



CONGRATULATIONS!

The congregation of Resurrection Lutheran Church congratulates you on your decision to enter into the relationship of married life. This is a serious decision on your part and a sign of hope and strength for our faith community and our wider world. The love you have privately come to realize and share is now to be consecrated publicly. Family, friends, and the congregation prepare to support and encourage you in the celebration of your wedding.

We at Resurrection want to assist you in every way we can. To this end, we present these Wedding Guidelines. These guidelines are intended to help you prepare for your wedding ceremony, so that this most important day can be both holy and happy.

For a listing of couples that have recently been married at Resurrection and would be happy to talk with you about their experience please contact the church office, office@rlclakeview.com or (773)525-0605.

PREMARITAL COUNSELING: A ROADMAP FOR COUPLES

"What is premarital counseling, and why do we need it?" Premarital counseling is not psychotherapy, but it probably will incorporate some psychological discipline. Premarital counseling is not the pastor telling you how to be married...yours is single anyway...but he may (perhaps even accidentally!) give some helpful advice along the way. Premarital counseling is not wedding planning, though that will also be included. Premarital counseling is not a class, but you will learn a lot, hopefully about yourselves and the God who loves you. (Love originally was God's idea.) Premarital counseling is something of all of the above and more...an intense opportunity to examine, strengthen, and deepen your relationship in the bright, nurturing light of God's love.

A Little Background: Genesis 32-33

Jacob, long on the run from his twin brother Esau who wanted to kill him for stealing his birthright, finds himself faced with the prospect of meeting Esau again. He prays. He strategizes. He panics. The night before the showdown, as he camps alone across the river from his entourage of family and servants, Jacob meets and wrestles with a shadowy stranger...

a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not go unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

Why is the pastor sharing this weird story with a couple about to get married? "Israel" is the name of God's people. This story is about more than an individual wrestler...it is a lit window into the life and personality of the people of God. As children of Israel, we see ourselves in Jacob's story, and can use it as a pattern for examine and enriching our lives.

The Premarital Journey

1. **Encounter God on the way.** *Pray with and get to know the pastor. Share stories and faith perspectives...engage the Mystery. Why get married in a church? Prepare for step 2 by taking an inventory.*
2. **Wrestle.** *Identify and work through issues in the relationship with which you struggle...or from which you have been running scared!*
3. **Insist on a Blessing.** *Identify relationship strengths and make plans to build on them!*
4. **Ask Questions of Identity.** *Who is my partner? Who am I? What does the "name change" often (but not always) associated with marriage mean? What family issues and stories are in my background, casting their light and their shadow forward into my present and future?*
5. **Remember.** *Review discoveries and growth; embrace the discipline of celebration.*
6. **Limp forward.** *Plan the ceremony, remembering both the wounds and the blessings. (And maybe prepare to meet family you've avoided for years.) :) Grow into your "new name"!*

Weddings as Christian Worship

Your decision to be married at Resurrection Lutheran Church signals your intention to enter together into the holy estate of Christian marriage. The worship service which celebrates and formalizes your marriage should be one that gives glory to God.

Interfaith Marriages

Frequently, the partners in a marriage do not share the same religious tradition. When this happens, the marriage service will be adjusted so that the dignity of each person's tradition is upheld. The adjustments will be planned during the premarital counseling session during which the ceremony is being planned. Religious leaders from other faith traditions are welcome participants in the marriage service.

The Worship Service

The worship service is flexibly patterned on the order for marriage in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p.286. The ceremony will be planned in detail by the couple and the pastor during premarital counseling. Effort will be made to balance the individual personality and wishes of the couple with the wisdom and tradition of the Church, and to keep the service hospitable to all in attendance regardless of background. In all cases, the ceremony will minimally include Scripture reading, a homily (sermon), an exchange of promises, and prayer.

Music

The music during the ceremony need not be specifically Christian, but shall be appropriate to the holiness of the occasion and consistent with the beliefs of the Christian church. Music will be selected in consultation with the Director of Music.

