



Wedding Brochure

*For this reason
A man will leave
His father and mother
And be united to
His wife...*

Genesis 2:24

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Wedding Checklist

Please use this checklist as a guide while you prepare for your special day at Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

12mo (or more) before your wedding:

- Inquire about wedding at Mount Olive - fill out [Wedding Application](#) online
- Meet with a Pastor before date is secured
- Make initial deposit (deposits are \$100 for onsite weddings & \$75 for offsite weddings)
- Call Theresa to confirm your wedding date – 715.359.5546
- Mark the *Premarital Pathway* classes on your calendar - [Class Dates](#)
- Communicate with Kari about music options – kari@mtoliveweston.org or text 715.574.7345

6mo – 3mo before your wedding:

- Review Mount Olive Marriage Brochure - [Wedding Brochure](#) online
- Get music selections approved by Kari – kari@mtoliveweston.org or text 715.574.7345
- Start looking at Bible Reading selections (located in [Wedding Brochure](#))

3mo – 1mo before your wedding:

- Choose Bible Readings for ceremony
- Get unity candle/sand for ceremony
- Prior to printing wedding program, have Pastor approve it
- Complete the Ceremony Details Worksheet found in [Wedding Brochure](#)

2mo-1mo before your wedding:

- Meet with Pastor – bring and discuss Ceremony Details Worksheet /marriage class
- Get marriage license & drop off at church office (1 week before wedding)
- Make final payment for wedding --NOTE: If Pastor Ray (retiring) is your officiating Pastor in either an onsite wedding, please call the church office for further instructions.
 - Onsite weddings: \$300 balance-make check out to Mt. Olive and deliver 1 month prior to wedding;
 - Offsite weddings: \$175 balance-make check out to officiating Pastor and deliver by hand at the rehearsal.

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Wedding Overview

This brochure has been prepared to assist you during your time of ceremony preparation, so that your wedding day, as well as your marriage, will be filled with meaning, beauty, and the blessings of God in Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Wedding Requirements:

1. **Date & time of your wedding** - Weddings are not placed on the church calendar until the couple has filled out a wedding application online and met with a Pastor. The date and time of your wedding will be approved at that time.
2. **Premarital Counseling** - Each couple is required to attend pre-marriage classes at Mount Olive. As part of your wedding team we want to make sure you are equipped not only for the wedding but for your marriage relationship. We will require you to complete the Mount Olive *Premarital Pathway* program. The pathway program includes two pastoral counseling sessions and a six week small group study with mentor and engaged couples. The investment of time in the *Premarital Pathway* program will pay great dividends for the future success and happiness of your marriage. Check the website or with the church office for dates and times for the next upcoming *Premarital Pathway* session.
3. **Wedding Fees:**
 - a. Onsite weddings: \$400- This fee is used to cover costs associated with building use, cleaning fees, class materials, sound & computer technicians and Pastor's Honorarium. (\$100 deposit is required, and the remaining balance of \$300 must be paid 1 month prior to your wedding date. Write both checks to Mt. Olive unless Pastor Ray (retiring pastor) is your officiating Pastor. Contact church office for further instructions if Pastor Ray is your officiating Pastor.)
 - b. Offsite weddings: \$250- This fee is used to cover the costs of class materials and the Pastor's Honorarium. (\$75 is required as a deposit to Mt. Olive, and the remaining \$175 balance should be written to the officiating Pastor and delivered to him at the wedding rehearsal.)
4. **Musician Fees** - these fees are separate from the overall wedding fee, and should be paid directly to that person(s). We ask that ALL musician fees be paid one week prior to the Rehearsal.

Wedding Details Overview:

1. **Rehearsal** - Normally the rehearsal for the wedding is held the day prior to the wedding at a time mutually agreed upon by the couple and the Pastor. The rehearsal itself will take approximately forty-five minutes. Those who are to be at the rehearsal: Couple; Parents of the Bride & Groom (Grandparents and other family may attend to watch...) Entire wedding

party including: Attendants, Ring bearer, Flower girl, Ushers (we suggest 2-4 ushers to assist your guests & the pastors), Readers, Soloists, and any other organist or musicians.

