

Fees

For inactive (non-attending) or non-members:

Use of church building – \$300
(refundable up to 3 months before the date)*

Pastor – \$250
Organist – \$150

(you may provide your own organist/musicians)

Reception in Parish Hall –
\$300

+ \$50 refundable deposit for cleaning

Unity Candle –
cost of candle, approximately \$38

For members or regularly attending
non-members:
Use of church building and Pastor
– no fee*

Organist, Reception, Unity Candle
– same as above

*Any excessive mess or destruction
will incur extra fees at the cost of
clean-up or replacement of
damaged items.



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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

Thank you for considering us, we are excited
to share in the joy of your special day!
May God's blessings be on your time of
preparation for your new life together!

Christian marriage is a gift of God in which
human community is established and two
people join in a life-long commitment to
each other. Since you have expressed a desire
to enter into this covenant relationship and to
seek God's blessing, it is important that God
and the church be part of your life both
before your marriage and continuing
afterward.



Suggestions for Scripture Readings

Old Testament:

Genesis 1:26-28, 31a;

Genesis 2:18-24;

Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a; Song of Songs 8:6-7a;

Isaiah 63:7-9;

Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a

Psalms: 33; 100; 117; 127; 128; 136; 150

New Testament:

1 John 4:7-12,

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39;

Romans 12:1-2, 9-18;

1 Corinthians 6:13b-15a, 17-20;

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33;

Philippians 4:4-7;

Colossians 3:12-17

Gospels:

Matthew 5:1-12;

Matthew 5:13-16;

Matthew 7:21, 24-29;

Matthew 19:3-6;

Matthew 22:35-40;

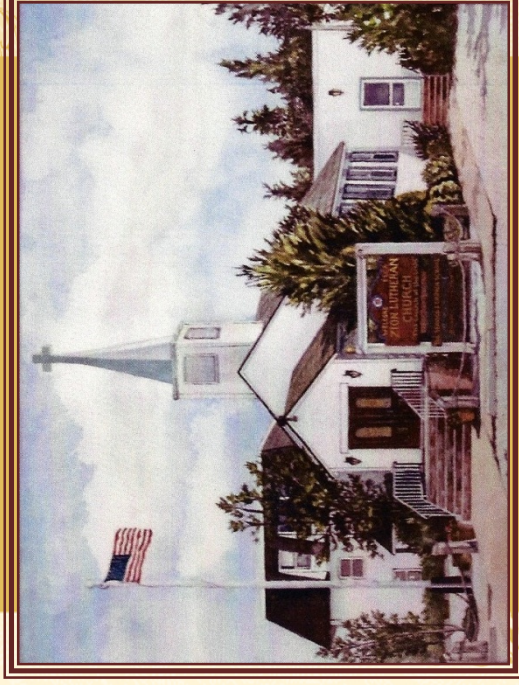
Mark 10:6-9;

John 2:1-11;

John 15:9-12

Preparations for Wedding and Marriage

9. If your initial contact with the church is by phone, the pastor will request that you come to the church to receive this information & to fill out a Wedding Information Sheet. If that is not possible, the information will be sent to you with the request that you return the completed information sheet & deposit.
10. It is best to wait to finalize any plans (reception, photographer, etc.) until you have met with the pastor & made a deposit for the use of the church.
11. Pre-marital counseling with either the pastor of Zion or with the couples' home pastor is required. This is typically four sessions before the wedding. If counseled by the pastor of Zion, a workbook will be used, the cost of which the couple is responsible for (about \$10).
12. A rehearsal is usually scheduled for the day before the wedding ceremony. All participants in the wedding are expected to attend.



1. A marriage license must be obtained and presented to the pastor prior to the day of the wedding.
2. If flowers and/or other decorations for the church are desired, it is the responsibility of the couple to order them and set them up. Please contact the church secretary for suggestions and to make arrangements for delivery, if necessary.
3. Flash photography is not permitted during the ceremony, because it is a service of worship. Photography without the use of a flash and video-taping are permitted as long as they do not distract from worship.
4. Music used in the ceremony should be appropriate for the worship setting.
5. Bulletins with the order of service & participants names are available through the church. Please contact the church secretary to make arrangements.
6. Holy Communion may be celebrated as part of the wedding. All those who desire to share in the meal of Communion are welcome at the table.
7. In the interest of care for creation, if is requested that guests NOT throw rice or confetti, or release balloons, as the wedding party leaves the church.
8. The following is the information on fees for the services of Zion, which should be offered at the time of the rehearsal. Deposits should be made at the first meeting with the pastor (when you fill out the Wedding Information Sheet), so that the space is reserved.