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INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

HISTORIC NAME: Emanuel Lutheran Church

OTHER NAME/SITE NUMBER: Phase IV-East Dallas DAL/DA 194

2. LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 4301 San Jacinto

CITY OR TOWN: Dallas

STATE: Texas

CODE: TX

COUNTY: Dallas

NOT FOR PUBLICATION: N/A

VICINITY: N/A

CODE: 113

ZIP CODE: 75204

3. STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this x 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 x meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Carli J. Jurnell

Signature of certifying official

14 Feb. 1995

Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

(See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register

 See continuation sheet.

 determined eligible for the National Register

 See continuation sheet.

 determined not eligible for the National Register

 removed from the National Register

 other (explain):

bar
Signature of the Keeper

Edson H. Beall

Entered in the
National Register

Date of Action

3-23-95

5. CLASSIFICATION

OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY: Private

CATEGORY OF PROPERTY: Building

NUMBER OF RESOURCES WITHIN PROPERTY:	CONTRIBUTING	NONCONTRIBUTING
	1	0 BUILDINGS
	0	0 SITES
	0	0 STRUCTURES
	0	0 OBJECTS
	1	0 TOTAL

NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES PREVIOUSLY LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER: 0

NAME OF RELATED MULTIPLE PROPERTY LISTING: Historic and Architectural Resources of East and South
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

6. FUNCTION OR USE

HISTORIC FUNCTIONS: RELIGION: Religious Facility

CURRENT FUNCTIONS: RELIGION: Religious Facility

7. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION: LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Late Gothic Revival

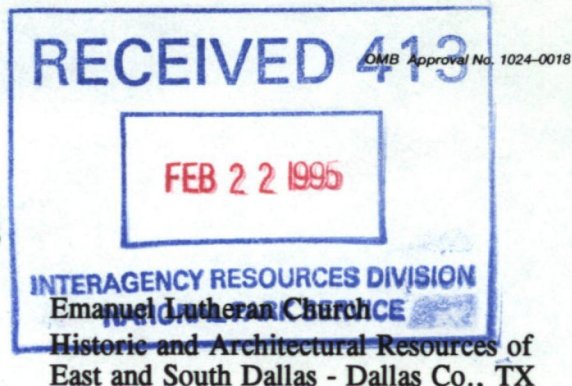
MATERIALS: FOUNDATION Concrete
WALLS Brick
ROOF Asphalt
OTHER Concrete; Wood; Glass

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (see continuation sheet 7-5).

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Description

The Emanuel Lutheran Church at 4301 San Jacinto is a brick institutional building with Gothic Revival-style detailing. The church is one story in height and has a rectangular plan. Light-colored cast-stone detailing highlights the facade, and contrasts with the dark brown brick used on exterior walls. Two, large, pointed-arched openings and decorative buttresses also distinguish the facade. The gabled roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The church, which fronts southeast onto San Jacinto, is located in a mixed residential and commercial area of East Dallas comprised of single-family houses built between 1900 and 1930, and commercial and office buildings spanning the period from circa 1920 to the present. The church is in good condition with virtually no alterations.

The Emanuel Lutheran Church stands upon a relatively flat lot at the northeast corner of San Jacinto and N. Peak. There are no major landscaping features, although a large tree shades the front of the property, and small shrubs have been planted along the base of the building. Concrete sidewalks parallel the streets, and one broad sidewalk extends from San Jacinto Street to the concrete steps that lead to the front entrance. The church is of wood-frame construction with a brick-veneer exterior. The foundation is concrete. The front-facing gabled roof has asphalt-shingle covering.

The most noteworthy architectural details are seen on the southeast-facing facade. Concrete steps with a solid brick balustrade and cast-stone coping provide access to the double-door entrance on the principal facade, which is set within a large Gothic arch. A cast-stone panel inscribed with the church's name is located above this arch. Non-structural, 2-story buttresses frame the entrance bay and contribute to the building's overall vertical emphasis, a typical Gothic Revival feature. A large, recessed, stained-glass, pointed-arched window dominates the entrance. The apex of the front gable is capped with a small Latin cross of cast stone.

Side elevations are less ornately detailed than the facade, but nonetheless exhibit Gothic Revival architectural elements. While the basement has conventional double-hung windows, most of those on the ground floor are fixed with stained glass and grouped in pairs under pointed arches. The end bays are exceptions, and contain only single windows.

8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

APPLICABLE NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA

- ☐ **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 VALUE, 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: A

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: 1931

SIGNIFICANT DATES: 1931

SIGNIFICANT PERSON: N/A

CULTURAL AFFILIATION: N/A

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (see continuation sheets 8-6 through 8-7).

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

BIBLIOGRAPHY (see Section I).

PREVIOUS DOCUMENTATION ON FILE (NPS): N/A

- ☐ 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 #

PRIMARY LOCATION OF ADDITIONAL DATA:

- ☒ State historic preservation office (*Texas Historical Commission*)
- ☐ Other state agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other -- Specify Repository:

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Significance

Emanuel Lutheran Church in East Dallas is a noteworthy local adaptation of late Gothic Revival design appropriate for a modest-sized church building. The sanctuary retains its original detailing to such a degree that it presents much the same appearance of restrained elegance today as it did when it was completed in 1931. The church is therefore nominated under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. The church is associated with the historic context, The Development of East and South Dallas: 1872-1945.

