

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
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Wedding Guidelines

Faith Lutheran Church welcomes you as we begin to prepare for your wedding date. Here at Faith we try to be a good host and, in turn, we expect those who use our facilities to treat them with respect and care. However, some experiences from the past have shown that it is necessary to establish some policies as follows:

- No smoking in the building. Smoking is permitted outside; please discard cigarettes properly (not on the ground).
- No alcohol or other controlled substances are to be consumed anywhere on the property.
- If, in the judgment of the pastor, anyone with a role in the rehearsal or wedding is intoxicated, that person will not participate in the rehearsal or wedding.
- As a sign of respect for God's house, gentlemen are asked to remove headgear while in the church.
- Suitable clothing is expected at all times.
- Respectful behavior is expected at all times.
- Time schedules are to be honored and respected.
- Photographers and florists are to check with the pastor prior to the wedding service regarding the customs of Faith Lutheran Church.
- Aisle runners are not permitted. They wrinkle and fold easily creating a walking hazard.
- The throwing of rice, birdseed or any other objects that will necessitate cleanup is not permitted.

FEES

The following is a list of expenses that must be paid prior to or at the time of the rehearsal, or in the absence of a rehearsal, prior to the wedding day:

Pastor The pastor's gratuity is up to the discretion of each couple. Typically, a gratuity of \$200 is acceptable and includes all the meetings prior to the rehearsal (pre-marriage assessment and counseling, etc.). Some weddings involve less preparation and may not require a rehearsal, therefore, \$200 might be excessive.

Organist \$200 plus \$50 for each rehearsal with your vocalist or musician
The organist will meet with the couple regarding the choice of music one month prior to the wedding. The couple is responsible for contacting the organist to arrange a meeting.
Your organist/pianist is _____
Please make your check payable to the organist/pianist. Phone _____

A church wedding is an occasion to worship God and to ask for God's presence and blessing in God's holy house. God is our "audience," and music selection must reflect that. The organist can help with the selection of music. The organist will be available for the rehearsal and to rehearse with your vocalist or musician(s), if any.

Church \$400 (non-member)
This fee covers the cost of providing and operating the facilities.
Please make check payable to Faith Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters. Each wedding is special and unique. It is our intention and desire to help make your special day one of joyful remembrance for many years to come. May God bless you as together we prepare for your wedding day.