



Peace Lutheran Church

Tidings of Peace

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Kelsey Pelzer

I remember two years ago as we headed into 2020, there were lots of plans. Many churches and businesses were talking about their incredible 2020 visions. Everyone thought they had the plan that would bring success and prosperity. Little did we all know that our best plans would dissolve under a worldwide pandemic and amid some of the worst social and political division that we have ever faced. If there is a lesson to be learned, it is that we must hold all our plans and ideas lightly. We propose, but God disposes. Plans help us keep focus and

move into the future, but we always need to remember that our plans are subject to forces far out of our control. That is why James, Jesus' brother, wisely wrote, "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will travel to such and such a city and spend a year there and do business and make a profit.'" Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring—what your life will be! For you are like vapor that appears for a little while, then vanishes. Instead, you should say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." (James 4:13-14)

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*The Official Newsletter
of Peace@Monroe*

We hope you find our newsletter to be both informative and insightful 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.

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So, as we enter 2022, I do not propose a plan or a goal for us as a community of Jesus followers. Instead, Lord-willing, I want to encourage us to enter the new year with an emphasis on listening. An old Jewish proverb says that God gave us two ears and only one mouth because we are designed to listen way more than we are to talk. Listening is an act of love. In St. Francis' peace prayer, he asks that God grant that we do not so much seek to be understood as to understand. God's Word encourages us to be quick to listen and slow to speak. (James 1:19) I wonder what would happen if we, by God's grace, truly became a community of people that truly listened to God, to each other and to the world that surrounds us.

In 2021, we read through the Scriptures together. We tried to get a large picture of the story of God as told in the Bible. A faithful few kept with it all year. Congratulations! I hope it was a good experience for you. If you have the energy and motivation, I encourage you to read through the Scriptures again. However, we as a congregation are going to take a different approach this year. I call it, "Engaging God's Word 2022". We will be reading a different bible passage each week. We are going to try to listen deeply to God's Word by meditating and praying through the same passage each day for a week. By listening deeply to God's

Word, the hope is that we will grow in our love and understanding of who God is. I hope that many of you will participate.

We will also be working on listening to each other and to the community around us through an emphasis we call, "Speak Freely. We Listen." The leadership team will be choosing questions for us to ask each other and people in the community. We will be training volunteers to listen so that we can truly understand what others are thinking. The goal is simply to understand the world into which God has placed us. We want to love our neighbors by listening to them. Then, hopefully, as we understand the way our neighbors think and their perceived needs, we can learn how best to reach out with Jesus' love.

I hope that you will commit to joining me as we enter this new year with all of the unknowns that are before us. Let's trust God and work together to learn to listen deeply to God, to each other, and to the world.

Happy New Year!

2021-2022

***Engage God
Engage Each Other
Engage The World***

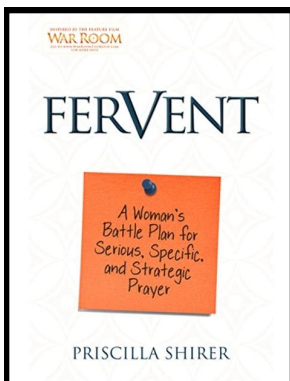
Leadership Team Highlights

This fall we've said goodbye to two of our Leadership Team members and welcomed two others. Kim Green and John Gose have both moved from the area, Kim to Florida and John to Eastern Washington. We wish them well on their new adventures and thank them for their service, not just on the Leadership Team, but in so many ways.

During our November call, we appointed Laurie Yocum and Melissa Hackman to the two vacancies. Laurie and Melissa are teachers at Zion Lutheran School. They are also busy moms and a wonderful part of our church, especially our children's ministry. We look forward to working with them. *(Note: Laurie and Melissa will be elected to their positions at our next congregational meeting.)*

Women's Ministries

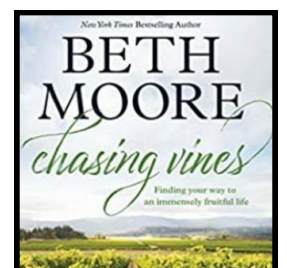
Christmas Brunch: In December we had the joy of getting together for beautiful Christmas carols, delicious treats, and delightful fellowship. And with your help, Michol and Deanna were able to share 48 gift bags with our neighbors at Friendship House. Included were your "Thinking of You" cards along with a sleeve of Golden Grahams/marshmellows/M&Ms (our version of smores), a Cutie tangerine, hot cocoa mix, Milano cookies, and a simple ornament and hand lotion. Your willingness to provide the food for our get-together allowed us to use a Thrivent grant of \$250 for gifts. What a gift!



Saturday Morning Bible Study: According to the author, Priscilla Shirer, her "Fervent" study is a hands-on, knees-down, never-give-up action guide to practical, purposeful prayer. Gayle Foster will be guiding us through this inspirational time together. Join us Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. at church, beginning January 9th.

