

BUILDING TITLE: Evangelical Lutheran Church **BUILDING ADDRESS:** Thompson St & Martin St
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B |X| C || D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** church
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Botanical Gardens **LEVEL OF STREETSCAPE SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 |X|

STYLE: International

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1957-58
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

1 foundation stone, HSA DP 758 and
 Garden, D, Hamilton, p 231

MATERIALS:

Roof: glazed terra cotta tiles
Walls: cream brick
Dressings: tiles/timber
Plinth: darker cream brick
Windows: timber/aluminium
Paving: concrete
Other: Castlemaine slate panels

SURVEY DATE: 8/ 3/91 **NEG FILE:** 3/5,7 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E |X| G || F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** use of glazed tiles and castlemaine slate
 in wall panels

CONDITION: E |X| G || F || P ||

SIGNIFICANCE: Focus for the Lutheran community of the region. The style and date of the church
 compliment the State Government Offices opposite.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate: Rec Inappropriate: Rec
 none apparent none apparent

O=reinstate original design S=reinstate sympathetic alternative R=remove RAM=remove by approved method

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS: land to Evangelical Lutheran Church
 gazetted 70/157. **ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:** not on foundation stone **TITLE:** Sec C A
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 Trustees Evangelical Lutheran Church Lutheran Church
 reserve
COUNCIL COMPUTER # 10701.00015 **MORE INFO OVER** |X| **HAMDS026**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Corner Martin and Thompson Streets, (1958).

This building has regional significance for its architectural interest as an example of the International style, notable features being its use of glazed tiles and Castlemaine slate in the wall panels. It has historical importance as a focus for the Lutheran community of the region and forms a church complex with the associated church hall at the rear (1939), an early manse at 46 Martin Street (1880) and a later manse at 12 Thompson Street (c1956).⁽ⁱ⁾ At first the Lutherans met in the Temperance Hall in Gray Street but in 1939 a town Lutheran congregation was formed and a hall was built on the corner of Martin and Thompson Streets, which was able to be used as a church until a proper one was erected. The hall was moved to its present site in 1956.⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ The new church was built in 1958.⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ It is significantly intact and in excellent condition.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1950s
Religion: Lutheranism

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS

Manse (new) 12 Thompson Street (c1956)
Manse (old) 46 Martin Street (1880)
Evangelical Lutheran Church Hall, Martin Street (at rear of
Evangelical Lutheran Church)

REFERENCES

Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne, 1984.
Hamilton Rate Book 1880
HSA DP No. 758 (relates to hall at rear and new church and manse)
One Hundred Years of Blessings.

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, p 222, 231; *Hamilton Rate Book 1880*, No. 164 (W Irwin, owner/occupier, house, NAV 15 pounds) relates to 46 Martin Street, originally a private residence; HSA DP No. 758 (relates to hall at rear and its relocation in 1956, the new church and manse).
- ⁱⁱ Ibid.
- ⁱⁱⁱ Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, p 231.