



Peace Lutheran Church

Tidings of Peace

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"Hey, get up!"

"I don't want to get up."

"It's Sunday. You have to get up. It is time to go to church."

"I don't want to go to church!"

"You have to go to church."

"But, I don't want to go."

"You have to go."

"Why?"

"You are the pastor!"

I am sure that all of us have had days that we did not want to get up and go to church. There are a million reasons not to go. I don't feel like I get anything out of it. The music is bad. People are annoying. I have better things to do. I am avoiding crowds. Sunday is my one time to have time for myself. I am sure that you could come up with an even longer list of reasons not to gather for Sunday morning worship.

So why is it that for almost 2000 years, people have been gathering each week to hear God's Word, to pray, to sing, give offerings, and to receive the Lord's body and blood? There are lots of reasons. Here are five.

1) As a follower of Jesus, I want to be like Jesus. Jesus loves me so much that he died for me so that I can be forgiven and through His Spirit begin to be the person that God created me to be. According to the Bible, "Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As usual, he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day..." (Luke 4:16) Jesus was regularly in corporate worship. Since I follow him, I want to do the same. If Jesus thought it was important to gather with other believers, then I think so too. But there is something even better. Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20) So, not only am I following Jesus example when I gather for worship, but also Jesus is there with us in worship. If we knew that Lebron James or some other famous person was going to be at our church on Sunday, a lot of us would try really hard to get there. Well, Jesus is at our church on Sunday. That is a pretty good reason to show up.

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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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2) Last year, we memorized Hebrews 10:24-25. "We must also consider how to encourage each other to show love and to do good things. We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming." One good reason to gather regularly with other believers is because God says we are to do it. We come together to encourage each other. It is not an optional part of the Christian life, but it is a normal, expected part of what we do as believers. The good thing is that as we do what God calls us to do, we also receive a wonderful blessing. We not only encourage others, but others encourage us.

3) Before soldiers go out to war, they come together for training. They will march, run obstacle courses, practice shooting, and a whole lot more. They practice doing what they will be doing for real later. In a way, gathering regularly with other believers is like that. When week after week we do life with the same people, it can be challenging. Some of the people might get on our nerves. Others might be struggling. It is here in our community of believers that we practice loving each other. In the church, we learn to deal with difficult people. We practice patience and forgiveness. It is not easy, but in the church community, we at least know that everyone is trying to follow Jesus and trying to practice patience and forgiveness with us, too. So, we have the opportunity to learn to do the very thing that Jesus called us to do—love each other. Then, as we have learned those lessons in our church community, we can take those lessons out into the world and love the people we meet in other areas of our lives.

4) Gathering with other believers' week after week sends a message to those around us. We are witnessing to everyone that knows us that our faith in Jesus is important to us. We are saying to the world that we believe

that Jesus is our Lord and Savior and that we are brothers and sisters with believers from every tribe, nation, people and language. Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses!" (Acts 1:8) We are Jesus' witnesses. We can be either good witnesses or bad, but we are always witnesses to the faith that we have in Jesus. Regularly going to church is one way in which we give a positive witness to those around us.

5) When I was in college, there was a pizza place called, "Thano's". They served Sicilian pizza. I love pizza and I have eaten it at a lot of places, but Thano's was special. I am not sure what made the difference but there is nowhere else that had pizza like theirs. I went there because it was the only place, I could get their special Sicilian Pizza. One of the reasons why I regularly go to church is because it is the only place where I can get certain things. There is something special about hearing God's public word of forgiveness. It is the place where I can gather with other Jesus followers to sing and praise. In church, I can listen to God's word and pray with other believers in a way that I can't do on my own. In worship, I can stand with other believers and confess my faith, knowing that I am not alone, but I hold truths in common with other believers and with all God's saints who have ever lived. As I gather weekly with all of you, I am able to receive Jesus' body and blood being reminded that we are one body, and we are forgiven by the death of Jesus. Worshipping together fills me in a way that nothing else can do.

There are a lot more reasons to gather weekly for worship with other believers but hopefully these five will give you some encouragement to make weekly worship a priority in your life. Jesus is with you!

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

Engaging God's Word 2022



<u>July 3-9</u>	<u>Luke 10:25-37</u>
<u>July 10-16</u>	<u>Ephesians 4:25-32</u>
<u>July 17-23</u>	<u>Micah 6:6-8</u>
<u>July 24-30</u>	<u>Hebrews 10:25-26</u>
<u>July 31-August 6</u>	<u>Matthew 5:3-10</u>

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]



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."

Psalms 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.



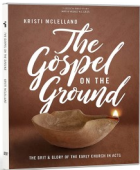
Youth - Bible Study and Dinner

Friday, July 22nd - 7:30 PM



Youth event for grades 6-12: Join us for a bible study followed by a barbeque.

Event will be hosted by the Hispanic church, for rides text Saul & Rebeca (425-344-3445)



Women's Bible Study Starting July 11th @ 6:30 PM

On Monday's - Book: *The Gospel on The Ground*, by *Kristi McLelland*.

Led by Cara Fleming

Chitina Meeting

July 6th, 7-8 p.m.

Congregational Budget Meeting

Sunday, July 24, 2022 @ 11:15 a.m.

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

Look for a new study coming in the fall.

Newsletter Item's Due July 19

Pastor Todd will be out of the office July 15th - 29th.

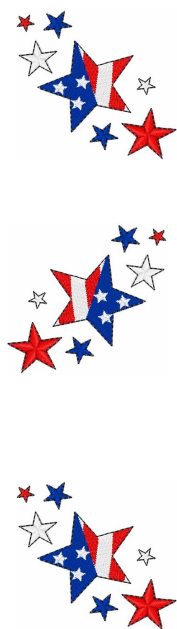
Chitina Mission Trip

July 18th – 21st



July 4th

Happy Independence Day!



July Birthday's

8 - Ken Strain
9 - Jim Zirkle
10 - Amy Mann
10 - Paul Humphries
11 - Audrie Catledge
12 - Joe Andrews
14 - Savannah Free
15 - Gary Carlsen
21 - Jill B-Brown
24 - Lily Free

Anniversaries

11 - Kurt & Deanna
Nowadnick
12 - Todd & Kim Roeske
17 - Neil & Melissa
Hackmann
23 - Joe & Lori Gese
27 - Ryan & Amy Kaikala
29 - Jerry & Mabel Ternes

Financial News

Special Offerings

Fiscal YTD

Building "10-for-10"	\$ 980
Thrivent Choice	\$ 856
Total	\$1,836

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 [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 April 2022	\$ 14,680
Given Fiscal YTD (August 2021-July 2022)	\$122,713

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 4/30/2022)

Checking	\$ 88,923
Savings	\$ 18,895
Endowment	\$ 45,240

Income v. Expenses

Needed in April 2022	\$ 18,799
Given in March 2022	\$ 14,680
Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$187,990
Given Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$122,713

Loan Summary

Building Loan (as of 3/1/2022)	\$ 24,546
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Little Doves

Preschool and Kindergarten



Little Doves Preschool & Kindergarten End of the year family picnic for all and graduation for the kindergarten and pre-k classes

Little Doves will start a new school year in September and there are a few openings left in some of the classes. Enrollment for the fall continues throughout the summer.

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



LUNCH BUNCH

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

Location to be announced.

Grab a friend. Bring your neighbor.

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



Men's Breakfast

Sat 07/09 @ 8:00 a.m.

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

Bob Johnson: (425-870-0681)



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Engaging Each Other ~ Engaging the World

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