

YOUR WEDDING AT ST. PEDER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Non-member Information



The Nature of Christian Marriage

The people of St. Peder's Lutheran Church rejoice with couples that desire to exchange vows in our church. For us, the marriage service is an important ceremony, though not a sacrament. We seek to support those who wish to hear the word of God and who desire the prayers and blessings of the church on their public exchange of vows. The church's blessing is not required to legalize a marriage, or make a marriage Christian. As you plan your wedding please keep in mind:

- The marriage service is a worship service (and may take place during a regular Sunday morning worship service). Music used in the service must be approved by the officiating Pastor.

- Invited guests are a congregation of God's people. They are participants in the worship service and witnesses to the promises made by the couple, not mere spectators.

- Marriage is a social and legal contract based on commitment, not simply love. It affects the church and the whole community as well as the families involved; it is not simply a private matter between two people.

- Christian marriage vows must take seriously the Bible's standards for marriage, including

- A) Lifelong duration of marriage
- B) Partnership while preserving individual integrity
- C) The exclusive character of the sexual relationship

- You will need to meet with the pastor for a minimum of 2 sessions prior to the wedding.

- Couples must have a marriage license in their possession before the marriage service will be considered legal by the state. **Please bring it to the church no later than the rehearsal.**



Building Use Policies

(please refer to Building Use Application & Building Rental Policies for further stipulations)

- 1) Alcohol and tobacco products are not permitted anywhere on the premises at any time.
- 2) Help keep our premises clean and safe by not throwing rice, birdseed, etc. All presents, purses and other valuables should be monitored at all times. **The church is not liable for items that may be missing or stolen.**
- 3) Use of the building for your wedding is limited to 2 hours the day/evening of your rehearsal (This includes the rehearsal itself, which is usually 45-60 minutes), which is generally held the day before the wedding and should be scheduled no later than one month before the wedding.
- 4) Use of the building on the day of your wedding is limited to no more than 3 hours before the wedding and up to a total of 5 hours, which includes the wedding itself. (For example, if your wedding is at 3pm, the building will be available to you from noon until 5pm.)

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- 5) **A \$100 deposit is required upon reserving the wedding date, and will be applied to the fee for the sanctuary.** (This deposit will not be refunded if the wedding is canceled within one month of the date.)
All remaining fees are due no later than the day of the rehearsal.

Fees

Custodian	\$150
Use of Sanctuary	\$400
Assembly Hall	\$300
Organist	\$125
Pastor	\$250

Checks made out to:

Jim Austin (additional \$200 if reception)
St. Peder's Lutheran Church
St. Peder's Lutheran Church (for reception)
Mia Kruse (unless you have your own musicians)
Bryan Odeen

If you have any questions or concerns about your wedding service please feel free to call the church and talk to the pastor. (612-722-8000)

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