Peace Lutheran Church
Tidings of Peace
JULY 2026

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A couple of years ago, our congregation was in a difficult spot financially. We had to make severe cuts to the budget, and we still were looking at running out of money for the functioning of the congregation. So, Deanna stood up in front of the congregation and plainly laid out the need. You all responded with over-the-top generosity. The need was met and we are in the black.

This seems to be a thing (a good thing) with you. When we have had missionaries visit or have had special mission projects, you responded to the grace of God and gave way more than we expected. We had a Summer Mission emphasis to buy mosquito nets for kids in Uganda. You stepped up and met the need. Now we have to figure out what else we can do in Uganda with the extra money! When we needed things for Kid's Bible Day Camp, you stepped up and met the need. When we prayed for an unhoused person who needed a vehicle, you stepped up and met the need.

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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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For over five years you have faithfully given groceries every month to help us reach out in the community to those who are struggling. I am so blessed to be the pastor of this congregation that loves Jesus and responds to his love with radical generosity. You are a blessing!

I am encouraged by your generosity. I hope it is a joy for each of you. God desires us to give with a cheerful heart. I have found that when I can be God's hands and bless someone with the resources that he has so abundantly given me, it gives me joy. It is a joy to know that I, who have been blessed by God, can bless others.

So, my prayer for each of us is what Paul said to the church in Corinth, "God will give you his constantly overflowing kindness. Then, when you always have everything you need, you can do more and more good things."
(2 Corinthians 9:8)
Keep doing good things!

Todd 907-259-5115

Engage God
Each Other ~ The World



July Celebrations

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

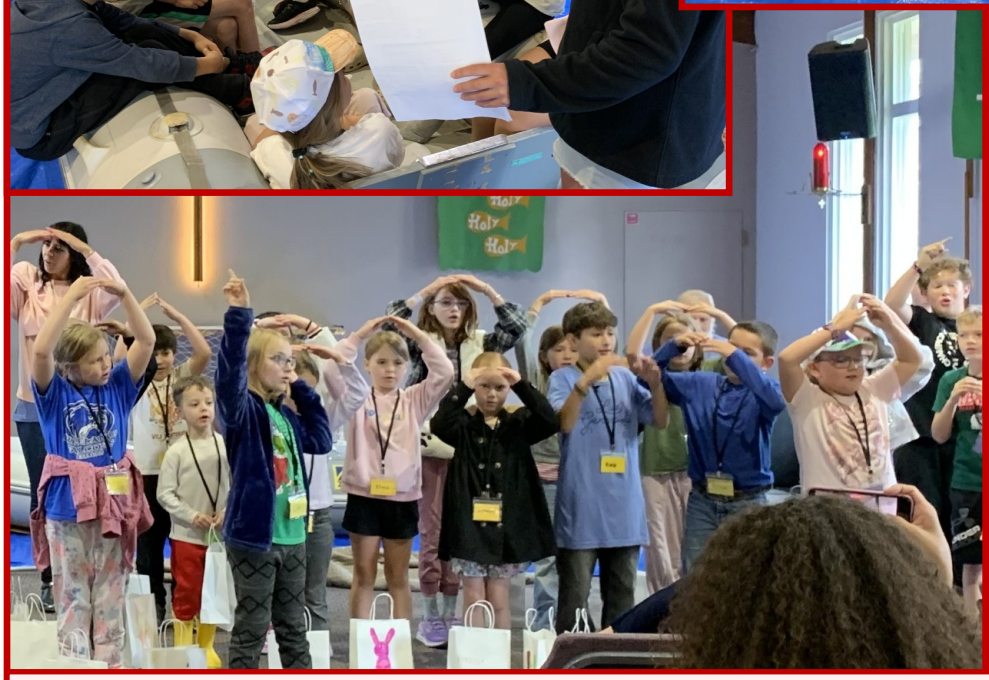
11	Kurt & Deanna Nowadnick
12	Todd & Kim Roeske
17	Melissa & Neil Hackmann
23	Joe & Lori Gese
27	Ryan & Amy Kaikala
29	Jerry & Mabel Ternes

THANK YOU
2026 VBS











Thank you to the decorating team that transformed our building into a Sea of Galilee paradise for Kids Bible Day Camp 2026. Thank you also to the adults who volunteered their time (4 from Lamb of God Lutheran Church and 9 from Peace.) Five of these adults and one teen will lead this same program in Chitina, Alaska July 20-24th. Your generous donations provide this opportunity free for our community.

