



Peace Lutheran Church Tidings of Peace

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Easter Service

*Sunday, April 5th
10:00 am*

Join us!

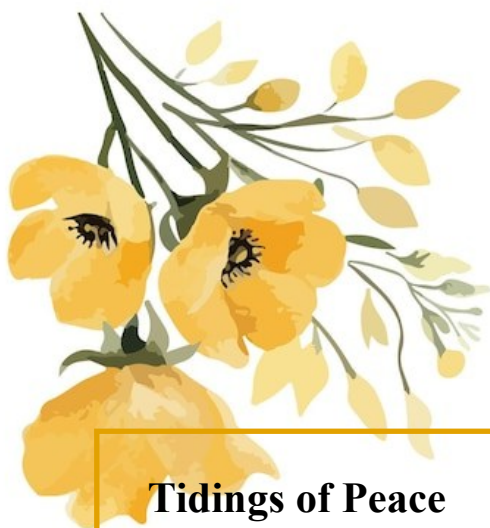


Christians make a bold claim. We claim that a Jewish peasant, the son of a carpenter, who was crucified for claiming to be the Messiah, physically rose from the dead. That claim is audacious.

People who are horrifically tortured and die do not come back to life totally fine three days later. Yet we believe it. We believe that Jesus did what is impossible. But sometimes we might have doubts. Did it really happen the way the Bible says it did. What if the whole story was just made up to give us hope?

If you have doubts, I get it. Everyone has doubts on some days. That being said there is some good evidence that the resurrection is true. Chuck Colson, Nixon's special counsel on Watergate and one of his confidants in the whole scandal, said it this way, 'I know the resurrection is a fact. And Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified that they had seen Jesus raised from the dead and then proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one

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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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was beaten, tortured, stoned, eventually killed, put in prison - they would have not endured it if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in Washington DC, and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks."

Add that evidence to the evidence of Paul and James who were not believers but when confronted with the Risen Christ immediately switched their allegiance and began preaching the Good News of Jesus risen from the dead. Then there is the evidence of the incredible growth of the early church. What would have caused that if it were not based on an incredible event?

Certainly, there is a lot of evidence for Jesus' resurrection. But evidence is not enough. Two people can see the same evidence and come to opposite conclusions. Just look at our present political divides if you don't believe me. We need something more than physical evidence. Faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit. As we hear the Good News of Jesus who has risen from the dead to free us from sin, death and the devil, God's Spirit works a miracle

in our hearts, and we believe what we hear. That faith is not apart from the evidence, but it is more than just a rational conclusion. Faith in Jesus' resurrection is not just believing a brute fact like believing 2 plus 2 equals 4. It is a life-transforming perspective that influences every aspect of our lives. It moves us to reorient our lives around the Kingdom of God and to seek to live for something more than our own personal pleasure. It assures us that God loves us and that he will someday take us to be with him forever!

May each of you be blessed as you celebrate Jesus' resurrection this month! He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Todd 907-259-5115

SAVE THE DATE!

June 22-26
9 a.m. - 12 noon

Kids Bible Day Camp

Adult Volunteers Needed for the following positions:

- * Assistant Director
- * Crafts Director
- * Snack Director
- * JC (teens) Director
- * Decorating Director

Contact Kim at
kimroeske82@gmail.com
to volunteer



SIGNS IN LIFE

Finding Direction in
Our Travels with God!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, March 28 to Saturday, April 25

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!

YOU'RE
INVITED

**Engagement Lunch
for
Susan Kurian
& Seth Schneider**

**Sunday, April 26
11:15 a.m. (after worship)
Peace Fellowship Hall**

We are so excited for Seth and Susan as they prepare to marry this spring. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship at a special lunch together.

Note: Both Seth and Susan want you to know that gifts are not necessary at the festivities. If you'd like to share a gift, you are invited to consider a donation to a special mission in which Susan is involved. Go to GlobalSurgicalOutreach.org or bring a check payable to Peace marked "Global Surgical Outreach." If you'd really like to bring a gift, you can go to their registry at Zola.com.

Worship ~ Study ~ Commune ~ Serve

You Tube

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:

