

# MARRIAGE POLICY OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Faith Lutheran Church desires to be a welcoming community assisting people as they celebrate the gift of marriage.*

- I. Mandatory steps for a couple wishing to be married
  - A. Initial meeting with Pastor
    1. Pastor's Interview
    2. Schedule wedding & rehearsal dinner with Pastor
    3. Fill out "Application for Use of Faith Lutheran Church"
  - B. Attend weekend retreat through Lutheran Social Services (or an equivalent organization)<sup>1</sup>
  - C. Meet with Pastor to discuss retreat and plan wedding service
  
- II. Costs for Members (all fees must be paid in advance)
  - A. Use of sanctuary is free
  - B. Pastor should be compensated with an honorarium
  - C. Church musician (if she plays) is \$100
  - D. Janitorial fee is \$40
  
- III. Cost for Non-Members
  - A. Use of sanctuary is \$150
  - B. Pastor will be compensated \$200
  - C. Church musician (if she plays) is \$100
  - D. Janitorial fee is \$40
  
- IV. Miscellaneous
  - A. Paraments should not be charged.
  - B. Moving of altar area, font table etc. should be done by wedding coordinator.
  - C. Nothing on communion rails.
  - D. Appropriate decorating.
  - E. Unity candles **MUST** have some type of tray under them to catch dripping wax.
  - F. Limit decorating time – there may be other activities as well.
  - G. Only rooms used are those requested in advance.

<sup>1</sup>This mandatory requirement is to assist couples intentionally prepare for the joys and challenges of marriage. Furthermore, participating in this type of activity demonstrates a couple's commitment to establish a healthy marriage.

**\*\*Payment for use of the church is required when your application is turned in. Please see your Church Usage Packet for rates/charges.**

*All policies and fees are subject to change.*