

Your Wedding at Bethel

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YOUR WEDDING AT BETHEL

This guide is designed to assist you with your wedding plans at Bethel.

1. AN UNDERSTANDING OF MARRIAGE

Marriage is a glad occasion overflowing with joy. As two people come together they, and those who know them, rejoice in the gifts God has given, namely: life, health, strength, sexuality, family — all that the Creator declared to be “very good” from the beginning.

Established at creation, (Genesis 1:27-28) marriage is seen as a gift of God, instituted by God, regulated by His Commandments, and blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 19:3-12).

It is a covenant of trust, faithfulness and fidelity between a woman and a man made with society’s sanction and grounded in the steadfast love of God. As God has demonstrated His commitment to us through life and the cross, so do those who are joined together in marriage make a covenant of commitment to each other in the midst of their emotions of love and anticipation of all that is to come.

Marriage, as a gift of God, is also seen as a social contract. It is not based on the emotion of love two people feel for one another or their mere “desire to be together” but instead, is based upon the commitment that the woman and the man make to each other. Human love is changeable. It can grow in depth and understanding or, unfortunately, it can wither and cease and therefore, cannot be depended on as a reliable foundation. We cannot promise to be in love years from now, but an individual can make a binding commitment which can be sustained for years to come.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

It is a privilege to be married in the church. At Bethel Lutheran Church we take very seriously the responsibility of marriage and recognize the wedding ceremony to be, first and foremost, an opportunity for Christian worship. The rites and procedures in your wedding will be those that are in keeping with the Christian understanding of marriage which are appropriate in the Christian Church.

In preparation for your life together all those desiring to use our facility for their celebration of marriage will meet with one of our pastors or staff persons for a minimum of three pre-marriage consultation sessions to discuss the nature of marriage, individual roles and responsibilities in marriage, and the form of service. Those from outside the Christian faith will also be introduced to the Christian faith with specific instruction given as to baptism, forming a relationship with Jesus Christ, and the importance of worshipping with the Christian community.

3. ARRANGEMENTS

a. The Wedding Date

1. Selecting the date - A date should be selected early for the wedding (at least two months prior, minimally) in consultation with our pastor and secretarial staff to avoid conflicts with the church calendar. Due to the solemn nature of the season, there will be no weddings by church personnel between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. It is also advisable to have an alternative date in case there is a conflict with the pastor's or church calendar.
2. Selecting a time – The time of your wedding will be determined in coordination of other events occurring on the church calendar. Saturday worship and scheduled congregational events will have priority.
3. Multiple weddings – When more than one wedding is schedule on the same date, they will be scheduled *3 hours apart*, allowing one hour for set up, one hour for the ceremony and pictures and one hour for clean up. Preference of time will be given to those weddings scheduled and reserved first with a paid deposit.
4. Facility needs – It is important to determine what part of the facility will be needed.
5. Paid deposit – *a refundable deposit of \$100.00* shall be paid to the church office to reserve your date and time. Until received, the date and time will not be held.

b. Organist, Soloist, Special Music

1. Organist - The church will normally provide an organist for the wedding but it is the responsibility of the couple to pay the organist's stipend. If another organist is desired, prior approval must be given by the Pastor and the church organist under the following conditions:
 - a) they be qualified to play Bethel's organ, and,
 - b) they observe the guidelines of our congregation.
2. Soloist- Should a soloist be desired, it is the responsibility of the couple to secure and reimburse each person for their services. The pastor or church office may have a list of available soloists.
3. Musical selections - for the wedding service should be in good taste, liturgically, and approved by the Director of Music. It is suggested that songs with a Biblical text be selected for the service recognizing that it is a joyous time of worship and celebration. Contemporary "pop" pieces, while meaningful at the moment, have a tradition of fading quickly from memory and popularity and are best avoided during the service. They can be, however, appropriately placed as prelude or postlude selections. There are also a wide variety of hymns available, inviting the congregation to join the singing.

c. Pre-Marriage Consultation Meetings and Follow Up

Due to the important nature of the decision you are making, the steps you are taking and the added pressures of life in relationships today, it is important that you meet with our pastor or staff person AT LEAST 3 times prior to your wedding day. These sessions are designed to assist you in your plans for a life together.

