



# St. Luke's Lutheran Church & School

Oakfield, WI

## **What We Ask Of Our Christian Brides and Grooms**

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1. Please consider marriage a lifelong union. "What God has joined together, let man not separate" (Matthew 9: 6).
  - a. If one or both of you have been married previously, we ask you to make an appointment to discuss this matter with our pastor before making further marriage plans.
  - b. We ask you openly to discuss, between the two of you, the meaning and purpose of marriage.
  - c. We ask you to arrange for further discussion of this subject with our pastor.
2. Please remember that a wedding in our church is a sacred worship service, dedicated to the glory of our God and Savior. "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10: 31).
  - a. We ask that all music in the wedding service give glory to God.
  - b. We ask that all worship leaders (Officiants, singers, musicians) be members of the confessional fellowship of our church body. Please do not ask our pastor to sin against his conscience in this matter.
  - c. We ask that the taking of pictures and videos in no way disturb, or interfere with the worship of God. If you have questions, ask about specific guidelines.
3. Please keep in mind that our God forbids all sexual activity prior to or outside of marriage and tells us' Christians that "among you there must not, 'be even a hint of sexual immorality, or any kind of impurity," (Ephesians 5:3).
  - a. We ask that, while you are planning your wedding in our church you be on your guard against temptations to sin sexually.
  - b. We ask that; if you cannot control your sexual desires, you consider getting married as soon as possible in a simple wedding ceremony, if necessary.
4. Please understand that our faith in Jesus is one of forgiveness for all sins through faith in His atoning sacrifice upon the cross, for "the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin," (1 John 1:7).
  - a. We ask you to discuss openly and honestly with our pastor any sins that are troubling you and burdening your conscience.
  - b. We ask that, as you make your plans for marriage, you be at peace with God in your relationship with one another and in your life.
5. Please take to heart that, as forgiven sinners, through Jesus blood, we also look for the fruits of repentance and faith in our life and conduct. "Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ," (Philippians 1:27).
  - a. We ask that, as you prepare for marriage, you concentrate on making regular worship a part of your life together as husband and, wife.
  - b. We ask that you give yourselves from your hearts to setting the example of an upright and godly life that glorifies our Savior.
  - c. We ask, that you pray regularly asking God's blessing upon your marriage plans and married life.

Thank you for your, cooperation,  
St. Luke's Church Council

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