Scripture

At least one reading from Christian scripture will be read during the worship service, and will serve as a basis for the preacher's homily. Scripture readings will be selected by the couple in consultation with the pastor.

Holy Communion

The celebration of Holy Communion--the foretaste of the marriage feast of Christ and the Church--is encouraged but not required. Consult with the pastor in making this decision.

Photography

Flash photography and picture taking which is disruptive of worship are prohibited during the service. Discreet videotaping and professional photography are permitted. Photos recreating the ceremony may be taken after the service.

MUSIC FOR THE CEREMONY

Music is an integral part of the wedding liturgy. The music chosen should reflect the liturgical aspect of the solemn, life-long commitment you are making before God and the assembled community. Wedding music should lend itself to the overall atmosphere of prayer and praise.

Since the dignity of the wedding liturgy demands both professional competence and liturgical expertise, our Director of Music, Gary Jensen, will help you choose the music for your wedding. You should make an appointment to meet with him as soon as you set your wedding date. The use of outside musicians is permitted, but must be coordinated through the Resurrection Director of Music.

Here is a list of suggested repertoire for weddings. You may already be familiar with them, and you should be able to find a recording of most of them. Please review this list and bring your suggestions to your first meeting with the Director of Music.

Prelude Music

Sheep May Safely Graze – J.S.Bach
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring – J.S.Bach
Air (from *Water Music*) – Handel
Prelude on Brother James's Air – Wright

Processional Music

Prince of Denmark's March – Clarke
Prelude (from *Te Deum*) – Charpentier
Trumpet Voluntary – David Johnson
Rigaudon - Campra
Canon in D – Pachelbel

Congregational Hymns

Hear Us Now, Our God and Father ELW #585
This Is a Day, Lord, Gladly Awaited ELW #586
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW #631
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ELW #836
Now Thank We All Our God ELW #839, 840
Praise to the Lord the Almighty ELW #858, 859
Bind Us Together WOV #748
When Love Is Found WOV #749

Choices for Vocal Soloists

The Gift of Love - Hopson
Panis Angelicus – Franck
Be Thou with Me – J.S.Bach
The 23rd Psalm – numerous settings
The Lord's Prayer – numerous settings
The Call – Vaughan Williams

Recessional Music

Crown Imperial – Walton
The Heavens Declare the Glory of God –
Marcello
Allegro Maestoso (from *Water Music*) –
Handel
Hornpipe (from *Water Music*) – Handel
Heroic Music - Telemann

YOUR GUESTS

The sanctuary at Resurrection seats 180 people, and an additional 30 in the balcony.

There are restrooms and water fountains located underneath the Narthex (entrance to the church from Seminary Avenue), as well as in the Fellowship Hall, which is located behind the pulpit.

Children are always welcome at worship at Resurrection. They are naturally curious and energetic, so they should be seated toward the front where they can clearly see the ceremony and be supervised at all times. There is a Nursery available; please make arrangements with the Pastor in advance.

There is handicapped access with an elevator at the School Street entrance. Please let the Pastor know if there are any handicapped guests.

Coats may be hung in the Fellowship Hall.

Smoking is not permitted inside the church, nor is the consumption of alcohol.

Parking may be available in the Hawthorne Scholastic Academy parking lot (across the street from Resurrection). Please check with the pastor as to availability. Direct your guests to look for the yellow parking placard or ask the parking attendant for assistance.

THE WORSHIP SPACE USE OF FLOWERS, CANDLES, BUBBLES, ETC.

Please give a copy of this to your florist.

The sanctuary at Resurrection is beautiful and needs no additional flowers to enhance the worship experience. During the liturgical seasons of Easter and Christmas we have special flowers and beautiful decorations throughout the church. Altar hangings (paraments) for weddings will be the colors of the season – purple for Lent, blue for Advent, etc.

