

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.



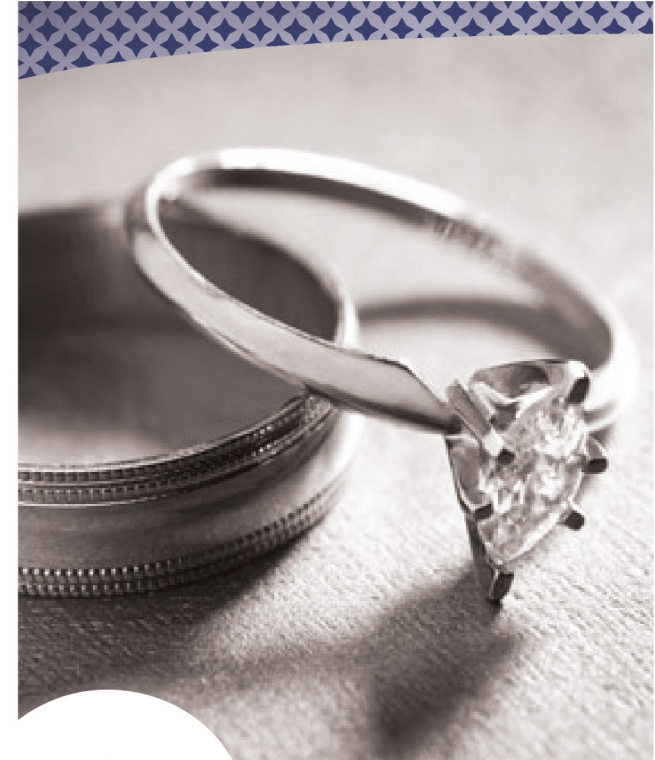
Evangelical Free Church

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

Ephesians 5:25 (ESV)

Weddings



at the eFree Church

**He who finds a wife finds a
good thing and obtains
favor from the LORD.**

Proverbs 18:22 (ESV)

Congratulations on your engagement!

Our desire is for our marriages to be a radiant reflection of Christ's love for His Church. 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.

If you meet these Biblical qualifications...

1. Fill out the wedding application and submit it to the church office.
2. After your application is received, the Wedding Scheduler will call you to set up an initial meeting with the pastor.
3. Once the pastor approves your wedding, the Hospitality Coordinator will give you a wedding packet including helpful wedding planning information, such as:
 - Scheduling dates, rooms, and times
 - Guidelines for using the facility
 - Planning your wedding ceremony
 - Helpful ideas and inspiration
 - Service fees and honoraria



4. Fill out and submit the Facility Use form included in the packet. Once your date is approved, your wedding is considered confirmed at the Evangelical Free Church.
5. The pastor will meet with you for six premarital sessions. During these sessions, you'll discuss your own expectations regarding marriage as well as God's beautiful design for God-honoring marriages.

Officiating Pastor

In almost every case, weddings performed at the Evangelical Free Church are officiated by one of our staff pastors. If you desire someone other than a current pastoral staff member to perform your ceremony, please notify the pastor conducting your premarital sessions at the first session.

If the officiating pastor is from outside Wisconsin, he is responsible to submit his credentials to the Church Administrator for verification with the state of Wisconsin at least 2 weeks in advance of the 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 Scheduler at the church office as soon as possible. Cancellation fees may apply.

Questions?

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