylvan Grove. With German Lutheran churches to welcome them, a number of German Lutheran farmers and their families who had lived in the Chicago area soon arrived to take advantage of the farm ground and new opportunities that awaited them in Kansas.

Kruse's efforts coincided with a population explosion of sorts that began with the coming of the railroad through Sylvan Grove in 1887.⁴ Just a year before, a flood destroyed many of the town's structures

¹ Marge Lawson, *Honoring our Heritage: A History of Sylvan Grove, Kansas* (Ellsworth, KS: Ellsworth Reporter, 1976), 6.

² Lawson, 25.

³ *Lincoln County News*, October 26, 1939.

⁴ For more information on the railroad in Sylvan Grove, see Terry Lilak, *Sylvan Grove Union Pacific Depot National Register of Historic Places nomination form* (Topeka: Kansas Historical Society, 2014).

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including its livelihood, the flour mill. Although the Evangelical Lutheran Church was spared, it was evident that the town had to move to escape future flood waters and to be closer to the new railroad and depot, about a mile northeast of the original town site. In 1889, church members bought 24 acres of land east of town, through real estate agent Kruse, for \$17.50 (per acre).⁵ They moved their church/school building there and added 18 additional feet to its length. By 1890, 67 pupils were enrolled in grades one through eight. In contrast, during the 1892-93 school term, the local public school had 57 pupils enrolled.

By 1906, the school had become too small, and a new building was constructed to accommodate about 80 children in grades one through eight. By 1911, an additional teacher had to be hired. Church records indicated that, based on then-current trends, enrollment could reach 185 in about seven years. Church leaders were called upon to solve the problem of finding more help and providing more room for the growing group of pupils.

At the congregation's annual meeting on January 2, 1913, a seven-member committee was appointed to submit plans for a new school building.⁶ Church member Dr. O. F. Dierker offered a plan that he, at his own expense, had an architect draw up. This plan included a stone building with four classrooms in two stories.⁷ The church trustees selected Nigel Wilson of Hoxie, Kansas, as the building contractor, the architect was C. A. Smith of Salina, Kansas, and Behrhorst Bros. Hardware of Sylvan Grove was hired to install plumbing and steam heat.⁸

The builders wasted no time in erecting a fine limestone building. An excerpt from the *Sylvan Grove News* documents the dedication ceremony on October 23, 1913:

The new school building erected for the Lutherans at Sylvan Grove by Wilson & Gilbert of Hoxie, was dedicated last Sunday with services in the morning and afternoon...The building is a two-story and basement structure, built of native stone 40 x 50 feet, contains four school rooms and will accommodate the needs of the congregation for years to come. Besides it is said to be one of the finest stone buildings in Western Kansas and most certainly is an ornament to our little city. Complete with all furnishings, the school cost approximately \$9,000.⁹

The school operated each year until the start of the 1918-1919 school year when it and the two other rural Lincoln County parochial schools were closed by the County's Council of Defense, due to anti-German hysteria during World War I.¹⁰ This was during a time when all German county residents were forced to register with the County as "enemy aliens." In so doing, registrants were understood to give "proof of their peaceful dispositions and of their intention to conform to the laws of the United States."¹¹ An appeal by the school's principal, Professor William Nickel, published in the *Sylvan Grove News* attempted to persuade the public that the school was not affiliated in any way with German sympathizers:

This school has adopted the state text books for all grades...Our pupils take the regular bi-monthly and final examinations held by the state...We could not, and would not tolerate anything in our textbooks that contained Pro German sentiment, and to accuse us of being under the Kaiser's jurisdiction is most unfair, to say the least.¹²

⁵ Rev. F. A. Mehl, comp., *Historical Sketch of Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Congregation, U.A.C.* (Sylvan Grove, KS: n.p. 1931), 6-7.

⁶ *Sylvan Grove News*, January 9, 1913.

⁷ Rev. F. A. Mehl, 15.

⁸ *The American Contractor*, August 2, 1913 (vol. 34), 108.

⁹ *Sylvan Grove News*, October 31, 1913.

¹⁰ Rev. F. A. Mehl, 16-17.

¹¹ *Sylvan Grove News*, January 24, 1918. For more context on the anti-German hysteria in Kansas during this period, see James C. Juhnke, "Mob Violence and Kansas Mennonites in 1918," In *Kansas Historical Quarterly* 43, 3 (August 1977): 334-350; Justine Greve, "Language and Loyalty: The First World War and German Instruction at Two Kansas Schools," In *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains* 37, 3 (Autumn 2014): 131-147.

¹² *Sylvan Grove News*, August 8, 1918.

