

At Grace, we believe that marriage is a holy and sacred gift from God that reflects the relationship of Christ and His bride, the church. In truth, some of God's greatest promises are to those who unite a household under His will and purpose. We desire that couples approach marriage in a Biblical way that is pleasing to God and blessed by Him. God's Word reminds us that "unless the Lord builds the house its builders labor in vain" (Psalm 127:1).

At Grace we recognize:

- the purpose of marriage: "That two may become one"
- the power of marriage: "For two are stronger than one"
- the primacy of marriage: "What God has joined together . . . let no man separate."

The policy of Grace Lutheran Church, a member congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is and always has been consistent with the synod's beliefs on marriage. We believe that marriage is a sacred union of one man and one woman, and that at creation God instituted marriage for the well-being of humanity (Gen. 2:20-24; Mark 10:6-9). God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female (Gen. 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Cor. 6:9).

Therefore, it would be a breach of the doctrine and Biblical truth for pastors of Grace Lutheran Church in Menomonee Falls, Wis., to conduct the marriage or the blessing of a union between a same-sex couple. In light of our beliefs, pastors of the Grace Lutheran Church shall not perform marriages or unions of same-sex couples. The facilities and property of Grace in accordance with this Biblical truth shall host weddings only between one man and one woman. These positions and beliefs also can be found on the LCMS website.