

GUIDELINES FOR WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS

For the wedding of: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

We welcome you to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church as a photographer for this couple's wedding. Weddings that are held at St. Paul's are first and foremost Services of Divine Worship. The following guidelines have been adopted by our congregation to assist photographers in their services.

1. No pictures or auxiliary lighting are permitted during the Service. The congregation will be asked to refrain from the same.
2. Please do not stand on the pews to take photographs.
3. Photographs may be taken from the area behind the pews at the beginning of the processional when the wedding party is entering the nave.
4. After the processional photography will cease.
5. During the recessional, photographs are permitted from the area behind the back pews.
6. The altar, pulpit and other chancel furnishings are not to be used as props for the taking of photographs.
7. No chancel or other furnishing may be moved for any reason.
8. Photographs of the wedding party may be taken following the Service. However no one in the Wedding Party is permitted to stand behind the altar.
9. If photographs of the pastors and/or musicians are desired, these should be taken as soon after the conclusion of the Service as possible.
10. As a safety precaution, electrical extension cords, wires, etc., are not permitted in the aisles. Please consult the pastor as to acceptable locations for connection of electrical equipment.

11. The pews and other furnishings of the church are to be respected. Please do not place equipment on these objects that might scratch or otherwise damage them.
12. Video taping is permitted during the service if it is done from a single, inconspicuous location. This location must be specifically approved by the pastor prior to the Service. Auxiliary lighting for video taping is not permitted.
13. Locations are available for pictures of the wedding participants prior to the wedding ceremony. Please consult the pastor as to the availability of these locations.
14. If there are any photography questions that are not answered by the above guidelines, please contact the pastor.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to working with you on this important occasion!

As revised and approved by the Congregation Council, A.D. June 8, 2010