

ranged through the Senior Pastor.

COUNSELING

Pre-marital counseling must be scheduled with the pastoral staff prior to the marriage ceremony. Please allow for approximately 4-6 meetings with the officiating pastor. Counseling is included in the ministerial remuneration.

MINISTER

Remuneration is **\$150.00**

MUSIC

Organist/Pianist/Vocalists: The bridal couple is responsible for the initial contact and the arrangements necessary to secure musicians. The fees need to be negotiated between the bridal couple and each of the musicians. Contacts will be provided upon request.

SOUND/LIGHTING

The church will provide the sound/lighting technician for the rehearsal and wedding ceremony.

Remuneration is **\$50**

The church does not provide videotaping. This is the responsibility of the bridal party. The use of the Lakeview Church video camera is negotiable.

Excerpt from The Constitution and By-laws of Lakeview Church ratified April 13, 2014.

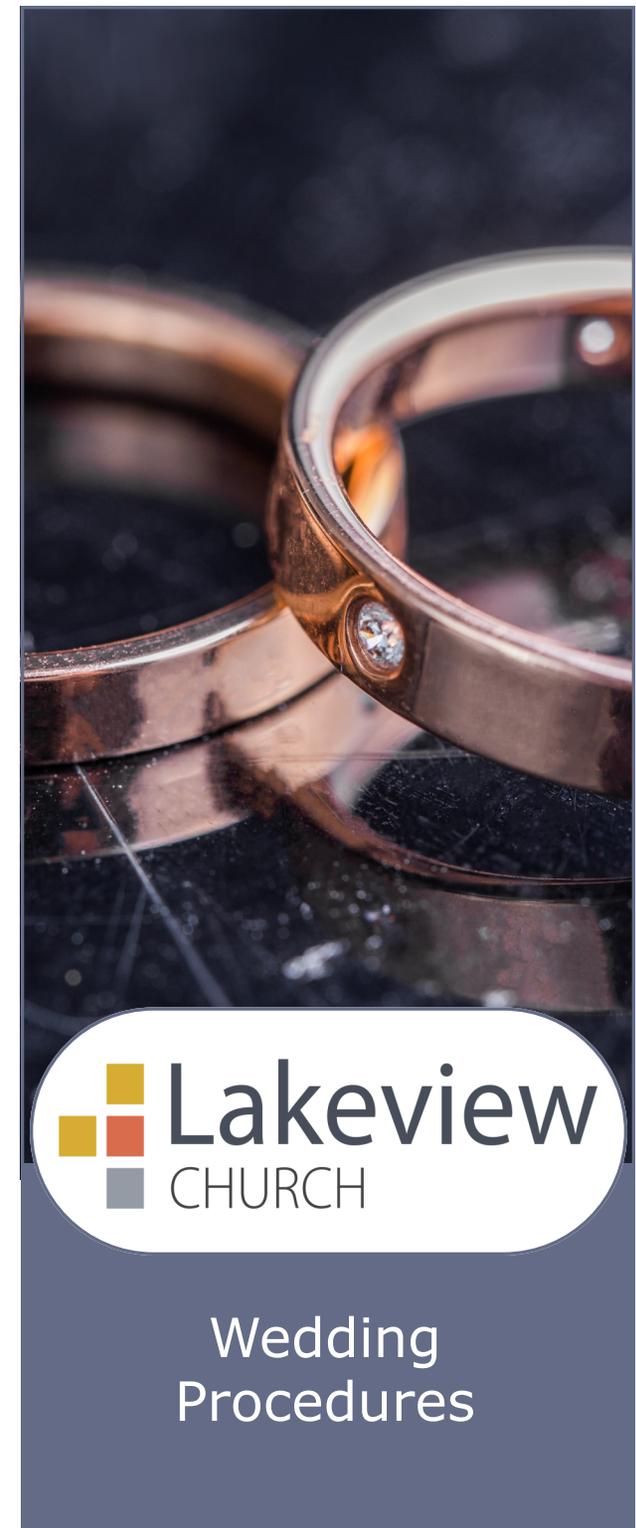
Marriage and the Home

- a. Marriage is a sacred institution ordained by God and is an indissoluble union of one husband (born male) and one wife (born female) until parted by death. Marriage is the foundation of the family. A believer should not be united in marriage with an unbeliever.
- b. Pastors and parents have an obligation to teach the sanctity of marriage and to warn against believers being yoked with unbelievers. Pastors should not knowingly officiate at the marriage of a believer and an unbeliever.
- c. Pastors are forbidden from encouraging, blessing, or officiating same-sex "marriages" or unions.