If you wish to have flowers in the sanctuary for your wedding, Resurrection recommends Ashland Addison Florist (773)432-1800. They supply flowers for Sunday worship and are familiar with the church. It is traditional for wedding couples to donate their altar flowers for Sunday worship. This is a physical reminder of your wedding to those people who worship after you, and an opportunity to share your joy with the larger church community. If you intend to do this, please let the Pastor know, so that it can be acknowledged in the bulletin.

There are 2 locations within the sanctuary that are appropriate for large flower arrangements. Within the altar area, one or two flower arrangements may be placed in or on stands (provided by your florist), behind the altar table. Additionally, flowers may be placed on the columbarium (a long cabinet) or flower stand behind the altar.

If flowers or bows are to be used to decorate the ends of pews, they should be placed at regular intervals along the entire length of the aisles, enhancing the whole worship space. Tape is not to be used to attach anything to the pews. There are eight pews on each side of the sanctuary, six of equal length and 2 shorter pews. There are 3 pews on each side of the altar table.

If you wish to use an aisle runner, you must use the cloth runner owned by the church. It is the proper length and width for the aisle. There is a \$60 fee for its use. Flower petals may be strewn on the runner, although use of dark colored flowers that would stain the fabric is discouraged.

The church owns 2, 7-candle brass candelabras and one unity candle brass stand set. All candles must be of the “dripless” variety and purchased by the couple. We encourage the use of beeswax candles.

To avoid any hazard to safety and to minimize custodial work, rice, bird seed, bubbles, etc., may only be thrown outside the church, as the couple leaves the sanctuary. Confetti is not allowed, and balloons are discouraged because they can be environmentally hazardous.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOTAPING

Please give a copy of this to your photographer and videographer.

Videotaping is permitted with stationary tripod stands only. The camera may be located on the organ platform or in the balcony.

Photographers may use flash and flood lights for the processional and recessional only. Other photographs taken during the ceremony may be made only with available light. Photographers should endeavor not to become obtrusive or to interrupt the flow and focus of the wedding.

An audio tape of your wedding, using the church's sound system, can be made at no charge. Notify the Pastor if you would like an audio tape.

THE WEDDING PARTY

Please provide this information to the Wedding Coordinator.

Rehearsal Date_____ Rehearsal Time_____

Wedding Date_____ Wedding Time_____

Bride's Name_____

Groom's Name_____

Bride's Parents_____

Groom's Parents_____

Relatives/Friends who will be seated just before wedding party, i.e. mother of groom, grandmothers, step-parents, etc.

Maid/matron of Honor (and relationship to Bride)_____

Best Man (and relationship to Groom)_____

Bridesmaids

Groomsmen (inform Wedding Coordinator if they will also be helping to seat the guests)

Children (flower girls, ring-bearers, junior bridesmaids)

Readers

Musicians

Ushers (inform the Wedding Coordinator if they will also be helping to seat the guests)

Wedding Information ◇ Resurrection Lutheran Church

Wedding Date _____ Hour _____ :License # _____

Rehearsal Date _____ Hour _____

BRIDE'S FULL NAME _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Church Membership _____ Baptized () Confirmed ()

May we reach you at work? Yes No Work Phone _____ Email _____

GROOM'S FULL NAME _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Church Membership _____ Baptized () Confirmed ()

May we reach you at work? Yes No Work Phone _____ Email _____

MUSIC

Church organist is desired for wedding service () Couple will make arrangements with director of music ()

Other Musicians/Instruments _____

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY/WEDDING PARTY

Maid/Matron of Honor _____

Best Man _____

Bridal Attendants _____

Groomsmen _____

Flower Girl () Age: _____

Ring Bearer () Age: _____

Bride's mother () & father () will be at the wedding; at the rehearsal ()

Groom's mother () & father () will be at the wedding; at the rehearsal ()

Bride will be escorted by her mother () other _____ () no one ()

Lectors: _____

Acolytes: _____

ARRANGEMENTS

Florist _____ Phone #: _____ Delivery Date & Time _____

Other Decorations & Details (e.g., pew decorations, aisle runner, unity candle) _____

