

YOUR WEDDING AT ZION

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We're So Happy for You!

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding! We pray that you will be fruitful and fulfilled in your married life together. We are pleased that you would that you would consider making Zion part of your wedding plans and we want to do everything we can do to assist you. Beyond doing our best to make sure that your special day is a magnificent occasion, we also want you to know that our congregation and pastors are committed to serving you so that your marriage will be a source of joy and strength in your life. Pre-marriage counseling and marriage enrichment courses are a big part of what we do here at Zion as we seek to glorify God by building strong and healthy marriages. This brochure contains general policies concerning weddings at Zion. It has been prepared to help you organize the details of your wedding and to answer many of your questions. We want to help make this one of the greatest days of your life.



Pre-Marriage Classes

All couples getting married at Zion are required to attend a five-session pre-marriage course. This class is offered only twice a year, so plan ahead. The cost of the class is \$50 per couple. If you are unable to attend the class, please contact the officiating pastor. Pre-marriage counseling is required before you can get married at Zion. This counseling can be done either at Zion or with a professional or program that the pastors and you agree upon. It is strongly recommended that you take the next pre-marriage course at Zion entitled, "Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts" which is offered this spring on Wednesday nights. If you

are unable to attend the class, it is your responsibility to make other arrangements with the pastor. Please remember not to leave that until the last minute. After your pre-marriage counseling, please schedule a meeting with the pastor who is presiding at your service. The purpose of this meeting is to get to know you and to plan your wedding service. Please feel free to address any questions to the pastors or the wedding coordinator.

Scheduling Your Wedding

- Contact zion@ziondsm.org or call the church office 270-8142 to make sure the building, pastor and wedding coordinator are available.
- A \$50 non-refundable deposit is needed to reserve the date on the church calendar. The deposit will be deducted from the wedding coordinator's fees.

Who You Need to Contact

- The pastor who will officiate your ceremony (see info in the contact section).
- Church office to enroll in the next pre-marriage class
- The wedding coordinator
- The sound technician*
- The musicians (organist/soloists)*

*The wedding coordinator will provide you with these phone numbers.

Fast Fact

What is the average age for brides and grooms in 2007?
Bride: 25
Groom: 27

Wedding Coordinators

The wedding coordinators at Zion are members of our church, who want to help make your wedding day a success. Please contact the church at zion@ziondsm.org to set up an initial meeting that will last about an hour. The role of the wedding coordinator is to help with your ceremony at Zion: meeting with you to decide the details of your ceremony, preparing the building, leading the rehearsal, training ushers, and much more!

Decorations

Zion has two 7-candle wooden candelabras you may use, if you'd like (you provide the candles). We do NOT have an aisle runner. If you choose to buy or rent one -- the aisle is about 50 ft. We have pew clips, if needed for pew bows. Only florist tape may be used on the pews. Discuss with the wedding coordinator any other special decorating you'd like to have. Zion comfortably holds 350 people. Please remove any additional items you use, not belonging to the church, from the building.

Photographs

Although taking pictures during the ceremony is permitted, our recommendation is to take professional photos prior to the ceremony, for the convenience of your guests. Photography needs to be completed and the Sanctuary cleared of equipment at least 45 minutes before the ceremony.



Rehearsal

It is essential to a good rehearsal that all members of the wedding party be present and prompt. We suggest that musicians and parents of the couple be present as well. During the rehearsal, the wedding coordinator and the pastor will give instructions as to what each person's role is. Rehearsals last 45-60 minutes.

Rehearsal Dinners & Wedding Receptions

Zion is fortunate to have a large Fellowship Hall that you are welcome to use. The fee will vary, based on the hours the coordinator will be on site and the role you'd like her to play. There is no cost for using the facility, but you must pay the additional coordinator and custodial fees. The couple is responsible for decorating the Fellowship Hall and removal of decorations. Nothing may be attached to the ceiling.

