

**WEDDINGS AT**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

***POLICIES AND PROCEDURES***

**NON MEMBERS**

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**First Lutheran Church**

1701 – 19th Street

Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

304/428-6174

**GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR WEDDINGS AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We know that this is an exciting time for you as you prepare for your life together. Our hope is that this day will have deep spiritual meaning as you make your commitment in marriage before God, family and friends at First Lutheran Church.

The First Lutheran Church (FLC) Pastoral staff is responsible for the conduct of all worship in the Sanctuary and has the right of first refusal as the presiding minister for all wedding ceremonies. If it is proposed that another ordained minister perform the ceremony, this must be pre-approved by the Sr. Pastor who will then issue the invitation. The FLC Pastoral staff is also responsible for the general format of the wedding and rehearsal. If communion is to be offered, it is to be served only by an ordained Lutheran Pastor or an ordained ecumenical partner.

The Church Wedding Liaison (CWL is the representative of the First Lutheran Church (FLC) and is your contact who will arrange scheduling for your wedding. The CWL is appointed by the Church Council and is required to assist with all weddings and receptions at FLC and to coordinate all FLC staff, resources and facilities. The CWL is responsible for the sanctity, functionality, and use of the Church property during all wedding rehearsals, and before/during/after the actual wedding. The CWL will be available to you and your wedding planner to answer questions and provide guidance relative to acceptable and proper use of the Church facility. It is the job of the CWL to help you make your wedding a beautiful and memorable occasion at First Lutheran Church.

This wedding brochure gives you guidelines on decorations, music, photography, dressing rooms, facilities, fees, and how we at FLC can be of assistance to you on your special day.

After you have discussed your wedding plans with the presiding Pastor and your wedding date has been tentatively approved, you will need to complete page 5, “You and Your Wedding Date”, and page 6. These will provide preliminary information for the Pastor and our CWL and confirm your intent to have your wedding on the specified date. When you return the completed pages, your request to hold your ceremony in our Church will be presented to the Church Council for approval. With Council approval, First Lutheran will be committed to reserving that date for your wedding and half of the Sanctuary rental fee ($400) will be immediately due to reserve your date.

The presiding FLC Pastor will require three (3) pre-marital conferences with the prospective bride and groom. Such sessions provide opportunity for the Pastor and you to become better acquainted as you discuss matters of marriage and plan the ceremony. Call the Pastor (304/428-6174) to schedule your initial visit.

Under normal circumstances there will be no weddings scheduled the week before Christmas or Holy Week and the week following Christmas and Easter.

If you wish to have the Pastor and spouse attend the rehearsal dinner and/or the wedding reception, please provide a minimum of one month’s notice. . (Note: First Lutheran does not offer facilities for rehearsal dinners or receptions for non-members.)

Alcoholic beverages and smoking are not permitted in/on the premises of First Lutheran Church, including the parking lot and the alley … and we ask your – and your wedding party and guests - cooperation in observing this.

No food or beverages are permitted in the sanctuary.

**YOU AND YOUR WEDDING DATE**

(Wedding Date must be pre-approved)

Wedding Date/Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AM or PM

Rehearsal Date/Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Time: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_AM or PM

**BRIDE’S INFORMATION**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**GROOM’S INFORMATION**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**ALTERNATE CONTACT (in the event bride and groom unavailable)**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Relationship:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**FOLLOWING THE WEDDING (please note any changes)**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PRE-MARITAL MEETINGS:** Please call Pastor (304/428-6174) to schedule appointment.

**FEES/ITEMS/SOUND SYSTEM**

**REQUIRED FEES:**

1. Sanctuary Rental Fee ………………………………………………………………………….. $800

*Half of rental fee ($400) due with ”You and Your Wedding” form – pages 4 & 5*

 Balance of rental fee ($400) due no later than one week preceding wedding date.

 *Checks for rental fee should be made payable to: First Lutheran Church*

1. The Presiding Pastor …………………………………………………..…………………….… $300
2. Church Wedding Liaison ……………………………………………………………………… $200
3. Sexton ………………………………….…………………………………………………………….. $100

*Checks are made payable to each member of the wedding support staff*

**OPTIONAL WEDDING SUPPORT STAFF FEES:**

1. Organist …………………………………………..……………………………………………….……$200
2. Sound System Operator ………………………….....………………………………………….$100

NOTE: The FLC organ and sound system will only be operated by designated

 FLC personnel – unless approved by Organist or Sound System Operator

 *Checks are made payable to each member of the wedding support staff*

**ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR USE (please check items needed)**

\_\_\_ Kneeler with white needlepoint pillow

 \_\_\_ Gold Unity Candle Floor Stand

 \_\_\_ Various wooden tables (used for sand ceremony, table top unity candle, photos, etc.)

 \_\_\_ Music stands and chairs for musicians/vocalists

 Music stands \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(#) Chairs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (#)

 \_\_\_ Pew Candles (includes candles) …………………………………….…………………. $75

 *Check is to be made payable to First Lutheran Church*

**SOUND SYSTEM NEEDS:**

(The acoustic properties of our sanctuary require use of microphones for all speakers and vocalists)

* How many pastors? (each need portable clip-on lapel mic) (#)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* How many vocalists singing at the same time? (#)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* How many musicians and type of instruments?

