

# ***LIGHT OF CHRIST WEDDING PACKET***

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## **HOW TO SCHEDULE YOUR WEDDING AT LIGHT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

- 1. First, read through this wedding packet.**
- 2. Call the church office and talk to the church secretary about the availability of the facilities for your desired wedding day.**
- 3. Speak to the pastor to get approval for the wedding, pre-marital counseling and determine who will perform your ceremony.**
- 4. Complete the couple information form and the wedding reservation form and send it to the church office.**
- 5. Send in the non-refundable deposit to secure the facilities.**
- 6. Set up an appointment to sit down with the pastor to begin the pre-marital counseling.**
- 7. The wedding coordinator will contact you to work out details for your wedding.**

## **FIRST AND FOREMOST:**

We believe God created the heavens and the earth and God created everything good. We believe man disobeyed God and brought sin into the world. The only way that sin could be overcome was by God becoming human- Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus Christ lived a life without sin and died on the cross for the sins of the world. We believe Jesus Christ rose from the dead and took His place at the right hand of God. We at Light of Christ are a community of believers, followers and worshippers of Jesus Christ.

With this in mind, if you chose to do your premarital counseling here or have your ceremony performed by the pastors of this church, we will talk about Jesus Christ during your pre-marital counseling and your wedding ceremony. We don't believe in shoving religion down people's throats but we will talk about Christ since that's what we do here. We also believe that Jesus Christ should be the foundation of every marriage and every life.

## **YOUR MARRIAGE:**

Light of Christ is happy to help couples as they seek to begin their relationship as husband and wife. We are also happy to help you lay the foundation for a solid marriage by providing premarital counseling. Marriage has been instituted (started and set up) by God Himself. God speaks about marriage in scripture in many places. Below you can see just a few examples. Marriage is for raising families but first and foremost, husbands and wives are to serve each other as Christ loved and served the church.

### **Genesis 2:19-24**

<sup>19</sup> Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." <sup>24</sup> For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

### **Ephesians 5:25-33**

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-- <sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." <sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

## **THE BASICS:**

### **A. Who can be married at Light of Christ?**

Christian couples are welcome. Non-Christian couples may use the facilities with approval from the pastor and the Elders. If you are a non-Christian please make sure to read the first couple of paragraphs in this wedding packet.

### **B. Premarital counseling.**

All couples getting married at Light of Christ must go through premarital counseling. With divorce rates at 50%, premarital counseling is a great way to begin the process of examining various issues so they don't become big problems during your marriage. The pastor(s) of Light of Christ can provide premarital counseling. If you wish to go through a different premarital counseling program, please inform the pastor.

If you choose to do your counseling here with one of our pastors, there will be five sessions. The first session is a sit down meeting with the pastor to talk about the process and get you set up for the premarital counseling inventory. Once both of you take the inventory (either on-line or at the church) there will be four one hour sessions. During one of these sessions, you will plan out the wedding service. You will work out the meeting times with the pastor.

### **C. Who may perform weddings at Light of Christ?**

- a. The current pastor(s) of Light of Christ.
- b. Any LCMS pastor or ordained pastor from a church with which the LCMS has pulpit fellowship.
- c. Pastors from the ethnic churches renting space from Light of Christ.
- d. An ordained minister from another Christian church with prior approval of the current pastor and Board of Elders.

### **D. What about musicians?**

You may use the church's organist or you can bring in your own organist. The church does not have singers available but you may bring in singers for your ceremony if this is something you would like to have.

### **E. What about music?**

Please check your music selection with the pastor. Music with profanity or sexual references is not allowed.

**F. Photography:**

No pictures with flash or strobe lights are to be taken during the wedding service. Pictures may be taken prior to the wedding, provided they are complete at least 30 minutes prior to the service. Specific times for picture taking can be worked out with the wedding coordinator.

**G. Flowers and decorations:**

The wedding coordinator will be able to work with you in how to set up the sanctuary. Light of Christ does not provide Pew Bows, Special Candle holders or Aisle Runners. Most of these items can be purchased at chain stores or floral shops.

**H. Bulletins:**

If you chose to have a bulletin for your ceremony you must provide the bulletin covers. You can go to any card shop or Christian book store to purchase them. The church secretary can help by showing you various catalogues that contain wedding bulletins.

If you chose to have a bulletin for your service all information will need to be in the church office two weeks prior to your wedding day. Obviously, any changes after that time can not be made. Please fill out the bulletin work sheet and return to the church secretary.

**I. Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs and smoking:**

Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not permitted in the facilities or on the property of Light of Christ. Smoking is not permitted in any building.

