Peace Lutheran Church
Tidings of Peace
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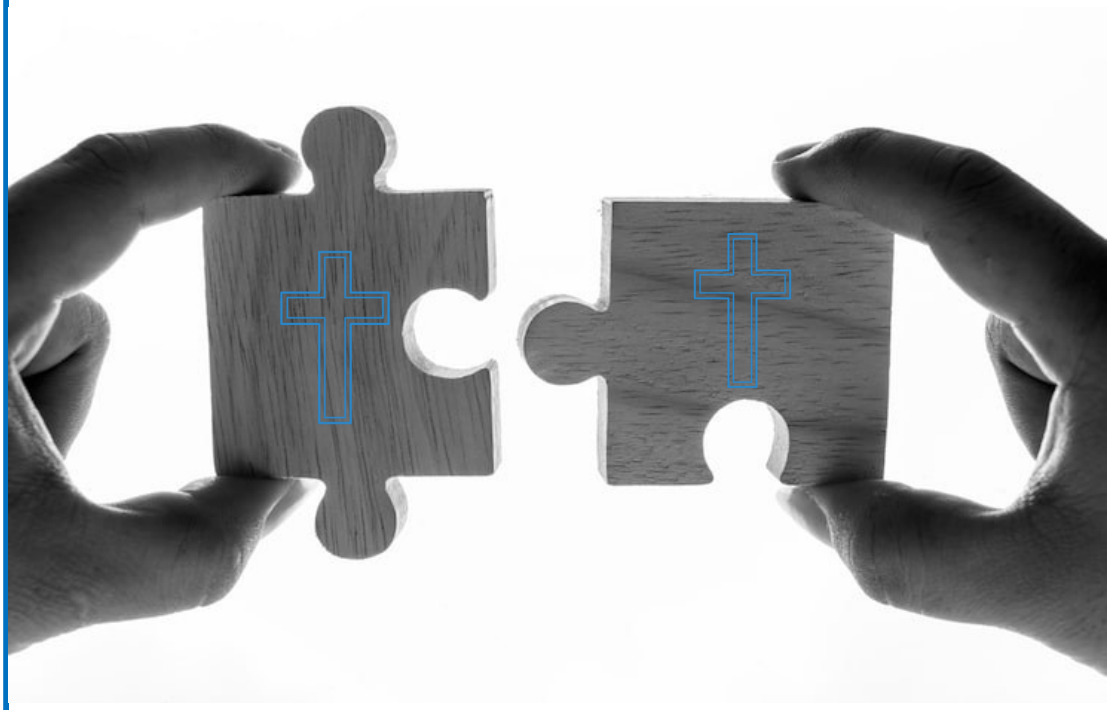

Sometimes here in the Philippines, the topic of politics comes up. I have spent a lot of time here and I have my own opinions about Philippine politics. However, I am an outsider. While I am tempted to give my opinion, it is best that I just listen and try to ask questions. Unfortunately, I am not always good at that. I sometimes slip and let people know what I think about the president or other political personalities.

As an outsider living in the Philippines, I'm constantly reminded of how easy it is to comment on someone else's house while ignoring my own. That dynamic forced me to look at how Jesus navigated His own political and cultural landscape. The Jewish nation was under the control of the Roman Empire. The Romans ruled every aspect of their life and economy. Roman rule threatened Israel's existence. There were certainly many things the Romans approved of that were not in line with Jesus's teachings. Slavery, the killing of new borns, glorification of power, despising the weak, and crucifixion were all

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things that Rome practiced that Jesus could have criticized. Yet the only time Jesus came close to a political critique was when he told his disciples that the rulers of the gentiles "lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them." (Mark 10:42 NLT) Jesus disciples were not to be like them. Instead, they were to be servants. When the Jewish leaders asked Jesus about Roman taxes, Jesus chose not to criticize the Romans but to remind his fellow people to "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22:21)

The other times that Jesus critiques people, it is not the godless Romans that he critiques but his own countrymen. He critiques the Pharisees, Sadducees, and other Jewish leaders. He calls them out for their hypocrisy and failure to follow the ways of God.

I wonder if there is something we can learn from this. In our society, we tend to defend our own group and attack those with whom we disagree. Right leaning Christians righteously attack the evils of the "leftist liberals that are destroying our society" while loyally supporting and defending their leaders. Left leaning Christians criticize the "crazy right-wing fascists that have no compassion" while defending their party even when it deviates from the teachings of Jesus. Maybe we should learn from Jesus to spend our criticism on our own group while letting God worry about those in the other group. What if Christian Republicans spent their time and energy working to bring compassion, humility, and care for the poor into the agenda of the Republican party? What if Christian Democrats worked to cultivate a respect for unborn children, for the rights of parents, and religious liberty within their own party? Maybe then we could start to work together in our areas of agreement and seek God pleasing solutions to the problems of our society.

