

# Peace Lutheran Church Tidings of Peace

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Smartphones are pretty amazing little gadgets. Over the years, I have learned how to use my cellphone to call, send and receive messages, watch funny videos, learn languages, measure things, identify plants, monitor my steps, watch movies, analyze a Greek Bible verse, and much more. However, when I first got a smartphone all I could do was make a phone call and text. All the other features were there. but I didn't use them. Because of that, I didn't realize the value of the smartphone. I might have even said, "My old flip phone is all I need." I learned the value of the smartphone by taking advantage of the features it offered.

The more I used them the more powerful smartphones became for me.

I think the same can be said for our church community. Some of us just use the church as a place to go and get a little religious teaching and encouragement. We come on Sunday when we have time. After our worship, we go back to our regular life, and we think we have all the church has to offer. However, the Bible says, "The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously." (2 Corinthians 9:6) While Paul is talking about



#### **Tidings of Peace**

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.

Todd Roeske Pastor

Rebeca Castro Church Office Administrator

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generosity, I think the principle can be widely applied. The more we put into our spiritual growth the more we can expect to get out of it. When we commit to regular worship, regular Bible Study, regular giving, regular prayer, regular service, those practices begin to form us and move us toward a more mature spiritual life.

When I used to work with long term alcoholics, I saw that the people that got better, were those that totally committed to the program. Some people would come regularly to meetings, but they would want to pick and choose what to participate in. They would work on the 12 steps, but if a step was hard or they didn't like it, they would skip it. Those people never seemed to make much progress in working on their alcoholism. It was the people who humbly did what the program asked of them that slowly made progress on their sobriety.

There are a lot of ways that you can grow within our congregation. You can join a bible study. You can help with the Take the Next Step Bags. You can join us in meditating on a section of scripture each week. You can get the prayer letter and commit to praying for those in need. You can take notes during the Sunday message. You can come to the listening seminars. You can join the Hispanic Service. You can call another member and encourage him or her. You can invite a friend

(or enemy) to join us for bible study, fellowship, or worship. You can help out at Little Doves or Zion Lutheran School. You can join Peace Builders. You can serve on the leadership team. Not everything is for everyone, but if you choose to invest in our congregation and your own spiritual life, I think God will give you a great harvest of a maturing spiritual life. You are saved by grace so that you can live out that grace in your life.

"Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9

Engage God
Engage Each Other
Engage The World



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#### Fall Confirmation Classes

**Ask Questions** 

Deepen Faith
Grow as a Disciple

- Eighth Graders, starting in the Fall
- Once a week
- Schedule to be arranged with families

Flexible times. Interested? Call Todd: 907-259-5115.

### **Engaging God's Word 2022**



August 7-13	Matthew 5:11-16
August 14-20	Matthew 5:17-20
August 21-27	Matthew 5:21-26
August 28-Sept. 3	Matthew 5:27-30

Reading large chunks of God's Word is valuable in that it immerses us in the story of God's people. However, the Bible is more than a story. It is one way in which God speaks to us as His Holy Spirit moves through the words of Scripture to deepen our relationship with God. This year we will be slowing down, reading, pondering, and interacting with selected Bible texts. Each week, we will have one passage that we will meditate on every day. Hopefully, this deeper approach to prayer and Scripture will lead us to a deeper understanding of who God is and his incredible grace for us. Attached will be a suggested outline and pattern for your meditation. It is not a rule, but a guide. If you miss a day or two, just pick up the next day that you can and continue the process.

[Pick up a full year calendar at church or request one from the office]



#### **Peace Listens Seminar**

August 20th 10 AM - Noon at the church.

Come and learn how we can better listen to each other and our community.

The Saturday women's Bible study is taking a break for the summer.

Look for a new study coming in the fall.

# Worship ~ Study ~ Commune ~ Serve



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

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.







#### Root Beer & Orange Floats Sunday, August 21st - After worship

There will also be cookies, coffee, & tea for our lactose-free friends.





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

The Gospel on The Ground, by *Kristi McLelland*. Led by Cara Fleming

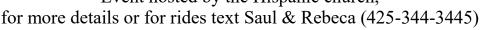
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#### Youth - Bible Study & Pizza Contest

Friday, August 19th - 6:30 PM, in Sultan, WA. Youth event for grades 6-12: Join us for a bible study & pizza contest! Event hosted by the Hispanic church,





How can we show our love for those who use our parking lot to drop off their children for school? Help us think of ideas at our Parking Lot Events

Brainstorm on August 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM in person at the church or join us on

Google meet: https://meet.google.com/vhk-vzpm-jpf

Or dial: (US) +1 402-792-8321 PIN: 257 399 136#

#### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who made the Kids Bible Day Camp possible on June 27-30. Thank you to everyone who prayed and donated craft and food items. Thank you to the 51 kids who attended and their families who brought them each day. Thank you to our teen volunteers: Layla and Mica Dapelo, Amani Roeske, and Riley Thorp. Thank you to our adult volunteers: Gayle Foster, Tarrell Johnson, Laurie Yocum, Lynn Still, Bob Johnson, Sheryl Becker, Melissa Hackman, and Todd and Kim Roeske. Thank you to the additional volunteers who made it a total of 15 people who decorated the building: Bruce Johnson, Chuck Swanson, and Merlaine Barnett. Thank you also to our partners Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church who let us use their decorations and curriculum and also to Thrivent Financial for sponsoring new signage and shirts. Thanks and praise most of all to Jesus and the Holy Spirit who were active and with us each day.