Together we served 44 children and provided service training for 10 teens.

Save the dates for next year!
Kids Bible Day Camp
June 21-25, 2027

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.

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)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, July 26, 2026 @ 11:15 a.m.
You're invited!
Help us approve our 2026-27 budget

BRUNCH CHURCH

Sunday, July 5th @ 10 a.m.
Potluck style, bring a dish!
If you cannot bring a dish, please still come!

Peace Summer Mission Emphasis

Thank the Lord, we have all the money for the mosquito nets. Extra money will go toward purchasing a walk-behind tractor for the same community In Uganda. This will help them to provide food for the students.





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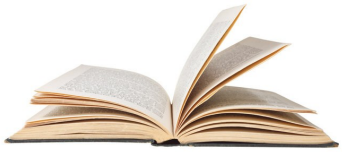
OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



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!



LUNCH BUNCH

Wed 07/08
11:45 a.m. at Jeno's
Main Street, Monroe
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!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Special Offerings

	Fiscal YTD
Building Maintenance	$ 420
Thrivent Choice	$ 516
Total	**$ 936**

Special Gifts

	Fiscal YTD
Endowment	$ 489
LCMS Mission Grant	$ 15,000
Missions	$ 19,463
Total	**$34,952**

...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 May 2026	**$ 8,879**
Given Fiscal YTD (August 2025-July 2026)	**$160,279**

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 5/31/2026)

Checking	$113,684
Savings	$ 18,921
Endowment	$ 56,816

Income (from all Sources) v. Expenses

Needed in May	$ 15,382
Given in May	**$ 8,879**
Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date	$153,820
Given Fiscal Year-to-Date	**$160,279**

The Gift that Keeps on Giving

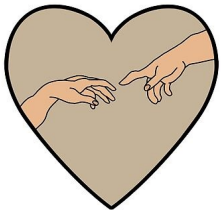
The tradition of charitable giving is as old as Lutheranism itself. During the Reformation, Martin Luther called up people to establish " a common chest" from which food, clothing and other necessities could be distributed to people in need.

The tradition of giving and caring, continues today, and it doesn't require great wealth to make a gift. While there are many opportunities to fulfill the mission of Peace Lutheran, some opportunities call for monies not available from regular church giving. The Peace Lutheran Church of Monroe Endowment and Enduring Gifts Foundation, allows the church to enhance the mission outreach and ministry of the congregation.

By using the annual earnings of the congregation's Endowment Fund, the fund continues to grow and provide a permanent source of income to support the church's Christian outreach with a variety of special ministry opportunities. One of the ministries that is always included is Family Assistance. A donation made years ago, specified that their gift be used specifically for Family Assistance.

Members of the Endowment Committee are:

Bob Johnson, Ken and Nancy Strain
Lorena Suhayda, and Jill Burrington Brown



Little Doves Preschool & Kindergarten

School is out! What a wonderful year we had! The children learned many new things and grew so much! We also had amazing supportive parents!

We thank God that all went well and the year was such a success.
Classes start up again after Labor Day.

During the summer we organize and clean the classrooms. This summer we are working on getting bids to replace the old wooden fence around the playground and hopefully get it replaced. The school has been raising funds gradually through the years and continues to do so. Our licensing with the Department of Children, Youth, and Family requires us to have specific fencing and gates so it will be a huge improvement for the school and help us with continuing our license.
We look forward to getting it done.

Have a wonderful summer everyone!
Enjoy time with your family and friends!

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



Men's Breakfast

Sat 07/11 at 8:00 a.m.

At Buzz Inn, Monroe

4th of July Party

8:00 p.m. — Midnight

Bring snacks & Games!

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