

Wedding Policy and Fees for Our Saviour Lutheran Church

For a wedding at Our Saviour: A deposit of \$50 is required to hold the wedding date, and a payment of 50% is expected on the second pre-marital counseling appointment. The final payment is due at the last counseling appointment or at the time of rehearsal.

For non-Church Members there is an additional fee of \$50 for the use of the Sanctuary.

All fees must be paid one week prior to the wedding. The Marriage License should also be turned into the church office at this time for preparation. A prorated refund will be granted for any cancellations, depending on where we are in the process.

Payment can be made as cash or check to Our Saviour, it will be distributed to wedding workers.

Organist:

\$150

This is an estimate. We do not have a current Organist, but will make some recommendations for some to contact. This covers the wedding, the rehearsal time, and a meeting prior, as needed. In some cases, if additional time is necessary to work with a soloist or other musicians, additional compensation would be fair.

If you bring in your own qualified musician this is with the understanding that all repair costs will be paid by the couple, if any damage occurs to the organ or piano.

Custodial Service: \$80

This covers preparation both before and after rehearsals and before and after the ceremony.

Sound Technician: \$50

Our Technician provides this service of maintaining our sound system and providing each couple with an audio recording of the wedding service and pre-service music. This is wonderful for a record of your service.

Pastoral Service: \$250

This includes the estimated three meeting times of 90 minutes each, as well as the hour for rehearsal and the hours on the day of the wedding. If the wedding is off the property of Our Saviour, additional charges for transportation and time would be entirely fair and very appropriate.

Attitude of Worship

The Marriage Service is a religious ceremony. It is our aim to make your wedding as beautiful and sacred as possible.

Adequate instructions are given at the time of the rehearsal so that all members of the wedding party can take their part with confidence and dignity. All participants bear a responsibility for a beautiful wedding. The pastor will perform weddings for members of the church. Wedding requests by non-members will be decided at the discretion of the pastor in consultation with the Church Council. If communion is desired we will need a count of people for the Sacristy team to have this prepared.

Preparation

Couples desiring to get married at Our Saviour should expect to meet with the Pastor performing the ceremony at least two-three times for pre-marriage counseling and wedding planning.

Please consult with the Pastor at least six months before finalizing any dates or times for your wedding.

Bulletins

If you wish to use bulletins for the service, you may purchase them at a copy store.

All material for the bulletin is to be turned into the pastor for review prior to printing and a minimum of two weeks prior to the wedding date.

Photography

All wedding photographers/videographers should consult with the pastor for guidelines prior to the start of the ceremony.

Decorations

The paraments (colored altar cloths) of the church, appropriate for the season of year, will be used. The color will not be changed for a wedding.

Regular altar candles and candelabras will be furnished for all weddings. A special wedding unity candle will be accommodated. Please consult with the pastor prior to planning additional decorations such as pew bows, flowers or ribbons.

Church specifications - 60 feet; 75-foot runner; 15 pews; 2 front rails

The aisle runner shall be provided by the couple through the florist, if it is desired.

No rice, confetti, bird seed or other similar items may be thrown or scattered on the church property.

Our Saviour is a non-smoking and alcohol-free campus. This includes the property outside the church building and the parking lot.

We have read and agree to all the above conditions and fees.

Bride _____ Date _____

Groom _____ Date _____

Council Approval Date: _____

Council President Signature _____