

Music

Music is a very important part of every worship service. You are responsible to secure musicians for your ceremony. A list of possible musicians is available. You are encouraged to choose music from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal. All wedding ceremony music shall be in keeping with a Christian worship service and approved by the pastor. Recorded music shall be used only with special permission from the pastor.

Set Up and Clean Up

Keys to unlock the building are available to be checked out from the church office and shall be returned following the wedding. All set up shall be scheduled with the pastor to make sure there are not conflicts with the use of the building.

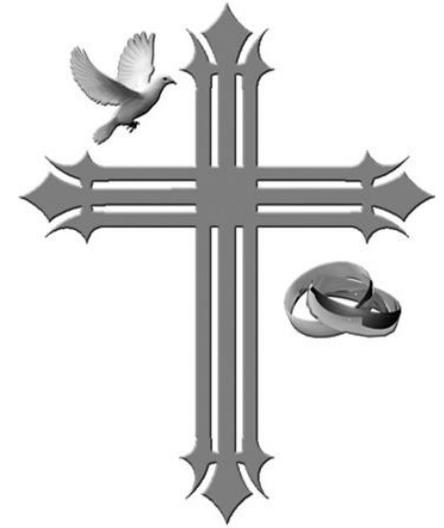
Clean up is the complete responsibility of the wedding party. All wedding and personal items shall be removed immediately following the wedding. Furnishings that have been moved shall be returned to their original locations. Floors shall be swept and vacuumed as needed. All trash shall be picked up and trash cans shall be emptied. All lights shall be turned off and doors locked.

Rehearsal

The wedding rehearsal shall be scheduled with the pastor. It is important the bride, groom, bridesmaids, groomsmen, ushers, flower girls, ring bearers, bride's parents, groom's parents, musicians and anyone else who will participate in the wedding attend the rehearsal. It is courteous for all parties involved to be on time.

Fees

Members of the Fisher Bygland Parish shall pay a fee of \$50 to Fisher Lutheran Church. Non-members shall pay a \$1000 fee to Fisher Lutheran Church. Fees are due at the time of booking. You may choose to give the pastor an honorarium. The customary fee for an organist, pianist, soloist, or other musicians for both the rehearsal and wedding, is \$150 for each musician. Ask your musicians about their fees and pay them on or before the day of the wedding.



*Fisher Lutheran
Church*

Fisher, MN

Wedding

Information

*Jesus said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."
(Matthew 19:5)*

Scheduling

We celebrate with you the love that God has given to you and your future spouse. We look forward to working with you to plan for your wedding ceremony and prepare for your marriage.

Couples who wish to be married at Fisher Lutheran Church must contact the pastor at least three months in advance of their desired wedding date. Please be advised that weddings are usually not scheduled during the season of Lent, between Ash Wednesday and Easter.

If you wish for the pastor to officiate at a site other than the church building, please remember that the pastor has Sunday morning worship responsibilities. If your destination is more than one hour away from Fisher, only Friday weddings may be scheduled. You will be responsible for the pastor's travel and lodging expenses, including mileage reimbursement from and to Fisher Lutheran, for the entire trip.

You are invited to attend a Sunday worship service to meet with the pastor and discuss possible wedding dates. Consult our website for worship times.

Please do not finalize any other plans until you have set your wedding date with the pastor and

the parish secretary. Non-members of the Fisher Bygland Lutheran Parish must get approval from the church council before a wedding will be scheduled.

Preparation

Your wedding is one day, your marriage is for the rest of your lives. Preparing for your life together is the first step in a healthy marriage. The State of Minnesota offers a reduced fee marriage license for couples who complete twelve hours of marriage preparation, including an assessment tool and conflict resolution training. You will complete the PREPARE inventory online before meeting with the pastor for four 2-hour sessions. There is a \$65 fee for this inventory, payable by credit or debit card. You will have homework to complete between the sessions.

Policies

1. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the church premises, including the parking lot.
2. No flash photography is allowed during the ceremony. Video recording of the ceremony shall be done in a discrete way from a corner of the nave (worship room). Photographers shall not block the view of any guests and are not

allowed behind the altar during the ceremony.

3. Flowers are not to be placed on the altar. Flowers are allowed on stands next to the altar.
4. Fisher Lutheran owns two candelabrams that may be used with dripless candles. Additional candles may not be placed on the altar.
5. Unity ceremony items, such as candles and sand containers, should be placed on a stand or table in the altar area.
6. No furniture or other items belonging to the congregation may be moved without permission from the pastor.
7. No rice is allowed. Birdseed or soap bubbles may only be used outside.
8. A wedding coordinator will assist the pastor the day of the wedding and be present in the event of an emergency.