With the pastor, and each other, you will have opportunity to discuss many of the aspects of marriage and what the commitment you will make to one another holds for you. Topics to be discussed in your sessions will include: communication; finances; marital expectations; family origin roles and issues; sexuality, family, and children; faith, religion and church; and, conflict resolution.

It is also suggested that you plan to attend our New Marrieds Class or plan a meeting time with the Pastor about six months following the wedding, in your home, for any follow-up discussion. It is our sincere hope that such a course of action will strengthen your bond and allow for good relationships to be developed between yourselves and the church.

d. Inter-Denominational and Inter-Faith Marriages

Traditionally, the wedding service takes place in the church of the bride and is conducted by its pastor. In such instances where an inter-denominational or inter-faith marriage ceremony is held at Bethel, the Lutheran order of service will be used and our pastor will preside at the ceremony.

e. Non-Member Weddings

Preference in terms of dates and other priorities are logically given to couples when one of those to be married is a member of Bethel. Couples desiring to be married by our pastor will be considered on an individual basis, after an initial meeting with the pastor. A fee for the use of the sanctuary will be required as well as other fees outlined in the Expense Section.

f. The License

The marriage license must be secured and given to the church office at least 4 days before the actual wedding service date. This can be obtained from the County Clerk's office. Usually there is a waiting period before you may obtain the license so proper planning is important.

4. DECORATIONS/PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Flowers

Flowers always add beauty to special worship services, such as your wedding. The flowers for the Altar may be arranged with the florist of your choice. If you desire to leave the flowers for the church's use, please let the church office or the pastor know well in advance. We do recommend that you consider the expense and simplicity of the setting when selecting your arrangements. Check with the church office to determine the availability of silk arrangements from the church.

Only cloth flower pedals may be used by a flower girl.

b. Candles and Paraments

At Bethel, as in other confessional evangelical churches, it is traditional that the "color of the season or day" take preference over other desired colors on the altar. Therefore, the seasonal paraments covering the altar and pulpit will remain. The Altar candles may be used for your wedding. Bethel also has aisle candles, which attach to the pews and are available for a fee. Decorating bows or flowers are welcome. (Please see the expense section for costs, etc.) It is the responsibility of the couple to provide a "Wedding Candle" or "Unity Candle" should one be desired.

c. Rice/Bird Seed/Confetti/Balloons, Etc.

While it has long been customary to throw rice and/or confetti or release balloons, it is incompatible with a Christian ceremony. Due to our increasing awareness and concern for the environment and how our actions affect what God has given, this pagan custom (a sign of fertility) is not permitted. Birdseed is also discouraged. Bubbles may be used outside. (It is the wedding party's responsibility to see that the laced cloth, etc. is picked up from the church property.)

d. Aisle Runner

Bethel does not have an aisle runner, which is laid immediately before the service starts. However, arrangements can be made with your florist to secure one. You will need one at least 75 feet long. We recommend paper cloth instead of a roll of plastic.

e. Photographs and Video Taping

Flash pictures, by the professional photographer only are permitted as the wedding party enters and leaves the sanctuary. *Flash pictures are not permitted during the ceremony.* Video taping of the service is permitted under the following conditions: *a) the camera be located* on a stationary tripod, in a secluded location (along the back wall or side transepts; b) there is no additional lighting required, and c) the camera need only slight adjustment by an operator. Other considerations may be addressed to the pastor prior to the wedding service.

f. Setting Up/Taking Down

Decorations and flowers for the church and reception (if at the church) are to be done on the day of the wedding, and completed at least 1 hour prior to the ceremony. Decorations are to be attached with masking tape, wire/string, or rubber bands; not tacks, nails, or "scotch" tape. All decorations are to be removed by the wedding party unless other arrangements have been made in advance.

5. YOUR MARRIAGE SERVICE

It is our intent that your ceremony be as meaningful and worshipful as possible for all attending. This is a time when all present can gather in praise and witness to the gift God gives. The Marriage Service is a service of worship where vows are made, prayers are offered, and a blessing given. It is our hope that the Service would be a reflection of your faith in God and your love and commitment to one another.

While the Lutheran Order for Marriage, found in our **Lutheran Book of Worship**, is the norm, it is also offered as a guide allowing flexibility and diversity. Various options are available to you in planning the service. Some of these might include: congregational participation with hymns or Psalms, the use of various vows and promises, or the use of a wedding/unity candle. Please see our website: www.bethelscsmi.org, **Worship at Bethel, Planning Your Wedding**, for additional suggestions and resources. These and other options can be discussed with the pastor while making the plans for the service.

