



# Peace Lutheran Church

# Tidings of Peace

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When Kim and I were dating, we lived in Taipei, Taiwan. Kim lived with a family in a nice high rise apartment building. One day, outside of her building, there was a mangy puppy in a cardboard box. I adopted the little guy and named him Lazarus because he was covered with sores, and I found him on the steps of a building full of rich people.

Lazarus was a cute little thing, but I didn't have him for very long. About a week after I adopted him, I was walking him in the alley outside of my apartment. The alley was very narrow, and a car drove by. The car ran over the back side of Lazarus. I saw it happening, but I was too slow. I reached out to

grab him, but he was already under the tire. Lazarus was in pain. He was snapping at anything within reach. He caught my finger and gave me a nasty wound. Lazarus hurt me but not because he wanted to. He was in pain and lashing out. I was hurt, but I didn't get angry. I understood why Lazarus did what he did.

Since that day, I have thought about Lazarus quite a bit. I have noticed that most of the time when people say or do things that hurt others, they are responding to pain in their own lives. The hurt that they feel, overflows and hurts others.

This makes me think of Luther's explanation to the eighth commandment. "Explain

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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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everything in the kindest way." When someone says something that hurts me or bothers me, my sinful human response is to want to retaliate. I want to get even and make them hurt like they have hurt me. But God calls me to handle such situations differently. I am called to give the benefit of the doubt. I am called to try to understand where the other person is coming from and what hurt might be causing them to speak or act as they are doing. In other words, God calls us to listen with grace.

We have had a challenging year. Many of us are hurting from dealing with the complications of COVID and our nation's odd political moment. Hopefully, we are moving beyond all of that, but as we do, God is calling us, as his people, to listen to each other and to those outside the church with extra grace. "Remind them... ..to slander no one, to avoid fighting, and to be kind, always showing gentleness to all people."

Titus 3:1-2

*Lord Jesus, give us your ears to listen to each person with grace. Give us your eyes to see each person with your love. Give us your hands to serve each person with your joy. Give us your words to encourage each person with your hope. Amen.*

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

## Lunch Brunch



Years ago, the second Monday of the month was chosen to be the day we meet. That was to make it easier for everyone to remember.

You could go to your calendar, writing Lunch Brunch for the next couple of months. Then you could reserve that day and not schedule doctor's appointments, lunch with a friend, a trip to Costco, that day but for another.

Another consideration was to avoid changing the date indefinitely, just because Fred and Susie Important can't make it on the 12th, etc.

This is how we came up with dates for lunch brunch. Self care and social time to gather and encourage one another is very important.

If you need a ride, or have any questions:

Always feel free to contact Ken & Nancy Strain at 425-327-2708 or [lokesgal@hotmail.com](mailto:lokesgal@hotmail.com)

Location and more on the back!



## Peace Profiles: Karen Johnson

Karen Johnson started out in the corporate world at age 13, doing a complete inventory of thousands of tools and parts at her father's electronics and appliance shop. You might think that she would have stuck to goods in stock and other quiet, easily measured objects.

As an adult, Karen worked in quiet Fortune 500 offices. You might think that she would have stuck to memos and instructions, and other quiet, easily measured objects.

You would certainly think that either of the two career paths above would be preferable to a job where she emptied colostomy bags, gave showers to tottery elders, had a client fall and break her hip during a visit, was kicked on the shins by another client, and assaulted with a flower pot by a third. There was also the incident of the fingernail-gouging of veins on her forearms.

And many more. Welcome to the world of care-giving, a profession of all-of-the-above-and-more, with the added uncertainties of changing shifts, clients moving away, and shape-shifting Covid regulations.

Karen is forthright: "I never thought I'd like care-giving!" Well, she's been doing it for nearly 11 years, after the Great Recession and layoffs, and clearly recognizes God's hands in her unexpected career: "The reins are back in His hands," and Karen is happy to be working with her company, Visiting Angels.

You can see, in the way that she arranges the elements for Holy Communion, that she likes things to be tidy. And if her present job permits her to bring God's peace and transform the chaotic into the calm and tidy, so much the better.

P.S. In case you are wondering how the assaults and emergencies described above came to an end, with our Lord's help Karen transformed most of them, and many others, from chaos to calm. All part of the job description.

--Michael Mates

# Worship ~ Study ~ Commune ~ Serve



## Worship

**Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

Bring your mask.

Be sure you're healthy. Temperatures are taken.  
Bring the joy of the Lord. It's great to be together.

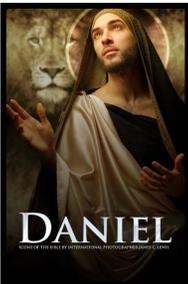
*"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."  
Psalm 118:24*

## 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 (602-580-9478). Your access code is 5100526#.  
Weekly bulletins are available on our website ([peacechurchmonroe.org](http://peacechurchmonroe.org)).  
Children's messages are available, too. Share with your friends and family.

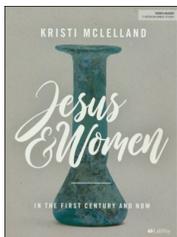


## Adult Study

**The Old Testament Book of Daniel**

**Sundays at 9:15 a.m.**

We are studying Daniel in preparation for our study of Revelation.  
Join us Sunday mornings!



