



Reaching Out to Grow
Hope-Filled
Followers of Jesus!

Cross of Hope Lutheran Church and Schools

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Wedding Policy and Guidelines

At Cross of Hope Lutheran Church (COHLC), we rejoice with those who wish to marry. Together, we ask God to bless their commitment to one another in love and celebrate the gift of marriage with them. To that end:

COUNSELING

We believe that an important investment in marriage is counseling, which helps the couple grow in understanding their relationship as it currently exists and how it may evolve in marriage.

Counseling will be done with a Pastor of COHLC.

This may include:

Using the Prepare/Enrich Couples Inventory

Meeting with the pastor for multiple counseling / planning sessions (4-5 average).

Please reference the fee schedule for these services.

WORSHIP

The primary action of a wedding at COHLC is to worship God. During worship we ask God's blessing on the new marriage through the Rite of Marriage. There is opportunity for unique, creative expressions of love and faith that support the act of worshiping God and may be discussed and agreed upon with the Pastor. A wedding at COHLC is an act of the community and so worship with the Rite of Marriage will be developed in consultation with the Pastor.

FACILITIES

The use of our facilities include the worship area, great hall, dressing rooms for bride and groom, and the youth room. Our food preparations facilities are very limited so we encourage couples to host their reception at another site. If the reception is held at COHLC, catering is advised and extra chairs, tables and serving items and equipment may be needed. Also, Hebrews coffee bar would be a great addition to a reception (at an additional charge).

Please reference the fee schedule for these services.

MUSIC

All music for your wedding will be coordinated through the Director of Music of COHLC who will work with you to select appropriate music. Other arrangements may be made for music. Please *reference the fee schedule for these services.*

WEDDING COORDINATOR

Cross of Hope Church provides the services of a Wedding Coordinator for you to help you with the details of your wedding and coordination with others who will need to be involved. The wedding coordinator assists you with completing the forms for building use, placement of flowers and candles, and rehearsal. The Wedding Coordinator will advise you on items of custom and ceremony if you have questions.

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Fee Schedule for Weddings At Cross of Hope Lutheran Church

COUNSELING: Prepare-Enrich - \$35

- Prepare-Enrich are the counseling learning materials

LICENSE: Set by the State of New Mexico and acquired from your local county:

- Bernalillo County - <http://www.bernco.gov/clerk/marriage-licenses.aspx> - \$25
- Sandoval County— <http://www.sandovalcounty.com/clerk> - \$25

PASTOR: \$250 - if prohibitive, speak to Pr. Berndt
- counseling, rehearsal, and wedding service

FACILITIES: \$250 - if prohibitive, speak to Pr. Berndt

MUSIC: (recommended)

Church Accompanist (wedding time only) - \$150

Soloist (wedding time only) - \$50

- other music options are possible, but must be coordinated through the music director.

WEDDING COORDINATOR: \$125

Please turn in all payments to the Wedding Coordinator at the time of rehearsal.

Please bring the Marriage License to the *rehearsal*.

Thank You and blessings in your preparation for marriage!