Peace Lutheran Church

Tidings of Peace

AUGUST 2026

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Summers when I was a kid, we would occasionally travel from Michigan to Ohio to visit Cedar Point amusement park. There were lots of rides and fun things to do but the main reason we went there was for the roller coasters. It seemed like each year they came up with a bigger, faster, scarier ride. They all started the same. It was a slow clanking ride up a long hill, a slow pause, then an exciting, curving, spinning, whiplash-inducing rapid race that included corkscrews and loops. Then in about 3 minutes the car would coast to a stop, and the wild ride was over. We got off and went in search of our next ride.

Life is a bit like a roller coaster ride. In our youth we slowly climb up the hill of life with lots of anticipation for the ride to come. Then at some point our life accelerates and we whip through all the twists and turns of life. Some are exciting. Some are harrowing. Some are terrifying. Then before we have had much time to notice, we are coasting to the finish. It goes by way too quickly. Then at some point we get off this ride and move on to the real ride that God has prepared for us with him forever.

After my dad died, my mom and I went to Disney World. I thought

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we would ride the roller coasters, but my mom was not interested. Then I remembered that when we had gone to Cedar Point, mom never got on a roller coaster. I asked her about it. She told me the story of when she was a teenager. She had been to one of those cheap fairs that occasionally came through town. She and a friend were riding the roller coaster, and the safety bar gave way. As they went over a hill, she began to fly out of her seat. Only the quick thinking of the man behind her who reached out and grabbed the back of her pants kept her from flying out of the car! It terrified her, and she never rode a roller coaster again.

When I ride a roller coaster, I enjoy the trip because I believe that the safety equipment is secure. I trust that seat belts and safety bars will do their job. However, my mom had an experience that ruined her trust. God had still taken care of her, but she didn't trust the roller coaster safety equipment, and it destroyed her chance to enjoy the ride.

On the roller coaster of life, we can enjoy the trip if we believe that God has our safety bar firmly in place. If we have had trauma or loss, it is harder to trust that God has us in his care and will safely get us through the ride. Yet, God is good. He promises in his Word that no matter what happens in this life, he will get us to the next ride with him forever. . Jesus said it this way, "I have told you these things so that you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble but take heart for I have overcome the world." (John 16:33).

God has you in his care. The ride may be crazy but he will get you through it. Sit tight and enjoy the ride!

Todd 907-259-5115

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Each Other ~ The World



LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Sunday, Aug 23, 2026
11:15 a.m.



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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Anna Groeneveld
2 Carter Arden Keith Mellor & Ann Burgan	3	4 Sydney Mellor	5	6 Deanna Nowadnick	7	8 Karter Moore
9 Tricia Anderson Gloria Castro	10	11 Brianna Parmentier Brad & Shelley Wallace	12	13	14	15
16	17 Emma Carlson	18 LaRhae Thompson	19 Ken & Nancy Strain	20	21	22 Michol Phillips
23	24	25	26 Doug Iben	27	28	29
30 Liz Wilson	31	1	2 Sara J	3	4	5 Mabel T Gus M

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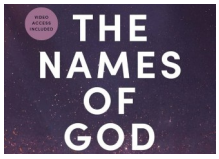
Reading Guides are also available in the church entry on the table.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES & MORE

Monday Evenings Bible Study
6:30 p.m. (AUGUST: PAUSED)



September Study: The Names of God — Bible Study Book| Lifeway

Contact Cara for more information:
carasinteriors@aol.com

Saturday Devotions and Prayer
10-11 a.m. (In the fellowship hall)



Would you like to receive a weekly prayer letter?

Email Pastor Todd
(todd@peacemonroe.org)

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 4, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

Reach out to families in our community
Questions or to help: Talk to Seth

Would you like to help our community?

Consider donating items towards our monthly food bags. You can also donate money marked as "2-4-1" or "TTNS" which is used to purchase food items for the bags!

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Nancy & Ken Strain



Please join us after service on

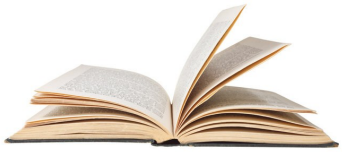
Sunday, August 16

For our annual root beer and orange floats in celebration of our anniversary. Blessings!



August 22, 2026
10:00-2:00 pm
(Lunch Included)

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!

Peace Summer Mission Emphasis

Tiller to help grow food for students in Uganda

Donations due:
August 23

COST
USD $1,600



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JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

Special Offerings

	Fiscal YTD
Building Maintenance	$ 450
Thrivent Choice	$ 783
Total	**$ 1,233**

Special Gifts

	Fiscal YTD
Endowment	$ 489
LCMS Mission Grant	$ 15,000
Missions	$ 24,514
Total	**$40,003**

...also excel in this grace of giving.
2 Corinthians 8:7

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!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever.
Psalm 107:1

Given June 2026	**$ 12,622**
Given Fiscal YTD (August 2025-July 2026)	**$172,902**

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 6/30/2026)

Checking	$122,381
Savings	$ 18,921
Endowment	$ 56,816

Income (from all Sources) v. Expenses

Needed in June	$ 15,382
Given in June	**$ 12,622**
Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date	$169,202
Given Fiscal Year-to-Date	**$172,902**









Little Doves Preschool & Kindergarten

Summer time is here and we are enjoying a short, refreshing, and rejuvenating break before we get back to work for the new school year.

In the meantime things do not stop happening at our school! We are excited about our huge project with replacing the playground fence.

A fence company has taken down the old wooden fence and is replacing it with black chain-link fencing and new gates. It will improve the appearance of the playground but more importantly provide a safe area for the children to play and meet the DCYF requirements for our WA State license. It is a wonderful improvement to our program! If you would like to make a contribution towards this project, just let us know! Thank you!!!

We continue to have open enrollment for the fall. There are spots available in our T/Th AM class, the Just for Two's, and Adv. PreK/Kindergarten class.

Spread the word to your friends and family! Enjoy your summer!

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

Little Doves
Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten



Men's Breakfast
Sat 8/08 at 8:00 a.m.
Buzz Inn, Monroe

Men's "Iron Sharpens Iron"
Thu 8/20 at 7:00 p.m.
Ken Strain's House
21011 95th St SE Snohomish

LUNCH BUNCH: Wed 08/12

11:45 a.m. at Buzz Inn
9900 Airport Way, Snohomish

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

All are welcome!

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