## Women's Bible Study

**Monday July 12th at 6:30 p.m.**

Led by Cara Fleming on Jesus and Women. For more information,  
please call or text Cara @ 206-226-4933.

**Congregational Meeting - July 25 at 9:15 AM**

# Leadership Team Highlights

July 2021

Participating on the Leadership Team are Brad Feilberg, John Gose, Michael Mates, Deanna Nowadnick, and Shelley Wallace. We have one opening. Also attending our meeting are Pastor Todd and Linda Herman, our preschool director.

- **Parsonage Listening Sessions**

For three Sundays in June, we looked more closely at our study team's report regarding five options for the parsonage: 1) keep parsonage arrangement as is; 2) keep the parsonage and pay a special home ownership "reserve equity" benefit to pastor; 3) keep the parsonage for other ministries and pay housing allowance to pastor to rent or purchase his own home; 4) rent the parsonage and pay housing allowance to pastor to rent or purchase his own home; and 5) sell parsonage and pay housing allowance to pastor to rent or purchase his own home. Together we began to talk about advantages and disadvantages to each. Coming next will be a summary of the advantages and disadvantages with answers to questions raised. Last will be the decision whether or not to proceed with a particular option.

- **Endowment Committee Change in Fund Management**

Endowment Committee is moving current funds to Thrivent Charitable Foundation (formerly known as InFaith). Thrivent will be able to better help promote the foundation's benefits for individual givers and the missions of Peace.

- **Church Budget for 2021-22**

With Brad's help, the Leadership Team reviewed first draft of possible 2021-22 budget. Our fiscal year goes from August 1 to July 31, so **budget proposal to be brought to the congregation for approval on Sunday, July 25 at 9:15 a.m.**

- **Leadership Team Visioning Workshop**

Next Visioning Workshop will be held this fall in late September.

- **Engaging with the Community**

Peace and Little Doves Preschool will be participating in Monroe's Night Against Crime. We are also applying for a "Reconnect" grant through the city. Our One Parish ~ One Prisoner (OPOP) group continues to work with Jonathan and donations continue to be gathered for Take the Next Steps.

**Engaging God**

**Engaging Each Other**

**Engaging the World**

# Financial News

## Special Offerings

### Fiscal YTD

Building "10-for-10"	\$1270
Thrivent Choice	\$ 745
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2015</b>

## Special Gifts

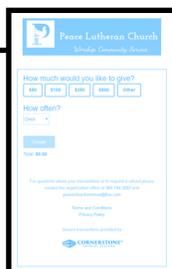
### Fiscal YTD

Advertising	\$ 60
Building	
Loan Paydown	\$5930
Endowment	\$ 379
Memorials	\$1863
Missions	
Alaska	\$ 3010
Asia	\$ 1500
Africa (Shauen Trump)	\$ 355
Take the Next Step	\$ 825
PPP Grant	\$ 3688
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,610</b>

**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](http://peacemonroe.org).

It's easy!



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## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,  
always giving thanks to God the Father for everything,  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Ephesians 5:19b-20

<b>Given May 2021</b>	<b>\$ 16,027</b>
<b>Given Fiscal YTD (August 2020-May 2021)</b>	<b>\$159,494</b>

### 2020-21 Budget (approved July 2020)

Foundation	\$195,707
Salary and Benefits	
Administration	
Building Loan	
Ministries	
Reaching Up	\$ 2,400
Worship	
Reaching Out	\$ 21,800
The World	
The Nation	
The Region	
Reaching In	\$ 6,200
Education	
Spiritual Growth	
Fun and Fellowship	
Supplies	

**Total \$226,107**

### Assets (as of 5/31/2021)

Checking	\$105,013
Savings	\$ 18,888
Endowment	\$ 45,563

### Income v. Expenses

Needed in May 2021	\$ 18,842
<b>Given in May 2021</b>	<b>\$ 16,027</b>
Needed Year-to-Date	\$207,262
<b>Given Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$159,494</b>

### Loan Summary

Building Loan (as of 5/2021)	\$ 41,500
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# Little Doves

## Preschool and Kindergarten



### End of the year picnic fun!

We ended the school year with family picnics. We thank the Lord for blessing the school by keeping us COVID free and bringing amazing children and families to our program. We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer and look forward to a new school year in the fall!

### We're enrolling for 2021-2022 school year!

All necessary enrollment information and materials are available on the school's website:

[littledovespreschool.com](http://littledovespreschool.com).

*Questions? Contact Linda, our director (360-794-7230).*



# COLLECTORS CHOICE

RESTAURANT & LOUNGE



## LUNCH BUNCH

Mon 07/12 @ 11:45 a.m.

Collector's Choice: 215 Cypress Ave, Snoho, WA 98290

Grab a friend. Bring your neighbor.

Call Ken and Nancy, if you need a ride (425-308-9984).

## Men's Breakfast

Sat 07/10 @ 8:00 a.m.

Denny's: 18824 US-2, Monroe, WA 98272

Bob Johnson: (425-870-0681)



## Engaging God

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