

**Weddings at First Lutheran Church
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The Christian church looks upon marriage as a sacred event where two people commit themselves to one another before God to begin and continue a lifetime of love, nurture and fidelity.

A wedding is therefore a holy rite, conducted in every way in keeping with the sacredness of the occasion and the appropriate reverence for the house of God.

The church is not just a place in which to have a ceremony; it is a place where those who are married come for strength and guidance that their life together might be blessed.

Our prayer is that God may indeed bless you, and that your life together will be devoted to that faithfulness and that receptivity to God will enable you to experience the utmost of happiness.

We are eager that everything that is done at a wedding be appropriate for a house of worship and that you may be familiar with the necessary arrangements and costs involved, hence we are supplying the following information.

The use of the Sanctuary

In order to keep the spirit of worship, no flash pictures are to be taken in the sanctuary during the ceremony. Most cameras adapt to the lighting of the church. Photographers should be notified of this church rule.

Two candelabras are available free of charge, but the candles must be purchased by the wedding party. They are available through the church office at \$1.60 a candle with 14 being required. Decorations in the worship space must be pre-approved. The use of tape, tacks or nails to affix decorations is not allowed.

Wedding Fees

Because the use of the sanctuary involves considerable expense and effort, the following set of charges is assessed —

Use of sanctuary -	\$500 (Non Member) \$250 (Associate/Historic Member) Payable to First Lutheran Church
Clergy Fee	\$150
Custodial services —	Costs are determined by the number of Guests and if there is a reception at the church Minimum charge of \$60 (3 hours) Additional cost of \$20/hour over 3 hours
Organist's services -	Marriage service \$100/ Per Soloist \$25