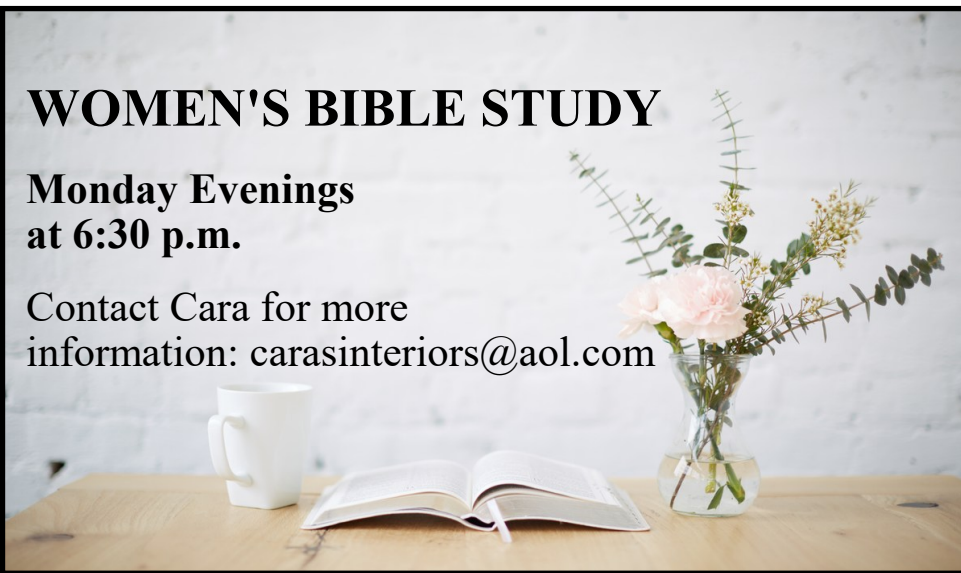
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Reading Guides are also available in the church entry on the table.

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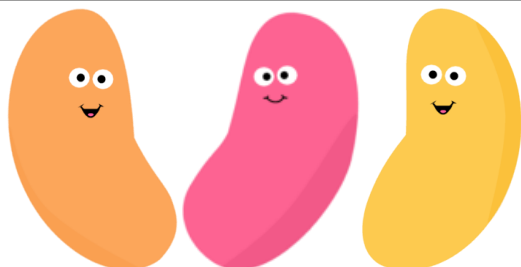
Monday Evenings
at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Cara for more
information: carasinteriors@aol.com



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

Email Pastor Todd
(todd@peacemonroe.org)



PARKING LOT EVENT

Thursday 04/16 @ 3:15 p.m.

Come help us pass out Jesus Jellybeans & cards!
Accepting donations.

*Join us for this special time
with our wonderful neighbors and the kids!*



JESUS IS MISSING

Premiering May 2
3:00 PM with an
Ice Cream Social

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!



LUNCH BUNCH

Wed 4/08

Jake's Café

709 2nd St, Snohomish

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!

MISSIONARY VISIT (ASIA)

Paul & Genevieve

Join us May 3, 2026

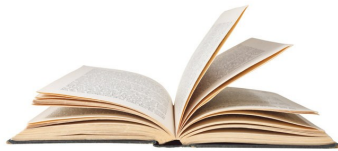
Listening Lunch

Potluck

(Following Service)



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).

FINANCIAL REPORT

Special Offerings

Fiscal YTD

Building Maintenance	\$ 180
Thrivent Choice	\$ 338
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](https://give.cornerstone.cc/peacemonroe)
or access the link
at peacemonroe.org.

It's easy!

You may also use Zelle®:
[donations@peacemonroe.
onmicrosoft.com](mailto: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

Last summer Endowment earnings and our mission banks were able to bless our community!

Dear Pastor Todd and Peace Lutheran Church,

Thank you so very much for supporting Young Lives and teen moms in Marysville, Granite Falls, Lake Stevens, Snohomish, and Monroe. This gift is so meaningful and will gift these moms diapers, wipes, and so many more resources as well as allowing us to share the gospel to them and the next generation as we serve them. Bless you!

Love, Lisa Desonia, Young Lives, Lake Stevens



Little Doves

Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten

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A MESSAGE FROM LITTLE DOVES

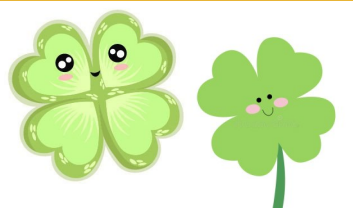
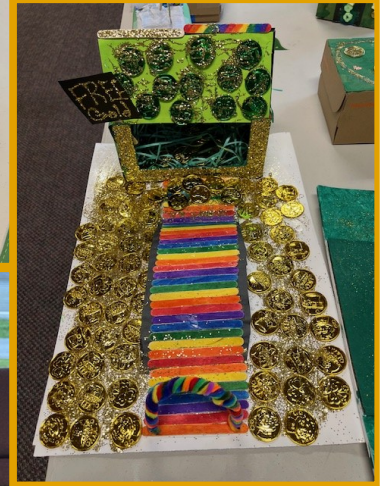
March was such a creative month for the children as they pretended to catch a leprechaun with their traps, as they learned about traveling around the world, and when they made many crafts for our walls. We are now getting ready for Easter and to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

The Spring Fling was so much fun, the children's talent show and craft fair were a success as well as singing during the service! We look forward to having a wonderful time with the families again next year! We have been praying for warmer weather and the Lord answered, read our future articles for future events.

Registration for the fall is now open.

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

Happy Easter everyone!





Men's Breakfast

Sat 4/11 at 8:00 a.m.

Buzz Inn, Monroe

Men's "Iron Sharpens Iron"

Paused for April

Read next Newsletter

For new date!



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Engaging God

Engaging Each Other ~ Engaging the World

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