

Wedding Information

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Saint Thomas Lutheran (STL) congratulates you on your intention to get married and is pleased to offer our assistance in ministering to you. Whether it is your wish to be married in our sanctuary or at another site, we are here to serve you. Our goal is to

- help in making your wedding day very special, and
- provide a strong and joyous foundation for your marriage.

Our intention is to bring Christ (His love for you and for all) into your service and to enhance your relationship with him and each other.

We recommend that you sit down with pastor for a personal conversation before making any final decision about getting married through STL. If this is not possible because of distance or other circumstances, we will come up with alternative means for accomplishing our goals. Dates and times for the wedding (and rehearsal) will need to be made well in advance. **A \$50.00 deposit is required to reserve your wedding date with STL.**

Several things will be discussed as you meet with pastor. First we will get to know each other and make sure our thoughts and philosophies are in accord. Then we will start to discuss what the ceremony will be like, and what we will need to do between now and the wedding.

Other Miscellaneous Details

(primarily for traditional church weddings)

1. The bride and groom should decide if they want a receiving line at church. If it is not to be held at the church, the bridal party (with the exception of the ushers) should go directly into Conference Room One immediately following the recessional; otherwise a receiving line will develop by itself.
2. Our Minister of Music, Lori Stolzenfeld, can be reached at 586-781-7097. She can provide you with names and phone numbers of vocalists and instrumentalists, if you desire.
3. Wedding Parties may dress at home or at STL. Gathering places for male and female attendants are provided.
4. If you would like to make some alterations to the wedding service provided, by all means, ask the pastor. It is possible to change various aspects of the service, as long as the focus of the ceremony remains Christ-centered.
5. It is recommended that no-one under the age of four be included in the wedding party – and/or that young wedding attendants sit with family members during the wedding service.
6. Photographers, including persons planning to video-tape the service, should check with the pastor before the service begins. There are to be **no flash pictures** taken from the time the pastor begins the ceremony through the benediction.

7. Deliver **the marriage license** to the church office as soon as you obtain it, so that we can complete our portion. For information on obtaining a marriage license contact the County Clerk's office.
8. All wedding fees and compensations are to be paid in cash. **Please use separate envelopes indicating the name/title of recipient per list below.** Envelopes are to be submitted to the church office the Monday prior to the wedding ceremony.
9. **Wedding worship folders:** STL is available to print your wedding service folders. You will be responsible to purchase appropriate covers (Christian bookstores provide these at very reasonable prices) and bring them to the church office one week prior to the wedding. Most couples want their parents' and attendants' names printed on the back cover of this folder. A list with names printed exactly as you want them published is needed (we can provide you with examples from previous weddings).

You are under no obligation to (nor do we assume that you will) invite us to the wedding reception. However, if you choose to give us an invitation, Monica and I will do our best to attend (and to RSVP within the appropriate time).

Wedding Fees – for Ceremonies at STL

	Non-Members	Members
Altar Guild *	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Use of Church	\$ 125.00	n/a
Pastor	\$ 125.00	discretionary
Custodian	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Organist	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Soloist/Musician(s) – STL	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
Instrumentalist	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
Vocalist – One song	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00

Your non-refundable \$50.00 deposit (which secures your date and time) will be applied as the Altar Guild fee

Blessings,

Pastor Mark W. Hetzner

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