



Trinity Lutheran Church

Wedding Information

What do we need to do to get married at Trinity?

- Schedule your wedding at least 4 months in advance.
The advance notice allows couples to take part in a pre-marital workshop, meet with the pastor and plan the ceremony. The time also serves to strengthen marriages by encouraging couples to consider their commitment to each other thoughtfully.
- Come to worship the number of times agreed upon by couple and pastor.
This requirement is an effort to help couples begin their married life with healthy spiritual practices.
- Do marriage preparation
There are presently 3 options from which couples may choose:
(1) Saturday marriage preparation seminar presented by Lutheran Social Services.
(2) Reading a short book on marriage called *Be Good to Each Other* and discussing it with Pastor Mark.
(3) Completing a program called *Prepare* offered by Life Innovations.

How much does it cost?

- About \$465-545 for non-members, \$365-445* for members.

Breakdown of costs

\$20 - \$100	Marriage Preparation Materials (depending on option)
\$210 (suggested gratuity)	Pastor for wedding ceremony - This is the same amount the congregation pays to have a pastor fill in for one service.
\$135	Organist - This is consistent with the amount the congregation pays for a worship service and rehearsal.
\$100*	Building - This charge is for non-members, to help with heat, air-conditioning, lights, etc. There is no charge to members as it is understood that members support every aspect of this ministry, including the building, with their weekly offerings.

- Can't afford it? Call anyway, we'll do what we can.

How do we set it up?

- Call the church office at (920) 648-2717 or e-mail pastormark@trinitylm.com.

Possible checklist of things to do for wedding ceremony

- _____ Confirm that church or wedding site is available on the preferred date.
- _____ Confirm that Pastor is available on the preferred date.
- _____ Make arrangements for wedding rehearsal.
- _____ Select wedding party.
- _____ Select ushers (if desired).
- _____ Find musicians (if desired).
- _____ Contract with florist (if there will be flowers).
- _____ Contract with photographer (if you would like pictures).
- _____ Find someone to video-tape (if you would like a video recording).
- _____ Make ceremony plans with pastor.
- _____ Get marriage license from County Clerk's office.
- _____ Obtain rings.
- _____ Obtain unity candle or sand (if desired).
- _____ Obtain runner (if desired – this is sometimes available through the florist).
- _____ Print bulletin/program (if desired).

Wedding Request/Information Form

Groom (full name) _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Age _____ Previously Married? _____
Church Affiliation _____

Bride (full name) _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Age _____ Previously Married? _____
Church Affiliation _____

Date of Wedding _____ Time _____
Location _____
Approximate number of people _____
Rehearsal Date _____ Time _____
Organist _____
Soloist _____
Photographer _____ Florist _____
Best Man _____ City/State _____
Maid/Matron of Honor _____ City/State _____
Attendants _____

Flower Girl/Ring Bearer _____
Will there be a reception? _____ Where? _____
What will be your home address? _____

What will be your names after marriage? _____

Signed: _____ (groom)
_____ (bride)