Suggested Orders of Service

Order without Holy Communion

Pre-Service Music

The Entrance Rite

The Processional

Pastoral Greeting and Prayer

[The Promises of Commitment]

The Word

Lessons

Meditation

The Marriage Rite

The Covenant Vows

The Blessing and Exchange of Rings

The Announcement of Marriage

[Lighting of the Wedding Candle]

Nuptial Blessing

Prayers for the Couple

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Recessional

Order with Holy Communion

Pre-Service Music

The Entrance Rite

The Processional

Pastoral Greeting and Prayer

[The Promises of Commitment]

The Word

Lessons

Meditation

The Marriage Rite

The Covenant Vows

The Blessing and Exchange of Rings

The Announcement of Marriage

[Lighting of the Wedding Candle]

Nuptial Blessing

Prayers for the Couple

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Sign of Peace

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Holy Communion

The Benediction

The Recessional

a. Planning your Wedding Service

A wedding service is above all a celebration of worship where those who gather witness the sharing and blessing of vows in the name of the Triune God. The pastor and staff persons working with you will assist you to plan a ceremony that exemplifies you as couple. Following are a variety of the options you may include in your order of worship.

b. The Wedding Rehearsal

The rehearsal is extremely important. Its purpose is to let everyone relax and understand his or her role in the ceremony. The Pastor and/or Wedding Coordinator will direct you through the service, making sure that everyone is familiar and comfortable with their responsibilities.

All the principles are to be present, if possible. This includes the couple, the father of the bride (where appropriate), the best man and maid or matron of honor, the bridesmaids or attendants, and the ushers and groomsmen. Although other persons are welcome to attend, their presence is not required.

c. Wedding Music

Your wedding day is a unique and pivotal day in your life. The Christian wedding service is, of course, the most significant moment. This is such a brief moment that the more you know about the elements of the service, the more memorable it should be for you. One element, which can be inspiring and touching to the participants, family, and guests and will affect the general atmosphere of the proceedings, is the music.

1. The style of music used at your service should reflect your Christian values and classical tastes. We encourage avoiding contemporary "pop" pieces, as they tend to fade from memory and popularity. Depending on the type of wedding you seek to develop, your music selections may vary from traditional to contemporary.
2. You will meet with the organist/musician to select various pieces for your ceremony. These will include music to be played prior to the service, during the service and following the ceremony as your guests are leaving the sanctuary.

Processional and Recessional Music

Canon in D - Pachelbel
 Psalm XIX - Marcello
 Trumpet Voluntary - Clarke
 Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - Bach
 Trumpet Tune - Purcell
 "Air" from Water Music - Handel
 "The Rejoicing," Royal Fireworks - Handel
 Allegro Maestoso from Water Music - Handel
 Now Thank We All Our God - Karg-Elert
 Trumpet Tune - Stanley

Top Christian Wedding Songs

Unfailing Love - Jimmy Needham
 The Day Before You - Matthew West
 Household of Faith - Steve Green
 Holding Hands - Steve Green
 When God Made You - Newsong
 Love of My Life - J Brickman. MW Smith
 How Beautiful - Ben Utech
 My Heart, My Soul - Avalon
 Your Love Broke Through – R St. James
 I will Be Here - Steven Curtis Chapman

3. Other options, in addition to or in lieu of, organ or keyboard may include:

- a. **Vocal Music** using one or more singers. This adds meaning to the service through the text of the song. If you have a vocalist (sometimes friends or relatives will sing) you will need to select songs, arrange appropriate compensation as well as make sure the vocalists and organists or musicians are connected for a rehearsal.
- b. **Instruments** - a trumpet, brass group, or other instruments add another dimension to the sound. Again, you will need to select pieces used, arrange for appropriate compensation and make sure time for rehearsals are planned.
- c. **Congregational hymn singing** – brings everyone into the ceremony as participants. This may be accomplished through the organ, keyboard, or other musicians. There are some suggestions on the last page of this booklet. Please contact our musician to discuss your options.

Suggested Hymns and Songs available in our worship materials.

