

Marriage and Wedding Information, Guidelines and Fee Schedule

We are happy that you are thinking about being married in our church. At St. Luke's your wedding will be in the context of a worship service in which you declare your love for each other publicly in the presence of God, seeking God's blessing on your marriage.

Marriage License

See the legal information sheet. It is your responsibility to obtain a marriage license. We suggest that you bring the license to the last meeting you have with the Minister (or drop it off to the church office **two weeks prior to the marriage**).

Banns of Marriage

This option is only available to couples that are ACTIVE in the church and neither party is divorced.

Officiating Clergy

Normally, the minister of St. Luke's United Church will officiate at your wedding service. If you would like to have some other minister participate in the service, please discuss this with the St. Luke's minister. If another minister is to be involved in the service at St. Luke's, it is in proper order for the invitation to be extended by the minister of St. Luke's.

Organist

Normally, our church organist will be available to play at your wedding. If you would like someone else, you must get approval from the minister and the church's organist. It is your responsibility to contact the organist **at least one month prior to your wedding**. Other arrangements can be discussed with our minister.

Photographing Your Wedding

Your wedding is a service of worship. As such, we want to have as few distractions as possible. We will ask that your guests not take pictures during the service except at specified times such as the *Processional, Signing of the Register and the Recessional*. An official photographer is allowed to take several pictures (non-flash) during the service from the back of the church and to come forward for a photo of the *Signing of the Register*. Special photo may be posed at the end of the service, if the photographer wishes to do so. The sanctuary will be available to you for 30 minutes following the service for these "photo opportunities." Videotaping is permissible providing the camera is in a stationary position and does not require additional lighting.

Photographers and Videographers are required to speak to the Minister prior to the service.

Fees

It is customary, as a courtesy to those giving their time and talent for your wedding service, and as a courtesy to the St. Luke's congregation whose regular offerings maintain this church, as a gift. The council of St. Luke's has authorized the following fee schedule:

In Church

Use of Sanctuary: \$75.00

Minister: \$200.00

Organist: \$125.00

Church Office Administrator: \$100.00

Order of Service bulletins: \$50.00
(if requested)

Total Fees: \$500.00
(\$550.00 with bulletins)

Outside of Church

Donation to Church: \$150.00

Minister: \$300.00

n/a unless requested

Church Office Administrator: \$50.00

Order of Service bulletins: \$50.00
(if requested)

Total Fees: \$500.00
(\$550.00 with bulletins)

Please note: \$75.00 of these fees is required as a booking fee (non-refundable) when you book your wedding. The balance of the fees must be dropped off with your marriage licence at least ***two weeks prior*** to your wedding.