

WEDDINGS AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ Lutheran Church seeks to serve the community in a variety of ways. This includes helping couples prepare for their wedding. On behalf of the people at Christ Lutheran Church may I say that we rejoice with you at the prospect of your upcoming wedding. The Lord, whom we worship, is the Lord of Joy whose first miracle was bringing gladness to a wedding (John 2:1-11). We join with you in wanting your wedding to be meaningful and special so we have put together the following information to assist you.

Marriage in the Church

By virtue of the fact that you wish to be married in the church, you place yourself within the context of our faith traditions. In being married at Christ Lutheran Church, you are participating in the church's understanding of marriage as a gift of God and the resulting practices and customs that grow out of that understanding.

The marriage ceremony is first, foremost, and always a worship service giving praise and glory to God for his great gifts, not the least of which is the marriage of two people. For that reason the pastor will work with you on the appropriate selection of music, scripture texts, vows, and other such items as it relates to developing your wedding service. The pastor will also seek to help you explore a permanent relationship with a worshipping community.

Arrangements

To reserve a date on the church calendar it is necessary to make an initial appointment with the pastor. This can be done by calling the church office (259-0200). A date can be held temporarily, however it is not confirmed until after the **first meeting with the pastor**.

A part of our wedding preparation process includes appointments with the pastor (usually about three) for the purposes of getting to know each other, discussing a Christian perspective on marriage, doing pre-marriage relational work, and planning the service.

The pastor will also refer you to a wedding coordinator. *Use of our wedding coordinator is a mandatory part of preparing for a wedding at our church.* She is a member of the congregation and will meet with you to assist you in making arrangements, work with you on details, and be the one to whom you can direct many of your questions. It is very important that you make early contact with the wedding coordinator.

Should you desire an organist to play for your wedding, please let the pastor know and he will give you the contact information to make the arrangements. It is customary that the church organist plays for your wedding; inviting someone else to play would need to be negotiated with the pastor and our church organist.

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Wedding Fees

A fee is charged to non-members to offset expenses incurred by the congregation when buildings, etc. are used for weddings and receptions, and to remunerate those people who invest their time in your wedding. Those fees are adjusted for CLC members to reflect their participation in the ministry of the church. **For purposes of wedding fees, Christ Lutheran Church members are those who are considered to be currently active and contributing to the life of the congregation.**

Fees for weddings are:

	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
Use of Sanctuary	N/A	\$500
Use of Fellowship Center (for reception)	N/A	\$500
Refundable Cleaning Deposit	\$125	\$250
Pastoral Services	N/A	\$200
Organist/Pianist (service only)	\$200	\$200
Organist/Pianist w/soloist (same day rehearsal)	add \$25	add \$25
Organist/Pianist w/soloist (extra rehearsal)	add \$50	add \$50
Soloist	\$100	\$100
Soloist (same day rehearsal)	add \$25	add \$25
Soloist (extra rehearsal)	add \$50	add \$50
Wedding Coordinator	\$150	\$150
Custodial Services (wedding only)	\$50	\$50
Custodial Services (including reception)	\$100	\$100
Sound Technician (same day)	\$50	\$50
Video (same day)	\$50	\$50
Video Production	\$25/hour	\$25/hour

The Fellowship Center can be used for wedding receptions, however set-up and take-down of tables and chairs is the responsibility of the wedding party. The wedding party will also be asked to sign an insurance and liability waiver. In addition, the wedding party is responsible to clean up after themselves (failure to do so will result in forfeit of the \$250 cleaning deposit).

Christ Lutheran Church has a no smoking and no alcohol policy in effect throughout the campus.

Please note the following additional fee information:

- ***Couples working with Pastor Dan should expect to pay a \$60 fee for the use of Prepare/Enrich materials in their pre-marriage counseling sessions, due when the inventory is administered.***
- ***The marriage license and all fees should be placed in separate envelopes and delivered to the church office by midweek prior to the day of the wedding.***