

Non-member Marriage Policy of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Freeland, MI

Non-members may be married in the sanctuary of St. Matthew Lutheran of Freeland, MI under the following conditions:

- 1) Both the prospective bride and groom agree to complete a pre-marriage counseling class from the current pastor of St. Matthew.
- 2) The prospective bride and groom must abide by the principles of church fellowship as outlined in Scripture and taught and adhered to by St. Matthew Lutheran in regard to their marriage ceremony. This means that...
 - a. No minister from any denomination not in fellowship with the WELS may participate in any part of the worship service.
 - b. Those who will function as an organist or soloist must be a member of the WELS or a congregation in fellowship with the WELS.
- 3) The prospective bride and groom must agree to use the marriage ceremony contained in *Christian Worship* with no changes to the service allowed except at the pastor's discretion.
- 4) All music used for the service must be approved by the pastor and must be in accordance with Biblical values.
- 5) The prospective bride and groom must agree to all the policies St. Matthew has set for use of the church building and payments to the organist and custodian as outlined in the Policy Book of St. Matthew.
- 6) The prospective bride and groom agree to prepay a \$250 fee for use of the church building.
- 7) The prospective bride and groom agree to prepay a \$100 fee to the pastor for conducting the service.
- 8) The prospective bride and groom shall be held monetarily liable for any material damages incurred during the use of the church building.
- 9) No alcohol or drug use will be permitted on church grounds at any time.
- 10) Those found to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be allowed to participate in any activity held on church grounds.
- 11) All members of the bridal party will be expected to abide by and exhibit Christian values while on church grounds.