

LWML MS Fall Rally Meeting August 30, 2025
Host: Prince of Peace, Corinth Location: St. Luke, Starkville

Attendance: 7 societies, 16 members. Monies collected from registration: \$160.00.

10:10 A.M. MS Zone President Sherri Adam thanked all for coming. Marsha LaFitte welcomed us to the MS Zone Fall Rally. Pastor Mazzaferro, Trinity, Meridian and serving the vacancy for Starkville & Columbus, spoke of hoping to get pastors in the MS Circuit 7 more involved with LWML and also of adult confirmations and a baptism upcoming at St. Lukes's in Starkville.

10:15 A.M. Sherri Adam opened the service with Responsive Prayer 2 and read a devotion from Pastor Mac Kain, Tupelo, on Matthew 13:1-9, 'Christian Growth: Program & Process.'

10:30 A.M. A report from the recent LWML National Convention in Omaha was given by the three MS Zone attendees, Randi Kay Hill, alternate delegate; Ruth Osburn, delegate; and Karen Miller, attendee. Highlights from the convention included general information of the convention; LCMS exhibit hall with information from recognized service organizations, colleges, seminaries & many others; how the next biennium of Mite Mission grants were selected with a new Mite goal of 2,622,270; several past biennium 'Mites in Action' recipient reports; and of experiences of worshipping with many 'Sisters and Brothers' in Christ. It truly gives a huge spiritual boost to all present so that we can return to our smaller congregations and serve. God always leaves a remnant, which some of us often feel in MS, however we will continue to serve God joyfully with the many blessings we receive.

11:15 A.M. MS Zone President Sherri Adam opened the meeting. The roll was called. The previous minutes were read and approved. A thank you note from Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Flowood was received. The treasurer's report has a balance of \$1309.00, with starting balance of \$1211.50. This includes a deposit of \$935.00 and disbursements totaling \$837.50. The treasure's report was accepted & the treasury books will be audited yet this fall as per bylaw guidelines.

Old Business: Recent National Omaha Convention - already reported on.

New Business: Ruth Osburn spoke with Linda Turner from Epiphany, Jackson, regarding hosting the upcoming spring rally as they were unable to attend today's rally. Epiphany will gladly host the spring rally. More information to follow.

The LA-MS District Convention will be hosted by the New Orleans Zone on April 17-19, 2026, at Grace Lutheran Church in Houma, LA

President Sherri Adam presented the nominees, from the nominating committee; vice president Terry Kendrick and secretary/treasurer Ruth Osburn. With no additional nominees, a motion as made, seconded, and passed unanimously by the assembly to accept the slate as presented.

Kathy Baeuerlin reminded members that Mite Grant Proposals for the LA-MS District Convention next spring, are due by October 30, 2025. Application forms & supporting documentation papers were available for pickup in back of the church.

Anita McArty thanked the ladies for continuing to save Community Coffee labels and using their Kroger rewards card. She also thanked us for the ingathering at the spring rally of many new board games benefitting St. Jude's Target House. To update your rewards card go to www.kroger.com and then log into your Kroger account. Search for Good Shepherd Lutheran School either by name or by ID # AE469 and click 'Enroll.' If you don't have a Kroger rewards card, please stop by their customer service desk and create an online account to receive one. Each time you swipe your registered rewards card, Kroger will contribute a percentage of every purchase to GSLS.

President Sherri Adam thanked Prince of Peace, for hosting the rally. A motion was made by Randi Kay Hill, second by Kathy Baeuerlin, and passed unanimously to have today's 'gifts of love' basket following the meeting benefit Good Shepherd Lutheran School.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

After the Executive Meeting, the day concluded with several hymns and the conclusion of Responsive Prayer 2.

Following the meeting a donation of \$500.00 was collected for Good Shepherd Lutheran School.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Osburn