Between 1900 and 1915, more than 15 million immigrants found homes in America, many of them in Texas. Some created their own towns but those who moved to urban areas were often assimilated into the larger culture. It was typical, however, for non-English speaking groups to form churches in their new communities that conducted worship services in their native languages. East Dallas had several smaller churches that served non-native speakers including the German Evangelical Church at Texas and Florence streets, and the Carroll Avenue German Baptist (now Iglesia Bautista) Church (a contributing member of the Peak's Suburban Addition Historic District), at 1100 N. Carroll Avenue. Most foreign-language churches in Dallas were relatively small and built in neighborhoods where the majority of their members settled. Although there was a concentrated Swiss/French community in East Dallas (Wilson Block, N.R. 1983) formed in the 19th century, no other European groups in Dallas formed major enclaves comprised solely of their fellow countrymen in the early 20th century. Most European immigrants in Dallas during this period were craftsmen and tradesmen who were drawn to the suburbs for the reasons touted in the advertisements of the day: streetcar access to jobs, the possibility of home ownership, a healthy environment, good schools and parks, and nice neighborhoods.

Neighborhood churches and schools were an integral part of suburban landscapes and East Dallas has its share of both. That some were originally foreign-language churches made little difference. They were an accepted part of the suburban pattern of East Dallas. As time passed and the second generations took charge of these congregations, their assimilation into American society became evident. Most of the German, Swedish, and Norwegian congregations in Dallas began conducting services in English during the 1920s and 1930s, and most changed their names, dropping the foreign affiliation, at that time. This was particularly true of German Baptist and German Lutheran churches who changed their names

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in the wake of the patriotic fervor spawned by World War I. By 1930, most churches had undergone the transformation, and there was little to indicate that the church had ever been anything other than American. Emanuel Lutheran Church was one such church.

The Emanuel Lutheran Church, originally the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel Church, was organized in January 1906, by ten communicants, led by Rev. Theodore Seashore, who wished to worship in their native language. Members of the small congregation initially met every other week at the German Evangelical Church at Texas and Florence streets until they were able to build their own church. Several East Dallas sites were investigated before the congregation purchased the lot at Peak and San Jacinto Street in 1921 for \$3,650. Groundbreaking for the basement took place in 1923. At the same time, a parsonage was built at 4503 San Jacinto, next to the sanctuary lot, to house the first regular pastor, Rev. Emil Johnson. The small congregation of 52 members, met in the basement until the church was finally completed on September 13, 1931, nearly 10 years after groundbreaking. After a quarter century of assimilation in Dallas, the Swedish congregation decided to hold their services in English instead of Swedish, and in 1930 they changed their name to Evangelical Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Today, however, in response to the needs of another ethnic minority, the church has a Spanish language ministry which was begun in 1975 by current pastor William Bengtson. In the same tradition, Pastor Kwang Ja Yu joined the pastoral staff in 1985, as part of Emanuel Lutheran's outreach program to the growing Asian population in the surrounding community. Although the neighborhood community it serves has been transformed demographically several times over the years, Emanuel Lutheran Church has changed very little since it was completed in 1931.

The Emanuel Lutheran Church, with its late Gothic Revival detailing, is one of a small number of historic churches in East Dallas that is virtually unaltered and retains its integrity to a high degree. The late Gothic Revival style was a popular selection for designers of contemporaneous religious buildings of East Dallas, but few have remained unchanged. The Emanuel Lutheran Church is a noteworthy local example of this style.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY: less than one acre

DA 194 see Map 1

UTM REFERENCES	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	14	707800	3631160	3	##	#####
2	##	#####	#####	4	##	#####

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Peak's Suburban, Block: 16/647, Lot: part of 12, 78 feet along San Jacinto, 101 feet along Peak Avenue

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION Nomination includes all property historically associated with the resource.

11. FORM PREPARED BY (with assistance from Dwayne Jones, THC)

NAME/TITLE: Daniel Hardy/Terri Myers

ORGANIZATION: Hardy-Heck-Moore **DATE:** 7/91; 9/94

STREET & NUMBER: 2112 Rio Grande Street **TELEPHONE:** (512) 478-8014

CITY OR TOWN: Austin **STATE:** TX **ZIP CODE:** 78705

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

CONTINUATION SHEETS

MAPS

PHOTOGRAPHS

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

PROPERTY OWNER

NAME Emanuel Lutheran Church

STREET & NUMBER 4305 San Jacinto

TELEPHONE N/A

CITY OR TOWN Dallas

STATE TX **ZIP CODE** 75204

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Emanuel Lutheran Church
NAME:

MULTIPLE East and South Dallas MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Dallas

DATE RECEIVED: 2/22/95 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/07/95
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/23/95 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/08/95
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 95000315

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 3.23.95 DATE Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA_____

REVIEWER_____ DISCIPLINE_____

TELEPHONE_____ DATE_____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
4301 SAN JACINTO
DALLAS, DALLAS CO., TEXAS

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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