

WEDDINGS AT GETHSEMANE

Receptions

Members may choose to hold their wedding reception at the church. The Fellowship Hall holds 205 people. Very small receptions may be held in the Fireside Gallery or Gathering Space. Additional fees may apply.

Refreshments for the Wedding Party

An area will be designated for you to provide snacks for the wedding party. Gethsemane does not provide food or beverages. **Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the church or on the church grounds, including the parking lot.**

Rehearsal

A rehearsal is usually scheduled a day or two before the wedding. Your pastor and wedding coordinator will conduct the rehearsal. Musicians do not attend the rehearsal.

Sanctuary

The sanctuary seats 222 in the front section, 150 in the rear, and 36 in the balcony (not including the choir stalls). It is possible to open the back of the sanctuary to allow for overflow seating. The sanctuary is not air conditioned.

Time Allowed

The church is available to you 3.5 hours before the service and no longer than one hour after the service. Please be sure to take all of your belongings with you.

Wedding Coordinator

A wedding coordinator will be assigned to you once a pastor has been designated. The coordinator will contact you 3 to 4 months prior to your wedding date to discuss your plans, answer questions and assist you in use of the facility. She will conduct the rehearsal and be on site on the day of the wedding to assist you and your wedding party.

FEES	Members	Non-Members
Deposit	\$50.00	\$100.00
Administrative Fee	\$50.00	\$150.00
PREPARE Marriage Assessment Inventory	\$35.00	\$35.00
Pastoral Honorarium	\$200.00	\$300.00
Wedding Coordinator	\$150.00	\$250.00
Organist*	\$200.00	\$225.00
Custodian	\$150.00	\$250.00
Aisle Candles and Candelabra	\$7.00	\$7.00
7-Tier Candelabra	\$3.00	\$3.00
Sanctuary Fee	None	\$300.00
*If additional services are required, additional fees may apply.		

A deposit is required to reserve a wedding date on the church calendar. Checks for payment of the balance to the church, for the pastor, organist, custodian and wedding coordinator, and any other payments must arrive in the church office no later than the Monday before the wedding, along with the marriage license.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

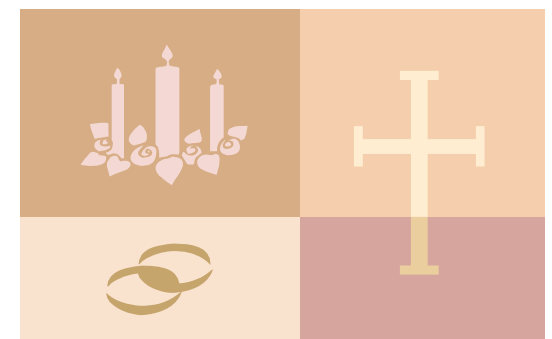
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Congratulations!

Marriage is a blessing from God and the celebration of the ceremony is a joyous experience. This brochure provides information about having a wedding at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hopkins. It is not exhaustive, so if you have questions, please call. Once you decide to schedule a wedding, a deposit is required to reserve your date.

Scheduling a Wedding

To schedule a wedding at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, call the church office at 952-935-1753. Please have one or two possible dates. After a date is determined and you have approval from a pastor, the date will be reserved when a deposit is paid. At that time, the date is secure. The deposit will be deducted from the entire fee. The balance is due the Monday before the wedding. Weddings are held at 11:00 a.m., 4:00 or 7:00 p.m. Gethsemane reserves the right to schedule more than one wedding a day.

Information

Aisle Runners

The church does not provide an aisle runner. You may consult with the wedding coordinator.

Balloons

Helium balloons are not allowed in the church. Please note we are a latex free facility so plan accordingly.

Banners and Paraments

The banners, communion table, and the altar, pulpit and lectern paraments in the sanctuary change with the church year/liturgical calendar. These cannot be removed or changed in any way.

Bubbles

Many couples are now giving guests bottles of bubbles to blow as the bridal couple leaves the building. Items such as birdseed, rice, confetti, etc. may not be thrown.

Bulletins

You may provide bulletins for your wedding ceremony. Your bulletin needs to be approved by the pastor prior to printing. Gethsemane Lutheran does not print wedding bulletins, so you will need to make your own arrangements.

Candles

Aisle candles and candelabras are available from the church for an additional fee. If you choose to use a unity candle as part of your ceremony you will need to provide the Unity candle and two taper candles. Gethsemane will provide the candle holder that holds the unity candle and two side taper candles. (You may want to bring extra candles for pictures.)

Celebration of Holy Communion

The celebration of Holy Communion is an option in your wedding worship service. Please speak with the officiating pastor if you wish to include communion in your wedding ceremony.

Dressing Rooms

Designated dressing rooms are available for the wedding party. All belongings must be removed from these areas at the conclusion of the wedding.

Flowers

Flowers may be placed on the flower stands provided by Gethsemane or can be placed on the floor. No flowers may be placed on the altar. Loose flower petals may not be disbursed.



Music

Gethsemane's organist will be notified when your wedding date is scheduled, and has the first right of refusal for all weddings. Please contact the organist 3 to 4 months prior to your service to discuss music selection. A list of music selections recommended for worship services will be provided when you schedule your wedding. Secular music is most appropriate for receptions.

Pastor

One of Gethsemane's pastors will officiate at your wedding. Gethsemane's pastors will decide who will officiate. Preferences will be noted, but cannot be guaranteed. If you wish for an outside pastor to share in the service, you must negotiate these arrangements with the pastor at Gethsemane. Your assigned pastor will have at least three sessions with you to help you to prepare for your wedding and marriage.

Pre-Marital Counseling

Couples are required to take the Prepare-Enrich marriage assessment inventory published by Life Innovations, Inc. It is not a pass/fail test, but a discussion starter for your sessions with your assigned pastor. Couples who complete their pre-marital counseling sessions receive a certificate that gives a significant discount on the marriage license fee.

Photography/Video Taping

No flash pictures are allowed during the service except for the processional and recessional. Timed exposure photos with no flash may be taken. Posed pictures in the sanctuary must be completed at least 30 minutes before the wedding. Video taping of the ceremony is allowed as long as the camera is stationary and the videographer receives permission from the pastor prior to the service.