

Purpose

This brochure will assist a couple in planning their wedding. It includes information regarding the use of the church facility, details pertaining to pastoral involvement in the ceremony and its planning, and the responsibilities of the couple. Please read this brochure prior to filling out a Wedding Application.

Facility Use

Since our purpose is to establish Christian marriages in the context of a loving community, our church facility is reserved for individuals who are committed followers of Jesus Christ and who worship regularly at the Sheboygan eFree Church, or are family members of someone who attends the Sheboygan eFree Church. Exceptions to this policy are reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the pastors.

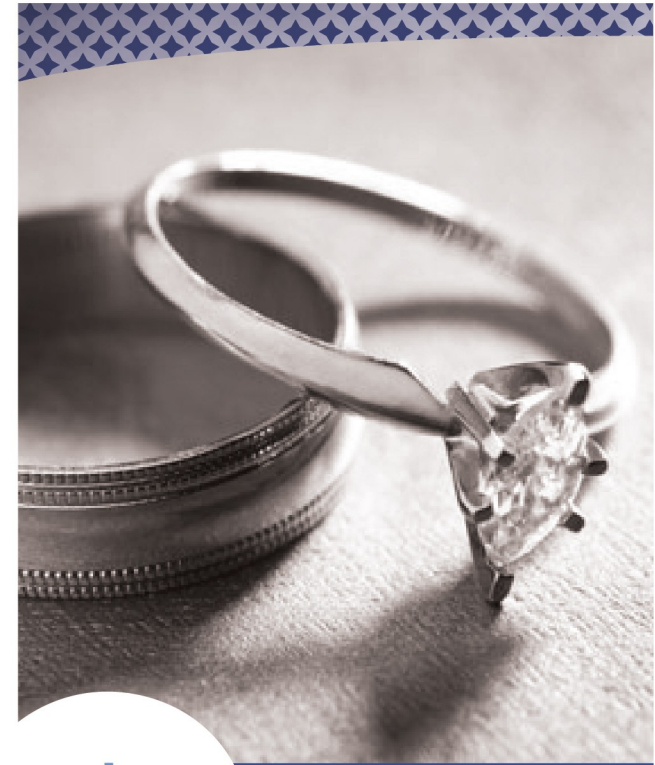
How to Arrange Your Wedding Date

Plan as early as possible so that the use of the church facilities can be arranged without conflict. Weddings may be scheduled about a year in advance. Due to commitments, weddings may not be possible on or around certain holidays or annual church events. If requesting a Saturday late afternoon or evening wedding, ample time is needed to reset the church facility for Sunday services.



Evangelical Free Church

Weddings



at the eFree Church

Husbands, love your wives,
just as Christ loved the church and
gave himself up for her.

Ephesians 5:25

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He who finds a wife finds
what is good and receives
favor from the LORD.

Proverbs 18:22

Wedding Policies

1. Because we hold the marriage covenant in high regard, we subscribe to these biblical qualifications:

- Equally yoked – This means that couples who covenant together before God should be moving toward the same spiritual goal, namely, the passionate pursuit of God together. 1 Corinthians 6:14
- Sexual purity – This means the couple must be sexually pure (no sex), and maintain separate residences (no living together) until marriage.

In the event of prior marriages, each individual situation will be reviewed with the pastor.

2. If you meet these biblical qualifications, fill out and submit the Wedding Application form available in the church office.
3. After your application is received, the Wedding Coordinator will call you to set up an initial meeting with the pastor.
4. After the pastor approves moving ahead with the wedding, The Wedding Coordinator will give you a Wedding Packet. You will need to fill out the Facility Use form included in the packet. After your date is approved, your wedding is considered confirmed at the eFree Church.
5. The pastor will meet with you for six premarital sessions. During these sessions you will explore your own expectations regarding marriage and also examine what the Bible teaches about marriage.

Officiating Pastor

In almost every case, weddings performed at the eFree Church are officiated by one of the pastors on staff. If you desire someone other than a current pastoral staff member to perform your ceremony, please contact the Wedding Coordinator with your request. If the officiating pastor is from outside Wisconsin, he is responsible to submit his credentials to the Wedding Coordinator for verification with the State of Wisconsin at least 2 weeks in advance of the wedding.

Wedding Packet

After your wedding is approved, you will receive a Wedding Packet filled with helpful information, such as:

- Scheduling the facility (dates, times, rooms)
- Facility Use guidelines
- Checklist: What to do and when prior to your wedding
- Planning your Wedding Ceremony
- Designing your Wedding Bulletin
- Service fees and honoraria

Marriage License

You should apply at the county courthouse for your marriage license at least 2 weeks prior to the day of your wedding. The officiating pastor must have the license in hand by the day of the ceremony in order to perform your wedding.

Cancellations, Location or Date Changes

If you decide to cancel, hold your wedding at a different location, or change the date or time, please notify the Wedding Coordinator at the church office as soon as possible. Cancellation fees may apply.

Questions?

The Wedding Coordinator will be your contact person if you have any questions about your use of the facility, your premarital sessions, your ceremony, or anything that has to do with your wedding here at the eFree Church. Contact her at 920.452.6520 or weddings@e-free-family.com

