

Planning a Wedding

at

Hosanna Main

or

Hosanna Highland

Church?

Wedding Policy

The following policy defines weddings that will be conducted at Hosanna Lutheran Church.

Biblical Base

In Article III of its Constitution Hosanna Lutheran Church confesses one God, Father (Creator), Son (Redeemer), and Holy Spirit (Sanctifier); and believes that the divinely inspired Old and New Testaments of the Holy Scriptures are the only normative authority.

The normative authority of Holy Scripture defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman:

Genesis 1:26-28,

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 2:18-25,

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him ... 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. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man.

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."

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

The man and his wife were naked, and they felt no shame.

Matthew 19:4-6,

"Haven't you read," He (Jesus) replied, "that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female," and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

Thus all weddings conducted at Hosanna Lutheran Church are the joining together of one man (male) and one woman (female) in marriage. Regardless of a law enacted by the State of Minnesota or the United States of America, Hosanna Lutheran Church will not conduct same sex weddings.

Marriage Preparation and Wedding Worship Planning Guide

Dear Friends,

We are happy for you that you have made a commitment to each other and are planning your marriage worship celebration. This is an exciting time for you and we wish you God's richest blessings as you share in His love for you and your love for each other.

We are here to help you plan and have a beautiful, joyful, and exciting wedding ceremony. It is great that you should choose God's house as the setting for your promises to each other!

Since Hosanna Lutheran Church is a Christian church, we believe in placing Christ as the center of your wedding and an example of how to live out your married lives. Our primary purpose as Christians and as a Christian congregation is to share this Good News about what Christ had done and continues to do in our lives.

To make your wedding day a memorable one, we offer the help of our experience with many weddings and so the following page suggests some of our policies and procedures which may answer many of your questions and help you in making your wedding plans.



THE WEDDING CELEBRATION: HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH
105 Hosanna Drive, Mankato, MN 56001 Phone: (507)388-1766

- 1) Scheduling your wedding – please contact the church office and ask for Pam. She will check with one of our Pastors to be sure that the date you have chosen is available. There is a certain amount of marriage preparation that may take place before a wedding so that scheduling a wedding well in advance of your wedding date is necessary.
 - A. Because of our Saturday 5:30 – 6:30 PM worship time, weddings may be scheduled no later than 2:30 PM. Occasional 7pm Saturday services are allowed. Remember that you can also have a wedding on another day of the week if you prefer, depending upon the availability of a pastor.
- 2) Pre-marriage counseling is required before the Pastor will perform your wedding. This may be done with the officiating Pastor through a one-part pre-marriage class offered on two dates during the year and meetings as a couple with a pastor.
- 3) Church Specifics:
 - A. Church Wedding Fees: Wedding Coordinator: \$125
Checks made out to
Sheila Heiden, or Rita Hendrickson
Church Cleaning: \$75:
Checks made out but name left blank
Church Use: \$200:
Checks made out to Hosanna Lutheran Church
Sound Technician: \$75:
Checks made out to Matt Kotthoff
Music Director: \$150: (contact person; Sarah Keller, 381-3226.
Checks made out to _____

All fees are due two weeks before the wedding. Please give your checks to your wedding coordinator or mail them to Pam at 105 Hosanna Drive, Mankato, MN 56001

 - B. Use of fellowship hall and kitchen for Groom's Dinner: \$100.
 - C. Hosanna has seating for approximately 200 people in the old sanctuary and 720 in the new sanctuary.
- 4) It is appropriate to give a gift to the pastor in appreciation for the time spent counseling with you, planning, rehearsing and performing your wedding. The normal gift is \$150 - \$200; made out to the officiating Pastor. If your wedding is offsite, please remember to include additional money for mileage (rehearsal and wedding).
- 5) A marriage license may be obtained at any court house; but is also available at the Blue Earth County Government Center, 410 S 5th Street (389-8340); and must be present at the time of the wedding. A license may not be applied for prior to six months of the wedding and MUST be applied for before 5 days before the wedding. The cost is \$120. If you complete the 12 hours of pre-marriage counseling with one of the pastors, there is a savings on the marriage license. A letter of verification may be obtained from the pastor officiating the wedding.
- 6) *Musicians should be scheduled as soon as possible* in your wedding planning. Please contact Sarah Keller at 507-351-3226. You are welcome to suggest musicians.

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WEDDING SERVICE INFORMATION

Date: _____ Time: _____

Approved Location: _____

Officiant: (to be filled in by Hosanna Staff) _____

Wedding Coord. (to be filled in by staff) _____

GROOM INFORMATION

Full Legal Name:

First: _____

Middle: _____

Last: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Church Affiliation: _____ Previously Married? Yes / No Children? Yes / No

BRIDE INFORMATION

Full Legal Name:

First: _____

Middle: _____

Last: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Church Affiliation: _____ Previously Married? Yes / No Children? Yes / No

SERVICE INFORMATION

Rehearsal: YES/NO Date: _____ Time: _____

Scripture Reading(s) _____

Unity Candle: YES/NO Vow Choice: _____

Number of Guests: _____

Do you wish for a prayer to be said on Sunday, following your wedding? Yes/no

Musician(s) _____ Instruments _____

Soloist(s) _____

Your new home address: _____

Wedding Fees: 2018

Due two weeks before the wedding. (Individual Checks only please.)