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* Will vocalist(s) use back-up CDs? (bring to wedding rehearsal) Yes\_\_\_ No \_\_\_
* Will there be a videographer? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTE: IN ORDER FOR WEDDING TO PROCEED –**

**ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL ONE WEEK PRIOR TO WEDDING DATE**

**I have read and understand the policies and procedures outlined here:**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (signature)**

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: (over)**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH SANCTUARY USAGE**

**SANCTUARY DIMENSIONS:**

 Center Aisle width – 4’9”

 Aisle length – 68’2” (from entry of sanctuary to steps before chancel)

 Pews: 20 rows (10 pairs of pew candles)

 Maximum Seating Capacity: 450 individuals

FRONT DOOR to NARTHEX - 13’10” … to SANCTUARY STEPS - 68’2”

**INVITATION INFORMATION:**

Church address: First Lutheran Church, 170l – 19th Street, Parkersburg WV 26101

 Pastor: The Reverend Ian B. Reid

**FLOWERS/DECORATIONS**

Decorations must not interfere with Christian symbolism and/or the Sanctuary furnishings. The Altar paraments will not be changed for weddings. Nothing is to be affixed to the Sanctuary or any furnishing in the Sanctuary by staple, nail, hot glue, tape or any other fastener or substance that will mar the surface or finish. Ribbon, string or rubber bands are suitable fasteners. Nothing in the Chancel area or Sanctuary may be moved or altered without the approval of the pastor or the CWL.

Only live flowers are to be placed on the Altar. All other floral decorations may be live or artificial. Have florist notify Church Wedding Liaison (CWL) of delivery time to have doors open. Pews/pew candles may be decorated. Decorating may be done the day before depending on other Church events. Flower girls(s) may only drop silk flowers down the aisle.

All candles used in the wedding service must be dripless candles – with the exception of the ‘unity candle’ if one is included in the service.

 **ALL FLOWERS/DECORATIONS MUST BE REMOVED FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.**

**WEDDING REHEARSAL/ WEDDING LICENSE**

 Usually scheduled the evening before the wedding, between 5 pm and 7 pm.

 Musicians/vocalists should be at the rehearsal to do sound checks and set ups.

 Bring the LICENSE to the rehearsal. (Must be over 24 hours from time of issue!)

 Bulletins/other printed materials are the responsibility of wedding party.

**MUSIC**

A wedding held at First Lutheran Church is a religious, not a secular ceremony. The music selected should reflect the religious nature of the ceremony. Music selection(s) should be cleared with the organist and the presiding Pastor. The FLC organist shall play for all weddings unless other arrangements are made with, and approved by, the FLC organist.

**DRESSING ACCOMODATIONS**

The parlor in the educational building is provided for the bridal party to dress.

 The groom’s party may use a classroom in the upstairs of the educational building

to prepare.

The Church cannot accept responsibility for any personal items. It is imperative that money, jewelry, and other valuables not be left unattended in the bride’s or groom’s rooms.

**PHOTOGRAPHERS/VIDEOGRAPHERS**

Photographers will be instructed by the CWL where they may take photos during the ceremony.

 Camera flash is not allowed during the service.

 Photo sessions may be done before or after the ceremony.

 Videographers are to work with the Sound System Operator.

**DEPARTING THE CHURCH**

Bird seed or bubbles are acceptable outside the Church. Rice, confetti and the like are not permitted due to safety concerns.

 **FACILITY CLEAN-UP**

Our sexton does vacuuming and general cleanup of the Sanctuary and dressing rooms following the ceremony. All decorations and flowers must be removed by wedding party to allow sexton to clean Sanctuary in preparation for Sunday services. Any decorations or personal items remaining at the Church after one week will be destroyed.

 **NOTE**: Alcoholic beverages and smoking are not permitted in/on the premises of First Lutheran

 Church, including the parking lot and the alley. No food or drink is permitted in the

 Sanctuary. It is the responsibility of the bride and the groom to explain the policies to their

 families, wedding party, photographers and videographers or any other vendor.

**WEDDING PARTY**

 (Give Full Names of all Participants)

MAID/MATRON OF HONOR: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

BEST MAN: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

BRIDE’S ATTENDANTS:

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GROOM’S ATTENDANTS:

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FLOWER GIRLS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**WEDDING DAY SCHEDULE**

BRIDE/GROOM \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF WEDDING \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TIME SCHEDULE:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bridal Party arrival time

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Groom’s Party arrival time

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Musical Prelude begins

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Acolytes light candles

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parents/Grandparents meet in Narthex (waiting to be seated)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Music begins for the seating of grandmothers and mothers

 Grandmother(s) of groom seated by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Grandmother(s) of bride seated by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Mother of groom seated by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Mother of bride seated by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Aisle cloth unrolled by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **The Processional**

 Pastor, Groom, Groom’s attendants enter

 Bridal Party processes

 **The Recessional**

 Bride’s mother ushered out by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Groom’s mother ushered out by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Bride’s grandmother(s) ushered out by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Groom’s grandmother(s) ushered out by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Congregation Dismissal (3 options)**

 \_\_\_Row by row dismissal, ushered by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_Row by row dismissal by bride and groom

 \_\_\_No formal dismissal