



peace lutheran church

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WEDDING GUIDE

Congratulations on your engagement! We are excited you have chosen to get married! We are an open and affirming congregation. We would love to host your wedding ceremony at Peace Lutheran Church! The information you need to know to get this going is found in this wedding guide.

SECURING YOUR WEDDING DATE

1. Meet with the Pastor: Before any reservations are made for venues and caterers it is crucial to assure that the church and pastor are available for your date. Since each individual has differing expectations in regard to marriage, it is best that the couple and the pastor meet as early as possible to make sure those expectations and the church's policies are compatible. The first meeting will be for the purpose of getting acquainted, talking over expectations, and discussing your plan for pre-marital preparation. If you are requesting to rent the church and supply your own pastor permission for this may be granted during this meeting.
2. Pastor secures your rehearsal and wedding date with our Administrator Assistant.
3. You bring damage deposit to Peace Lutheran Church (contact Administrative Assistant at 604-859-5409).

4. Ceremony planning commences: by meeting with respective Pastor/Officiant and securing a DJ.

POLICIES FOR A WEDDING RENTAL

- **Decorations:** we welcome the way you want to decorate and make the ceremony beautiful. Please remember these things though: only use sticky tack on the walls and pews; enclose candles in glass; choose bubbles or silk flowers for tossing about instead of rice or real flower petals; be sure to clean up thoroughly and put the sanctuary back to the way it was before you arrived on the scene to decorate (much appreciated).
- **Flowers:** you can deliver flowers two hours before the service. Please make arrangements with our Administrative Assistant. Make sure to remove flowers after your wedding pictures are done.
- **Security:** be sure you and your guests secure all valuables during the entire time you are using the church.
- **Alcohol** cannot be permitted. Please ensure your guests do not have any alcohol or drugs in the church or hall.

POLICIES FOR CEREMONIES WITH PLC'S PASTOR

- **Decorations and Flowers:** same as for a Wedding Rental.
- **Pictures** may be taken prior to or at the conclusion of the wedding ceremony. No pictures or videos can be taken during the ceremony, as it is a religious ceremony. Please advise your photographer beforehand. An Unplugged ceremony is highly recommended!
- **PLC Sound System** will be used for amplifying the Pastor and Musician. All other audio needs will require an external sound system with technician/DJ.

- **Bulletin/Handout** is supplied by you should you desire one. The Pastor will provide you with an order of the ceremony in producing your bulletin.
- **Security:** be sure you and your guests secure all valuables during the entire time you are using the church.

A LUTHERAN MARRIAGE

Marriage is a covenant of mutual promises, commitment and hope authorized legally by the province of B.C. and blessed by God. In the church, marriage is a gift of God intended for the joy and mutual strength of those who enter it and for the well being of the whole family. God created humankind with the need for companionship and the capacity to love, care for and nurture each other. A wedding ceremony celebrates these gifts. To be married in a Christian worship service is, first and foremost a statement of faith indicating a desire and commitment to live in relationship not just with each other but also with God and God's people.

The Lutheran Book of Worship Marriage

Service provides the basis and structure for PLC weddings. While the basic outline of the service is common to most Christian churches, the ceremony can be made more personal by additions of special music or other personal touches with approval of the pastor (eg. celtic handfasting; unity candle). We can provide a Marriage Service for same-sex couples.

The Rehearsal takes place one or two days before the ceremony and is facilitated by the Pastor. Plan on one hour and arrange for your whole wedding party to be present and on time, as well as your DJ or musician(s).

A MARRIAGE LICENSE

You need to get a marriage license at least one month before the wedding date and deliver it to the Pastor/Officiant one to two weeks prior to the wedding date. You can find locations of marriage license issuers

https://www.health.gov.bc.ca/cgi-bin/vs/marriage_offices.cgi

FEES

Church	\$300.00
Pastor	\$300.00
Musician	\$200.00
(Pastor will arrange for accompanist with you)	
Custodian	\$ 75.00
Security	\$ 50.00
Damage Deposit	\$200.00
Marriage Preparation Recommended	
(Pastor available for 4 sessions at \$200.00 total)	

All fees are due on rehearsal night with exception of damage deposit.