Lake Elsie Wedding Barn

The Knot's Top Rated Fargo Area Wedding Venue

LAKE ELSIE
WEDDING BARN

Open May 1st - October 31st of Each Year

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Our Story

How Lake Elsie Wedding Barn Came to Be . . .

Marshall and Sandy Meyer have worn many hats during their 40+ years of marriage. Raising three young children on a dairy farm, they knew hard work and had a love for home and family. Sandy's passion for gardening led her to open a greenhouse business that began on the farm. Soon, Country Care Greenhouse expanded into Hankinson. On the business property there was an old house that couldn't be moved. Some thought it could be torn down, but Sandy saw another opportunity to serve the community. After a thorough renovation, the Hankinson Inn was born. With 7 individually-themed rooms, it quickly became a favorite place to stay. In 2010, during an auspicious drive around Lake Elsie, a For Sale sign on the Max Wipperman property caught Sandy's eye and an idea settled in her heart. But it took a little longer to convince Marshall to move off the farm. Six months later, after hundreds of hours of their own hard labor, Lady on the Lake Bed & Breakfast opened her doors to the public just in time for the town's 125th anniversary celebration on July 1, 2011.

In the ensuing years, Lady on the Lake Bed & Breakfast has housed guests from 4 continents, multiple countries, all 50 states plus some Canadian provinces. As Sandy Meyer has said many times, "Other people like to travel, that's their thing, but we see the world through the relationships we build right here with our guests."

Building relationships is what drives the Meyers. And this is the main reason they made their next big business decision: Lake Elsie Wedding Barn. Their 5-acre property, which was originally part of Colonel Hankinson's vast holdings, includes a Gothic-arch barn, one of only a handful in the state of North Dakota. Its historic architecture and picturesque location, sandwiched between Lake Elsie to the south and Grass Lake to the north, make this property ideal for gatherings among friends and family.

What Lake Elsie Wedding Barn means to Sandy & Marshall

The Meyers know a little something about wedded bliss. They would both tell you the secret to a long and successful marriage is a loving and equal partnership. They celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary right here at the Lake Elsie Wedding Barn in September 2019 along with many of their friends and family. Every wedding is a celebration. They look forward to toasting you and yours on your new adventure.

Sandy & Marshall

Lake Elsie Wedding Barn Wedding Package:

- **Access to Entire Venue:**
  - **Five Pristine, Waterfront Acres on Lake Elsie**
    - Private Dock
    - Boating Access
    - Walking Trails
  - **Lake Elsie Wedding Barn**
    - Hayloft: 240 guests +
    - Ground Floor: 120 guests
    - Outdoor Pavilion: 300 guests +
  - **Lady on the Lake Bed & Breakfast**
    www.ladyonthelakebb.net
    - Each of our 4 luxury guest rooms has a view of Lake Elsie. All include private bathrooms; 3 feature jetted Jacuzzis
    - Room occupancy--up to 2 guests per room
    - The mansion's interior is one-of-a-kind: parquet floors, original fireplaces, elegant common areas with comfortable seating and beautiful lakeside views.
    - Wedding options include: One or Two Night Stay
- **Fully Dedicated and Experienced Venue Staff**
  - Wedding Coordinator to provide Two Planning Meetings, Wedding Day Timeline, Floor Plans and Wedding Day-Of Execution
  - Unlimited texts and emails from 9 am to 7 pm
  - Venue Manager
  - Venue Security from Social Hour to Closing
  - Certified Bartenders
- **Bridal Suite**
  - Lounge Furniture
  - Well-lit Hair & Makeup Stations
  - Restroom with Private Entrance
  - Dress Steamer
  - Coffee & Water Station
  - Mimosas

Lake Elsie Wedding Barn Wedding Package Continued:

- **Groom Suite**
  - Lounge Furniture
  - Games
  - Coffee & Water Station
  - Bucket of Beer
- **Outdoor Ceremony**
  - Waterfront Lawn
  - 280 White Folding Chairs
  - Set Up & Break Down Chairs
  - Provide Ceremony Tables
  - Portable Sound System with Microphone
  - Arbor
- **Indoor Ceremony Rain Plan**
  - Hayloft in Wedding Barn with A/C & Heat
  - 220 Maximum Seating with White Folding Chairs
  - Set Up & Take Down Chairs
  - Stage: 11 ft x 11 ft
  - Portable Sound System with Microphone
  - Arbor
- **Guest Transportation**
  - Golf Cart transport for Special Needs Only
  - Safe Ride Bus available to Return Guests to Local Lodging
- **Social Hour Indoor & Outdoor**
  - Lower-Level Bar Area with A/C & Heat
  - Café Lighting & Tulle-draped Ceiling
  - Table & Chairs plus High-top Tables
  - Full-Service Bar & Bartenders
  - Wedding Barn Patio with Views of Grass Lake
  - Fireplace with Firewood Provided and Outdoor Seating

