



Peace Lutheran Church Tidings of Peace

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King David's son, Absalom, had rebelled against him and David had to flee for his life. As he was leaving a man named Shimei met him on the road. He cursed David and said that David was getting what he deserved for all the blood he had shed in the household of Saul, the previous king. One of David's advisors suggested that they should cut off Shimei's head and shut him up for good. David wouldn't allow it. He was willing to take the criticism and trust that the Lord would make things right. When David was coming back into Jerusalem after the rebellion ended, he met Shimei again.

Once again David's advisors suggest that he should kill this scoundrel who had cursed the king. David will have nothing to do with it. David swore that he would not kill Shimei (2 Samuel 16:5-14, 19:18-23). This is a great story of the heart of David who is willing to endure the curses of his enemy and not respond in anger.

If the story ended there, it would be a great example for all of us. But the story doesn't end there. When David was old and ready to die, he spoke to his son, Solomon, who would be the next king and he told him to

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*The Official Newsletter
of Peace@Monroe*

We hope you find our newsletter to be both informative and in-sightful 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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remember Shimei and “bring his gray head down to the grave in blood.” What? I thought David was a man of grace and love. For all these years, David has been nursing a grudge in his heart. He let Shimei live, but in his heart, he never let go of his hurt and bitterness. How sad!

It is easy to be critical of David, but I need to look at my own heart. What bitterness lives my heart that I have not yet repented of and turned over the Lord? Is there a disappointment or a hurt that I cannot let go? If there is, there is a solution. The solution is to turn to Jesus and hand him the bitterness and pain. He will take that hurt with him to the cross and it will die with him. Then it will rise again in our hearts as a new attitude that is free from the dark root of bitterness. Jesus can transform our bitter resentment into sweet love for our enemies.

Jesus is with each one of you.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, March 2, 2025
11:15 AM

You're invited!
Help us elect members to our
Leadership Team.

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Sunday, February 16, 2025
(After Church)

LEARNING FROM JESUS 2025

Reflecting on the Sermon on
the Mount together
Study Guides Available

JOINT SERVICES

10 AM - February 23.
At the church with our Spanish
family. Followed by a potluck.

10:15 AM - March 9
At Lamb of God Lutheran
Church in Lake Stevens
(Zion Lutheran School Gym)



FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5 Gayle Foster	6	7	8
9 Cody Duncan Ignacio Castro	10	11	12	13	14 	15 Taylor Latimore
16 Kaylee Yocum	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	1 Su Kaikala

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

You can join us on **Facebook: Peace Church Monroe**

Scan the QR code to receive updates.

You can also visit our website (peacechurchmonroe.org).

Invite your friends! Invite your family!

FEBRUARY PARKING LOT EVENT

Thursday, February 13th @ 3:15 PM

Jesus Loves You Valentine Candy for the kids from Frank Wagner Elementary School

Please donate Candy or help us pass them out!:))

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday morning Bible study

Ending February 8th from 9 to 11 AM

Led by Join Gayle Foster & Kim Roeske

Prayer & Devotions

We will resume February 15

10-11 am

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday's @ 6:30 PM

[Elijah by Priscilla Shirer](#)

January-February

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

MARCH 29

THANK YOU!

Last year we celebrated our 75th anniversary. We got to end the year sharing a devotional of stories from members and friends, church leaders and children. And what have I heard again and again? “Thank you, I never knew.” “I never knew what she was going through...” “I never knew how they found us...” “I never knew how much a child’s story could inspire me...” “I never knew...”

Like the stories we find in the Bible, isn’t it? I never knew how God could use a king, a man after God’s own heart, a man who messed up badly, as part our Lord and Savior’s lineage. I never knew how God could use ordinary fisher guys as His disciples. I never knew how God could use a man who was persecuting His church to share his Good News in the early days after Jesus’ resurrection. I never knew...

In our devotional’s foreword, I talked about being a passionate advocate for storytelling. We all have a story to tell, a story that connects to God’s story in a way that encourages and empowers. Seeing how God has been there for you better helps us all see how God has been there for each one of us. Extraordinary storytelling at its finest!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Sunday School Teachers

Are you able to help? We need a **Sunday School teacher** for one Sunday each month during children’s church (during worship).

Join us! We work together and substitute teachers are available to help as needed. All materials and training are provided.

Call or text Kim at 907-259-5683 to learn more.

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).

Would you like to receive a weekly prayer letter?

Email Pastor Todd (todd@peacemonroe.org).

Financial News

Special Offerings

Fiscal YTD

Building Maintenance	\$ 90
Thrivent Choice	\$ 249
Total	\$ 330

Special Gifts

Fiscal YTD

Asia Misson Grant	\$14,000
Education	\$ 186
Missions	\$ 8,631
Total	\$22,817

*...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!



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TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Given October 2024	\$ 15,814
Given Fiscal YTD (August 2023-July 2024)	\$ 40,764

2024-25 Budget (approved July 2024)

Foundation	\$161,208
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Salary and Benefits

Administration

Building Loan

Ministries

Reaching Up	\$ 2,900
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Worship

Reaching Out	\$ 5,287
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The World

The Nation

The Region

Reaching In	\$ 2,800
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Education

Spiritual Growth

Fun and Fellowship

Supplies

Total \$172,195

Assets (as of 10/31/2024)

Checking	\$ 53,823
Savings	\$ 18,910
Endowment	\$ 45,240

Income v. Expenses

Needed in October 2024	\$ 14,350
Given in October 2024	\$ 15,814
Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 47,442
Given Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 40,764

Little Doves

Preschool and Kindergarten



Pajama Day was a blast! The children wore their jammies to school and brought their favorite stuffy from home. We watched a movie and ate popcorn too!

We love having fun with the children and they love having fun as well. Creating a positive, safe, and fun learning environment is so important and Little Doves does an amazing job! Valentine activities are next! We can't wait!

In February, registration for the fall is open! We will be offering T/Th AM preschool, MWF AM PreK, Just for Two's, and Adv./PreK - Kindergarten on Monday through Thursday. Registration forms are available now. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Linda at [littledovespreschool@gmail.com](mailto:little dovespreschool@gmail.com)



Men's "Iron Sharpens Iron" Group

Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.
(360-793-2315)

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 8 at 8:00 a.m.
Buzz Inn, Monroe



Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, February 12 at 11:45 a.m.
IHOP in Monroe

Bring your friends! Let Ken and Nancy know if you need a ride.



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