

Since this is a worship service, use of flash photography should be limited to the procession and the recession. Non-flash or video may be used respectfully with discretion.

Use of Zion's fellowship hall and kitchen facility are available for a wedding reception upon request. Separate fees and procedures will apply.

A simple service in our chapel is available and might be more suitable for your individual needs. Discuss this option with the pastor.

It should be understood that the pastor may cancel, discontinue or deny a wedding at ANY time for any reason. The pastor has sole discretion in the use of Zion's facilities. Zion Lutheran Church and the pastor assume no liability for financial losses to anyone due to cancellations.

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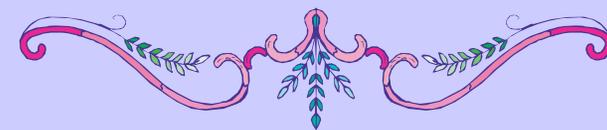
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Your Wedding Day



A Guide to Celebrating Your Wedding at Zion



A Day to Cherish Always



Your wedding at Zion will be a special day. This pamphlet will provide key information to assist you in the planning process. You might find it useful to keep close at hand.

First, before settling on a date, check the availability of the pastor, the organist, and the church. It is most stressful to announce a date and then find out it's not available. It is best to schedule your wedding at least six months in advance. We ordinarily do not schedule weddings during Lent, two weeks before Christmas through Epiphany, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day weekend or Labor Day. Weddings at Zion are ordinarily not available to non-members.

Second, it is required of all seeking a wedding at Zion to engage with the pastor in wedding preparation meetings. These must be scheduled directly with the pastor. Details not included in this brochure may be discussed at that time.

Third, a wedding at Zion is considered a worship service. The approved liturgy will be used for all weddings. All considerations involving the ceremony must be approved by the pastor. Zion's pastor will preside at weddings held at our church. If, however, there is a member of your family or a friend who is a religious professional and you wish to invite him/her to assist with the service, this may be coordinated with the help of the pastor.

Fourth, Paul Kuzmiak, the Zion organist, must be engaged in regard to music. Paul will assist in choosing appropriate music for your wedding at your scheduled meeting. CDs or taped music are

not used during worship at Zion. We do not allow outside musicians to operate our musical equipment.

Fifth, all fees are to be paid thirty days **before** the wedding day. Fees are assessed by the church in consideration of additional work by Zion's staff to accommodate this additional special service. Also, certain fees cover the actual costs of items used for the ceremony. If, for any reason, the ceremony is cancelled within one week of the scheduled date, the fees are not refunded. Gratuities are a way of saying "thank you and good job" and may be offered at your discretion. There is no fee assessed for the pastor's ministry or for the general use of the building.

Schedule of Fees to be Paid	Checks payable as directed by office.
Organist	\$150.00
If a soloist is used, any fee is separate from the fee for the organist and must be discussed with the soloist directly.	
Custodian	\$100.00
Publishing	\$50.00
Candles (if candelabra is used)	\$35.00

Sixth, if special bulletin covers are to be used, they must be provided by the couple. Otherwise, a simple black and white cover will be used. Mary Blough, Zion's office professional, will help guide you with this. Any special acknowledgments must be provided for publishing. We print the entire service as a guide along with the couple's acknowledgments. If an outside printer is used, the pastor must proof the liturgy guide portion before printing. Otherwise, it may not be able to be used during the service.

Seventh, the nave remains "dressed" in the colors of the church year. All banners, hangings, and various items may not be removed to accommodate the colors of the wedding. No flowers or other decorations may be placed ON the altar or in the chancel. Nothing may be TAPED to the walls, columns or windows of the building. The pastor will guide in appropriate use of decorations.



Eighth, a unity candle may be used. The couple must provide the candle and it must fit our Unity Candle Holder. The candle must be at least 51% beeswax to control dripping.

Ninth, we discourage throwing rice. Bird seed or flower petals may be thrown as the couple leaves the church. A viable option used by many couples today are the small vials of "bubbles" that may be blown "at" the couple. Flower petals scattered by flower girls during the procession at the beginning of the marriage service are permitted.