Lutheran Book of Worship

287 *O Perfect Love*
 288 *Hear Us Now, Our God and Father*
 289 *Heavenly Father, Hear Our Prayer*
 456 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
 508 *Come Down, O Love Divine*
 512 *O How Blest the House*
 514 *O Savior, Precious Savior*
 543 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
 551 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*
 557 *Let All Things Now Living*

With One Voice

748 *Bind Us Together*
 749 *When Love Is Found*
 751 *As Man And Woman We Were Made*
 770 *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*
 795 *Oh, Sing to the Lord*

4. Types of music - Almost all styles of music (i.e. classical, pop, folk, rock, jazz, etc.) can be equally appropriate. It is the content of the lyrics or text of the song that will determine how suitable the song is in the context of a church service. Because most of us listen to popular music, your first thought may be of a contemporary love song that has been a special part of your courtship. This is not necessarily a good reason to include it in the wedding service. Generally, it is easy to include these personally significant songs at your reception, for example, during the bridal dance or at some other time. The music during the ceremony should be limited to pieces of a more spiritual nature. A vocalist can introduce such pieces. You may find something that will become significant to both of you in a different way than a popular song would. Before you become too attached to the idea of having a particular song, listen to it objectively one more time. It should be about more than the emotional and physical.
5. Additional instrumental music is usually limited to before the service, or for the processional, and/or recessional. Instrumental solos are possible during the ceremony, but, although

they may sound beautiful, they do not have a clear meaning to everyone. Have your instrumentalist(s) contact the organist.

d. Additional Options for your Wedding

Found on our internet website, www.bethelscsmi.org, are a number of options you may wish to include as part of your ceremony. Click on *Worship at Bethel*, then *Planning Your Wedding*.

1. Blessing of the Hands
This rite acknowledge your life together as husband and wife and the hands of each other who will hold, touch, caress and serve you.
2. Fasting Hands
This ceremony comes to us from the ancient Celtic culture. Cords or ribbons are used to bound or “tie” the couple together. Each color represents a different part of the relationship.
3. Promises of Commitment
Marriage is more than a promise; it is a life long commitment. Not only do you commit your life to the one you are marrying, but all those who know, love and care about you are also making a commitment. “The Promises of Commitment” are one optional declarations you can add to your service helping everyone involved, including children from former marriages, see their role in your life long union together.
4. Cutting Strings
This brief ceremony representing “cutting the strings” of attachment to one’s parents and being joined to the spouse.
5. Unity Candle
This ceremony is another public moment demonstrating the biblical image of two joining together to be one. Using two side candles and a larger center candle the imagery bring to life the words of Scripture, “two shall be come one.”
6. Giving a Flower to each mother or set of parents
A brief but often meaningful and intimate moment as both bride and groom carry a flower (often a red rose) from the altar and present it to their new in-law parents. Many times these flowers are arranged without the knowledge of the parents as a way to surprise them.
7. Sand Ceremony
This ceremony can be used in a variety of ways. It is a great way to demonstrate the biblical admonition of two becoming one. It is also a meaningful way to show the blending of two families into a single unit.⁸
8. Remembrance candles for deceased love ones
9. A Parents or Family Blessing
10. The ancient Indian Blessing

e. Recommended Lessons

The Scriptures offer a variety of lessons appropriate for marriage services. Some thoughts on selecting verses for your ceremony include those which:

- a) have special meaning for you;
- b) speak of God's love found in us;
- c) speak directly to marriage and life together in Christian commitment and community;
- d) witness to your faith individually and as a couple in Jesus Christ.

Usually two or three lessons are read by the pastor or family members and friends. The bride and groom may also read the lessons to each other and the congregation.

Suggested Readings

Old Testament

Genesis 1: 26-31a;
 Genesis 2:18-24
 Genesis 24: 48-51, 58-67;
 Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12;
 Ruth 1:12-17
 Song of Solomon 2: 10-13;
 Song of Solomon 8:7
 Isaiah 63: 7-9

Psalms

Psalm 33
 Psalm 100
 Psalm 117
 Psalm 127
 Psalm 136
 Psalm 150

New Testament

Romans 8: 31b-35, 37-39
 Romans 12: 1-2, 9-12 or 9-18
 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13; (13.4-8)
 Ephesians 5: 2a, 21-33;
 Colossians 3: 12-17
 1 John 3: 18-24
 1 John 4: 7-12
 Revelation 19: 1, 5-9

Gospel

Matthew 5: 13-16
 Matthew 7: 21, 24-29
 Matthew 19: 4-6
 Matthew 22:35-40
 Mark 10: 6-9
 John 2: 1-10
 John 15: 9-12
 John 15: 12-16

f. Forms of Vows

Listed below are four types of vows many have used in the past. The object of your vow is to verbalize your commitment to the covenant into which the two of you are entering. You are welcome to use one of these listed below, a combination of those listed, those you have written on your own in consultation with our pastor or another you have found elsewhere. Our pastor will give you guidance and will have final approval.

