

Important Questions for your Wedding Preparation at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, North Wales:

A wedding is one of the most important and memorable events in people's lives. The joining of two lives in the Holy Covenant of Marriage is a sacred ceremony that warrants careful planning. As a church we want to help couples to have a wonderful and memorable wedding experience at St. Peter's.

One or two people from our congregation are usually assigned to be at church for a maximum of three hours and at least one hour before the wedding begins, to ensure that the building is accessible and the wedding party has everything they need. They are responsible for all aspects of property management during that time and will be of help wherever it is needed. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, however, does not have wedding coordinators. The responsibility for coordinating a wedding lies with the families of the bride and the groom or whoever they appoint to be their coordinator. We highly recommend that the following questions are considered and answered prior to the wedding. It will ensure a much smoother rehearsal and wedding.

1) Questions to be considered and acted on at least four weeks before the wedding

At what time and day will the flowers be delivered?

(The flowers need to be delivered either at the time of the rehearsal or 1-2 hours prior to the wedding ceremony)

Have you informed the photographer about the policies of the church?

Where do you want the flowers placed?

Who will seat the mothers of the bride and groom at the appropriate time?

(Normally this is part of the groomsmen's duties)

If you want specific music to go with the seating, it needs to be communicated to the Music Director. (Liz Allen, Redbetsey@gmail.com)

Who will create and who will distribute the wedding programs for you?

Would you like someone from your respective families to be a lector during the ceremony?

Please decide the order of your bridal procession prior to the rehearsal.

Example: Bridesmaid 1, bridesmaid 2 , bridesmaid 3, flower girl, ring bearer, Maid of Honor, Bride and father of the Bride

Who will take care of the payments to the church for you?

(No later than the wedding rehearsal)

Would you like the traditional ringing of bells? Is there someone in your family who would like to do this? (St. Peter's has an old fashioned rope that needs to be pulled). The person needs to come to the rehearsal.

Do you have someone to light the candles on the altar (and side wall candles if applicable) or would you prefer that the Property Management person do that?

2) Questions to be decided at the rehearsal or at one of the meetings.

In which room at the church will the bride and bridesmaids gather and prepare for the wedding? There are several options.

Does the bride want to come in through the traditional front doors of the church (Main Street) or through the parlor area?

In addition to these preparatory questions, the pastor will lead the couple through all questions relating to the wedding liturgy and ceremony in at least two meetings prior to the wedding. Wedding couples at St. Peter's can choose their own vows and scripture readings, and several other options are presented and explained to them.

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