



# Peace Lutheran Church Tidings of Peace

February 2026

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Assyria was threatening the people of Israel. Their huge armies were swallowing up nations and crushing rebellions all throughout the region.

Jerusalem was one of the last cities still holding out against the powerful adversaries. So, the natural thing was to seek help from a powerful neighbor. King Hezekiah sent envoys to Egypt for aid. The prophet Isaiah was critical. He said, "How horrible it will be for those who go to Egypt for help, who rely on

horses, who depend on many chariots, who depend on very strong war horses. They don't look to the Holy One of Israel.

They don't seek the Lord." (Isaiah 31:1)

Israel was doing what we all do.

We are looking for our own solutions to our problems. We think that our hope is in human power instead of humble trust.

But Isaiah reminds us, "The Egyptians are humans, not gods. Their horses are flesh and blood, not spirit. (Isaiah 31:3)

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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.

Church Office Staff  
& Todd Roeske  
Pastor

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The solution for the people of Israel was not to be found in seeking powerful allies, it was to be found in seeking the powerful Spirit of the LORD. Isaiah says it this way, "You can be saved by returning to me. You can have rest. You can be strong by being quiet and by trusting me." (Isaiah 30:15)

God did deliver King Hezekiah and Jerusalem. The Assyrians surrounded the city and threatened to destroy it. The King prayed and the angel of the Lord came and destroyed the Assyrian army. They were delivered without so much as a spear being thrown. Praise God!

That amazing story speaks to us today. Some people think that Christianity is under attack. They see our changing culture and feel like something is wrong. They run to the ballot box and seek political solutions to turn back the clock to an earlier time when most people in America claimed to be practicing Christians. The trouble is that politics cannot fix morals and values. What changes people is when God's Spirit moves in our hearts and frees us from our sinful perspectives. What we need is

not political maneuvering but rather a deep trust in Jesus and a zeal to share his love with all people. As we follow Jesus and his ways, we will see God transform our world and save us from the chaos that surrounds us.

Let's each commit to trusting in Jesus and learning to follow him each moment of every day. Jesus is with you.

Todd 907-259-5115

## **IMPORTANT DATES EVENTS & MORE:**

Craft Fair & Talent Show  
February-March Signup  
(See Page 7)

Lunch Bunch 2/11  
Wear Pink or Red  
(See Page 5)

Todd Traveling  
(See Calendar)

Newsletter Items  
Due 2/16

Ash Wednesday, 2/18  
& Meditation Services  
(See Calendar)

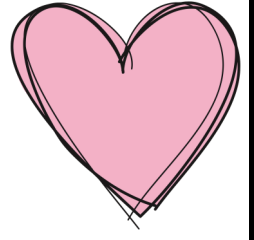
Leadership Team Meeting:  
2/22  
(See Calendar)

Capstone Listening Lunch  
& Potluck 2/22  
(See Page 5)

Men's Iron Sharpens Iron 2/26  
(See Last Page)



# FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>Larry &amp; Kim Green</b>  Groundhog Day	3	4	5 <b>Gayle Foster</b>	6	7 <b>Carole Iben</b>
8	9 <b>Cody Duncan</b>  Ignacio Castro (Jr)	10	11	12	13	14 
15 <b>Taylor Latimore</b>	16 <b>Kaylee Yocum</b>  Presidents Day	17	18 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

*Worship ~ Study ~ Commune ~ Serve*



**Worship**  
**Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Spanish Services at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Sermon Series: The 7 Big Questions**



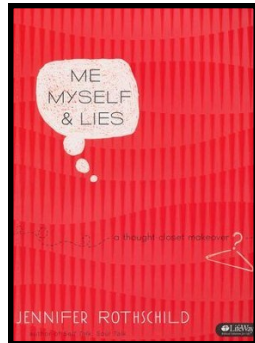
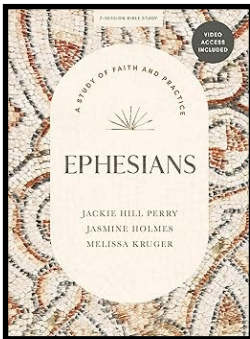
Bring the joy of the Lord. Invite your friends and neighbors! We'll have fun!

You can join us on **YouTube: @peacechurchmonroe**  
Scan the QR code to receive updates.  
You can also visit our website ([peacechurchmonroe.org](http://peacechurchmonroe.org)).

## LEARNING FROM JESUS

Use this link to get your copy of our 2026 Bible Reading Guide:  
[e6aaa4\\_4902290dc2234e97a3db5c7908167dfc.pdf](https://www.peacechurchmonroe.org/learning-from-jesus/2026-bible-reading-guide)

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



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

**Monday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.,**  
“Ephesians” by Jackie Perry and Others  
Church Entry Area  
(No Bible Study February 9th)

**All Saturday Mornings at 9:00 a.m.,**  
Me Myself & Lies by Jennifer Rothschild  
Church Fellowship Room

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

Email Pastor Todd ([todd@peacemonroe.org](mailto:todd@peacemonroe.org)).