1. Church Use: to *Hosanna* \$200 (final check will be \$100)
((\$100 upfront to reserve: due on date reservation is made and information sheet turned in)
2. Wedding Coordinator: \$125
(checks made out to Sheila Heiden, Rita Hendrickson; determined through Hosanna)
3. Church Cleaning: \$75
(please leave check name blank)
4. Sound Technician \$75
(check made out to Matt Kotthoff)
5. Recommended Pastoral Gift \$150-200
(check made out to Pastor Dennis Heiden, Pastor Steve Kosberg, Pastor Michael Omtvedt,
Pastor Adam Parvey, Pastor Darren Scruggs)
6. Music Director: Contact Sarah Keller, \$150
(Fee may vary depending on music needs)

7. ****All Offsite Weddings: \$150-\$200 for Officiating Pastor
 plus \$100 for coordinator
 + current rate for mileage both ways. (total mileage driven)

Hosanna's Wedding Limitations

- 1) Smoke Free: Smoking is available at outside entrances where cigarette butt disposal units are supplied. Please don't flick used butts out in the parking area or sidewalks.
- 2) No alcoholic beverages are permitted anywhere on Hosanna property. This includes sidewalks or parking lots.
- 3) Bird seed or bubbles are suggested (no rice) outside the building following the ceremony if that is desired.
- 4) Use proper discretion in decorating the bride and groom's car. Please refrain from any activity that is not respectful of the day or our Savior. This is a church and the idea is to celebrate not to embarrass the wedding couple.
- 5) Photographer: We recommend that pictures be taken before the ceremony and completed a half hour before the worship begins. Flash photos are permitted.
- 6) Only rooms that have been scheduled for use by your wedding party may be used.
- 7) No real flowers can be dropped down the aisle. It stains the carpet.
- 8) No pets.
- 9) Please no playing in Sunday school rooms, gym, or nursery.
- 10) We suggest you start your rehearsal no earlier than 5pm, unless it conflicts with the service itself. Please make arrangements with your wedding coordinator and pastor to confirm time. They will contact the Building Coordinator at Hosanna.
- 11) All Saturday weddings must start by 2:30 p.m.
- 12) Couples may in most cases decorate the church the day before the wedding. If you have a Saturday wedding you may have to wait to decorate if there is a Friday night wedding or some other event that is happening in the church.
- 13) Please discuss music approved by Sarah Keller or the pastor before you plan on using it in your service.
- 14) Pre-marriage classes are required.
- 15) No food or drinks other than water in the sanctuary and narthex.
- 16) No hanging, taping, pinning things to walls, doors or chairs unless approved by pastor or wedding coordinator.
- 17) Always treat the church with respect. Accidents happen so if something gets damaged please just tell us so we can get it fixed. Use common sense.

Possible Scripture Readings

Old Testament:

Genesis 1:26-31

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 127:1-2

Jeremiah 32:38-41

Song of Songs (Solomon) 2:10-13

Psalm 128:1-4

Ruth 1:16-17

New Testament:

Matthew 7:24-27

John 2:1-11

John 17:26

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Ephesians 4:1-6

Colossians 3:12-17

1 John 3:11-24 (various verses)

Matthew 19:4-6

John 15:9-17

1 Corinthians 3:10-17

Ephesians 4:32-5:2

Ephesians 5:22-25

1 John 4:7-12

Romans 12:1-2

Marriage Vows

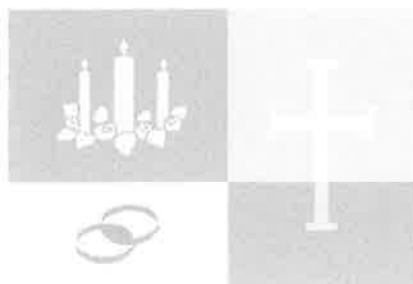
1. I take you, _____ to be my wife/husband from this day forward, to join with you and share all that is to come and with the help of God, I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us. (LBW)
2. I, _____ take you, _____ to be my wedded wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish till death do we part, according to God's holy ordinance; I pledge to you my faithfulness.
3. _____, I take you to be my wife/husband from this time onward, to join with you and share all that is to come, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire to respond, and in all circumstances of our life together to be loyal to you with my whole life and with all my being.
4. I take you, _____ 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 others as long as we both shall live.
5. I take you, to be my 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 the worst of what is to come as long as we live.
6. _____, I want to live with you just as you are. I will be honest with you and forgive you, just as God has forgiven me. I love you for what you are to me and for what you are to others. With Christ as my guide, I will attempt to provide the unconditional love needed for your health and growth. I choose you above all others, and promise to be faithful to you as long as life endures.

The Exchange of Rings (after a word by the pastor)

These rings, made of precious metals, are visible symbols to all who see them and to these two who will wear them, of the precious and enduring commitment they have just made to each other in your presence.

Bless, O Lord, the giving of these rings, that they who wear them may abide in your love and continue in your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness."



Pre-service Music (15 minutes prior)

Bridal Party Entrance: *song*
Bride's Entrance: *song*
(or processional if one song)

Wedding Party

Officiant: Pastor Dennis Holden

Service of the Word

Invocation, Prayer and Welcome

Song

Bride's Parents:

Groom's Parents:

Scripture Reading:

Maid of Honor:

Scripture Reading:

Bride's Maids:

Song

Message

Flower Girl or Ring Bearer:

Song

Personal Attendant:

The Marriage Rite

Best Man:

Wedding Vows

Groom's Men:

Exchange of Rings

Unity sand or candle

Ushers:

Song

Musicians:

Prayers

Flowers on altar are in remembrance of:

Lord's Prayer (spoken or soloist)

Reception to follow at

Presentation of the Wedding Couple

Recessional:

Pre-Marriage Survey

Names:

1. Share a brief timeline of your relationship
 - a. We have known each other _____
 - b. We have been dating for _____
 - c. We have been engaged for _____
 - d. Our wedding date is _____

2. Share in a few sentences how you met:

3. Complete sentence below that reflects you:

Before we get married we chose to ...

Live together because ...

Not live together because ...

4. In your opinion what are the three most important practices that make a marriage work?

5. What are two of the biggest challenges to building a marriage strong?