Photographer: _____ Phone #: _____

Before () or After () service

Video? Yes No

Wedding Folders: Printer Selected: _____ Phone #: _____ # of Copies _____

Receiving Line in the Narthex after service () Couple to dismiss guests () Other? See Reverse ()

PRICE LIST

Facility Rental (non-member; no reception) <i>Check payable to Resurrection Lutheran Church</i> <i>\$250 due at time church is reserved</i> <i>\$250 due one week before ceremony</i>	\$500
Pastors (non-member; includes pre-marital counseling) <i>Check payable to Brian Hiortdahl</i> <i>Due one week before ceremony</i>	\$350
Music Director ("bench fee")	\$100
Organist <i>Composite check payable to Gary Jensen</i> <i>Due one week before ceremony</i> <i>If a different organist plays, \$100 check payable to Gary Jensen</i> <i>Due one week before ceremony</i>	\$200-\$300
Other Musicians	Fees available upon request
Custodian/Parking Attendant <i>Check payable to Maurice Morris</i> <i>Due one week before ceremony</i>	\$200
Nursery and Child Care <i>Check payable to Resurrection Lutheran Church</i> <i>Due one week before ceremony</i>	\$150
Bridal Runner Usage <i>Check payable to Resurrection Lutheran Church</i> <i>Due one week before ceremony</i>	\$65

Other requests will be considered on an individual basis.

Marriage Preparation Checklist

Groom _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____ ST _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Bride _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____ ST _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

WEDDING PREPARATION

- Blood Test _____
- Marriage License _____
- Sanctuary reserved _____
- Time _____
- Date _____
- Invitation _____
- Clergy _____
- Maid of Honor _____
- Best man _____
- Bridesmaids _____
- Bridesmaids' dresses _____
- Groomsmen _____
- Ushers _____
- Tuxes, suits _____
- Ring bearer _____
- Flower girl _____
- Organist _____
- Other musicians _____
- Soloist _____
- Other music _____
- Ceremony _____
- Vows _____
- Communion _____
- Flowers _____
- Candelabra _____
- Unity candle _____
- Rings _____
- Photographer/Video _____
- Sound technician/audio recording _____
- Custodian _____
- Church fees _____
- Gifts for attendants _____
- Guest book _____
- Dressing rooms needed _____

RECEPTION

- Place _____
- Time _____
- Cake _____
- Hostesses _____
- Food and snacks _____
- Plates, napkins, table settings _____
- Janitor _____
- Rental fees _____
- Caterer _____

REHEARSAL

- Date _____
- Time _____
- Location _____
- Dinner _____

HONEYMOON

- Date _____
- Location _____
- Lodging reservations _____
- Airline reservations _____
- Car rental _____
- Passports/visa _____

OTHER

- Banking arrangements _____
- Credit cards _____
- If change in last name:
 - Social security card _____
 - Driver's license _____
 - Medical records _____
- Will _____
- Life insurance _____
- Address changes _____

Evaluation

Please help us improve our ministry of weddings by providing us with your honest feedback based on your experience. Rate the following facets of our wedding on a 7-1 scale (7 being best) and add specific comments where appropriate.

PASTOR	7 excellent	6	5	4	3	2	1 poor
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Comments:

MUSIC DIRECTOR	7 excellent	6	5	4	3	2	1 poor
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Comments:

WEDDING COORDINATOR	7 excellent	6	5	4	3	2	1 poor
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Comments:

PARKING ATTENDANT	7 excellent	6	5	4	3	2	1 poor
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Comments:

FACILITY	7 excellent	6	5	4	3	2	1 poor
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Comments:

SANCTUARY	7 excellent	6	5	4	3	2	1 poor
BRIDE'S ROOM	7 excellent	6	5	4	3	2	1 poor
MEN'S AREA	7 excellent	6	5	4	3	2	1 poor

Comments:

