



Peace Lutheran Church Tidings of Peace

July 2025



OUR REAL CITIZENSHIP

In This Issue

**Pastor Todd's
Message**
Front

**Birthday and
Anniversary
Calendar**
page 3

Announcements
page 4-5

Financial Report
page 6

**Little Doves
School News**
page 7

**Mission
Statement**
Back

I have been blessed to be able to travel to 17 countries over the last 45 years. Each place I have traveled, I have enjoyed visiting and learning about the unique culture and way of life in that place. I have eaten fascinating foods, everything from fried tarantula, yellow jackets, and coconut grubs to sharks' fin soup, smelly fruit, and poisonous tubers that are specially prepared to remove the poison in times of famine. I have made friends, attended weddings and funerals, and played sports. I have worshipped God, sung songs, and prayed. I have done many of the things that the people in those places do, but there was always a difference. All the while that I was in another country, I was still a citizen of the USA. So, while I have visited and felt at home in many places, I always knew that I was a citizen of the United States

of America. I have a passport to prove it.

That citizenship has given me many privileges. I can travel easily around the world. I can vote and make my voice known about how our country is run. I can pay taxes (yippee!) to support our government. As a citizen, no one can kick me out of this country. That is a privilege that not everyone has. I am thankful for the privilege of being a US citizen as we come toward the 249th anniversary of our country on July 4th.

Yet, the Bible says that my US citizenship is secondary. My real citizenship and my real home are not in the USA. St. Paul says,

“We, however, are
citizens of heaven.”

Heaven is the place where God dwells. My real identity is

continued on next page

Tidings of Peace

*The Official Newsletter
of Peace@Monroe*

We hope you find our newsletter to be both informative and in-sightful with interesting news and notes on life together as God's people. If you have suggestions for the newsletter or would like to submit an article for publication, we'd love to hear from you.

Todd Roeske
Pastor

Tarrell Johnston
and Rebeca Castro
Church Office Staff

Peace@Monroe

202 Dickinson Street
Monroe, WA 98272

Church Phone
360-794-2082

School Phone
360-794-7230

Web Site
www.peacemonroe.org

Email
todd@peacemonroe.org
peacechurchmonroe@live.com

wrapped up in my connection with God, and where God is, that is my true country. So, I can enjoy the things of this life. I can eat the food, visit friends, play, and do all the things that others who live here do, but I can't forget that this is not my true home.

As a citizen of heaven, I have the privilege of knowing that I am forgiven. I have the privilege of prayer. I know that when I leave this earthly country, I will go to be with Jesus forever. But those

privileges are only part of the story. I also have the responsibility to love my neighbors (and my enemies), speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, share the love of Jesus, and tell everyone I can that heaven has an open border. Everyone is welcome to enter simply by putting their trust in Jesus.

Have a blessed July!
Jesus is with you.

Pastor Todd
907-259-5115

The logo for Thrivent, featuring the word "thrivent" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font. A small red heart icon is positioned above the letter "t". The logo is set against a dark rectangular background.

Donating Life Insurance to the Peace Endowment Fund

There are a number of ways you can use life insurance to make a donation to the Peace Endowment Fund.

- Consider transferring the ownership of an existing life insurance contract to the endowment fund.
- Purchase a new life insurance contract and name the endowment fund as the owner and beneficiary.
- Designate the endowment fund as the beneficiary of a life insurance contract you continue to own.

Life insurance can be a special vehicle for giving to the endowment fund. If ownership is transferred to the endowment fund and the endowment fund is the beneficiary, the premium payments may even be tax-deductible—regardless of your age or the size of your estate.

Questions? Need additional information on how you might make a donation? See Bob Johnson or one of the Endowment team members, Jill Burrington-Brown and Ken and Nancy Strain.



2025 Kids Bible Day Camp was blessed!

Thank you to all who made it possible!

- Praying friends
- Wishlist purchasers
- Parents who entrusted 40 children to us
- Sunday night decorating crew
- Chitina Mission Team
- Adult volunteers from Peace
- 11 middle school junior counselors

All of you shared Jesus in amazing ways!



Worship ~ Study ~ Commune ~ Serve



Worship
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Spanish Services at 1:00 p.m.

*Join us on Sun 7/20 when Bob Johnson will be preaching
and Sun 7/23 when Pastor Dennis Wildermouth will be preaching!*

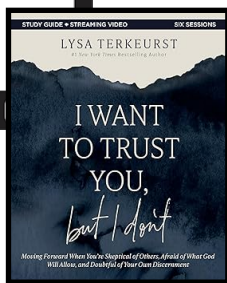
Bring the joy of the Lord. We'll have fun!

You can join us on **Facebook: Peace Church Monroe**
Scan the QR code to receive updates.
You can also visit our website (peacechurchmonroe.org).
Invite your friends and neighbors! Invite your family!



