



NON-MEMBER WEDDING POLICY

Some non-member weddings are allowed at Christ Lutheran Church at the discretion of the Senior Pastor. Criteria considered include the following:

1. Are the bride and/or groom active members of another ELCA congregation?
2. Do the bride and groom intend to reside within the immediate geographic area?
3. Do the bride and/or groom or their families have a long-term history with Christ Lutheran Church?

If you are a non-member and are interested in having your wedding here, submit your Wedding Form and your deposit. The deposit check will not be cashed until your wedding and date have been approved by the Senior Pastor.



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MARRIAGE & WEDDINGS

Marriage is a gift of God, intended for the joy and mutual strength of those who enter it and for the well-being of the whole human family. God blesses humankind with the gifts of companionship and the capacity to love. Jesus affirmed the covenant of marriage and revealed God's own self-giving love on the cross. The Holy Spirit helps those who are united in marriage to be living signs of God's grace, love, and faithfulness. Marriage is also a human estate, with vows publicly witnessed. The church in worship surrounds these promises with the gathering of God's people, the witness of the word of God, and prayers of blessing and intercession. The community of faith offers the support necessary to fulfill the marriage vows throughout life's challenges and joys.

WEDDING POLICIES

- **Liturgical Banners** The sanctuary is appointed for the liturgical season of the church year. This includes the color of the season. No changes are made for weddings.
- **Candles** Other than Unity Candles, only the candles/candelabra of the church will be used for weddings. It is the responsibility of the wedding party to assure that candles are lit and extinguished.
- **Flowers & Decorations** Floral delivery must be arranged with the office at least two weeks prior to the wedding. All decorations, flowers, plants and/or other equipment shall be removed from the church building immediately after the ceremony unless the chancel flowers are being donated for Sunday worship. Artificial flowers are never used in the sanctuary.
- **Altar** Nothing is to be added to or placed on the altar.
- **Photography** Flash pictures are not allowed during the ceremony. Video cameras may be used from the balcony without special lighting.
- **Music** The church organist, Jeff Hammack, has right of first refusal for all wedding ceremonies. All music must be sacred and approved by the organist or pastor at least a month in advance of the service. Recorded music and secular music are not permitted in the wedding ceremony. Special musicians are allowed but must work in consultation with Jeff.
- **Alcohol/Tobacco** No alcoholic beverages or tobacco products may be served or consumed on church property.
- **Furniture** No furniture is to be rearranged in any of the rooms. Officiant All weddings will be presided over by a pastor of Christ Lutheran Church. Outside ministers may be invited to do portions of the service under the leadership of our pastors.
- **Pre-marital Counseling** A minimum of four hours of pre-marital counseling with the Pastor is required (to be completed at least one month prior to the ceremony.) This counseling provides tools and a strong foundation for the serious estate of marriage.
- **Service Bulletins** Should be approved by the pastor one month prior to the ceremony but are the responsibility of the wedding party to produce.
- **Dates** To reserve your date, you must submit your deposit and Wedding Form and have it approved by the Senior Pastor.
- **Cancellations** If the wedding is cancelled 30 days or more prior to the ceremony date, the deposit will be refunded. Otherwise, there is no refund of any fees already paid.
- **Clean-up** All rooms used by the wedding party/guests are to be returned to the condition in which they are found.
- **Parking** Our lot is small. Additional parking is available most Saturdays at the high school and along Castano Avenue.
- **Miscellaneous** No rice, birdseed, streamers, flower petals, confetti or any other item may be thrown or dropped in the church or on church property. No tape, screws, tacks or nails may be used to affix objects to the walls, floors, pews, or other furniture.



WEDDING FEES

Building Use **\$1,000.00**

Includes use of parlor, sanctuary, sacristy, narthex and CrossWay for the rehearsal (two hours) and the ceremony (three hours).

Pastor's Honorarium **\$400.00**

Includes service and sermon preparation, four hours of pre-marital counseling, wedding rehearsal, and ceremony.

Organist's Honorarium **\$400.00**

Includes wedding rehearsal, one additional rehearsal with any special musicians, music selection, and ceremony.

Facilities Fee **\$500.00**

This covers the opening up and securing of the building for both the rehearsal and the ceremony, a sound technician for the service, and basic cleaning. The wedding party is responsible for leaving the church in reasonable condition or other fees will be assessed.

A \$500.00 deposit is required at the time you reserve your date. The balance of all wedding fees are due to the church office one month in advance of the ceremony. Checks may be made to Christ Lutheran Church. If you leave anything in disorder, an additional janitorial fee will be assessed.