

BULLETINS

If you would like your wedding bulletins typed and printed in our church office, please contact the church office staff prior to ordering. (see CONTACTS for name). Blank bulletins can be purchased at religious book stores, on line and at printing companies, keeping in mind, special orders may take two weeks to receive. Sample bulletins are available in the church office. Other appropriate bulletins may be used. Please include the following in your bulletin:

“Please Do Not Take Photographs During the Ceremony.”



FEES

Any unpaid “Contract” fees can be paid with one check and mailed to the church office five (5) days prior to the wedding. Please refer to the church contract for additional details.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Saturday weddings are to be scheduled no later than 2:00 PM
- Women’s dressing room - Room 104, west hallway
- Men’s dressing room - Youth Room, west hallway
- All dressing rooms are to be cleaned up before leaving the building
- Be sure to schedule two appointments with the presiding pastor
- If possible, your Wedding Coordinator will be present at both the rehearsal & wedding
- **No Alcoholic beverages** are permitted on church premises



ADDITIONAL ENCLOSURES

- “Building Use Requirements”
- “Welcome to English Lutheran Church” Map
- “Instructions for Ushers” (3 are recommended for weddings with more than 200 guests)
- “Photographers Information”
- “Music Selection Suggestions”

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding at English Lutheran Church. We are very happy to be part of this special day in your lives. As you begin this journey, English Lutheran Church wishes to surround you with prayer and well wishes.

We encourage you to faithfully participate in the resources the church has to offer including regular worship, Holy Communion, and church activities. When you worship and pray together you will experience God’s love and faithfulness.

Please read through this booklet, it is your resource for helping plan a Christian wedding service at English Lutheran.

For any further questions, please contact:

Wedding Coordinator

“But I am among you as one who serves.”

Luke 22:27

SUGGESTED READINGS

Old Testament

Genesis 1:26-28	Woman and man created in God's image
Genesis 2:18-24	Companionship rather than loneliness
Proverbs 3:3-6	Loyalty and faithfulness written on the heart
Song of Solomon 2:10-13	The voice of the beloved
Song of Solomon 8:6-7	Many waters cannot quench love
Isaiah 63:7-9	God's steadfast love lifts up the people
Jeremiah 31:31-34	The new covenant of the people of God

Psalm

67	May God be merciful to us and bless us
100	We are God's people
117	The steadfast love of the Lord
121	The Lord keeps watch over you
127	Unless the Lord builds the house
128	Happy are they who follow in God's ways
150	Let everything that has breath praise the Lord

New Testament

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39	If God is for us, who is against us?
Romans 12:1-2, 9-18	A living sacrifice and genuine love
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13	The greatest gift is love
Ephesians 3:14-19	The greatest of Christ's love
Ephesians 5:1-2	Live in love, as Christ loved us
Philippians 4:4-9	Rejoice in the Lord always
Colossians 3:12-17	Clothed in gifts of God
1 John 3:18-24	Let us love in truth and action
1 John 4:7-16	Let us love one another for love is of God

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-10	The Beatitudes
Matthew 5:14-16	You are the light, let your light shine
Matthew 7:24-27	Build on the rock
Matthew 19:3-6	What God has united must not be divided
Matthew 22:35-40	Love, the greatest commandment
Mark 10:6-9	The wedding at Cana
John 15:9-17	Love one another as I have loved you

Wedding Manual

English Lutheran Church



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PASTORAL MEETINGS

It is the practice at English Lutheran Church for the officiating pastor to meet with couples two times prior to their wedding day. The initial visit provides the pastor and the couple an opportunity to get to know each other and discuss the multitude of questions couples often have when planning a wedding. At this first meeting, please bring your completed "Marriage Information" form (enclosed). The second pastoral meeting takes place after the couple completes their pre-marriage counseling. At the second meeting, you will finalize the order of service for your wedding ceremony and schedule the date and time of your rehearsal.

Pastor Mark Shaw is available for pre-marriage counseling. Pastor Shaw uses "Prepare and Enrich" (see incl.) which is an online survey that helps you identify the unique strengths and potential growth areas of your relationship. Once you complete the online survey, you will schedule an appointment to discuss and interpret the survey. Initial contact with Pastor Shaw should be by telephone, see: "Contacts". If you are unable to meet with Pastor Shaw, please discuss an alternate form of pre-marriage counseling with your officiating pastor.



CLERGY

A pastor of the congregation is the presiding pastor at all weddings. If you invite another pastor to assist in the ceremony, you will need to discuss this with the presiding pastor. It is appropriate for the presiding pastor to formally invite guest clergy. It is also appropriate to give visiting clergy an honorarium and transportation costs. Initial contact with the pastor is the responsibility of the bridal couple.



MARRIAGE LICENSE

It is important that you follow the instructions listed in the enclosed pamphlet from the La Crosse County Clerk's Office "Getting Married in Wisconsin?" Please bring your marriage license and give to your officiating pastor at the time of the rehearsal. The wedding can not take place without this document. Signing takes place immediately after the recessional. Witnesses must be at least 18 years of age.

MUSIC

The wedding is a worship service and all music must be appropriate to worship. All music selections must be discussed with English Lutheran's pianist/organist or the officiating pastor before it is included in the service, and all music is to be live, recorded music is not an option. The pianist/organist can assist with appropriate selections. **It is the responsibility of bridal couple to contact this person.** If you intend to use a guest organist, please notify the officiating pastor and Trevor DuPey. A "Suggested Music Selections" list has been included.



DECORATIONS

Flowers can be placed on flower stands (provided) in front or alongside the altar, or in the windows. You may put ribbons or flowers on the arms of the aisle chairs. There are approximately 375 chairs in the sanctuary. This number may vary with the church season, as well as the length of the aisle. Please consult with the coordinator for the aisle length. If any flower petals are to be used, then you must use an aisle runner and silk flowers. **Outside**, you are not allowed to use any items that would require custodial cleanup, i.e. birdseed, rice, etc. If you intend to leave any wedding flowers for the weekend church services, please inform the church secretary so they can acknowledge your contribution in the church bulletin. English Lutheran has available for use without charge, two candelabras, a unity candle holder and lighter. All wedding decorations are to be removed within an hour following the service.



PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOTAPING

Pre-wedding Sanctuary photography must be complete one half hour before the wedding service is to begin. Post wedding Sanctuary photos for Saturday weddings must be completed by 4:00 PM. **No flash photography is allowed during the service.** Any video equipment set in the front of the Sanctuary is to be stationary and operated by remote, otherwise it is allowed only along the back, and partially up the side aisles. Please review the "Photographer's Instructions" (included) before giving to your photographer.