

# *Weddings at Fir-Conway Lutheran Church*

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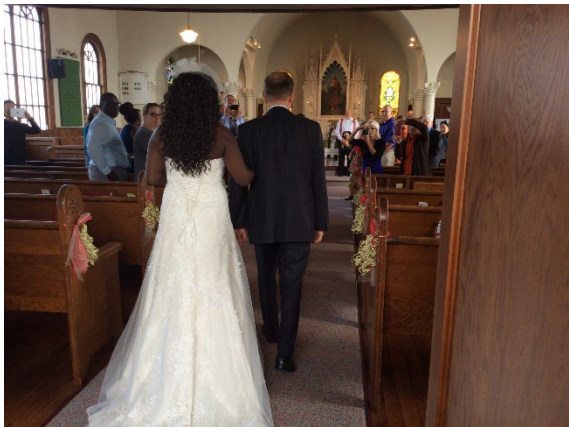


*“For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and unite with his wife,  
and the two shall become one. “*

*-Matthew 19:4*

# Our Historic 1916 Sanctuary

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# Fir-Conway Lutheran Church

## ~ Fees ~

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- Pastor - \$250.00 (includes pre-marital counseling)
  - Wedding Coordinator - \$250.00 (required)
    - Musician - \$150.00
  - Facilities Use – FCLC member \$500.00

Nonmember \$1000.00 (1.5 hours for Rehearsal and 3 hours on the day of the wedding)

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## Fellowship Hall-(Downstairs) \$400

- **Perfect for small weddings or rehearsal dinners**

**~ Seating for 60-80 guests**

Includes use of the kitchen, coffee pots, round or banquet tables, chairs, silverware, dishes and on-site Wedding Coordinator.



# Scheduling a Wedding Ceremony

- Fir-Conway Lutheran Church is open to anyone who wishes to be married.
- Since Fir-Conway Lutheran Church is a Christian Church, our focus is on God in Christ being present in and part of the marriage and that the wedding ceremony will reflect this.
- The Pastor of Fir-Conway Lutheran Church is available to be the officiate. If you wish to have another Pastor officiate, please indicate at time of scheduling.

## Step 1. Check that the date is available

- Keep in mind a large wedding normally requires a prep time of 4-6 months. Our church seats 230-250 max, including 80 in the balcony.
- Call (360)445-5396 or go into the church office to check with our secretary and confirm your date is available.
- Our secretary will check with the church calendar for availability. If you would like to use our Pastor please ask for their availability at that time.

## Step 2. Reserve the Church

- Complete the *Wedding Reservation Form* and mail or return the form to the office with a \$500 deposit. This reserves 4.5 hours of the building use, 1.5 hours for rehearsal and 3 hours on the day of the wedding.
- Complete the Facilities Use Agreement and return to the church office.
- The balance of fees are to be paid at least 2 weeks prior to your wedding date.

## Step 3. Contact the Wedding Coordinator

- Following the scheduling of a date, set up a meeting with our Wedding Coordinator. She will go over the wedding protocol and answer any of your questions.
- The Wedding Coordinator provides Christian hospitality and is essential for all weddings at Fir-Conway Lutheran Church. She provides an overview of wedding protocol, guidelines for using the space, and information related to decorating the sanctuary. On the day of the wedding, she serves as hostess at the church.
- The Wedding Coordinator assists the minister in carrying out the wishes of the bride and the church. You will meet with her 2-3 times as you prepare for your wedding.
- She provides valuable insights, showing you and your family around the facility and is there during the decorating and rehearsal.

- On your Wedding Day she opens the church, receives flowers, helps with boutonnieres and corsages, welcomes family, runs the elevator etc. She will be there to help direct the wedding procession.

## Step 4. Meeting with the Pastor

- Pre-marriage counseling is essential in preparing for your wedding and marriage. Pastor will meet with couples approximately three times to help you learn more about marriage, what the joys and challenges might be in a life-long relationship and plan for the ongoing care of your marriage.
- Marriage care is critical to successful life-long relationships. Together you will evaluate the strengths of your relationship and know where growth might be needed.

# General Information

## Music

If you choose to use the pipe organ or piano, we can offer names of musicians you can hire. You may also choose your own musicians. We have standing and cordless microphones.

## Guest Pastor

If you would like to include a guest Pastor, in addition. Please talk to the Pastor officiating. In most cases, guest Pastors are welcome to assist with weddings.

## Photography

Although it is often desired that the bride and groom do not see each other prior to the wedding on the day of the marriage, it is much more convenient if pictures are taken in advance of the service. This allows you to greet your guests and celebrate your marriage immediately following the wedding. Finish pictures 1 hour prior to the ceremony.

## Sanctuary

Fir-Conway Lutheran Church seats approximately 230-250 people including the balcony and choir loft. 7 adults fit comfortably in a pew.

## Liturgical Colors

We have a variety of liturgical seasons in a church year and different colors represent each season. Linens and banners in the sanctuary reflect the color of the season of the church year and cannot be changed.

## Holy Communion

Holy Communion may be an option. Talk to the Pastor if you would like to include Holy Communion as part of the wedding worship.

## Flowers/Decorating

Only fresh flowers are to be used on the alter. If you would like to leave them for worship, please tell the Wedding Coordinator. No nails, tape or hooks are to be used anywhere. Furnishings are not to be moved unless approved by the Wedding Coordinator. A 50-foot runner is sufficient for the aisle, pin down carefully. All decorations must be removed after the ceremony.

### **Candles**

We have two 7 candle brass candelabras available. Only 12-inch dripless candles may be used. The couple provides the unity candle and two tapers for its lighting.

### **Rehearsals**

Wedding party participants are expected to be on time and should be courteous and cooperative to the process. The entire wedding party including parents, ushers and musicians should be in attendance. Plan on 1 – 1 ½ hour

### **No Alcohol/No Smoking**

No alcohol or smoking is permitted in the building except for communion wine. Further, the bride, groom, and wedding party may not consume alcohol prior to the rehearsal or the wedding service. This is not only a worship service, but a legal and binding covenant and must be done with full awareness.

### **Dressing Rooms**

There is a room available for the bridal party to dress and assemble. The groomsmen also have a room for dressing and hanging out. Remember to have bridal party load their belongings into their cars prior to the ceremony.