



WEDDING AGREEMENT

Wedding Couple: _____

Date of Wedding: _____

As you begin to plan your wedding we want to be sure that you have a good understanding of Southwood's policies regarding weddings. After reading the wedding booklet, please read through this agreement and sign if you intend to follow these policies and guidelines. We look forward to working with you to make your wedding day a joyous and God-honoring occasion.

Weddings at Southwood:

Southwood Lutheran Church believes that weddings are a worship service in which God is praised, and where by God's grace, "two become one" together in marriage. At Southwood, we believe that the focus of the service is upon God and his work in the lives of the two who have come before him to promise their love and commitment to one another, and with God's help, share in a life together until death separates them. In order to keep this focus in a wedding service, we have instituted the following policies:

1. All couples will work with one of Southwood's Wedding Coordinators who will help to guide the couple in the planning and preparation of their wedding service in accordance with Southwood's policies and guidelines. Each wedding couple is given a set of these policies and is expected to understand them as they begin preparation for the wedding service. These policies are set by the Church Council of Southwood and are strictly followed by the pastors, staff and Wedding Coordinators of Southwood.
2. Music must be worshipful and have a focus on God. The Worship & Music Director, and/or the appointed musicians can guide every couple in the selection of their music. All music must be submitted to the assigned wedding organist for review. His/her recommendation on all music is final.
3. Weddings are assigned to pastors in January and are assigned based on the pastors' schedules.
4. Pastors from other churches can assist in the wedding service. The wedding couple agrees to make a formal request with the officiating Southwood pastor so that a formal invitation can be made, and details of involvement can be worked out. If an organist or pianist from Southwood is not needed, the wedding couple agrees to make a formal request to the Worship & Music Director three months prior to the wedding date.

We believe that it is important that we have clear expectations between the Church, staff, and wedding couples so that we can make your wedding day the special and holy day you intend it to be. Please return this signed agreement to the church office.

Main Contact Name

Email

Phone

Secondary Contact Name

Email

Phone

Signature(s)

Date

For office use only

Facility Fee Received: \$ _____ Check: # _____ Name listed on Check: _____

Guidelines given: _____ Received by: _____ Date: _____