- A. I take you _____(name)_____, 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 departs us.
- B. I take you, _____(name)_____, to be my faithful wife/husband, and these things I promise you: I will be faithful to you and honest with you; I will respect, trust, help and care for you; I will share my life with you; I will forgive you as we have been forgiven; and I will try with you better to understand ourselves, the world, and God; through the best and worst of what is to come until death parts us.
- C. I take you, _____(name)_____, to be my wife/husband. I promise before God and these witnesses to be your faithful husband/wife, to share with you in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, to forgive and strengthen you, and to join with you so that together we may serve God and each other as long as we both shall live.
- D. I, _____, take you, _____, as my wedded wife/husband, to have to hold from this forward, for better or worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death parts us according to God's almighty plan, and to you I pledge my love, faithfulness, and support.

g. The Holy Communion

Should you desire the Sacrament of Holy Communion it may be offered at your wedding. It is the policy of Bethel Lutheran Church that communion be open to all baptized individuals who recognize the presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and the wine and have been properly instructed in the Sacrament. We certainly welcome people of different denominations to share in the Sacrament as their faith and understanding permit.

Both bread and wine (or grape juice) are served. Distribution is by the method known as *Intinction*. The pastor will serve the bread or wafers, the bride and groom will serve the wine in chalices. If desired, two others from the wedding party may serve grape juice from chalices. The wedding party may provide bread. There may be a minimal cost for the use of the wine and grape juice.

h. Duties of Ushers

All the ushers are to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the service.

Before the service:

- a. Light the candles on the altar (and down the aisle when used) 30 minutes before the ceremony. The torches and lighters are kept behind the altar.
- b. Greet and seat guests when they arrive. There are no special sides so it is not necessary to ask “whose friend” they are.
- c. Designated seating should be well marked for family members.
- d. If an aisle runner is used, immediately prior to the start of the ceremony usher the mothers forward and bring the runner back. No other guests are to be seated thereafter until the bride and groom are in front. Late people may slip in the back pews.

During the Service:

- a. Should the ushers not be part of the wedding party in front, make sure the bridesmaids and bride are lined up in correct order.
- b. Keep an eye on things, making sure everything is running smoothly.
- c. Bathrooms are located at the bottom of the narthex stairs, or in the hallway to the left of the sanctuary by the pastors offices.

Following the service:

- a. Usher the bride’s parents and groom’s parents from the sanctuary in that order.
- b. Dismiss guests pew by pew, beginning at the front of the church.
- c. Extinguish the aisle candles and assist removing decorations.

i. The Receiving Line

The following order is recommended for the receiving line:

Mother of the Bride
 Father of the Groom
 Mother of the Groom
 Father of the Bride
 Bride
 Groom
 Maid of Honor
 Best Man
 Bridesmaids and Groomsmen

j. The Wedding Reception

Bethel’s building can be available for your wedding reception. Please let the Pastor and church office know so the proper arrangements can be made. Alcoholic beverages may not be served on the church premises.

k. Bulletins

Since it is possible that you will have people present who are not familiar with an order of wedding service, you might consider a printed order of service. This allows everyone present to participate. The bulletins can be printed here for a fee or you may have them done elsewhere. To have them typed and printed at the church, bulletins must be in the church office one week prior to the wedding. You can find wedding bulletins online or at Christian book stores.

l. General Notes

- A. The bride and her attendants should arrive no later than forty five minutes prior to the ceremony. Space will be reserved in the basement classrooms for dressing, as necessary.
- B. Gowns and suits should reflect good taste in keeping with the setting.
- C. The groom and best man should be in their designated places 15 minutes prior to the wedding.
- D. Smoking is not permitted in the building.
- E. All members of the wedding party are to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages or using mood altering chemicals (including pot) prior to the wedding. If the pastor questions any ones sobriety or potential drug use they will be asked to step out of the wedding.