Divorce

- Divorce is viewed in the Scripture as contrary to God's will. Christians shall seek by forbearance and forgiveness to preserve the marriage bond. Persons divorced and remarried who give evidence of being genuinely born again are eligible to be received into membership of the church. Divorce between members of the church is an occasion of great tragedy. Such conduct brings the teaching and reality of Christian reconciliation under reproach and offenders are to be disciplined. Pastors are to refrain from performing marriage ceremonies where one or both parties are divorced.

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CHURCH

Wedding
Procedures

MARRIAGE LICENSE

A valid marriage license must be presented to the pastor prior to the rehearsal. According to Illinois law, a marriage license is valid only in the county in which it is issued. To be married at Lakeview Church, your license will be issued by the Lake County Clerk's office in Waukegan. Your license is not valid for one day after it is issued and then is valid for sixty days.

For more information: www.lakecountyil.gov and search for marriage licenses.

FACILITIES

Our sanctuary holds approximately 450-500 people.

DECORATIONS

All flowers, candles, decorations, etc., are the responsibility of the bridal couple.

The church does not have a kneeling altar or runners (the middle aisle is 75 feet long including the stairs to the platform.) These can usually be rented from your florist. We do, however, have candelabras, aisle candle holders and candle lighters which are available upon request.

The sanctuary is typically available to the couple to decorate two days prior to the ceremony. Prior scheduled church events and funerals take precedence.

It will be your responsibility to return any of the above items and dispose of any decorations, flowers, etc., immediately following the wedding ceremony.

BULLETINS

Wedding bulletins can be prepared by the Lakeview Church Administrative Assistant at no charge. A completed copy should be submitted to the church office one week prior to the wedding. A copy will be set up and returned for final approval before printing. Bulletins are not provided by the church and can be purchased at any stationery or Christian bookstore.

REHEARSAL

Wedding rehearsals are necessary so that everyone knows what to expect during the service and is comfortable with their responsibilities. The wedding rehearsal takes approximately one hour.

Persons who need to be present at the rehearsal are the bridal party, the ushers, the musicians, and the parents of the bride and groom.

DRESSING ROOMS

The bridal party may wish to dress at the church. Arrangements need to be made with the office for entry into the building.

The bride and bridesmaids may use the preschool area downstairs which is adjacent to the women's washroom. The groomsmen may dress in the area located off the sanctuary platform to the north.

Food may be brought in for the bridal party during the pre-ceremony time. The wedding party is responsible for cleaning up.

CEREMONY

The wedding ceremony will be discussed during pre-marital counseling. Couples should allow approximately 30-45 minutes for the entire ceremony,

depending on the couple's requests.

RECEPTIONS

Couples planning to use the fellowship area for a reception should complete a layout sketch. The layout sketch and the number of guests expected should be submitted to the church office one week prior to the wedding.

Weddings and receptions held on Saturday must vacate the building by 7:30 PM to allow the custodian time to set up for the Sunday morning services. No weddings are to be scheduled after 4:30 PM.

Tables are 8 feet long and along with chairs are available to seat up to 300 guests.

The wedding party is responsible to provide all necessary items for the reception. If an outside caterer is being used, they are responsible for complete cleanup of tables and kitchen. Arrangements should be made with the church office regarding access to the kitchen prior to the reception.

USE OF BUILDING

Sanctuary:	Upstairs	\$125
	Downstairs	\$75

The building use fees are generally waived for regular attendees.

CUSTODIAL FEES

Sanctuary:	Upstairs	\$50
	Downstairs	\$75

When one of the pastoral staff is not officiating at the wedding, the church custodian is paid **\$10** per hour for supervision of the building at the rehearsal and wedding. Such weddings are also to be ar-