



Jerseyville and St Luke's United Methodist Churches

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11 am, July 21, 2024, Christmas in July

❖ = *Those who are comfortable standing, please rise*

Meditation: “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” Isaiah 7:14 ESV

Prelude.....Rodney Pallanck

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: Glory to God in the highest.

People: And on earth peace, good will toward men and women.

Leader: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

People: Glory be to God on high.

Leader: For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all of humankind.

The 1964 Methodist Book of Worship

❖ Opening Hymn.....#234 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Opening Prayer

O Lord our God, most merciful and mighty: Fill our hearts with joy and our tongues with praise as this day we keep

the festival of our Savior’s birth. Let the Holy Spirit come upon us as we approach the mystery of His appearing in the flesh as a little Child. Stir up in our hearts the precious gift of faith, that He may be born anew in us, and that His presence may shed abroad in our hearts the light of heavenly joy and peace. Grant this, O God, we pray, for the love of Christ Thy Son, our only Savior. Amen

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Offering

❖ Doxology.....#95

❖ Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Prayers of the People of God

The Lord’s Prayer.....#895

❖ Hymn.....#240 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Old Testament Reading.....Isaiah 9:2-7

Special Music.....Elaine Young & Rodney Pallanck

Epistle Reading.....Titus 2:11-14

❖ Hymn.....#238 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

❖ Gospel Reading.....Luke 2:1-20

Sermon.....“The Prince of Peace”

❖ Hymn.....#246 “Joy to the World”

❖ Benediction

Postlude.....Rodney Pallanck



Jerseyville's July Mission Project - The Jerseyville Church is feeding the hungry for our Christmas in July Mission Project. Your gifts will put food in the mouths of those in need. We are collecting nonperishable food for the Joshua House food pantry in addition to money for Fulfill, the county's food bank. Please be sure your monetary gift is clearly marked for "Christmas in July." Food may be brought to the Jerseyville Church any Sunday in July.

Jerseyville's people should be reminded that this mission project concludes Next Sunday, July 28. Anyone from St Luke's wishing to support this mission project may drop off your gifts of food or funds at the St Luke's Church office during office hours, before Noon, Next Friday, July 26

Announcements

Welcome Visitors - We are delighted that you are here today and pray that you have felt the presence of our Lord Jesus among us. Not a visitor today? Please bring one with you next Sunday.

Website-Please check out our website at www.SaintLukesLongBranch.com

Our New Bishop - Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi has been assigned to serve as the episcopal leader of United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey, effective September 1, 2024. Bishop Moore-Koikoi is currently serving the Western Pennsylvania and Susquehanna Conferences.

For Bishop Moore-KoiKoi's biography, please visit <https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/person-detail/2462486>

Wednesday Lunch –Wednesday lunch takes place on the first Wednesday of every month at Noon. Please plan to join us for the next lunch on August 7th. It is a time of food and fellowship and closes with a short devotion. Please speak to Pastor Ray or call the Church office (732) 222-1341 for more information

Prayer Group - Our faithful prayer group meets every Saturday evening at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Use your Zoom app or dial in with (929) 205-6099; Meeting ID: 822 9440 4337. More information? Please speak to Sylvia Young or our pastor.

Bible Study - Our Adult Bible Study meets every Thursday, at 10 am, for a study on the book of Exodus. Visitors or new members are always welcomed. Study books are provided. We meet on Zoom. Use your Zoom app or dial in with (929) 205-6099; Meeting ID: 830 3849 9190. More information? Please speak to our pastor.

Sunday School – Our Sunday School is on summer break and will be back September 8th.

Thrift Store - Our Thrift Store is open! It is open every Saturday from Noon until 3 pm and Tuesdays from 3 until 5 pm. Please check with Carol Cook if you have donations or want to volunteer please contact Carol Cook at 732-614-0153.

Food Ministry - Our free food ministry meets every other Friday from 2 pm until 5 pm. Guests check in or register and then walk through the Food Pantry selecting the items they want. Please bring your own bags and remember to wear a mask. Want to serve God in this great ministry? Please speak to Janet Massaro. The next give away is Friday August 2nd

St. Luke's Community Dinner - Tuesday night dinner provides a free delicious meal every Tuesday at 4:00 pm. We are open until 5 pm. Please come out and join us and spread the word to others. There is always at least a table of folks from St Luke's, as well as 9 or 10 tables of folks from the community. It's free, really!