

PHOTOGRAPHS AND RECORDINGS

Please, no flash photography during the wedding service, except for photos, taken by the designated photographer of the Bridal Party as they enter the Sanctuary.

Videotaping of the wedding service will be permitted from designated locations, with the approval of the officiating pastor.

The Bride will receive a copy of an audiotape, which the Church will record.

THE WEDDING PARTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL PERSONAL ITEMS

Please be sure that everything is removed from the building prior to the wedding. The church will provide janitorial services, but cannot be responsible for items left behind. The Best Man and the Maid of Honor should make sure that all clothing worn prior to "dressing" is taken out of the church before the beginning of the wedding ceremony.

THE RECEPTION

Any tables and chairs set up by the Wedding Party for the reception must be taken down and returned to the locations from which they were removed immediately following the reception by the Wedding Party.

Alcoholic beverages or drugs are not permitted on the church premises, including the parking lot, at any time.

Smoking will not be permitted in the church buildings.

Rice and birdseed may not be thrown at the conclusion of the reception.

Bubbles may be used instead, but only outdoors as the couple prepares to depart.

St. John Lutheran Church is also available for Non Member Weddings. Fees are as follows:

Historic Chapel	\$ 400.00
Main Sanctuary	\$ 600.00
Pastor	\$ 300.00
Wedding Coordinator	\$ 200.00
Organist	\$ 150.00
Custodian	\$ 150.00
Sound Technician	\$ 150.00

Total Charges Historic Chapel: \$1350.00 Main Sanctuary: \$1550.00

Payment is to be made to each individual.

St. John Lutheran Church - Wedding Ceremonies



Weddings are more than the public blessing of a man and a woman who desire to be married. They are, in fact, services of Christian Worship bearing deep significance, not only for the couple, but also for all persons involved.

It was with this in mind then that the pastors and church council of St. John Lutheran Church drafted these wedding policies and it is with joy that we anticipate working with you to make your wedding a sacred and beautiful experience.

THE PASTOR

The Pastors of St. John Lutheran Church will officiate at all weddings. Other ministers are welcome to assist after consultation with and approval by the officiating Pastor.

The couple will agree to premarital counseling sessions with the Pastor or other Counselor approved by the Pastor.

The couple agrees to be regular in worship attendance at either St. John Lutheran Church or another church of the couple's choosing in consultation with the Pastor.

MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS: MEMBER COSTS

Wedding dates are set in consultation with the officiating pastor and placed on the church calendar by the church staff with a submittal of a \$250 deposit. The balance and all other applicable building use fees must be paid in full one week prior to the wedding date. These fees are as follows:

Member Costs:

Wedding Coordinator	\$200.00
Custodian	\$150.00
Organist	\$150.00
Soloist (Optional)	
Sound Engineer	\$150.00
Pastor	member's discretion

Payment needs to be made out to each individual. All fees are refundable up to 10 days prior to the wedding, should the wedding be cancelled.

THE WEDDING BULLETIN

A Bulletin may be prepared by the Bride to reflect this Christian service. The Pastor must approve the order of service.

UNITY CANDLES

Unity Candles may be used, but the wedding couple is responsible for the candles and holders.

WEDDING COORDINATOR

St. John Lutheran Church's Wedding Coordinator will be provided to all couples being married in this church. The Wedding Coordinator is your liaison to the church staff, as well as the designated representative of the church, responsible for seeing that all church wedding policies and procedures are observed.

Decisions affecting the wedding service are to be made with the Pastor. The Wedding Coordinator will be present at both the rehearsal and the wedding. She/he will be able to give specific advice and assistance concerning preparation for the ceremony and will monitor those preparations in detail to take all possible precautions against some occurrence or problem that could mar the beautiful reflection of a memorable wedding.

FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

Whenever candles are used, they must be of the drip less variety and be in candelabra that catch and contain all the drippings. Floor coverings will be placed under all candelabra as an added precaution. After the wedding ceremony, all decorations, flowers and other equipment shall be removed from the church as soon as the photographer is finished unless prior arrangements have been made to leave them for Sunday worship. ***Decorations must not be attached to the pews or other furniture by pinning, gluing, nailing, tacking or taping.*** Nothing is to be placed on the altar other than the missal stand and sacramental vessels.

MUSIC FOR YOUR WEDDING

All wedding music selections shall be cleared with the officiating Pastor.

A Pianist/Organist designated by St. John Lutheran Church shall play at the wedding service. All wedding music selections must be given to the Pianist/Organist no later than 30 days prior to the wedding date. The Bride should consult with the organist before that time to discuss specific request. Other musicians may play/perform at the wedding after consultation with and approval by the officiating pastor and/or the Director of Music Ministries. All musicians must be present at the rehearsal.