Lake Elsie Wedding Barn Wedding Package Continued:

- **Social Hour Indoor & Outdoor Continued**
  - Outdoor Lawn Games for Guests
  - Polaroid Photo Station with Props
  - Panoramic Lake Views
  - Designated Smoking Areas
  - Indoor Women's and Men's Restrooms that are ADA Compliant
- **Wedding Dinner Pavilion**
  - 60 ft x 60 ft Tented Pavilion on Cement with Tulle Draping, Chandeliers and Cafe' Lighting
  - Tables & Chairs with Seating for up to 300 guests
  - Set up & Take Down Tables & Chairs
  - Custom Buffet Table 17 ft x 4 ft with Electrical Outlets
  - Fans & Heaters
  - Removable Side Walls for Lakeview & Breeze
- **Hayloft Dance Area:**
  - Climate Controlled with AC & Heat
  - Tulle-draped 20 ft Arched Ceilings with String Lights & Chandeliers
  - Tables, White Folding Chairs plus High-top Tables
  - Built-in Stage for Bands or DJs: 11 ft x 11 ft
  - Handicap Accessible Ramp and Chair-lift to the Hayloft
  - Upper Level Bar with Fully-Certified Bartenders
- **Audio-Visual Package:**
  - Portable Bluetooth Sound System with Microphone (Ceremony & Speeches)
  - Wide-Screen TV on the Ground Floor for Slideshows/Presentations
  - High-Speed Wireless Internet
  - One 220-volt and Four 110-volt electrical outlets
- **Decorations:**
  - Numerous Decor Options Available: Coverings, Easels, Centerpieces, Glass Cylinders, Wooden Rounds and Backdrops

Lake Elsie Wedding Barn Wedding Package Pricing:

- **<u>Weekend Wedding Package: 3 Days</u> (54 hour block)**
  - **Venue Check-In Friday 7 am Check-Out Sunday 1 pm**
  - **Lady on the Lake B&B Two Night Stay**
    - 4 Bedrooms (Sleeps up to 8 Guests)
    - Room Check-In 3 pm Friday
    - Room Check-Out 12 pm Sunday
  - **Groom's Dinner Location:**
    - Waterfront Patio with Outdoor Stone Kitchen: 24 ft x 45 ft
    - Weather-related Plan B available
  - **Peak: $8,300**
  - **Mid-Peak: $7,500**
  - **Off-Peak: $6,200**

- **<u>Single Day Wedding Package:</u> (18 hour block)**

  Not Available on Peak Dates
  - **Venue Check-In Saturday 7 am Check-Out Sunday 1 am**
  - **Lady on The Lake B&B Honeymoon Suite** for the Couple Only
    - Room Check-In 3 pm on Wedding Day
    - Room Check-Out 10 am the Following Day
  - **Price: $6,200**

Lake Elsie Wedding Barn Bar Menu:

Beer Cave Selection

- Golden Lite
- Blue Moon
- Bud Light
- Budweiser
- Busch Apple
- Busch Light
- Coors Light
- Leinkugels Summer Shandy
- Mad Butcher IPA
- Michelob Ultra
- Mike HDR BI Cherry
- Mike's Hard Lemonade
- Miller Light
- Seltzers: Truly & Whiteclaw
- Twisted Hard Tea

Wine Selection

- White
  - Pinot Grigio
  - Sauvignon Blanc
  - Chardonnay
  - Moscato White Wine
  - Riesling
- Red
  - Cabernet Sauvignon
  - Pinot Noir
  - Malbec
  - Merlot
  - Sweet Red Blend
- Sparkling
  - Brut
  - Prosecco

Soft Beverage Selection

- Juice
- Bottled Water
- Energy Drinks
- Sodas
- Mocktails & N/A Beer
- Hot & Iced Coffee

Lake Elsie Wedding Barn Bar Packages Continued:

Liquor Selection

Rail: $5

Vodka:
- Lemon
- Bartons
- Kinky
- UV Red & Blue

Gin:
- Bartons

Rum:
- Bartons
- Bacardi

Tequila:
- Teremana

Whiskey:
- Bison Ridge
- Black Velvet
- Windsor
- Fireball
- Lord Calvert

Schnapps
- Peach
- Peppermint
- Grape
- Sour Apple

Brandy:
- E&J

Call: $7

Vodka:
- Titos
- Smirnoff
- Jeremiah Weed

Gin:
- Tanqueray

Rum:
- Captain Morgan
- Malibu
- Rumchatta

Tequila:
- Jose Tequila Silver

Whiskey:
- Makers Mark
- Southern Comfort
- Jack Daniels
- Pendleton
- Fireball

Bourbon:
- Old Forester

Liqueur:
- Philip's Amaretto

Top-Shelf: $8

Vodka:
- Grey Goose

Gin:
- Bombay Sapphire

Rum:
- Mount Gay Black

Tequila:
- Patron Tequila

Whiskey:
- Jameson
- Jonny walker Red
- Crown Royal
- Crown Apple

Bourbon:
- Knob Creek
- Bulleit Rye

Scotch:
- Glenlivet Scotch

Liqueur:
- Disaronno Amaretto

Shot list available at the bar upon request
Friendly Reminder: We Only Serve Guests 21 and Older

Lake Elsie Wedding Barn Bar Packages Continued:

Specialty Cocktails

- Colorado Bulldog
  Vodka, Coffee Liqueur, Cream and Cola
- Bloody Mary
  Vodka, Tomato Juice and Other Spices and Flavorings
- Chuck Norris
  UV Cherry Vodka 1 Shot in Liquid Ice
- Long Island Tea
  Vodka,Tequila, Light Rum, Triple Sec, Gin and a Splash of Cola
- White Russian
  Vodka, Coffee Liqueur and Cream
- Gummy Bear
  Raspberry Vodka, Peach Schnapps, Cranberry Juice or Pineapple Juice
- Sex on the Beach
  Vodka, Peach Schnapps, Orange Juice and Cranberry Juice

Mocktails Available Upon Request

Lake Elsie Wedding Barn Bar Information:

Bar Service:

Bar is open from 8 am to 11 pm Friday, 8 am Saturday to 1 am Sunday

- Fully Licensed Bar & Professional, Certified Bartenders
- Disposal Cups
- Disposable Wine Glasses
- Cocktail Napkins
- Onsite ATM

Flat Rate Packages:

Pre-paid for all Guests 21 and over for a Minimum of 6 hours

- Includes 1 Keg during Social Hour
- Includes a Champagne Welcome Drink

Beer, Wine & House: $4 per person / per hour
Beer, Wine & Call: $5 per person / per hour
Beer, Wine & Top Shelf: $6 per person / per hour

Other Bar Options:

- Open Bar
- Ticket Bar
- Reguar Bar (Tab or Cash)

Soda/Juice/Water $2
Beer: $4 - $6
Wine: $6 - $7
House Liquor: $5
Call Liquor: $7
Top Shelf Liquor: $8

Retail Drink Prices apply per drink as listed on the Menu.

Lake Elsie Wedding Barn Food Packages:

Buffet Dinner: $20-$25*/person

Chef Sandy, renowned for her delicious Homestyle-Americana menu, would love to prepare your Wedding Reception and/or Rehearsal (Groom's) Dinner* onsite to reduce stress and simplify your planning:

- Two Appetizers
- Salad on the Buffet
- Bread & Butter
- Two Side Dishes
- Two Entrees
- 1 Late Night Snack
- Coffee, Fruit Infused Water, Choice of Punch or Lemonade
- Disposable Flatware
- *In addition: 20% Service Fee + 20% Staffing Fee + 5% Sales Tax
- *Rehearsal/Groom's Dinner Amenities Differ, Inquire with Chef Sandy

Sunday Morning Gathering: $13/person

One last opportunity with loved ones to open gifts, offer your gratitude and share some nourishment before the farewells.

- Tables & Chairs & Linens
- Three Varieties of Coffee with Flavorings, Creams and Sugars
- Variety of Baked Goods
- Quiche or Frittata
- Plates, Silverware & Disposable Cups
- Additional Guests are $4 / person
- *In addition: 20% Service Fee + 20% Staffing Fee + 5% Sales Tax

Prices are subject to change due to market cost

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the Venue Capacity?

- Barn's Hayloft: 240 Guests
- Barn's Ground Floor: 120 Guests
- Outdoor Pavilion: 300+ Guests

What is your Onsite Parking Capacity?

- We offer FREE parking for 200+ cars

What Lodging is Available Nearby?