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sun 7/27 at 11:15 a.m.

Come celebrate what God will be doing this next year
as we consider and approve our 2025-26 budget!
Praise God from Whom **all blessings** flow!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER
and Video Study (to be decided by group)
Saturday Mornings
10:00-11:00 a.m.
Church Fellowship Room

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
with Lisa TerKeurst's "I Want to Trust You"
Monday Evenings
6:30 p.m.
Church Entry Area

LEARNING FROM JESUS

We continue our reflections on the Sermon on the Mount. Study guides are available.

Would you like to receive a weekly prayer letter?

Email Pastor Todd (todd@peacemonroe.org).

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Readers and Communion Assistants

Available to help with **Sunday morning readings**? Assist with **communion**?
Contact Jill Burrington Brown
(jill.burrington.brown@frontier.com) or
the church office
(peacechurchmonroe@live.com).

Altar Guild Volunteers

We're also looking for **additional help setting up and cleaning up for communion** on Sunday. Volunteers also help with decorating the sanctuary on occasion. If you can help, please leave a message for Karen Johnson at the church office



OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

Sunday Morning Treats

Looking for additional ways to give?
Consider sharing a package of cookies, a pound of coffee, creamer, or lemonade mix. Surprise us with your favorite after-church treat!

Take the Next Step 2-4-1 Project

We continue our support of Take the Next Step with monthly meals for those in need in our community. See the list of specific needs in the entry at church. Your gifts provide two days of food and four meals a day for one person (2-4-1). Thank you for continuing to do what you do!

July Celebrations Birthdays

- 8 Ken Strain
- 9 Jim Zirkle
- 10 Amy Mann
Paul Humphries
- 11 Audrie Catledge
- 12 Joe Andrews
- 14 Savannah Free
- 15 Gary Carlson
- 21 Jill Burrington-Brown
- 24 Lily Free

Anniversaries

- 11 Kurt and Deanna Nowadnick
- 12 Todd and Kim Roeske
- 17 Neil and Melissa Hackman
- 23 Joe and Lori Gese
- 27 Ryan and Amy Kaikala
- 29 Jerry and Mabel Ternes



POVERTY 101

A Foundation
for Relational Poverty Alleviation

Sat 8/23

9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

(lunch provided)

Sponsored by Peace Church
and Everett Gospel Mission

Use QR code to register.

We'll learn together!

OFFERINGS

Special Offerings

Fiscal YTD

Building Maintenance	\$ 300
Thrivent Choice	\$ 914
Total	\$ 1,214

Special Gifts

Fiscal YTD

Asia Misson Grant	\$14,000
Education	\$ 186
Endowment	\$ 951
Missions	\$15,058
Total	\$30,195

*...also excel in this grace
of giving.
2 Corinthians 8:7*

Would you like to give your offerings online?

Just go to [https://
give.cornerstone.cc/
peacemonroe](https://give.cornerstone.cc/peacemonroe)
or access the link
at peacemonroe.org.

It's easy!

You may also use Zelle®:
[donations@peacemonroe.
onmicrosoft.com](mailto:donations@peacemonroe.onmicrosoft.com)

*It's easy and no cost to you
and no cost to Peace!*

TREASURER'S REPORT

**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever.**

Psalm 107:1

Given May 2025 **\$ 9,866**

Given Fiscal YTD (August 2023-July 2024) **\$151,475**

2024-25 Budget (approved July 2024)

Foundation **\$161,208**

Salary and Benefits

Administration

Building Loan

Ministries

Reaching Up **\$ 2,900**

Worship

Reaching Out **\$ 5,287**

The World

The Nation

The Region

Reaching In **\$ 2,800**

Education

Spiritual Growth

Fun and Fellowship

Supplies

Total \$172,195

Assets (as of 5/31/2025)

Checking **\$ 54,649**

Savings **\$ 18,914**

Endowment **\$ 50,833**

Income v. Expenses

Needed in May **\$ 14,350**

Given in May \$ 8,966

Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date **\$143,500**

Given Fiscal Year-to-Date \$151,475

Little Doves Preschool

Celebrating the End of School! Dad's Night and Class Picnic





Men's Breakfast

Sat 7/12 at 8:00 a.m.

Buzz Inn, Monroe

Men's "Iron Sharpens Iron"

Thu 8/7 at 7:00 p.m.

Bob Johnson's House

Note: no meeting in July



LUNCH BUNCH

Wed 7/9 at 11:45 a.m.

Mountain View Diner

1306 Croft Avenue, Gold Bar

Please RSVP
to Ken and Nancy Strain
(425-308-9984).



Engaging God

Engaging Each Other ~ Engaging the World

TIDINGS OF PEACE

Peace Lutheran Church

202 Dickinson Street

Monroe, WA 98272

Address Correction Requested