



Peace Lutheran Church Tidings of Peace

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December 7, 1941, Captain Mitsuo Fuchida led a squadron of fighter jets to attack the unsuspecting folks at Pearl Harbor. In just under 2 hours, they devastated the American base and killed 2400 Americans. Fuchida returned home a hero. He continued to fight. He flew 18 missions, was shot down once, was almost drowned as he sank on an aircraft carrier that was bombed by the Americans. Each time he survived. He was accorded Japan's highest military honors.

Then the war ended. He came home to a country that was devastated by the war. He suffered from radiation sickness from visiting Hiroshima immediately following the atomic explosion there. Now his military career was over. He was left hopeless and filled with anger as the war that had ended on the battle ground still raged inside him.

Then Fuchida heard a story. It was the story of a young American woman named, Peggy

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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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Covell. Peggy's missionary parents had been killed without a trial by Japanese soldiers during the war. Peggy did not hold hatred. Instead, she volunteered to care for Japanese POWs. She fed them, bandaged them, and listened lovingly to their stories. She lived in compassion and forgiveness instead of resentment and anger.

Fuchida also heard of the story of Jacob DeShazer, an American pilot that had been captured during the war. He suffered torture, starvation and 36 months in solitary confinement. After the war, he came back to Japan, not to get revenge but rather as a missionary to tell the story of Jesus, who loves even his enemies.

These stories profoundly affected Fuchida. How could these Americans love the people that had hurt them so deeply. He finally picked up a Bible and there he met Jesus. The Jesus, who on the cross, looked at his enemies and said, "Father forgive them for they don't know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34) In 1950, Jesus transformed Fuchida's life. He gave up the resentment and anger he had been carrying

and discovered a love that made him a new person. He said, "I came to realize that the greatest weapon is not a sword or a bomb, but love. Christ showed me that loving your enemy brings peace not only to the world, but to your own soul." The rest of Fuchida's life was dedicated to sharing that love with everyone he met.

This is a wonderful story for us to think about this Lenten season. We sometimes forget the power of Jesus' story, and it is easy to take it for granted. Captain Fuchida reminds us that Jesus love has the power to transform each of us so that we can also bring that love to others. May Jesus' love fill you with compassion and grace for everyone you meet this Lenten season.

Todd 907-259-5115





Signs in Life:

Finding Direction in Our Travels with God!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, March 21 to Saturday, April 18

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Peace Fellowship Hall

*Join Deanna for a 5-week adventure as we walk with Moses and the Israelites to the Promised Land. We will **ENTER** and get to know each other and Moses. We all have unique names and a unique calling. We'll **GO** into our place in God's great story. We are all uniquely equipped for our travels with God. We'll **TURN RIGHT** and talk about our unique challenges. Added will be a **TRAVEL ADVISORY** or two. And then we'll **EXIT**, remembering we are all uniquely sent with God's promises. All are welcome!*

Uniquely Called ~ Uniquely Equipped ~ Uniquely Challenged ~ Uniquely Sent

Uniquely His!

MARCH BIRTHDAY'S:

- 1 - Su Kaikala
- 6 - Rachael Humphries
- 8 - Karis Roeske
- 11 - Kennedy Arden
- 13 - Cece Reverte
- 15 - Nathan Anderson
- 16 - Princess Reverte
- 18 - Laura Anderson
- 18 - Neil Hackmann
- 19 - Lynn Gose

IMPORTANT DATES EVENTS & MORE:

- Leadership Meeting 03/01
(See Calendar)
- Congregational Meeting 03/08
(See Calendar)
- Lunch Bunch
(See Last Page)
- Parking Lot Event 03/12
(See Page 4)
- Church Work Day 03/14
(See Calendar)
- Men's Breakfast 03/14
(See Last Page)
- Chitina Spring Bazaar 03/21
(See Calendar)
- New Women's
Bible Study 03/21
(See Top Left)
- Spring Fling 03/29
(See Page 7)



LENTEN CONTEMPLATION SERVICES

Wednesday Nights at 4:30 PM

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday
Services at 6:30 PM
(See Calendar)

Worship ~ Study ~ Commune ~ Serve

You Tube



Worship
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Spanish Services at 1:00 p.m.
Sermon Series: The 7 Big Questions

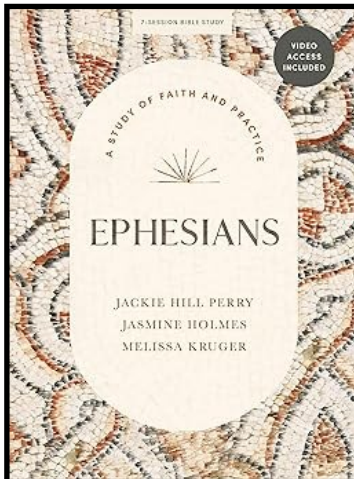
Bring the joy of the Lord. Invite your friends and neighbors! We'll have fun!

