

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

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Hudson, WI 54016 715/386-5409



Wedding Planning Guide

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Processional or Entrance Hymn

Greeting

Prayer

First Lesson - Text: _____

Reader: _____

Solo or Hymn _____

Second Lesson - Text: _____

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Questions of Intent

Message

Solo or Hymn _____

Marriage Vows _____

Exchange of Rings

Unity Candle

Greeting of the Parents Hymn or solo

Blessing of the Bride and Groom

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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Benediction

The Kiss

The Introduction

Recessional _____

Attendant[s]:

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THE WEDDING PARTY

Parent[s] of the Bride:

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Witnesses

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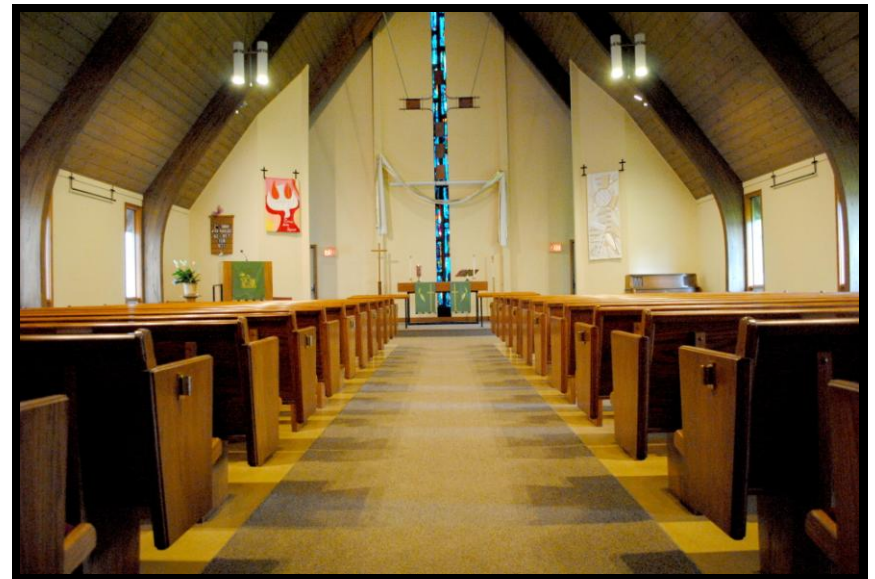
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