

We are pleased to hear of your interest in having your wedding performed by one of our Pastors here at St. Andrew. This packet of information will help you in planning your wedding. Please read it carefully. After looking over this information, complete the information form;

Your first task is to confirm that a Pastor is available for your wedding date. Please call the church office at 401-322-0088.

Commonly Asked Questions

- **What wedding times & days are O.K?**

Wedding times must be arranged as far in advance as possible, 9 – 12 months in advance. We perform weddings on Saturdays and Sunday afternoons, as well as other days when our schedules allow.

- **Is there a fee for the wedding?**

The following fees are for all weddings, whether located at St. Andrew or on location.

Church donation: \$250.00 (payable to St. Andrew Lutheran Church)

Pastor's honoraria: \$400.00 (payable to the Pastor directly)

These fees are added for weddings at the church

Custodial fees: \$100.00 (Payable to the church)

Musicians \$250.00 (payable to the Musician)

- **What do I do if I want music?**

After your initial meeting, we will connect you with an staff musician.

- **Is pre-marital counseling required?**

If the couple would like to participate in pre-marital counseling, they should speak to the Pastor. Most couples meet with the Pastor for three (3) meetings. Not required

- **I have a friend who can perform the ceremony, is this permitted?**

It depends. Please speak with our Pastors. In some cases, our Pastor will co-lead the wedding ceremony with another ordained minister.

- **May we have wedding rice, balloon release, confetti, fireworks, doves?**

We strongly discourage these activities as they impact the environment. Most couples no longer practice these activities. Rice and balloons pollute the environment. Attractive Bird Seed is an appropriate option

- **Who arranges for the wedding license?**

Couples must secure a license in the state of Rhode Island, from the Town Hall. This will be signed by the Pastor and mailed by the church after the wedding ceremony.

- **Who arranges for flowers?**

The couple is encouraged to contact local florists and arrange for their own flowers. Three local florists are Kenyon Ave. Florists in Wakefield (789-9381) and Broadview Floral in Westerly (322-0390) and Shoreline Florist in Charlestown (364-1858) The florist should be informed that the church will be open 1 hour prior to the wedding.

- **May I have a photographer/video recorder film the ceremony?**

Yes, this is allowed.

- **Will there be a wedding rehearsal?**

Many weddings today do not require a rehearsal. This information can be covered during the third meeting with the Pastor. However, if a rehearsal is necessary please make arrangements for this to be scheduled with the Pastor & Director of Music.

- **Who provides the printed wedding programs?**

We encourage couples to prepare their own wedding programs.

SUGGESTED WEDDING CEREMONY

This is provided as a guide. It may be adapted and altered in consultation with the Pastor.

Procession

Welcome

Wedding Prayer

Musical Selection (optional)

Reading or lessons

(suggested Bible readings include:)

Genesis 1:26-31	Genesis 2:18-24	
Psalm 33	Psalm 100	Psalm 150
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13	John 2:1-10	

Wedding Vows (you may write your own or use these words)

I take you _____ to be my wife/husband from this day forward to join with you and share all that is to come and I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us.

Wedding Candle (optional)

Prayers & Blessing

Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen*

Recessional