



Peace Lutheran Church Tidings of Peace

August 2025

In This Issue

**Pastor Todd's
Message**
Front

Announcements
page 4-5

**Birthday and
Anniversary
Calendar**
page 5

Financial Report
page 6

**Little Doves
School News**
page 7

**Mission
Statement**
Back

“Enjoy Your Day!”

“Enjoy your day!”

I often hear this cheerful and encouraging parting blessing. Yet, every time I hear it a question rises in my head: Is it really my day to enjoy? The Bible tells us,

*“This is the day
the Lord has made.”
Psalm 118:24*

If the Lord made today, how did I become the owner of it?

I think stewardship is a helpful way to think about this. We are guardians of the time with which God has blessed us. God makes every day. Then he gives us life and the opportunity to use each day for blessing—to make the world a better place.

But we also have the opportunity to use our each day as a curse—to make the world a worse place.

To be honest, I often live as though my days belong to me. I fritter away time on useless pursuits and spend time in ways that do not bless anyone, even myself.

Does this mean that we should be so committed to Jesus and his mission that all we do every second of every day is some spiritual pursuit? We could be like the ancient monks that lived on tops of poles so they could dedicate their lives to prayer, avoiding sin and the seduction of pleasure. No, I don't think that is the answer.

The rest of Psalm 118:24 gives us a clue. Let's read the whole verse:

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.”

God has entrusted us with days

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

for us to enjoy the bounty of his grace, love, and creation. We can praise God as we pursue a hobby, relax after a good day's work, or spend good positive time with friends and family. Certainly, built into the day should be some time for prayer, Bible study, generosity, service, worship and other spiritual disciplines, but everything we do, in faith, gives honor to God and is a good way to honor the day that he has given us to live.

Knowing that today belongs to the Lord is freeing. I don't have to "seize the day" or worry that I haven't done enough. I can relax and trust that God is accomplishing what he wants to accomplish as I love him and love my neighbor with joy. So,

"Enjoy **His** day."

Jesus is with us.

Pastor Todd
907-259-5115



THRIVENT
FINANCIAL®

Planned Giving to the Peace Endowment Fund

"Planned giving" involves the creation of a plan for giving to the church, a charity or even an endowment fund, like the Peace Endowment Fund. It's an opportunity to be deliberate in your intentions.

You can integrate planned giving into your financial and estate plans. Many people consider planned giving when deciding how to transfer their estates to the institutions and people they want to benefit after a lifetime of work. This is an important time to consider our endowment fund. In addition to fulfilling your charitable goals, you may receive tax benefits and lifetime incomes through several types of tax-favored plans.

Planned giving takes many forms and is tailored to meet your own specific needs and goals, making each person's gift unique and important. Your financial advisor or attorney can offer advice.

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.



POVERTY 101

A Foundation for Relational Poverty Alleviation

Sat 8/23 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Lunch provided!

Sponsored by Peace Church and Everett Gospel Mission

Please join us here at Peace!

Sign up at egmission.org/poverty-101

IS POVERTY 101 FOR ME? I AM NOT A PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKER.

YES! It is intended for everyone interested in doing relational poverty alleviation, improving their corresponding skills and/or training others in their organizations. Professionals and novices all benefit from this innovative workshop.

DO ATTENDEES HAVE TO BE PEOPLE OF FAITH?

NO! Our goal was to develop workshops that are open and welcoming to persons of faith and those without faith. Workshops are where attendees can discuss their faith and how it impacts their actions comfortably. Yet, attendees who are not persons of faith will feel welcome and benefit from participating in the workshops.

WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT EGM'S POVERTY 101 TRAINING?

EGM's poverty training targets both heads and hearts! Using years of experience and learning as they've walked alongside those experiencing material poverty, the presenters facilitate a journey that focuses on relational poverty alleviation.

- You will be challenged to consider both the barriers you face as well as the barriers faced by those experiencing poverty along this journey.
- You will be encouraged to pursue effective relational poverty alleviation strategies that remove personal and systemic barriers to change.

