

HELPS FROM GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR PLANNING YOUR WEDDING

We at Grace Lutheran Church are delighted to minister to you in this exciting and wonderful time. We show no partiality to members or non-members. Our wish is to serve God and hope that our witness will strengthen your spirituality. We simply ask that you observe the following guidelines, showing respect for our customs, and honoring our faith. We have found that they can be helpful in maintaining the honor, reverence, and dignity of of Marriage.

1. The parties intending to marry should make the request of the Pastor at least one month in advance.
- 2. The couple of the contemplated union should arrange with the Pastor for pre-marital counseling. All scheduling arrangements are the couple's responsibility.**
3. The scheduling of the wedding must involve the availability of the church facilities, the availability of the Pastor, the desires of the couple, as well as the appropriateness of the season.
4. Unless the service is small and private, adequate rehearsal is necessary.
5. All arrangements for the Wedding Service itself must be in keeping with the nature of Christian Worship. Practices which may be common to secular wedding ceremonies may be out of place in the Church. The Pastor will help and guide the couple so that their Wedding will truly be in accordance with their wishes and with Church policies.
6. All music used must be in keeping with the nature of a worship service. Both the church musician and the Pastor will be happy to help in music selection.
7. As a matter of Church Policy, the services of the Church Musician shall be utilized if music is desired. In special circumstances, a guest organist may be used, provided that the Pastor approves. The Bridal Party should contact the Church Musician as soon as the dates and times are established.
8. Throwing of rice or bird seed is not permitted at the church. Other means of celebration may be permitted.
9. Photography is a common part of wedding celebrations. In order to maintain the dignity of the Wedding Service, the integrity of the church, and insure a meaningful photographic record of the event, certain guidelines need to be followed. Please have the photographer check in with the pastor prior the

service.

10. Possession of alcohol on the church premises is prohibited.
11. Questions about flowers may be referred to the Pastor. A 50 foot aisle runner is adequate for our aisle. Florists should be instructed to arrange with the church office for deliveries.
12. Unless a Wedding is small and private, the services of the Church custodian must be secured through the church office. Custodian Fees are set by the Church Council and are the responsibility of the Wedding Party.
13. While a spirit of Joy and Celebration surrounds a wedding, a sense of decorum, reverence, and good taste must be evident.
14. For weddings at Grace Lutheran Church , a license must be secured from McHenry County and presented to the Pastor as soon as practical.
15. The couple is responsible for making their own program/worship folder for the wedding.
16. Please feel free to call the Pastor at the church office for help or information.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WEDDING

FEE SCHEDULE

WEDDING - for use of the Church:

Non-Members - \$200.00

Members - No Charge

Custodian - \$75.00 - Wedding

Organist - \$125.00 - Rehearsal and Wedding

Pastor's Honorarium...Members range \$150.00 to \$250.00.

An Honorarium is a gift which is given when a fee is not required.

Non-members Fee: \$350

FEES, preferably in cash, should be placed in an envelope and given to the Pastor at the time of the rehearsal.

For Your Information - Persons You May Want To Contact:

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Organist – Kristin Miller

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