

INTRODUCTION

Congratulations! You are getting married!

We are honored that you have chosen St. Paul Lutheran Church as the place for this great event. It is our hope that this small booklet will aid in the preparation for your wedding ceremony. We ask you to read the material in a spirit of mutual concern so that your wedding day will be a memorable experience for all of us.

After reading the booklet, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office (313) 561-0168.

A note from the pastor....

It is our goal to help you create a marriage that will last a lifetime. We are most thankful that you have chosen to be united in a religious ceremony which provides a unique setting for God to be present in your marriage. We will work closely with you in preparation for your marriage and will strive to make your wedding ceremony as meaningful as possible. The ceremony is a celebration in our Christian tradition, and that in itself will have significance for the two of you.

We extend our prayers and pledge our support as we work together in preparation for your marriage.

Pastor Colleen Nieman

INITIAL STEPS

Now that you have contacted St. Paul church, here are the next steps:

- ❖ Confirm the tentative date and time with the pastor.
- ❖ Read this wedding booklet.
- ❖ Schedule a meeting with the bride, groom and pastor to complete the Wedding Information Form and to schedule premarital counseling.
- ❖ Submit a \$200 non-refundable deposit (check payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church) at or before first counseling session.

WEDDING FEES AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Paul Lutheran Church welcomes your wedding in the church and will do all we can to make the worship experience beautiful and memorable. Services provided by our pastor, staff and volunteers are beyond the scope of budgeted salaries, so the following fee schedule is applied. The fees apply to members and non-members alike except where indicated.

Fees

Organist	\$125
Custodian	\$100
Wedding Coordinator	\$100

Marriage Preparation Materials	\$40
Non-refundable Deposit <i>(Due at first meeting with pastor)</i>	\$200
Use of Church for Non-members, additional	\$300

Additional Fees

Organist rehearsal with soloists	\$50
Chancel and Aisle Candles	\$25
Sound Technician	\$50

Pastor

Suggested Gift	\$150
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The remaining total fees, less fee to reserve wedding date, are due by the time of the wedding rehearsal. Please make the check payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

THE RITE OF MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH

Order of Service

The following is an example of an Order of Service:

Prelude

Processional

Welcome and Opening Prayer

(Musical Selection - Optional)

Scripture

(Musical Selection - Optional)

Wedding Message

(Musical Selection - Optional)

Intention of Marriage

Exchange of Vows

Exchange of Rings

Unity Candle Lighting *(Optional)*

Blessing of the Marriage

Holy Communion *(Optional)*

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

(Musical Selection - Optional)

Sending Blessing

The Presentation of the Couple

Recessional

Postlude

Suggested Scripture Readings:

Psalms 67, 100, 150 - Psalms of praise
I John 4:7-11 - Love is of God
I Corinthians 13 - The hymn of divine love
John 2 - The wedding at Cana

Matthew 19:4-6 - Faithfulness in marriage
Ephesians 5:21-32 - The church and marriage
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 - A cord of three strands

Additional Readings:

Genesis 1:26-28	Jeremiah 15:12-14
Philippians 1:9-11	Genesis 2:21-24
John 1:1-5	Philippians 4:4-7
Ruth 1:16-17	I Corinthians 13:1-8a
I John 2:15-17	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Ephesians 1:16b-19a	I John 3:1-2
Jeremiah 2:1-2	Ephesians 3:16-19
I John 5:1-5	

WEDDING VOWS

***You may personalize your ceremony
by choosing one of the following vows.***

Traditional:

I, _____, take you, _____, to be my wedded wife/husband to have and to hold from this day forward, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish as long as God gives us life together, and to you, _____, I pledge my love.

I, _____, take you, _____, to be my wife/husband; to live with according to God's plan from this day on; whether there are good days or bad, whether we are in sickness or health. I give you my love, my loyalty until parted by death. This is my promise to you.

Contemporary:

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.

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 to better understand ourselves, the world and God; through the best and the worst of what is to come until death parts us.

I take you, _____, to be my wife/husband, and I promise before God and these witnesses to be your faithful wife/husband, 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.

_____, I take you to be my wife/husband, from this time onward, to join with you and to share all that is to come, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond, and in all circumstances of our life together to be loyal to you with my whole life with all my being until death parts us.

