



Inside view of Green Lake Chapel



## Looking for Help Planning Your Wedding?

### Florists

Angels & Ivy, New London	320-354-7241
On the Avenue, Willmar	320-262-3765
Grape Vine Gardens, Spicer	320-796-4438
Special Touch Floral, Clara City	320-235-9196
Wedding Center Floral & Rental	320-235-9196

### Musicians

City Brass, Virgie Johnson— Symphony Combo	320/796-5477
Dean Gylten—Piano & Organ	320/231-3438
String Quartet, Bob Whitney— Violin, Viola & Violoncello	320/214-9433
Jane Viske—Piano & Vocal	320/796-0007

### Photographers

Carlson Studio, Spicer (December—May)	320/796-0096
Crosby Studio, Olivia	888/526-5252
Kat Tracks Productions	320/796-4555
Steven's Shutter Shoppe, Willmar	320/278-7769
Studio J Glamour Photography	320/214-7221
Unlimited Images, Kerkhoven	320/264-0034

### Wedding Receptions

American Legion, New London	320/354-2284
American Legion, Spicer	320/796-5542
American Legion, Willmar	320/235-8136
The Oaks, Willmar	320/235-4448
Holiday Inn, Willmar	320/235-6060
Kandi Entertainment Center	320/235-0195
Little Crow Country Club, Spicer	320/796-2214
Spicer Castle, Spicer	320/796-5870

## Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

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# Green Lake Stave Chapel

at Green Lake  
Bible Camp



### OUR MISSION

*Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Presents the Life Changing Love of Jesus in the Vibrant Settings of Camps and Retreats.*

# Green Lake Bible Camp Stave Chapel

The original Green Lake Bible Camp Chapel was built by Peter O. Nasvik of St. Paul, MN. Mr. Nasvik was a church builder all of his life, constructing over 60 churches in a five state area, most of which were stone or brick.

Stave churches are similar in style, made of wood with a multi roof line. The Norwegians were expert boat builders and transferred this skill to their stave kirke. The center peak of the stave church is designed very much like a "Norwegian longboat" standing on end.

At one point there were thousands of stave churches in Norway, built primarily as pagan churches. Most of them were torn down when Norway became a Christian country, with only a few left standing to this day. Today, however, the stave church is really almost a Norwegian symbol for the Christian Church.

In April, 1940, Mr. Nasvik's dream of building a stave church was fulfilled when the Board of Directors of the Green Lake Bible Camp (only 2 years old at the time) signed the contract to construct the Chapel and have it ready for the camping season in June.

The story goes that the original drawing of the Chapel was drawn on a napkin over coffee in a café. The napkin was taken back to the Board and approved!

The building budget in 1940 was set at \$3,000, including equipment. The Chapel, modeled after the Fortune Church, now located at Fantoft, Bergen, Norway, was constructed within 8 weeks.

In 1941 the Chapel was officially named "The Lutheran Chapel of the Ascension".

After more than 50 years of use, the chapel, the site of worship and celebration for the Camp Ministry, was in need of major repairs. In 1993 a capital campaign was initiated among the 200 corporate congregations. The project included refurbishing, enlarging, and winterizing the Chapel while maintaining its rustic simplicity and beauty.

Ground was broken for the remodeling in August 1995 and the finished Chapel was rededicated on August 4, 1996.

## Reserving a Date

To reserve the Green Lake Chapel, contact Sonya Erickson at 320-796-2181, ext. 221 or [serickson@gllm.org](mailto:serickson@gllm.org).

## Wedding Rates

May 1-Aug 31: Member \$400 & Non-Member \$525

Sept 1-Apr 30: Member \$350 & Non-Member \$475

This fee covers the use of the chapel for rehearsal the evening before the wedding, the day of the wedding and a wedding host to make sure the sound system, air conditioning/heat, etc. are running smoothly.

## Who is Eligible for Member Rates?

Parishioners who are members of a Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Corporate Congregation are eligible for the member rate. If you are unsure if your church is a corporate member contact your church secretary or Green Lake Lutheran Ministries.

## Facts

- The chapel has 32 wooden pews; 16 on each side of the center aisle
- ROGERS Organ
- The aisle is 75 feet long
- Yamaha Grand Piano
- Sound System— CD and Ipod capabilities
- 3 microphones and stands (2 booms and 1 gooseneck)
- 2 wireless microphones
- Church Capacity is **250 + 25 in balcony.**
- **The Chapel is available for weddings year round, with the exception of holiday weekends.**

## Policies

- An ordained clergy **must** perform the wedding ceremony.
- No tacks or nails are allowed for hanging or attaching decorations
- If you have aisle candles, they must have globes around them.
- Church services are held at 5:30 pm on Saturday evenings from Memorial Day Weekend thru Labor Day Weekend. **During this season, all wedding groups must have wedding items cleaned up and be departed by 4:30pm.**
- Wedding couples are responsible to line up an ordained minister, musicians, sound person, and anyone else you may need to assist with the ceremony.