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His efforts were in vain. Little did anyone know, however, that another enemy of sorts was lurking on the horizon. By October 1918 the local public school also was closed because of the worldwide influenza epidemic.¹³ When the Lutheran School reopened after the war, in September 1919, all classes were taught in English, except for the confirmation classes, which were offered in either English or German. A total of 151 students were enrolled in eight grades, a record number for the school.¹⁴

Similar Lutheran parochial schools conducted classes near Lincoln. St. Paul's Lutheran School southeast of Lincoln operated from 1912-1953.¹⁵ St. John's Lutheran School was open from 1883 until 1969.¹⁶ Sylvan Grove's Evangelical Lutheran School continued to serve the needs of the congregation until dwindling enrollment forced its closure at the end of the 1980-81 school year. The remaining students transferred into the local public school system.

At the time of nomination, the school building continues to serve the congregation of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the community in many ways. Mid-week classes for 40-50 grade school children are held there every Wednesday after school. Sunday School and confirmation classes are held weekly in its classrooms. Bethlehem Lutheran Teens (BLT's) also hold their monthly meetings at the school.

Architecture

Although this building does not meet the registration requirements for nomination as part of the *Public Schools of Kansas* multiple property nomination because of its religious affiliation, it shares many of the same architectural trends with public schools of the same period outlined in the MPDF. Sylvan Grove's Evangelical Lutheran School has physical characteristics that align closely with the state's earliest graded schools in towns and cities, which "were typically four-, six-, or eight-room schools, often with rectangular and central-tower plans."¹⁷ Most early examples are vernacular interpretations of Greek Revival, Italianate, or Romanesque, but this early 20th century school building in Sylvan Grove one reflects influences of the Prairie style in its bands of windows and hipped roof with wide eaves. Its limestone construction is typical of the area for that period.

Architect Charles A. Smith of Salina designed the building. According to the 1920 federal census, which lists him as 41 years old, he would have designed this building in while in his mid-30s.¹⁸ Prior to this commission, in the early 1900s, he partnered with Charles E. Hair in the firm Hair and Smith. It appears Smith struck out on his own around 1911 or 1912 after Hair moved to Oklahoma City.¹⁹ The school's builder – Wilson and Gilbert of Hoxie, Kansas – teamed up with Charles A. Smith on at least one other project at about the same time: the construction of the Carnegie Library in nearby Lincoln, Kansas. It was completed in 1914. Although it is smaller and higher style, the Carnegie Library building has similar traits to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sylvan Grove, including its limestone construction, hipped roof, and full-height projecting entry bay.

¹³ *Sylvan Grove News*, October 10, 1918. For more information on the influenza epidemic in Kansas, see Judith R. Johnson, "Kansas in the 'Grippe,': The Spanish Influenza Epidemic of 1918," In *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains* 15, 2 (Spring 1992): 44-55. Accessed online at: http://www.kshs.org/publicat/history/1992spring_johnson.pdf.

¹⁴ *Sylvan Grove News*, September 18, 1919.

¹⁵ *75th Anniversary, 1911-1986* (booklet), (St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1986), 6.

¹⁶ *One Hundred Years Serving the Lord* (St. John Lutheran Church, 1981), 30.

¹⁷ Brenda R. Spencer, "Historic Public Schools of Kansas," National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) 2005, E-18.

¹⁸ This Charles A. Smith is not to be confused with the Kansas City-based architect Charles Ashley Smith (1866-1948), who is known to have designed several register-listed properties in Kansas.

¹⁹ *Salina City Directory* (Salina, KS: R. L. Polk & Co., 1909), 111; *Salina City Directory* (Salina, KS: R. L. Polk & Co., 1911), 111.

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75th Anniversary, 1911-1986 (booklet). St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1986.

One Hundred Years Serving the Lord (booklet). St. John Lutheran Church, 1981.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Kansas Historical Society

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property Less than one

Provide latitude/longitude coordinates OR UTM coordinates.
(Place additional coordinates on a continuation page.)

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1	<u>39.014664</u> Latitude:	<u>-98.387687</u> Longitude:	3	_____ Latitude:	_____ Longitude:
2	_____ Latitude:	_____ Longitude:	4	_____ Latitude:	_____ Longitude:

Verbal Boundary Description (describe the boundaries of the property): The nominated property includes the school building and a 30-foot perimeter of land. It is within a larger 24-acre tract described as follows: A tract of land beginning at the northeast corner of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 12, Range 10 west; thence west along the section line to the east line of Indiana Avenue in Sylvan Grove as shown on the recorded plat thereof; thence south on said east line to the south line of Third Street in Sylvan Grove; thence east 1196 feet to the east line of the north half of northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 12, Range 10 west; thence north 861 feet to place of beginning containing 24 acres more or less as part consideration in this conveyance.