MUSIC

St. Paul's organist will play for weddings where organ or piano music is included. If unavailable, she will provide another organist. It is the responsibility of the bride and groom to speak with the organist no less than one month before the wedding. She will schedule an appointment for you to listen to and select music. If you wish to invite a different organist to play, please discuss this with the pastor or St. Paul organist before extending an invitation to the guest organist.

The selection of music for a wedding is a very important part of your planning. We ask that all music chosen be appropriate for a Christian service of worship. Secular songs are more appropriately used at the reception, but please discuss requests with the organist or pastor. If you plan to include a vocalist, trumpeter or other instrumentalists, they should be trained musicians. Our organist will provide names of musicians to contact upon request.

If you wish to use the sound system/CD/Tape player or need additional microphones set up (beyond the pulpit and lectern), you will need a sound technician for sound checks.

Suggested Processionals/Recessionals (* works well with trumpet)

<i>Bach</i>	<i>In Thee is Joy</i> <i>Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring</i> <i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>
<i>Boyce</i>	<i>Gavotte</i>
<i>Campra</i>	<i>Rigaudon</i>
<i>Charpentier</i>	<i>Prelude to Te Deum*</i>
<i>Clarke</i>	<i>Prince of Denmark's March*</i> <i>(also known as Purcell's Trumpet Voluntary)</i>

<i>Fedak</i>	<i>Processional</i>
<i>Guilmant</i>	<i>Processional March</i>
<i>Handel</i>	<i>Festal Piece*</i>
	<i>Hornpipe</i>
	<i>March*</i>
	<i>Processional in G</i>
	<i>The Rejoicing</i>
	<i>Triumphal March*</i>
	<i>Water Music - Air, Allegro Maestoso*</i>
<i>Hollins</i>	<i>A Trumpet Minuet*</i>
<i>Hopson</i>	<i>Processional of Joy</i>
<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Processional in E^b</i>
<i>Karg-Elert</i>	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>
<i>Lang</i>	<i>Tuba Tune</i>
<i>Lully</i>	<i>Trumpet March*</i>
<i>Marcello</i>	<i>Psalm 19</i>
<i>Mendelssohn</i>	<i>Allegro Maestoso from <u>Sonata II</u></i>
	<i>Con Moto Maestoso from <u>Sonata III</u></i>
	<i>Wedding March from <u>A Midsummer Night's</u></i>
	<i><u>Dream</u></i>
<i>Mouret</i>	<i>Rondeau from <u>Symphonies de Fanfares*</u></i>
<i>Purcell</i>	<i>Trumpet Tune in D*</i>
<i>Stanley</i>	<i>Andante in D*</i>
	<i>Processional in D</i>
<i>Wagner</i>	<i>Bridal Chorus from <u>Lohengrin</u></i>
<i>Wesley</i>	<i>Gavotte</i>

St. Paul Organist: Carolyn Haury (313) 657-0777

GENERAL INFORMATION

License: The marriage license should be brought to the church no later than three business days prior to the wedding date.

Wedding Time: Weddings will not be scheduled between 3:00 and 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays due to our worship schedule.

Wedding Coordinator: A wedding coordinator will be assigned. She is a church member who will offer assistance to the wedding party at the rehearsal and wedding. She is there to answer questions, solve last minute dilemmas and guide the wedding procession. Technical questions about the wedding, facilities, fees, etc. may be addressed to her or the pastor.

Rehearsal: A wedding rehearsal will be scheduled for a night or two before your wedding. The object of the rehearsal is to give each member of the wedding party a feeling of confidence in knowing what he or she is to do at the ceremony. The entire bridal party should be present-- bride, groom, maid/matron of honor, bridesmaids, best man, groomsmen, flower girl, ring bearer, ushers, and parents of the bride and groom. The Wedding Director will direct the rehearsal. **The rehearsal will begin at the scheduled starting time.** The organist will not be at the rehearsal unless special arrangements are made with her.

Ushers: There should be a minimum of two ushers for the wedding service. Groomsmen or bridesmaids may be used as additional ushers. The ushers should be at the church at least one hour before the service begins.

Access to the Church on Your Wedding Day: The sanctuary will be available to you on your wedding day. There is ample room to accommodate the needs of your wedding party. Please discuss your requirements with the pastor. Please do not leave children unattended in the building. It is expected that the facility will be left in an orderly condition.

