

WHO MAY USE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH? First Lutheran Church is maintained and supported by its members to serve God in this community. Due to our busy church schedule, we are currently only able to provide wedding services for members. If you attend worship with us frequently and have yet to become a member, please contact one of our Pastors to learn about the process for membership.

WHEN CAN I HAVE MY WEDDING? Weddings may be set for almost any time, except on Sunday mornings. All items used in the wedding, including decorations, must be cleared from the church immediately following the ceremony as not to interfere with Sunday worship services.

IS PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING AVAILABLE? Yes, it is an expectation for any couple wishing to be married by the clergy of First Lutheran. It consists of both individuals filling out a pre-marital survey. The survey is then processed and the pastor will meet with the couple to review the results. Plan on meeting with your Pastor for 4 one-hour sessions that can be scheduled to accommodate the needs of all involved.

HOW MANY WILL THE SANCTUARY/PRAYER GARDEN SEAT? The sanctuary will seat 400 comfortably and the prayer garden will seat 150 comfortably. Additional seating is available by use of folding chairs.

CAN I HAVE MY RECEPTION AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH? Yes. Our fellowship hall is available for receptions and will seat 240 people comfortably. Receptions can not be held on Saturday evenings.

CAN I USE MY OWN PASTOR? You may have your Pastor assist one of First Lutheran's Pastors.

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH PROVIDE? The church provides only those facilities and furnishings that are already installed. All extra items shall be furnished by the wedding party. The church does NOT have wedding candelabra or a white aisle runner.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST? The wedding fees for the Sanctuary or Prayer Garden Wedding and/or use of the Fellowship Hall are listed on the Wedding Planning form and include use of the church space, Pastor, Tech booth, and custodial needs.

WHAT KIND OF MUSIC CAN I USE? All music used in the ceremony must be discussed and have the approval of the First Lutheran Church Music Director, Jennifer Johnson, two months prior to the service. Instruments other than an organ and piano are permissible in the ceremony provided that their usage is in line with the worship service.

DO WE HAVE TO HAVE A REHEARSAL? Yes. A rehearsal gives the entire bridal party an opportunity to know just what is required of them in the service. It is also a good time for any music to be rehearsed as well. The Pastor will help the bridal party go through the service smoothly and with confidence.

WHAT IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE CHURCH? Members of the wedding party should be informed, and inform other members of their respective families, that there is NO SMOKING in the church. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the church or in the parking lot. Use of rice, bird seed, pew brackets, and red punch is not permissible.

WHO DO I CONTACT TO SCHEDULE MY WEDDING? You may call the office at 712-338-4514 to speak with Pastor Perry, Pastor Brian, Jennifer Johnson (Music Director), or Lynn Egesdal (Office Manager) with any questions or concerns.