

# How to Get Married at Pilgrim

Congratulations!

We at Pilgrim are happy to share with you in the joy of getting married. Because of the need for stronger marriages today, Pilgrim works hard as a church to do everything possible to help you with your wedding while emphasizing, even more so, the traits of a strong marriage. Our premarital emphasis provides the opportunity for you to learn and implement the keys to a lasting relationship while planning for a wonderful wedding celebration.

To help couples in this process, there are **five things** that we ask of couples as they begin planning for their marriage at Pilgrim

- 1. Premarital counseling** of approximately 3 or 4 sessions, beginning with a couple inventory called *Prepare/Enrich*, a computer-scored survey of relationship issues that will help us to discuss what will be most helpful for you. The cost for the scoring of this survey is included in the wedding fee.
- 2. Live apart** until you are married. If you are currently living together, we would be glad to discuss with you God-pleasing ways to address the situation. It's surprising to many that this one factor places couples in a category that makes divorce twice as likely.
- 3. Plan wedding service details** (including the date and music) with the pastor. The total of all the fees for a service adds up to \$450.00.
- 4. If possible, agree to attend Pilgrim's Inquirer's Class** if you are not a member. While joining Pilgrim is not a requirement for both partners, the class allows you the opportunity to understand better the faith background of Lutheran Christians.
- 5. After you are married, we strongly encourage you to attend our annual "Happily Ever After Gathering."** The annual evening dinner provides a great way for couples to stay strong and marriage to stay fresh.

Your first steps in this process are to:

- 1.) Contact a pastor about premarital counseling & set up an initial meeting.
- 2.) Check on available dates at that first meeting.
- 3.) Continue with the premarital process and have a great wedding and marriage.

If you would like a copy, we do have a Marriage Manual to assist you as you make your plans for your wedding celebration. Not only should it help answer your questions that will arise, but, at the same time may raise new questions which were never thought of. May the Lord richly bless you and your union together as husband and wife.

*Pilgrim Lutheran Church*  
*Wedding Planning Document*

**Contact Information**

Wedding (Last Names): \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Rehearsal Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Groom:** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bride:** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:**

Service at: \_\_\_\_\_ Reception at: \_\_\_\_\_