

GUIDELINES FOR WEDDINGS AT MOUNT CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Weddings conducted at Mount Cross are services of worship with celebration of the grace of God in Jesus Christ at their center. The faith of the Christian church is reflected in the prayers, Scripture readings, message and music of the service as God's blessing is asked for your life together.

OFFICIANT

Normally, the pastor of Mount Cross will officiate at weddings at our church. Pastors from outside congregations may take part in the service in an assisting role.

SCHEDULING

We schedule weddings in our sanctuary for members of our church and school worshipping community. Weddings must be scheduled through the pastor, who will confirm the date and time with the church master calendar and the wedding hostess.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Normally the service for the wedding will be the order appointed by the Lutheran Church.

COUNSELLING

Each couple will meet with the pastor about 3 times for premarital counseling sessions, to plan the wedding service and to discuss the marriage relationship.

FLOWERS

The church does not provide flowers, except in the case where the flowers for the Sunday service may already have been delivered. Flower arrangements and placement will be done in consultation with the wedding hostess. No flowers may be placed on the altar. If rose petals are to be scattered down the aisle, they must be silk so as not to stain the tile floor.

WEDDING HOSTESS

The Wedding Hostess assists the pastor in the preparations for the wedding. The Wedding Hostess is to be consulted, along with the pastor, in planning the details of the wedding service. Outside wedding consultants will work under the supervision of the Mount Cross Wedding Hostess. The Wedding Hostess is Nora Fajnor, noraw805@gmail.com

CANDLES

There are two permanent candles on stands next to the altar. The couple must provide additional candles and stands. Mount Cross has a special stand for the unity candles; the couple provides the candles.



MUSIC

Careful music planning can result in a service of deep reverence and joy. The regular church organist is to be used at all weddings, unless other arrangements have been made in consultation with the pastor. The music, selected should be appropriate for a service of worship in the church. There are members of Mount Cross who are willing to serve as soloist, as needed. All music requested of the organist must be submitted at least one week before the wedding. Soloists must attend the rehearsal. The organist, Guy Ervin III, may be contacted at yugiii@aol.com

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

Since the wedding is a sacred time, photography and or videotaping must be done in a most discreet manner. No flash photography will be allowed during the service itself. Pictures may be taken before and after the service with flash, and any portion of the wedding service can be restaged for flash photography. Placement of cameras will be coordinated at the rehearsal.

OTHER NOTES

No rice or birdseed may be thrown following the wedding service. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on church grounds. Smoking is not permitted inside of any buildings. No food or drink is allowed inside the Sanctuary.

FEES

- Minister's Honorarium*
- Use of Church – No charge
- Wedding Hostess – \$100.00
- Organist - \$150.00
- Rehearsal – add \$75.00
- Soloist (if provided by church) - \$75.00

These fees are payable at the time of the rehearsal. Please bring a separate check for each of the above services. You may leave payee blank if you wish. The wedding hostess will help you with the names. Fees subject to change.

* While no fee is charged by the pastor for counseling, rehearsal, preparation and officiating at the wedding, an honorarium may be presented in an amount left to the discretion of the couple.

WEDDING PREPARATION CHECKLIST

- Confirm wedding date, time, location with Pastor.
- Receive Pastor's information letter.
- Preparation visits with Pastor.
- Contact Wedding hostess
- Contact Organist
- Contact florist, photographer, videographer, etc.
- Get Marriage License (no more than 90 days before the wedding date)
- Bring Marriage License and payment for services to rehearsal.

WEDDING INFORMATION

Date of wedding: _____

Date of rehearsal: _____

Time of wedding: _____

Time of rehearsal: _____

Place of wedding: _____

Place of wedding: _____

BRIDE

Full name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Place of work: _____ Work phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I am:

Single, never married

Single, widow • Date of husband's death: _____

Single, divorced • Number of previous marriages: _____

• Date last divorce was final: _____

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____

Father's name: _____

Mother's maiden name: _____

I am baptized: Yes No Church: _____

I am confirmed: Yes No Church: _____

Children from previous marriage(s):

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Maid of honor: _____

Bridesmaid: _____

Bridesmaid: _____

Bridesmaid: _____

Bridesmaid: _____

Bridesmaid: _____

Bridesmaid: _____

Bridesmaid: _____

Bridesmaid: _____

Flower girl(s):

GROOM

Full name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Place of work: _____ Work phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I am:

Single, never married

Single, widower • Date of wife's death: _____

Single, divorced • Number of previous marriages: _____

• Date last divorce was final: _____

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____

Father's name: _____

Mother's maiden name: _____

I am baptized: Yes No Church: _____

I am confirmed: Yes No Church: _____

Children from previous marriage(s):

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Best Man: _____

Usher: _____

Usher: _____

Usher: _____

Usher: _____

Usher: _____

Usher: _____

Usher: _____

Usher: _____

Ring bearer(s): _____

WEDDING

The Wedding Number of guests being invited to the wedding: _____

Reception location: _____

Reception time: _____

Names of special people, especially step-parents: _____

First date: When? _____

Where? _____

Proposal of marriage: When? _____ Where? _____

Special shared interests: _____

Do you have a special song? _____

Is there anything you would like the minister to be sure to include in the message?

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