

Policies and Procedures

Membership— Weddings can be conducted for non-members at the approval of the board of elders; however, membership is strongly recommended. A solid faith foundation and church family is an important part of marital life together.

Photography and Video— Photographers are asked to refrain from any flash photography during the service. Natural light photos may be taken during the service but must be from a stationary spot that does not interfere with the service. Video is welcome, but recording must be done from a stationary spot that does not interfere with the service.

Music— Since the wedding service is a worship service, we kindly ask that couples work closely with the church musician in selecting ceremony music. Secular music is not permitted during the ceremony.

Holy Communion- speak with the pastor.

Flowers and Decorations— Aisle runners, pew bows and flowers are acceptable decorations. Nothing is permitted on the altar itself. When no conflicts exist, the church can be decorated the day before at the rehearsal. Please let the pastor know when flowers will be delivered to the church in order that arrangements be made.

The Wedding Rehearsal— The wedding rehearsal should be scheduled the day before the wedding. All ceremony participants are expected to attend.

Alcohol Consumption— All wedding ceremony participants are asked to refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages before the service— either at home or on church grounds. The church reserves the right to ask anyone who has consumed alcoholic beverages to leave the premises. The church also reserves prohibit the participation of those in the wedding party who might be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage.

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Getting Married

At St. John's Lutheran Church



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Rev. Galen M. Purpura, Jr.

Congratulations.....



Dear friends,
 Congratulations on your engagement! I along with the members of St. John's Lutheran rejoice with both of you and give thanks to God for the blessing you are to each other.

Thank you for interest in using our church facility for your special day. Our goal is to provide the support personnel and a setting that will uphold the sacredness, the beauty, and the joy of a Christiana marriage celebration.

In this brochure you will find some basic information regarding weddings at St. John's. please look the information over carefully and contact me for a wedding pre-planning session.

Once again, Congratulations! I look forward to working with you and celebrating your special day with you.

Pastor

Marriage: A Christian Perspective

Christians believe that the marriage service is a time of worship. It is a time when the couple being married enters a relationship of devotion and dedication with one another and before God. A Christian couple believes that God has given them to one another and they pray that by God's grace He would unite their lives in a spiritual union. In the marriage service they ask for God's blessing on their union and the support of His grace and love in their relationship.

In the worship service, the couple testifies to their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. They do this in the midst of the love and support of the Christian community, represented by the guests who assemble for the service. With, this support, a couple may have the faith and courage to meet the joys and challenges of their life together. With this support, they can dare to commit themselves to a life-long relationship of love and faithfulness.



Getting Ready

The Marriage service culminates one of the most important decisions that a person makes in this life. Marriage is indeed a sacred trust. As such, we should not enter marriage lightly, but with reverence, maturity, and faith.

The Church, through its Pastor and staff, are present to help you in your planning and preparations. Here is what you can expect:

- ❖ Pre-marriage consult (3 sessions)
- ❖ Wedding Rehearsal
- ❖ Your Wedding Day

Some Associated Fees

Your marriage service is enhanced by the support services offered by the staff at St. John's. The following fee schedule is established to compensate and thank them for their contributions.

Members	Non-Members
Pastor..... \$300.00	Pastor..... \$325.00
Organist..... \$200.00	Organist..... \$225.00
Caretaker..... \$100.00	Caretaker..... \$125.00
	Building Use..... \$150.00
Total: \$600.00	Total \$825.00

If your wedding is scheduled on a civic holiday or two weeks before Christmas or Easter the following schedule applies:

Members	Non-Members
Pastor..... \$350.00	Pastor..... \$375.00
Organist..... \$250.00	Organist..... \$275.00
Caretaker..... \$150.00	Caretaker..... \$175.00
	Building Use..... \$150.00
Total: \$750.00	Total \$975.00

Payments are to the individual staff members not the church.

Please make Checks payable to the following:
 Pastor Fee..... Rev. Galen M. Purpura
 Organist Fee..... Lois Will
 Caretaker Fee..... Tom Bluhm
 Building Fee..... St. John's Lutheran Church