**J. Wedding license:**

Your wedding license should be left in the church office one week prior to the wedding. You may contact the church office the week after your wedding for a photocopy of the license. If you are using outside clergy you should arrange with them how they want to handle your marriage license.

**K. Why do members pay less than non-members and Lutheran non-members?**

Part of belonging to a church means supporting your church through prayers, giving of your time, giving of your talents and through your tithes and offerings. In return, your church should provide these services to their members at a reduced cost. It is one of the benefits of belonging to a church. For members there are fees that need to be charged to cover the costs of the premarital counseling, electrical bills and the time of the various people who will be assisting you with planning and running your wedding.

## FEE SCHEDULE

### SANCTUARY RENTAL

Non-member	\$1500
Lutheran non-member	\$750
Member	\$300

Includes the sanctuary for 2 hours prior to the service and one hour following the service. Extra time might be granted depending on the schedule for the day. The fee also includes your wedding rehearsal.

### WEDDING COORDINATOR

Non-member	\$225
Member	\$150

The wedding coordinator will be able to help with many of the arrangements for the wedding. Including answering your questions of what the church has or does not have, setting up your rehearsal, letting florist into the church, etc.

### PASTORAL SERVICES

Non-member	\$300
Lutheran non-member	\$300
Member	\$30.00

Includes premarital counseling, the wedding rehearsal and performing the wedding ceremony.

### ORGANIST

Member and non-member	\$150
Extra rehearsals > per half hour	\$50

Includes consultation, practice with a soloist at the rehearsal and playing for the Wedding service.

### FELLOWSHIP HALL

Non-member	\$1500
Lutheran non-member	\$750
Member	\$500

This will include some table and chairs- the church doesn't have many if you have a large wedding reception. If you will need more tables, chairs or other supplies you will have to bring those in yourself. The fee includes paying for clean up and set up of the room.

### When are fees due?

- \* The Fee for the pastor: There is a \$30 fee that needs to be paid upfront to begin the premarital counseling with the remainder due by the wedding rehearsal.
- \* All other fees are due by the wedding rehearsal- minus the non-refundable deposit to hold your wedding date.
- \* In order to reserve the sanctuary for the day and time of your wedding a 25% non-refundable deposit is required. The deposit is 25% of the sanctuary rental fee. The remainder of the fee is due by the rehearsal.

## WEDDING RESERVATION FORM:

*In order to reserve the sanctuary for the day and time of your wedding a 25% non-refundable deposit is required. The deposit is 25% of the sanctuary rental fee. The remainder of the fee is due by the rehearsal.*

**BRIDE'S NAME:**

**GROOM'S NAME:**

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Wedding date: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding time: \_\_\_\_\_

Rehearsal date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rehearsal time: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Officiating Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees:**

Sanctuary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Coordinator: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fellowship Hall: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below I acknowledge that I am making a non-refundable deposit to secure my wedding date. I also acknowledge I have read all of the parts of the wedding packet. All fees (except the premarital counseling and the non-refundable deposit) are due by the wedding rehearsal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bride

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Groom

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\* Checks for the sanctuary and fellowship hall are to be made out to Light of Christ Lutheran Church and checks for the pastor and the wedding coordinator can be made out directly to them

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**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Pastoral approval?                      YES    NO                      Non-refundable deposit received?    YES    NO

Wedding coordinator informed?    YES    NO                      Fees approved?                                      YES    NO

Wedding date on master calendar?    YES    NO                      Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# WEDDING BULLETIN WORKSHEET

WEDDING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

BRIDE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GROOM'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

MAID OF HONOR: \_\_\_\_\_ BEST MAN: \_\_\_\_\_

BRIDES MAIDS: \_\_\_\_\_ GROOMSMEN \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

FLOWER GIRL: \_\_\_\_\_ RING BEARER: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS OF THE BRIDE: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENTS OF THE GROOM: \_\_\_\_\_  
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GUEST BOOK: \_\_\_\_\_

SOLOISTS: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER PEOPLE WHO NEED TO BE MENTIONED AND THEIR ROLE:

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- \* You will have to supply the wedding bulletin covers
- \* This form is due two weeks prior to your wedding day. Once the bulletin is printed no changes will be allowed.
- \* The pastor will provide the order of service for the bulletin- including the music, vows and exchange of rings.

The couple will work with the pastor in choosing these during pre-marital counseling.

## COUPLE INFORMATION FORM:

### GROOM'S INFO:

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First Last Date of Birth

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Address Unit number City State Zip

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Home Phone number

( ) --  
Cell Phone Number

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### BRIDE'S INFO:

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First Last Date of Birth

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Address Unit number City Zip

( ) --  
Home Phone number

( ) --  
Cell Phone Number

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_