Boundary Justification (explain why the boundaries were selected) This 24-acre site is part of the original land purchased by the church in 1890. This smaller nominated portion includes the school building, which is the only built feature left from the historic period.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Sylvan Grove Historical Society date _____

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Property Owner: (complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

name Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church (c/o Rev. J. Philipp Augustine)

street & number 308 N. Indiana Street telephone 785 526-7152

city or town Sylvan Grove state KS zip code 67481

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County and State

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each digital image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to a sketch map or aerial map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photograph Log

Name of Property: Evangelical Lutheran School

City or Vicinity: Sylvan Grove

County: Lincoln State: Kansas

Photographer: Sarah J. Martin

Date
Photographed: April 1, 2015

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 13: Northwest corner of building, camera facing SE
- 2 of 13: Northeast corner of building, camera facing SW
- 3 of 13: Southeast corner of building (note school bell structure), camera facing NW
- 4 of 13: South façade, camera facing N
- 5 of 13: Entrance tower on west façade, camera facing E
- 6 of 13: Close-up of entrance tower, camera facing E
- 7 of 13: Interior, showing entrance from first-floor landing
- 8 of 13: Interior, first floor, north classroom
- 9 of 13: Interior, first floor, south classroom
- 10 of 13: Interior, landing at 2nd floor and entrances into classrooms
- 11 of 13: Interior, second floor, south classroom
- 12 of 13: Interior, second floor, cloakroom
- 13 of 13: Interior, looking down the stair tower from second-floor landing

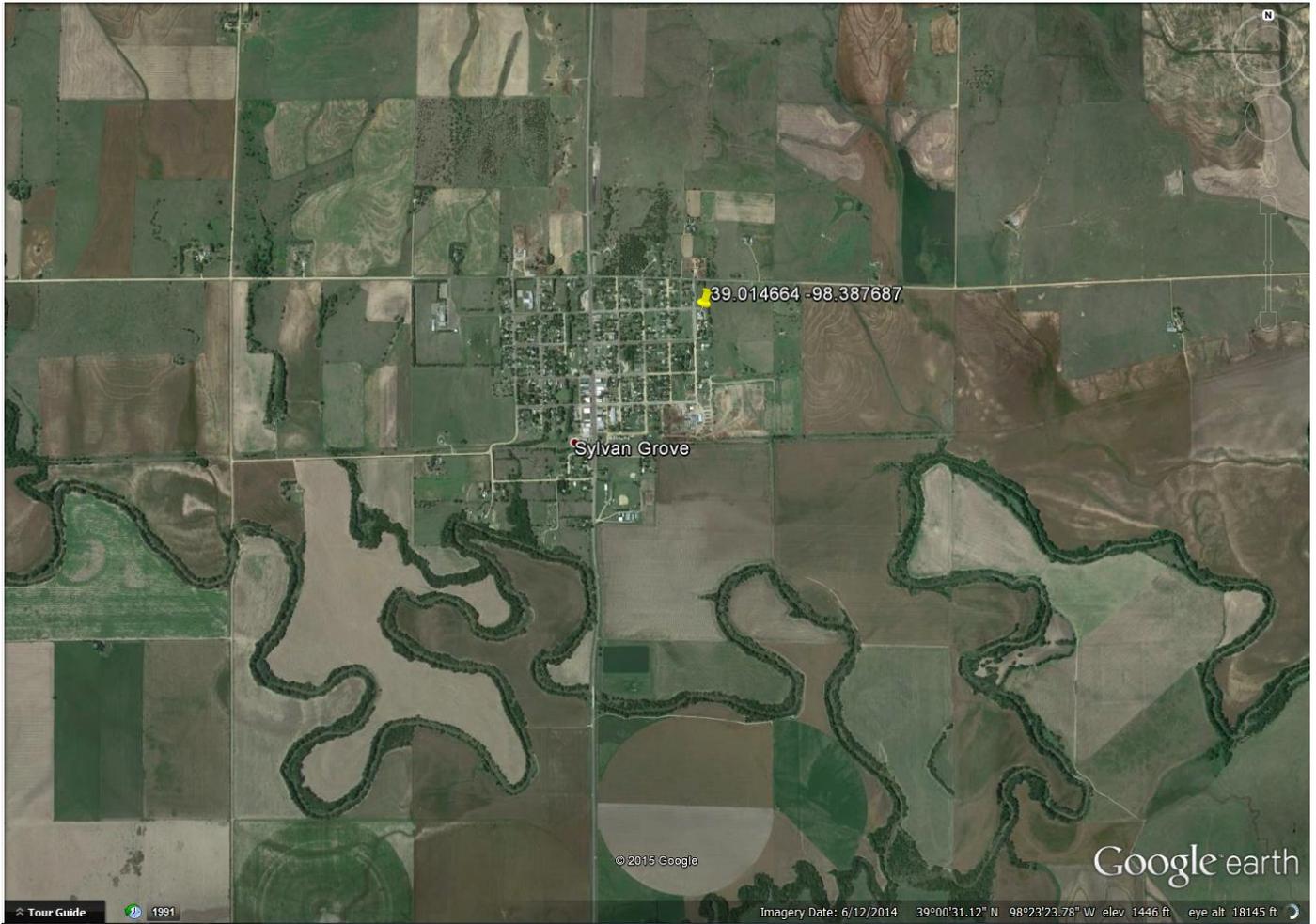
Figures

Include GIS maps, figures, scanned images below.

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Figure 1: Contextual Aerial Image, Google Earth 2015.



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Figure 2: Close-in aerial image, Google Earth 2015.

