

## Costs for Wedding Ceremonies

The set fee for non-member weddings at St. Paul Lutheran Church is \$1250. This includes the use of the sanctuary, candles, a keepsake wedding candle and the services of the custodian, wedding hostess, music director, premarital mentoring and premarital counseling and clergy.

If you wish to have soloists, assisting musicians or additional clergy, separate payment directly to the individual(s) will be your responsibility.

The throwing of rice, birdseed or confetti is not allowed.

We ask that all fees be paid, in full, by the rehearsal date. An initial, non-refundable, scheduling fee of \$200.00 must be paid when the date is entered into the parish calendar. The remainder can be paid in installments.

## Wedding Receptions

Wedding receptions can be arranged in the parish hall. The hall usage is \$500. Our WELCA Wedding Reception Coordinator would be please to work with you in arranging your reception. She will discuss details and current reception costs when you contact her. The church office will provide you with her name and telephone number. Alcoholic beverages of beer, wine and champagne are permitted on church property for special events. A one day Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) permit must be obtained if alcohol is sold on site at a planned event. Details for obtaining a permit are available.

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### Non-Members



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“A marriage is the occasion for a service of worship and praise...not just a ceremony for spectators to watch. A wedding is, first of all, a worship service. The focus is on God. That understanding of the marriage service must be clear at the outset of your planning.” *Love and Faithfulness—Planning for Marriage*” - Parish Life Press, 1982.

Weddings conducted at St. Paul are sacred services of worship that reflect the same faith that we proclaim day-by-day and Sunday-by-Sunday as a Christian congregation. By means of these Guidelines for wedding planning, we want to help brides and grooms as they plan a Christian service of marriage and as they prepare to share their lives with each other. The pastor of St. Paul (or substitutes arranged by them) will conduct all weddings. Please talk with the pastor if you would like to involve visiting clergy in the service.

The planning of a wedding takes at least 4-6 months. During that time you need to spend time reflecting on the meaning of Christian marriage, the wedding service itself, and the place of religious faith and practice in your relationship and your life together. As you meet with the pastor for pre-marital counseling, you will be guided in this process.

There are other issues in personal relationships and marriage that also need to be considered by couples planning for their life together. You will meet with a pastor of St. Paul for premarital counseling. Issues such as personality traits, handling conflicts, finances, children, family and sexual matters will be discussed. In addition, a Premarital Mentoring program has been established as part of our services.

The Music Director of St. Paul will play for all weddings unless he is unavailable. He will make arrangements for the replacement organist. He will also work with you if you wish to involve other musicians in the service.

These guidelines are an attempt to provide the best pre-marital planning possible. It is our hope and prayer that the result will be a life-long marriage filled with happiness and continual growth in your love of one another and of God.

## Steps in Planning

1. First, contact the office administrator (714-879-8290) to clear the date of your wedding on the parish calendar.
2. Then, contact the pastor to arrange an initial meeting. At that meeting the premarital counseling will be arranged.
3. Both the bride and groom are asked to participate in worship services regularly during the time of planning and counseling as taking place. Our Sunday worship is 8:00 a.m. (Liturgical), 9:30 a.m. (Contemporary) and 11:00 a.m. (Liturgical).
4. One of our wedding coordinators will contact you to begin making arrangements regarding the wedding service itself. You are asked to contact the music director to talk with him about the music as your planning proceeds.
5. You will meet a minimum of three times with the pastor to discuss the marriage service itself, meet for pre-marital counseling and discussion of any questions or problems that arise from a religious or spiritual concern.
6. You will also be contacted by a member of our Premarital Mentoring team to discuss this aspect of our program.
7. Seating in the sanctuary is 300.

### Church Staff

The Rev. Thomas E. Goellrich, Pastor  
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