EGM trainings intentionally provide a space where networking and collaboration between unlikely partners such as faith communities, non-profits, municipalities, businesses, and neighborhoods is fostered and encouraged.

Worship ~ Study ~ Commune ~ Serve



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

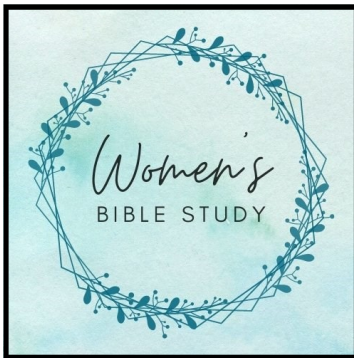
*Join us on Sun 8/3 when Seth Schneider
will be sharing the morning's message!*

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!

LEARNING FROM JESUS

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



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER

Saturday Mornings

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Church Fellowship Room

MONDAY'S BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER

on break until September



PRAYER WALK

Sunday, August 31st

during Worship

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 (peacechurch-monroe@live.com).

Sunday School Teachers

We're seeking Sunday School teachers to **teach our children** during worship services. Can you help one Sunday each month? Help on the 5th Sundays? Call or text Kim Roeske (807-259-5683).



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!

August Celebrations Birthdays

- 1 Anna Groeneveld
- 2 Carter Arden
- 4 Sydney Mellor
- 6 Deanna Nowadnick
- 8 Karter Moore
- 9 Tricia Anderson
Gloria Castro
- 11 Brianna Parmentier
- 18 LaRhae Thompson
- 22 Michol Phillips

Anniversaries

- 2 Keith Mellor and Ann Burgan
- 11 Brad and Shelley Wallace
- 19 Ken and Nancy Strain



LUNCH BUNCH

Wed 8/13 at 11:45 a.m.

Buzz Inn at Harvey Airfield in Snohomish

Please RSVP to Ken and Nancy Strain by Mon 8/11 (425-308-9984).

Need a ride? Let Nancy know.

This is the last time to go the Buzz Inn at the airfield, since they're closing at the end of September. Yes, our last chance to eat outside and watch the parachutists and small airplanes.

All are welcome! Bring your friends and neighbors.



National Night Out
August 5 ~ Lake Tye Park



TREASURER'S REPORT

Special Offerings

Fiscal YTD

Building Maintenance	\$ 1,650
Thrivent Choice	\$ 967
Total	\$ 2,617

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

Psalm 107:1

Special Gifts

Fiscal YTD

Asia Misson Grant	\$14,000
Education	\$ 186
Endowment	\$ 951
<u>Missions</u>	<u>\$23,648</u>
Total	\$38,785

*...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!*

Given June 2025 **\$ 18,740**

Given Fiscal YTD (August 2023-July 2024) **\$155,301**

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 6/30/2025)

Checking **\$ 70,167**

Savings **\$ 18,915**

Endowment **\$ 50,833**

Income v. Expenses

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

Given in June \$ 18,740

Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date **\$157,850**

Given Fiscal Year-to-Date \$155,301



Little Doves

Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten

We are so excited for the new school year!



We are bringing back our **amazing** Advanced PreK/ Kindergarten with Miss Jennifer as the teacher. We'll have fun!

It is going to be another **awesome** year full of learning and fun!

We only have a few spots left in the T-Th AM class and the Just for Two's class.

Please contact Linda Herman with any questions at littledovespreschool@gmail.com

Enjoy the rest of your summer!





Men's "Iron Sharpens Iron"

Thu 8/7 at 7:00 p.m.
Bob Johnson's House
128 Rivmont Drive, Monroe

Men's Breakfast

Sat 8/9 at 8:00 a.m.
Buzz Inn, Monroe



LUNCH BUNCH

Wed 8/13 at 11:45 a.m.
Buzz Inn at Harvey Airfield
Snohomish

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

All are welcome!



Engaging God

Engaging Each Other ~ Engaging the World

TIDINGS OF PEACE

Peace Lutheran Church

202 Dickinson Street
Monroe, WA 98272

Address Correction Requested