2. **Ceremony** - It must be remembered that the wedding ceremony is also a Christian worship service. One of the invited guests will be our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What is done in your wedding service must be appropriate, tasteful and God-pleasing, and approved by the pastor. Please let us know if you would like a copy of a sample ceremony for planning.
3. **Bible Readings** – Please refer to the “Bible Readings” section in the brochure for choosing 1-3 scripture passages for your ceremony.
4. **Holy Communion** - We do not celebrate Holy Communion during wedding ceremonies at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church.
5. **Music** - Kari Balk, our Music Minister will want to know if you need help securing musicians and will also need to approve all music selections. Please contact her early in your planning. If you have any questions, she can be reached at: kari@mtoliveweston.org or text/ call 715 574-7345.
6. **Programs** – Please provide a rough draft of your program to be reviewed by the officiating Pastor PRIOR to printing them. Also, copies of your program should be available on the day of your rehearsal.
7. **Flowers** – You may have as many or as few flowers as you’d like. The altar arrangements should be no more than 28” wide and 15” tall. Your wedding party may wear or hold flowers of your choosing as well. Live or silk arrangements are acceptable. **Only silk flower petals** may be used by the **flower girl** at Mount Olive.
8. **Sign of Unity** – If you as a couple wish to have a unity ceremony (unity candle, sand, etc.) in the service, it is your responsibility to purchase these items. These are available online, or at a local Christian bookstore. (We do have a unity candle stand for your use if you wish. Please let Pastor know at your final meeting.)
9. **Other Accessories** - You may choose to have candelabras, extra floral arrangements, arches, or a trellis for your ceremony at your own expense. Other decorations such as ribbon bouquets may be attached to the pews; however, no tape or other adhesives are to be used on pews or chairs. Please use wire or ribbon to fasten any decorations.
10. **Pictures & Videos** - Any timed exposures may be taken during the ceremony. No one is allowed in the chancel area to take pictures or videos. Video cameras may be used during the ceremony from the balcony or from either side of the front of the church. No video cameras are allowed in the chancel area. Pictures may be taken before or after the ceremony, it is up to the discretion of the bride and groom.
11. **Changing Room** - Will be provided for both the men and the women if needed.
12. **Marriage License** - From 30 days to within 5 days of your ceremony, you will want to go to the courthouse of the county in which you live to apply for a marriage license. You will need to bring various documents and payments to the courthouse. If you are being married onsite at Mount Olive, or offsite in Marathon County please go to the County Clerk’s

website for the most current information on registering (www.co.marathon.wi.us). If you have questions call 715-261-1500. Once you obtain your application for a marriage license, please drop it off at the church office with Theresa Munz one week before your wedding so we can finish processing the application and mail it into the county in which you are getting married.

After your ceremony, the Pastor will give you church certificate of marriage. Official copies of your marriage license are created at the county courthouse (the county where the ceremony took place, not the county of residence), and available 2-3 business days after your ceremony from the county courthouse.

13. **Seating** – Please let us know if you have any special requests or concerns about seating arrangements (Traditional “Bride’s side” or “Groom’s side”, estranged parents, etc.)

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Bible Readings

Please review the following readings and select 1 – 3 that you would like to be read at your ceremony. You may identify one or more family members or friends to read the Bible passages during the ceremony.

Old Testament Readings

Genesis 2:18, 20-24 18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." 24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Psalms 127:1-5 1 Unless the LORD builds the house, its builder's labor is in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. 2 In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat--for he grants sleep to those he loves. 3 Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him. 4 Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth. 5 Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

Psalms 128:1-5 1 Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways. 2 You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table. 4 Thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. 5 May the LORD bless you from Zion all the days of your life 6 and may you live to see your children's children.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: 10 If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! 11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Song of Solomon 8:6-7 Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame. 7 Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned.

Ruth 1:16-17 16 But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me."

Proverbs 3:3-6 3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Jeremiah 29:11-14 11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you," declares the LORD."

New Testament Readings

1 Corinthians 13:1-8,13 1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails. 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Colossians 3:12-17 12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1 John 4:7-12 7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.

Ephesians 5:21-33 21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. 22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-- 30 for we are members of his body. 31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." 32 This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33

However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Romans 12:9-12 9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Gospel Readings

Matthew 7:24-27 24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Matthew 19:4-6

4 "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? 6 So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

John 15:1-8

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and It will be given you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:9-15

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church Ceremony Details Worksheet

Bride: _____ **Groom:** _____

Wedding Participants:

Maid/Matron of Honor _____

Best Man _____

Other Bridesmaids and Groomsman (list in proper order and coupled)

Ring Bearer _____

Flower Girl _____

Ushers (list all separated by a comma):

Readers:

Bride's' Honored Guests in seating order:

Groom's Honored Guests in seating order:

Other Details:

Unity ceremony (describe)

Seating arrangements (traditional Bride's side? Groom's side? Any special instructions?)

Scripture reading selections