Note: Gayle would also like to invite you to evening prayers at the Christian Armory/Pilot House Coffee. Join her from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Come when you can. Stay as long as you're able.

Monday Night Bible Study: Cara Fleming is leading a study of Beth Moore's "Chasing Vines" on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. at church. In her new book, Beth shows you how everything changes when we understand and fully embrace God's amazing design for growing us and giving us fruitful, meaningful, abundant life. You'll be blessed by her wisdom and insight and the evening time together.



Engaging God ~ Engaging Each Other ~ Engaging the World

Worship ~ Study ~ Commune ~ Serve



Worship - Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

The CDC and the Snohomish County Health Department are requiring masks for indoor gatherings.

Bring the joy of the Lord. It's great to be together.

"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalm 118:24

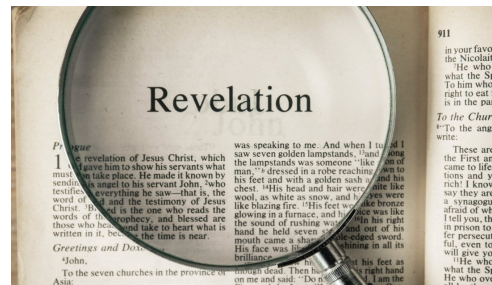
Worship (online and on the phone) Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Our services are also recorded.

Go to **YouTube: Peace Lutheran Church**
or **Facebook: Peace Church Monroe.**

You can also call in by request. (907)259-5115

Weekly bulletins are available on our website (peacechurchmonroe.org).
Children's messages are available, too. Share with your friends and family.



Adult Study The Book of Revelation Sundays at 8:45 a.m.

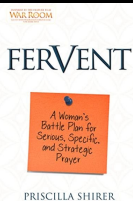
We are studying the book of Revelation.
Join us Sunday mornings!



Women's Bible Study - Monday's 6:30 PM

Chasing Vines, Beth Moore

\$10 Bible Study books available. All Are Welcome!



FERVENT - Saturday's at 9:00 AM, beginning January 9th.

We will go to lunch together afterwards.



DORCAS - Monday, Jan 17th at 9:30 AM

We will go to lunch together afterwards.



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January Birthday's

2 - Kirsten Carlson
4 - Shannon Moore
5 - Karen Wojahn
7 - Kurt Nowadnick
10 - Pat Campbell
11 - Areya Kaikala
16 - Jerry Ternes
16 - Ann Burgan
16 - Kim Green
20 - Sheryl Becker
20 - Ignacio Castro
22 - Kurt Latimore
22 - Lynsie Hagen
24 - Chuck Swanson
26 - Obed Brackamonte



Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 17th



Communion Assistants

	10 AM
2	Jim Zirkle
9	Nathan Anderson
16	Bob Johnson
23	Tom Foster
30	Ken Strain

January Readers

	10 AM
2	Jim Zirkle
9	Nathan Anderson
16	Michael Mates
23	Melissa Hackmann
30	Ken Strain

What kind of car would Jesus drive?
A Christ-ler.



Financial News

Special Offerings

Fiscal YTD

Building "10-for-10"	\$ 370
Thrivent Choice	\$ 37
Total	\$ 407

Special Gifts

Fiscal YTD

OPOP	\$3,817
Total	\$3,817



**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!



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TREASURER'S REPORT

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Given November 2021	\$ 13,463
Given Fiscal YTD (August 2021-July 2022)	\$ 48,309

2021-22 Budget (approved July 2021)

Foundation	\$201,812
Salary and Benefits	
Administration	
Building Loan	
Ministries	
Reaching Up	\$ 2,700
Worship	
Reaching Out	\$ 15,320
The World	
The Nation	
The Region	
Reaching In	\$ 5,750
Education	
Spiritual Growth	
Fun and Fellowship	
Supplies	
Total	\$225,582

Assets (as of 11/30/2021)

Checking	\$103,208
Savings	\$ 18,892
Endowment	\$ 45,240

Income v. Expenses

Needed in November 2021	\$ 18,799
Given in November 2021	\$ 13,463
Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 75,196
Given Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 48,309

Loan Summary

Building Loan (as of 12/15/2021)	\$ 31,411
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Little Doves

Preschool and Kindergarten



Christmas programs and fun at Little Doves.

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LUNCH BUNCH

Mon 01/10 @ 11:45 a.m.

Jeno's Italian & American Restaurant: 123 E Main St
Monroe, WA, 98272

Grab a friend. Bring your neighbor.
Call Ken and Nancy, if you need a ride (425-308-9984).



Men's Breakfast

Sat 01/08 @ 8:00 a.m.

Denny's: 18824 US-2, Monroe, WA 98272
Bob Johnson: (425-870-0681)



Engaging God

Engaging Each Other ~ Engaging the World