Jesus said that we are salt. Salt works by slowly diffusing from where it is sprinkled until it changes the taste of the entire dish. Salt that has been sprinkled on the carrots can't change the taste of the green beans. Wherever God has sprinkled you, work to let the flavor of his love and compassion make a difference. Jesus is with you.

Todd 907-259-5115

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Each Other ~ The World



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.

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NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 (Daylight Savings)	2	3	4	5 **Merlaine Barnett**	6	7 **Rachel Latimore**
8	9	10 **Laurie Yocum**	11 **Bob Johnson**	12 **Donna Hill**	13	14
15	16 **Andrea Miller**	17	18 **Fenna Groeneveld**	19	20	21
22 **Nancy Strain**	23	24 **Pam Johnson**	25	26 Thanksgiving **Beau Hackmann** 	27	28 **Erin Free** **Leah Free**
29 (Advent)	30 **Joe Herman**	1	2	3	4	5

Worship ~ Study ~ Commune ~ Serve

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

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday Evenings @ 6:30 p.m.

Contact Cara for more information:
206-226-4933

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday mornings @ 9:00 a.m.
Church Fellowship Room.
All are welcome!

(No Study on 11/28)

Would you like to receive a weekly prayer letter?

Email Pastor Todd
(todd@peacemonroe.org)

PARKING LOT EVENT

Second Thursday of each month
@ 3:15 p.m.

Paused for November

The Book of Daniel

New Bible Study Coming soon!

Sunday Mornings 8:45

ONE PARISH ONE PRISONER

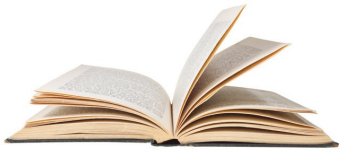
Recruiting for a New Team
Become friends with an incarcerated person
We need 3 more volunteers for a new team!

UNDERGROUND MINISTRIES

WOULD YOU LIKE A COPY OF OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY? Pick one up at the church, or request a copy in-person. Call the office: **360-794-2082** to request a PDF version. *For privacy, the directory will not be published online*.

Family Directory 2026-2027

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).

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!

Patty's Eggnest

LUNCH BUNCH

Wed 11/11

11:45 a.m. @ Patty's Eggnest
6720 Evergreen Way, 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!

October Financial Report

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

Psalm 107:1

Special Offerings

	Fiscal YTD
Building Maintenance	$ 60
Thrivent Choice	$ 25
Total	**$ 85**

Would you like to give your offerings online?

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!

...also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Corinthians 8:7

Given September 2026	**$ 26,245**
Given Fiscal YTD	**$ 35,733**
2025-26 Budget (approved July 2026)	
Foundation	$188,168
Salary and Benefits	
Administration	
Building Loan	
Ministries	
Reaching Up	$ 2,950
Worship	
Reaching Out	$ 14,989
The World	
The Nation	
The Region	
Reaching In	$ 2,450
Education	
Spiritual Growth	
Fun and Fellowship	
Supplies	
Total	**$208,557**
Assets (as of 9/30/2026)	
Checking	$113,206
Savings	$ 18,923
Endowment	$ 57,725
Income v. Expenses	
Needed in September	$ 17,380
Given in September	**$ 26,245**
Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date	$ 34,760
Given Fiscal Year-to-Date	**$ 35,733**







Little Doves
Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten







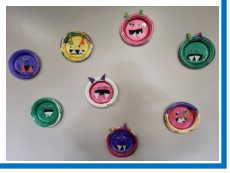
Little Doves Preschool & Kindergarten

We welcomed the fall season by creating many beautiful fall art projects. The children enjoyed painting, gluing, cutting, and coloring! Our walls are covered with their wonderful artwork! We also learned about pumpkins, farms, apples, name writing, and Zoo-phonics. The pumpkin patch trip to Stocker Farms was a highlight! The families explored all the fun activities there and took home a pumpkin afterwards. We look forward to Trunk or Treat on Oct. 30th! That will be a fun night!

We have 7 students in our Just for Two's class and they are learning about shapes, colors, farms, and working on their fine motor skills. Learning to share and play with one another are important goals for the class too. An adult/parent stays with each child and helps them with the activities. It is a great introduction to a school setting for the little ones.

We look forward to November and December when we start getting ready for the holiday season and our Christmas programs. It is a wonderful time of the year for all of us at Little Doves!!

Contact Miss Linda:
littledovespreschool@gmail.com
For any questions.





Men's Breakfast
Sat 11/14 at 8:00 a.m.
Buzz Inn, Monroe

Men's "Iron Sharpens Iron"
Thu 11/12 at 7:00 p.m.
Simon's House

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