- Lady on the Lake Bed & Breakfast, owned by Lake Elsie Wedding Barn (only included in select packages)
- Hankinson Inn: 7 Rooms Available; Call or Book Online
- Hot Cakes & Lodging: 9 Rooms Available; Call to Book
- Dakota Magic Casino and RV Campground: 25 Room Block; 13 miles from our Venue
- Camper Hookups: Full service (5)
- Hankinson City Park Camper Hookups (11)
- Wapheton: Baymont Inn & Suites or AmericInn: approximately 35 miles from our Venue

Is Transportation Available?

- Included in your wedding package is our Safe Ride 20 Passenger Bus
- Leave the car with us; let our Safe Ride Bus return you to your local-specific lodging
  - Dakota Magic Casino
  - Hankinson Inn
  - Hotcakes & Lodging
- At 9 am Sunday, we will gladly bring the car owner back here to claim the vehicle
- Clarification on transportation options can be discussed in your first meeting

F.A.Q.'s Continued:

Do We Need Insurance?

It is not required, but strongly recommended.

Do We Need a Wedding Planner?

You may wish to hire a wedding planner, but we provide the following services:

- 2 Planning Meetings
- Final Walk Through
- Sample Floor Plans
- Final Rental Timeline
- Day of Timeline Execution
- Unlimited Emails & Text

Is Outside Alcohol Allowed?

No. No outside alcohol (beverages of any kind) is allowed at Lake Elsie Wedding Barn or Lady on the Lake B&B. We have a full liquor license to serve you and your guests beer, wine and liquor, bottled water, soda and mocktails. You may choose from open bar, ticket bar, regular bar (tab or cash) or flat rate packages. Wedding Day Bar opens at 8 am serves until last call at 12:30 am. Venue Closes at 1 am.

What if We don't see our Favorite Brand on your Alcohol List?

We do our best to cater to your party-specific needs based on what our supplier has in stock.

Can We Hire Our Own Bartenders?

No. Our Professional, Certified Bartenders are included in your Bar Package. No one else may serve alcohol

When is Last Call?

12:30 am or earlier (at your discretion) the night of your Wedding Reception. Venue closes at 1 am sharp.

F.A.Q.'s Continued:

What Decorations are Not Allowed?

Glitter, Rice, Confetti, Fake Flowers (for wedding toss) and Open Flame are not allowed.
Flameless, battery operated candles are allowed.

What are the Catering Options?

- In House Catering provided by Chef Sandy.
  - Schedule your FREE Pre-tasting for bride & groom + 2 others.
- Preferred Caterers - please see our list.
- Choose your own Caterer.
  - All Caterers must provide Proof of Liability Insurance **one month prior** to wedding day.
  - New Caterers must visit our venue prior to wedding day.

Is Venue ADA Compliant?

Yes, we have a chair-lift that will safely provide access to the barn's hayloft, where the dancing takes place. Chair-lift is operated by staff only. Plus, we have ADA compliant handicap accessible restrooms. In additon, Golf Cart Transport is available for Special Needs ONLY.

Can we use Sparklers or Fireworks?

Yes, sparklers are allowed in our designated outside area.
Fireworks are allowed under these 3 conditions:
1.) A Certified Pyrotechnic is onsite.
2.) A Certificate of Liability has been received **one month prior.**
3.) All Products Must Be Biodegradable.

Is Smoking Allowed?

No smoking allowed **inside** the Lake Elsie Wedding Barn. State of North Dakota prohibits all smoking within public places. However, outside away from the buildings, there will be designated smoking areas.

What is your Dog Policy?

The wedding couple's dog is allowed on the premises for the ceremony and wedding pictures ONLY IF a designated dog sitter is responsible for the animal and all its doings on any of the 5 acres. Dispose of droppings in the outside dumpster located near the barn. Dog must be leashed at all times. Wedding couple will be held responsible for any dog-related damages to Lake Elsie Wedding Barn, LLC and its properties. Please note: Dogs are **never allowed inside** Lady on the Lake Bed & Breakfast.

FAQ's Continued:

Can we have Early Access?

Early access is typically not permitted due to setup and cleanup time needed for other rentals. However, additional hours may be purchased for $150/hour 30 days prior to your wedding date.