Sound Technician

The wedding coordinator has a form for you to complete, to facilitate the discussion you will have with the Sound Technician. This Zion member will attend the rehearsal

and the wedding, preparing whatever sound equipment is needed.

Wedding Bulletins

The wedding coordinator has some basic formats for your wedding ceremony. The couple is responsible for creating and copying their wedding bulletins.

Marriage License

Apply for your marriage license in plenty of time. Bring it to the church no later than 6 days before your wedding. Legal witnesses and the couple will sign the license the day of the wedding. The church will send it to Polk County for you.

Financial Responsibilities

- Fees are due two weeks prior to the wedding date.
- Make check payable to Zion Lutheran Church.
- Give check to church office or wedding coordinator.

There is no fee to use the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall.

Deposit to hold date	\$50
Officiating Pastor	\$175
Wedding Coordinator	\$150
Church Organist	\$150
(extra rehearsal w/ soloist)	\$30
Church Soloist	\$50
Sound Tech	\$50
Video Tech	\$35
Custodian (wedding)	\$75
Custodian (wedding/ reception)	\$150
Reception/Rehearsal Dinner Coordinator	\$75

Some house rules for you to consider



Music

During this Christian ceremony, all music needs to be sacred, classical or appropriate contemporary in nature. The music selections need to be reviewed and approved by the pastor or the wedding coordinator. The fee for the church organist includes consultation, attending the rehearsal (including practicing with the soloist) and playing for the wedding. If the organist's presence is required for additional rehearsal with a soloist, there is an additional fee. We have talented musicians that are members of Zion, who are willing to participate in weddings. The wedding coordinator can give you a list of names of people whom you can contact. Each musician will have a different fee.

1. Please, no smoking in the building.

2. Please, don't bring or consume alcohol on the church premises.

3. Please, don't throw rice, bird seed, confetti, or real flower leaves/petals inside or outside the church.

4. Please, don't bring food or beverages (except water) into the Sanctuary.

5. The pastors reserve the right to not do rehearsals or weddings if any member of the wedding party is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

FROM THE ZION STAFF

We're so happy you are considering Zion for your wedding. We hope you'll consider Zion your church home and this will be the place where you grow in the grace of Jesus Christ. Please let us know how we can help you get connected or answer any questions you might have. We pray especially that you'll experience the power and love of Jesus at Zion. God bless you as you begin your life together!

*Pastor John and
the Zion Staff*

CONTACT INFO:

- Wedding Coordinator,
zion@ziondsm.org
- Church Office, Carol Murken
Administrator: 270-8142 or
carolmurken@ziondsm.org

- Pastor John Kline 270-8142 or
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- Brent Osborne, Intern Pastor
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FAST FACT:

Four out of five adults (78%) in the US will be married at least once in their life. For Christians, the rate is slightly higher, 84% will be married during their lives.

Tell us about yourself:

Zion desires to be a church...

- after Jesus' own heart,
- with relevant, Bible based teaching,
- with passionate and authentic worship,
- of prayer,
- with a heart for our city and the world,
- where the love of our Lord is evident in the way we live and minister together.

There are no perfect people at Zion; only people who are being transformed by the grace of God to fulfill his will for their lives.

We hope that whether you are a person seeking the truth about God, life, and eternity, or if you're already a committed Christian who wants to grow deeper in your faith, that you will find a home at Zion.

1. Name of Bride and Groom and address.

2. Home/work/cell phone numbers for bride and groom.

3. Wedding date and time, rehearsal date and time.

4. What will be your name after marriage?

5. Names of legal age witnesses (2).

6. Which pastor will conduct your wedding?

7. Photographer and Florist name and numbers.

8. Flower delivery time and picture time.

9. Estimated number of guests.

10. Parent's names and addresses for bride and groom.

(please return this info to the wedding coordinator)

The logo features a large, stylized purple cross on the left. To its right, the word "Zion" is written in a purple, cursive script font. Below "Zion", the words "LUTHERAN CHURCH" are written in a purple, sans-serif, all-caps font.
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