

LWML MS Fall Rally Meeting September 28, 2024
Location: St. Luke, Starkville Host: Our Savior, Columbus

10:05 A.M. The Fall Rally was opened by Altheria Shaw who welcomed us to the MS Zone Fall Rally held at St. Luke, Starkville, and hosted by Our Savior, Columbus. Anita McArty extended an invitation to attend Good Shepherd, Brandon, for the spring rally.

President Sherri Adam, with guidance from Pastor Mac Kain, Holy Trinity, Tupelo, led the devotional reading and Responsive Prayer from LSB on page 282. A devotion for Sept 28 was read from *265 Devotional Readings from Martin Luther Day by Day*.

10:18 A.M. MS Zone President Sherri Adam opened the meeting with 8 societies, 22 members, and 1 pastor present. The roll was called. The previous minutes were read and accepted by acclamation. A thank you note from Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Brandon, was not read but acknowledged. The treasurer's report has a balance of \$1026.50, with starting balance of \$916.50. This includes a deposit of \$752.00 and disbursements totaling \$642.00. A motion was made by Anita McArty, 2nd by Cindy Radcliffe and approved unanimously to accept the treasury report as read.

Old Business: A brief update from the LA-MS District Convention, April 26-28, in Bossier City, LA, was given by Ruth Osburn. The new 2024-2026 District Mission Grants are posted at < <https://missslwml.org/mission%20grants%2024-26.pdf>> or in the District's latest *Mission Voice*.

New Business: President Sherri Adam shared the request from the District that when going forward with photos taken and shared with the District on their web site, Facebook, etc., there needs to be a signed photo permission release from those in the photo prior to disbursement.

Information regarding the upcoming LA-MS District Retreat, May 2-4, 2025, at Eagle Ridge Lodge, Raymond, MS, was given. Discussion was held regarding possible door offerings for the event. Further information regarding the Hinds Community Food Pantry in Raymond will be requested and passed along to the District. The official registration form for the Retreat is due by Jan 27, 2025. The District needs 66 attendees by that date in order to even hold the retreat. Information and attendance forms are attached in two pdf's above.

Linda Turner, from Epiphany, Jackson, gave an update following their church arson fire. They are considering the first step regarding rebuilding a chapel on their current property and also are recruiting at the local college looking into health wellness programs, etc.

Discussion was held regarding the MS Zone delegate and alternate delegate to the upcoming national convention, June 26-29, 2025, in Omaha, NE. It was unanimously decided that the delegate will be Ruth Osburn with the alternate being Randi Kay Hill.

The MS Zone nominating committee members, with Chair Linda Turner and members Patricia Tate and Doll Griffin, presented Sherri Adam as the president nominee for a second term. This was followed with a motion by Randi Kay Hill, second by Terri Hartmann, and passed unanimously by the assembly.

Anita McArty updated the ladies about Good Shepherd School. Classes are held for K - 5th grade currently. There are 3 teachers and 22 children. Please continue saving Community Coffee labels and using your Kroger rewards card. Update your rewards card at 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 to 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. All donations add up quickly to make a difference for the school.

President Sherri Adam thanked Our Savior, Columbus, for hosting the rally and St. Luke, Starkville, for the use of their facility. Kathie Baeuerlin thanked the ladies for their door offerings to benefit the Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center in Columbus.

A motion was made seconded and passed unanimously to have today's 'gifts of love' basket, following the meeting, to benefit Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Flowood.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45AM with the conclusion of the morning Responsive Prayer liturgy led by Sherri Adam.

After the meeting, a donation of \$361.00 was collected for Good Shepherd Lutheran School.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Osburn