#### Sunday school teachers are needed this fall.

Could you teach once each month? Once each quarter? Flexible schedules and training provided. Contact the church office or Kim (907-269-5683) if you can help.

#### You're Invited!

Salmon Bake at Todd and Kim's house (695 Park Ln) Saturday, August 6 at 5:00 PM. Everybody is welcome. RSVP requested. Kim 907-259-5683.

#### **Leadership Meeting**

August 15th or 18th, TBA. 5:30 PM @ the church.

#### **Sock Drive**

Please bring Socks next Sunday to help people experiencing homelessness.
Volunteers of America in Sultan is in need of new and slightly used socks.

# Newsletter Item's Due August 22

#### **Anniversaries**

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

#### August Birthday's

- 1 Anna Groeneveld
- 4 Sydney Mellor
- 6 Deanna Nowadnick
- 8 Karter Moore
- 9 Tricia Anderson
- 9 Gloria Castro
- 11 Brianna Parmentier
- 17 Emma Carlson
- 18 LaRhae Thompson
- 22 Michol Phillips
- 26 Doug Iben
- 30 Liz Wilson

# Financial News

#### Special Offerings

#### Fiscal YTD

\$1,836
\$ 856
\$ 980

#### Special Gifts

#### Fiscal YTD

Alaska Missions	\$2	,808,
Asia Missions	\$7	,600
Building Loan Paydown	\$2	,990
Endowment	\$	25
Family Assistance	\$	400
Memorials	\$	100
Missionary Shaun Trump	\$	240
OPOP	\$3	,817
Total	\$17	,980

#### Would you like to give your offerings online?

Just go to <a href="https://give.cornerstone.cc/">https://give.cornerstone.cc/</a>
<a href="peacemonroe">peacemonroe</a>
or access the link
at peacemonroe.org.

It's easy!



## 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 April 2022 Given Fiscal YTD (August 2021-July 2022)	\$ 14,680 \$122,713
2021-22 Budget (approved July 2021) Foundation Salary and Benefits Administration	\$201,812
Building Loan	
Ministries Reaching Up Worship	\$ 2,700
Reaching Out  The World  The Nation  The Region	\$ 15,320
The Region Reaching In Education Spiritual Growth Fun and Fellowship	\$ 5,750
Supplies Total	\$225,582
Assets (as of 4/30/2022) Checking Savings Endowment	\$ 88,923 \$ 18,895 \$ 45,240
Income v. Expenses  Needed in April 2022  Given in March 2022	\$ 18,799 <b>\$ 14,680</b>
Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date  Given Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$187,990 <b>\$122,713</b>
Loan Summary Building Loan (as of 3/1/2022)	\$ 24,546



# Little Doves

### **Preschool and Kindergarten**





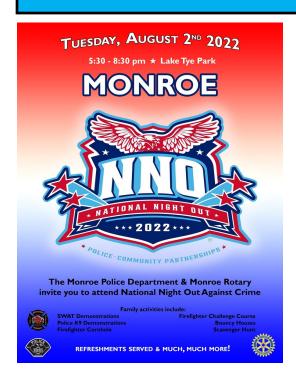


#### Little Doves Preschool & Kindergarten

Little Doves will start a new school year in September, the week after Memorial Day. Enrollment for the fall continues throughout the summer.

Contact the Director, Linda Herman, at littledovespreschool@gmail.com for registration information.

## Community



National Night Out Against Crime
Tuesday, August 2nd 2022
5:30 - 8:30 PM @ Lake Tye Park
Come by, we will have a tent up for Peace!
Contact the office if you'd like to help.

Monroe Fair Days Parade Saturday, August 27th 2022 9:00 AM



#### **LUNCH BUNCH**

Wed 08/10 @ 11:45 a.m. Buzz Inn Steakhouse: 9900 Airport Way, Snohomish, WA 98296

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



#### Men's Breakfast

Sat 08/13 @ 8:00 a.m. Denny's: 18824 US-2, Monroe, WA 98272 Bob Johnson: (425-870-0681)

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# **Engaging God**

Engaging Each Other ~ Engaging the World