You can join us on **YouTube: @peacechurchmonroe**
Scan the QR code to receive updates.
You can also visit our website (peacechurchmonroe.org).

LEARNING FROM JESUS

Use this link to get your copy of our 2026 Bible Reading Guide:
[e6aaa4_4902290dc2234e97a3db5c7908167dfc.pdf](https://www.peacechurchmonroe.org/e6aaa4_4902290dc2234e97a3db5c7908167dfc.pdf)

Reading Guides are also available in the church entry on the table.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.

“Ephesians”

by Jackie Perry and Others
Church Entry Area



**Would you like to
receive a weekly
prayer letter?**

Email Pastor Todd
(todd@peacemonroe.org).



PARKING LOT EVENT

Thursday 03/12 @ 3:15 p.m.
Come help us pass out pizza! Accepting donations.
*Join us for this special time
with our wonderful neighbors and the kids!*





Saturday, March 14

10am-2pm

Lunch Provided

Help us clean up, many hands make light work!

SPRING BAZAAR
 Saturday, March 21
 10am-3pm
 Zion Lutheran School Gym
 3923 103rd Ave SE
 Lake Stevens, WA 98258
 (For Chitina)

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!



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 (peacechurchmonroe@live.com).

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!



LUNCH BUNCH

Wed 03/11

Shawn O'Donnell's

122 128th St. S.E., Everett

Location suggestions? We would love to hear!

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

Need a ride? Let Ken and Nancy know!
*All are welcome! Bring a friend! Wear **GREEN!***

FINANCIAL REPORT

Special Offerings

Fiscal YTD

Building Maintenance	\$ 180
Thrivent Choice	\$ 336
Total	\$ 518

Special Gifts

Fiscal YTD

Missions	\$ 5,939
Total	\$ 5,939

*...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>
or access the link
at peacemonroe.org.

It's easy!

You may also use Zelle®:
donations@peacemonroe.onmicrosoft.com

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

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

Psalm 107:1

Given January 2026	\$ 11,830
Given Fiscal YTD (August 2025-July 2026)	\$106,712

2025-26 Budget (approved July 2025)

Foundation	\$174,148
Salary and Benefits	
Administration	
Building Loan	
Ministries	
Reaching Up	\$ 2,900
Worship	
Reaching Out	\$ 4,740
The World	
The Nation	
The Region	
Reaching In	\$ 2,800
Education	
Spiritual Growth	
Fun and Fellowship	
Supplies	

Total \$184,588

Assets (as of 1/31/2026)

Checking	\$ 99,345
Savings	\$ 18,918
Endowment	\$ 53,331

Income (from all Sources) v. Expenses

Needed in January	\$ 15,382
Given in January	\$ 11,830
Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 92,292
Given Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$106,712



Little Doves

Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten



Seahawks Day



Spring Fling - March 29

March is here and so is our annual big event - ***The Spring Fling on March 29!*** This year we are trying a few new activities focused around kids and what talents and abilities they can show and offer to everyone. We will be having many of the usual fun activities like face painter, chili cook-off, outdoor games, crafts, bake sale, and food but are adding a ***Kid's Talent Show and Kid's Craft Fair.*** Now think of the talent show in a way that is simple and easy for any child, 14 and under, to show an activity, skill, talent, knack, or ability. Simple things like: telling a few jokes, doing a cartwheel, performing a magic trick, or singing a song are just a few examples. The idea is to make sure the children feel comfortable to participate no matter what talent they perform.

The Craft Fair will also be for kids (14 and under) to make items and bring them to sell for a very small cost (under \$10). This is another way to encourage kids to work on and show their talents, skills, personality, and to build up their self-esteem. If your child would like to participate in the Talent Show or Craft Fair, just contact Linda at littledovespreschool@gmail.com. We look forward to a very fun and exciting Spring Fling!!!

******Registration for next year's classes is open!!!******



Men's Breakfast

Sat 3/14 at 8:00 a.m.
Buzz Inn, Monroe

Men's "Iron Sharpens Iron"

Thu 3/19 at 7:00 p.m.
Simon's House
14415 Woods Lake Rd, Monroe



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Engaging God

Engaging Each Other ~ Engaging the World

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