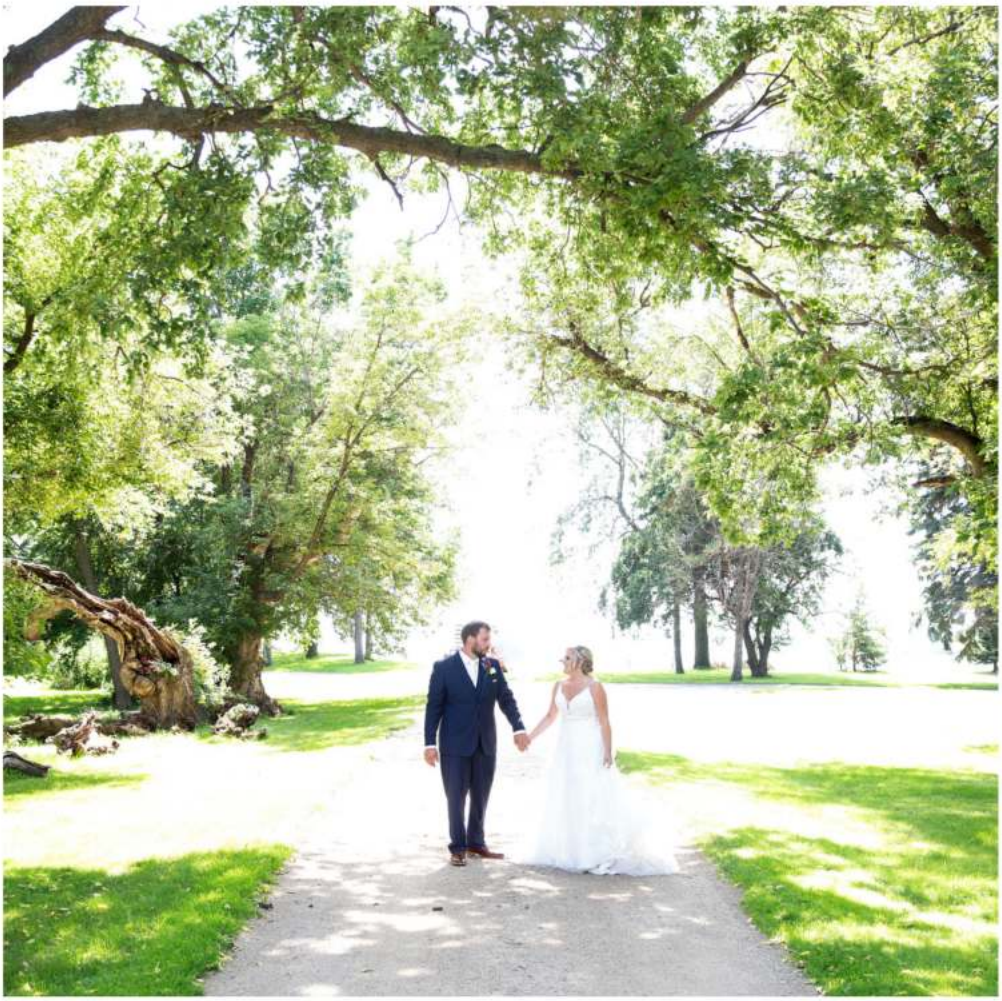
When will our Rehearsal be Held?

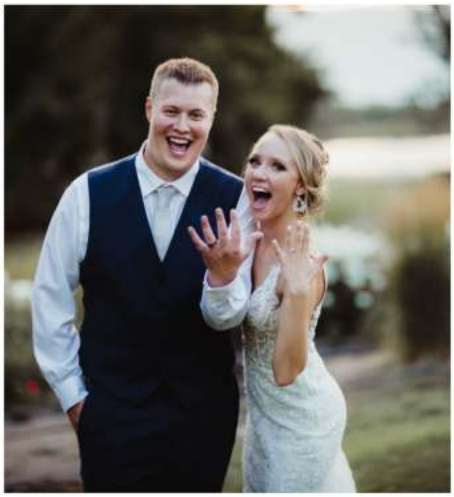
For weekend packages, your rehearsal is held at 6 pm on Friday. All other packages will have the rehearsal time and date confirmed 30 days prior to the wedding date.

Do you Charge any other Fees?

A 20% Staffing Fee on food and beverage covers our servers and bartenders. A 20% Service Fee covers gratuity, setup, cleanup and administrative fees. There is a 5% Sales Tax on all items; 7% Liquor Tax on all alcohol. There are no other fees unless additional items or hours are rented.

Photos





How to Reserve Lake Elsie Wedding Barn for your Wedding Day!

Step 1:
Visit our Website. Fill out the Contact Form and we will be in touch!

Step 2:
Tour the Venue with your Fiance' and any Key Decision Makers.
(Tours take approximately 60 minutes)
Email: sandy@lakeelsieweddingbarn.com for an appointment.

Step 3:
Confirm Your Date with a Signed Contract & Non-Refundable $1500 Reservation Fee.
The Reservation Fee is subtracted from the Total Venue Rental.

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