

Wedding Information

for Trinity Lutheran Church in Lake Mills, Wisconsin

What do we need to do to get married at Trinity?

- Schedule your wedding at least 4 months in advance.
(The advance notice allows couples to take part in a pre-marital workshop, meet with the pastor and plan the ceremony. The time also serves to strengthen marriages by encouraging couples to consider their commitment to each other thoughtfully.)
- Come to worship the number of times agreed upon by couple and pastor.
(This requirement is an effort to help couples begin their married life with healthy spiritual practices.)
- Do marriage preparation
There are presently 3 options from which couples may choose:
 - (1) Saturday marriage preparation seminar presented by Lutheran Social Services
 - (2) Reading a short book on marriage called *Be Good to Each Other* and discussing it with Pastor Mark
 - (3) Completing a program called *Prepare* offered by Life Innovations.

How much does it cost?

- About \$370-450 for non-members, \$270-350* for members.

Breakdown of costs

\$20 -\$100	Marriage Preparation Materials Depending on option.
\$150 (suggested gratuity)	Pastor for wedding ceremony This is the same amount the congregation pays to have a pastor fill in for one service.
\$100	Organist This is consistent with the amount the American Guild of Organists recommends for a wedding and rehearsal.
\$100*	Building This charge is for non-members, to help with heat, air-conditioning, lights, etc. There is no charge to members as it is understood that members support every aspect of this ministry, including the building, with their weekly offerings.

- Can't afford it? Call anyway, we'll do what we can.

How do we set it up?

- Call the church office at (920)648-2717 or speak to Pastor Mark Dressel to make arrangements.

Possible checklist of things to do for wedding ceremony

- ___ Confirm that church or wedding site is available on the preferred date.
- ___ Confirm that Pastor is available on the preferred date.
- ___ Make arrangements for wedding rehearsal.

- ___ Select wedding party.
- ___ Select ushers (if desired).
- ___ Find musicians (if desired).

- ___ Contract with florist (if there will be flowers).
- ___ Contract with photographer (if you would like pictures).
- ___ Find someone to video-tape (if you would like a video recording).

- ___ Make ceremony plans with pastor.

- ___ Get marriage license from County Clerk's office.

- ___ Obtain rings.
- ___ Obtain unity candle (if desired).
- ___ Obtain runner (if desired – this is sometimes available through the florist).
- ___ Print bulletin/program (if desired).