

Rules and Customs:

WinGS (Women in God's Service) **St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church** **1010 Adams Ave. North Fond du Lac WI 54937**

MEETINGS

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month from September through June. Refreshments begin at 6:15 pm, meetings start at 6:30 pm.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

Membership fee is \$10.00 per year. If a new member joins any time from February – December, the membership fee will be waived until the following January.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

The Altar Committee serves for one month. Two or more women are assigned to the committee per month. Each year the members of WinGS will be asked if they are willing to serve. Non-WinGS members may also serve. From this list of volunteers, the WinGS officers will assign the months.

Duties include:

- Preparing the altar for regular and communion services.
- Washing the communion ware and the linens, if needed.
- Arranging flowers/plants on the altar and taking care of them after the last service.

PLATINUM BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE

The Platinum Committee serves for two months. Two women are assigned to the committee. From the list of active members, the WinGS officers will assign the months.

The purpose of this committee is to honor the members of our congregation that are 75 years or older on their birthday with a visit, card, or phone call. (The church office can provide you with the names of these members).

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

The Sunshine Committee serves for two months. Two women are assigned to the committee. From the list of active members, the WinGS officers will assign the months.

The purpose of this committee is to remember the sick and the shut-ins.

If a member of WinGS is hospitalized, the Sunshine Committee purchases a gift for about \$5 and if possible visits her. (The receipt for the gift should be submitted to the treasurer for reimbursement).

The Sunshine Committee may visit, call, or send a card to the shut-ins and those with illness as time and circumstances permit. Names can be obtained by contacting the church office.

At Christmas, WinGS purchases gifts for the shut-ins and hospitalized members of our congregation. The Sunshine Committee works with the "Visitation Committee" to deliver these gifts. (Contact the church office for Visitation Committee information).

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

The refreshment committee serves for one meeting. From the list of active members, the WinGS officers will assign committees. Minimum of four women will be assigned designating one of the women to be in charge. The refreshment committee will provide plates, napkins, and their choice of refreshments for the meeting. They are also responsible for clean-up after the meeting.

FUNERAL MEAL SERVING COMMITTEE

Women in charge of the meal will call members and non-members to assist with serving when requested.

HONORING A DECEASED WinGS MEMBER

At the end of each calendar year, \$20 for each deceased WinGS member will be given to the Debt Fund. A sympathy card will be dropped into the card box at the funeral. The card will express the sympathies of WinGS and inform the family that a gift in memory of their loved one will be donated to St. Paul's Church Debt Fund.

HONORING A DECEASED MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION

At the end of each calendar year, \$10 for each deceased St. Paul's Church member will be given to the Debt Fund. A sympathy card will be dropped into the card box at the funeral. The card will express the sympathies of WinGS and inform the family that a gift in memory of their loved one will be donated to St. Paul's Church Debt Fund.

MISSION BOXES

Purpose: to collect money for missions

The two out going officers will serve as captains for the following year (January – December).

The captains divide the names of the WinGS members into two teams. The Mission Boxes are brought to the meetings and each team competes by donating money to their box. The money in each box is counted by the captains at a chosen time after the first Tuesday of December and the money is given to the treasurer. The team with the highest amount collected are treated by their opponents to a larger lunch at the January meeting.

GIFTS TO MISSIONS

In the first quarter of the year several missions are chosen to which WinGS will donate money from their treasury using the total amount of money on hand as of December 31st leaving a balance of at least \$200.

The WinGS officers may decide the amount given to the chosen missions.

LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society)

All women of our congregation automatically belong to LWMS – Winnebagoand Circuit. Yearly membership dues are paid by WinGS. Rallies are held in the spring and fall when monetary donations are accepted for Home and World Mission projects. Our Reporter will be responsible for bringing the LWMS donation box to the WinGS meetings. If you wish to use an individual mission "mite" box, they are available from the Reporter. For record keeping, all monies collected for LWMS will be deposited into the WinGS treasury. The WinGS treasurer will then write a check to LWMS.

PERSONAL GROWTH

We encourage members of WinGS to get to know one another. At each meeting, challenge yourself to sit next to someone different. Strike up a conversation with her and learn something new about her and make her feel a real part of WinGS.