Flowers: Floral decorations are not necessary, but if desired, they must be provided by the couple. St. Paul's florist is Fisher's Flower Shop, 2315 Monroe, Dearborn, 313-359-9200. Wedding flowers may be ordered through Fisher's or a florist of your choice. Flowers are placed on stands on either side of the altar or on the shelving behind the altar. They may NOT be placed directly on the altar. Wherever bouquets are placed, please ensure protection from water damage by providing plastic under them. When flowers are used during the service, we ask that they be removed following the wedding so that the custodial staff may clean the sanctuary and prepare it for worship.

Aisle Runner: An aisle runner is not generally used, but if desired, the length of the sanctuary aisle is 61½ feet. A runner is available from the florist and must be pinned to the carpet by the florist before the service.

Paraments and Banners: There are no special wedding paraments. Parament colors reflect the liturgical season. There are currently three wedding banners available to you.

Front & Back Entrances: Seasonal décor may be in place on the doors or lampposts. Check with the Wedding Coordinator if you wish to decorate these areas.

Candelabra: Two candelabra are available. If the candelabra are not decorated for the liturgical season, lily of the valley flowers and white bows with streamers are available for trim or you may also choose to provide your own décor.

Aisle Candles: Sixteen aisle candles are available. They are wood with brass trim with clear glass chimneys. St. Paul furnishes white candles. Colored candles may be brought in if you choose. You may also provide your own floral/ribbon décor for each aisle candle. Flowers and bows are not to be attached to the pews; tacks and tape are not allowed.

Unity Candle: If you plan to have a unity candle for your wedding, you must supply those candles. The church has a unity candle stand.

Communion: You are welcome to include communion as a part of your wedding service. We invite all who believe in the Real Presence of our Lord in the sacrament of communion to join in sharing our Lord's Supper. Communion elements will be provided by St. Paul Church.

Bulletins: It is helpful, but not necessary, to have a printed bulletin to inform guests of the order of service and the names of the participants in the wedding party. You are responsible for securing and printing the bulletins. (*We have included a sample order of service on page 4 and sample bulletin on page 14 in the booklet for your reference.*)

Photography: If you are using a professional photographer, you will also want to make these arrangements early. Be sure your photographer knows the exact location of the church. Floodlights or flash photography are not permitted during the ceremony except at the beginning of the

processional and at the end of the recessional. Videotaping using natural light is allowed if it will not interrupt or distract from the service.

Please consider having group pictures taken before the wedding service. Your photographer will probably want to begin taking pictures about one and a half hours before the service begins. Photographers must be finished **no less than 20 minutes** before the start of the service and have all equipment put away.

RESTRICTIONS:

The use of alcoholic beverages on church premises (building or parking lots) is prohibited. Smoking is permitted outside only.

Rice, birdseed or confetti MAY NOT be thrown in the church or outside. Balloons should not be released since they have been found to be an environmental hazard, especially to birds.

SAMPLE BULLETIN

The Celebration of Marriage Uniting

***Bride
and
Groom***

*Day, Date, Year
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Dearborn, Michigan*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Welcome and Opening Prayer
Musical Selection (optional)
Scripture
Musical Selection (optional)
Wedding Message
Musical Selection (optional)

THE RITE OF MARRIAGE

Intention of Marriage
Exchange of Vows
Exchange of Rings
Unity Candle Lighting
Special Music (optional)
The Blessing of the Marriage

HOLY COMMUNION (optional)

Musical Selection or Hymn (optional)

PRAYERS (THE LORD'S PRAYER)

SENDING BLESSING

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

THE WEDDING PARTY

Parents	Parents of the Bride Parents of the Groom
Grandparents	Grandparents of the Bride Grandparents of the Groom
Maid of Honor	Sister of bride
Best Man	Brother of groom
Bridesmaids	Friend of bride Sister-in-law of groom Cousin of bride
Groomsmen	Brother of bride Brother of groom Cousin of groom
Flower Girl	Niece of bride
Ring Bearer	Nephew of groom
Ushers	Brother-in-law of bride Friend of groom
Reader	Friend of bride
Soloist	Name
Organist	Dr. Carolyn Haury
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Colleen K. Nieman
Reception Hosts	Names
Guestbook Attendant	Name

Bride's Personal Attendant

Name

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