## PARKING LOT EVENT

Thursday 02/12 @ 3:15 p.m.  
**Stop by, Valentine! Accepting donations.**  
*Join us for this special time  
with our wonderful neighbors and the kids!*



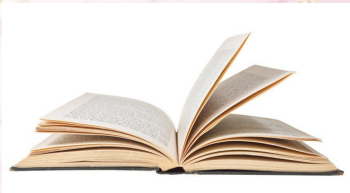
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## CAPSTONE EVENT

Peace Lutheran Church  
February 22, 2026  
Listening Lunch (Potluck)

## 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](mailto:jill.burrington.brown@frontier.com)) or  
the church office  
([peacechurchmonroe@live.com](mailto: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](mailto: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!



## LUNCH BUNCH

Wed 02/11  
IHOP, Monroe

Wear a little pink or red!  
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!*



**Special Offerings**

<i>Fiscal YTD</i>	
Building Maintenance	\$ 150
Thrivent Choice	\$ 226
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 376</b>

**Special Gifts**

<i>Fiscal YTD</i>	
Missions	\$ 5,515
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,515</b>

*...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> or access the link at [peacemonroe.org](http://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**

<b>Given December 2025</b>	<b>\$ 22,816</b>
<b>Given Fiscal YTD (August 2025-July 2026)</b>	<b>\$ 94,882</b>

**2025-26 Budget** (approved July 2025)

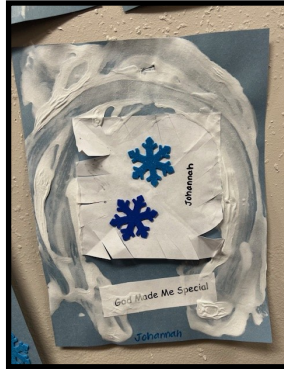
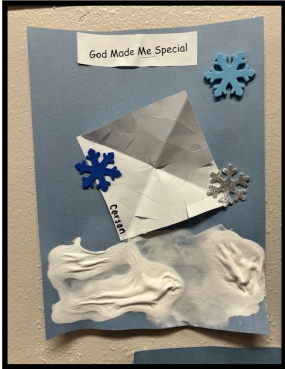
Foundation	\$174,148
Salary and Benefits	
Administration	
Building Loan	
Ministries	
Reaching Up	\$ 2,900
Worship	
Reaching Out	\$ 4,740
The World	
The Nation	
The Region	
Reaching In	\$ 2,800
Education	
Spiritual Growth	
Fun and Fellowship	
Supplies	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$184,588</b>

**Assets** (as of 12/31/2025)

Checking	\$ 96,088
Savings	\$ 18,918
Endowment	\$ 52,017

**Income (from all Sources) v. Expenses**

Needed in December	\$ 15,382
<b>Given in December</b>	<b>\$ 22,816</b>
Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 76,910
<b>Given Fiscal Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$ 94,882</b>



March will be here soon and with that our annual big event - ***The Spring Fling on March 29!***

This year we are trying a few new activities focused around kids and what talents and abilities they can show and offer to everyone. We will be having many of the usual fun activities like face painter, chili cook-off, outdoor games, crafts, bake sale, and food but are adding a ***Kid's Talent Show and Kid's Craft Fair***. Now think of the talent show in a way that is simple and easy for any child, 14 and under, to show an activity, skill, talent, knack, or ability. Simple things like: telling a few jokes, doing a cartwheel, performing a magic trick, or singing a song are just a few examples. The idea is to make sure the children feel comfortable to participate no matter what talent they perform.

The Craft Fair will also be for kids (14 and under) to make items and bring them to sell for a very small cost (under \$10). This is another way to encourage kids to work on and show their talents, skills, personality, and to build up their self-esteem. If your child would like to participate in the Talent Show or Craft Fair, just contact Linda at [littledovespreschool@gmail.com](mailto:littledovespreschool@gmail.com). We look forward to a very fun and exciting Spring Fling!!!

***\*\*\*Registration for next year's classes will open on February 2, 2026!!!\*\*\****





### **Men's Breakfast**

Sat 2/14 at 8:00 a.m.  
Buzz Inn, Monroe

### **Men's "Iron Sharpens Iron"**

Thu 2/26 at 7:00 p.m.  
Todd's House  
695 Park Lane, Monroe



Wed 02/11

IHOP Monroe

Wear a little pink or red!

Please RSVP  
to Ken and Nancy Strain  
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## **Engaging God**

**Engaging Each Other ~ Engaging the World**

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