

## **WEDDING CEREMONY POLICIES**

- 1. Any use of tobacco is prohibited inside the church.**
- 2. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the church building or on the church grounds. There should be no drinking of alcohol before the rehearsal or the ceremony.**
- 3. No animals, other than those used for guide purposes, are allowed inside the church building.**
- 4. The Pastor must approve all music to be used during the ceremony. The lyrics are to speak of commitment and faithfulness. The music is to be suited for a worship service. The Pastor, Wedding Coordinator, or organist will be happy to suggest appropriate music.**
- 5. Throwing of rice is prohibited. Bird seed is permitted, but its use must be confined to outdoors. Bubbles and rose petals are also permitted.**
- 6. The church will be opened by the Wedding Coordinator. Please contact her with the rehearsal time and other times the church will need to be opened for decorating or deliveries.**
- 7. Guest pastors may assist in the wedding with the approval of the pastor. St. Peter's pastor will be involved in the planning, supervision, and celebration of the wedding unless he or she cannot be present.**
- 8. We have organists at St. Peter Lutheran who will play at weddings. A friend or family member may also serve as a guest organist. If you do not have an organist in mind, the Pastor or Wedding Coordinator will suggest someone.**
- 9. Photographers must be informed that pictures taken prior to the ceremony will be completed no later than 45 minutes before the start of the wedding service. NO flash photography will be taken after the Bride is down the aisle, and other pictures taken during the service must be taken from a place that will not interfere with the flow of the service. Videos may be taken at the service but the camera must be at a fixed location that will not distract from the ceremony.**
- 10. Ushers should be instructed to be ready and available for duties 45 minutes prior to the wedding service.**