6. PLANNING YOUR WEDDING

It is recommended that early in your wedding planning you get a loose leaf binder with dividers. You might also get pocket envelopes to keep smaller notes for each section. We suggest at least 5 sections.

1. Invitations and Guests - wedding lists, records of gifts received, a copy of the invitation, a list of invitations sent, RSVP's received, thank you – acknowledgements, etc.
2. Wedding Ceremony - all your notes on the wedding service, who sits where, attendants, ushers, groomsmen, etc.
3. Wedding Party - those asked to be in the wedding, notes on gowns, suits, etc., special notes about gifts of appreciation can be kept here.
4. Reception - all contracts for every aspect of your reception can be kept in this section who is doing what/when, create your job calendar, who needs to be contacted when, will there be a limousine?, payments made to who
5. Other notes you will need to keep for your records.

7. IN CLOSING

It is our sincere hope that this occasion is only the beginning of a long and fruitful life together. We believe in God's gracious gift of marriage and want you to participate fully in that gift.

And even though, as in the scriptures, we desire only to be good hosts and hostesses to those whom we invite to share in our joy, a word of thrift is given. Let your celebration be one filled with good planning, good use of resources and good stewardship so that the beginning of your life together can be one of great happiness and fulfillment.

Please feel free to contact our pastor whenever you have a question and may God bless your union together!

Bethel Lutheran Church
 Wedding Fee/Expense Chart

A **\$100.00 refundable deposit** is to be paid to the church office to reserve your wedding date and time on a first come, first basis on the church calendar. This is included as part of your fee.

If your wedding is AWAY from the building causing our pastor to be unavailable to lead worship, the following fees shall be paid to the church: for Saturday evening, \$150.00, for one service Sunday \$250.00, for both Sunday morning services, \$400.00.

A. For members of Bethel \$ 300.00

When the bride, groom or parents are members of the congregation

Includes organist, premarital counseling and custodial services

Pastor	Personal arrangements
Pew Candles (rental, includes candles)	\$25.00
Bulletins	\$30.00 for set up and typing Couple supplies own bulletin
Soloist	Personal arrangements

B. For non-members of Bethel \$1000.00

When neither the bride, groom or parents are members

Includes building fee, pastor, organist, premarital counseling and custodial services

Pew Candles (rental, includes candles)	\$25.00
Bulletins	\$30.00 for set up and typing Couple supplies own bulletin
Soloist	Personal arrangements

C. Other facility use fees: *(\$50 or \$25 refundable deposit due for building use and clean up)*

	Member	Non-member
Rainbow Room/Gym/Lobby for reception		
Up to 25 persons (Lounge)	\$40.00	\$100.00
26 – 50 persons	40.00	125.00
51 – 75 persons	40.00	175.00
Range Hall – all numbers	40.00	175.00
Kitchen		
for coffee preparation only	no charge	no charge
for use <i>(fee plus \$50 refundable deposit)</i>	\$40.00	\$100.00
Small meeting room	\$10.00	\$ 40.00

FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHER/VIDEOGRAPHERS

Bethel Lutheran Church
26400 Little Mack Avenue
St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48081

Wedding Policy Photography and Videotaping

At Bethel we cherish the opportunity to share in the marriage of two people. It is our hope to make the day as festive and special as possible. To assist with that, we have outlined our expectations for you, making your job as easy as possible.

1. Pictures may be taken of any part of the wedding party anywhere on the property before and after the wedding ceremony.
2. We request that as many pictures as possible be taken before the wedding. This would include the bridal and group pictures in the sanctuary.
3. The sanctuary should be clear and ready to receive guests at least $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before the start of the ceremony.
4. Flash pictures, by the professional photographer, are permitted as the wedding party enters and leaves the nave.
5. Once the ceremony begins
FLASH photography is **NOT PERMITTED**
Photographers are to remain behind the last guests or behind the side columns
6. Following the service, flash and time exposure may be used.
6. On Saturdays, the wedding party must vacate the sanctuary by 4:40 PM.

For Videotaping:

1. The camera is to be located on a stationary tripod and placed either along the back wall or in the side transepts.
2. No additional lighting may be added.
3. The camera may be adjusted slightly when necessary.

Other considerations may be addressed to the pastor prior to the wedding service.