



Peace Lutheran Church

Tidings of Peace

April 2022

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Years ago, when I went into McDonalds and I ordered french fries I received a little white bag of fries with about 42 fries. Now, if I order fries, I get a red cardboard container with about 86 fries. I grew up in a little one-bedroom home with two parents, 5 kids, and a grandmother. Now the average family has less than 4 people with 3 bedrooms and 2500 square feet. We Americans love more. We are obsessed with big, powerful institutions. We think a church with thousands of people is way better than a church with 40. Our most honored companies are huge multinational corporations.

God, on the other hand, does not necessarily work that way. God called Gideon to rescue the people of Israel. They were being oppressed. So, Gideon did what he could. He raised an army of 32,000 soldiers to take into battle. God thought that was too many. Gideon told the army that anyone who was afraid could go home. At the thought of getting pierced by a Mideonite spear, 22,000 Israelites opted out. God still thought it was too many. So, Gideon had to take the army down to the river for a drink. Most of the army laid down and sucked the water right out of the creek. A few lapped the water like a dog.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**After worship,
April 24th 2022**

**Election of Leadership
Team**

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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God took the 300 dog lickers and told Gideon to defeat the Mideonites. Gideon did. This is not the only story in the Bible where God uses the few, or the weak, or the unexpected to deliver his people. God cares not necessarily about big armies and what looks powerful in the eyes of the world, but about faithful people serving Him.

Pre covid, we were growing in worship attendance, and it seemed like our congregation was headed in a positive direction. Then the pandemic struck. We have never quite recovered our pre pandemic worship crowd. Some have moved to Brookdale. Some have passed away. Some have moved away. Some have wandered away and no longer join us for worship. If you use attendance numbers, as the only measure of the health of our congregation, then we are in a very difficult spot.

However, God has also been doing some amazing things. He has used this little congregation to bless our community. For a year and a half, we have been regularly supporting the work of Take the Next Step with food bags for the needy. Yesterday, as we delivered food bags, we were able to pray with a couple who were living in their car and having some health issues. Little Doves continues to love little children and point them and

their families to Jesus. We partner with Zion Lutheran School as they teach and lead little children to follow Jesus. Our partnership with our Latino brothers and sisters has grown as we have learned to walk and grow together in Christ. We have sent a mission team to do VBS in Alaska and have provided a VBS in our own community.

But more than the things the Lord has done through us so far, he is also preparing us to move into the next phase of his call on this congregation. We are learning to listen to God, to each other and to our community. Through that, I believe that God is going to use us to bless our community and allow more people to know the incredible love that He has for them. We may not be a huge congregation and we may not have a lot of resources, but we do know the God who uses the foolish things of the world to shame the wise and through Him we know that our little congregation will make a big impact in our community and our world!

The Lord is risen! Celebrate that God has won the victory for us!

Engage God

Engage Each Other

Engage The World

Engaging God's Word 2022



Engaging God's Word 2022

<u>April 3-9</u>	<u>Zephaniah 3:14-19</u>
<u>April 10-16</u>	<u>Luke 23:32-46</u>
<u>April 17-23</u>	<u>Matthew 28:1-10</u>
<u>April 24-30</u>	<u>Matthew 28:18-20</u>

Reading large chunks of God's Word is valuable in that it immerses us in the story of God's people. However, the Bible is more than a story. It is one way in which God speaks to us as His Holy Spirit moves through the words of Scripture to deepen our relationship with God. This year we will be slowing down, reading, pondering, and interacting with selected Bible texts. Each week, we will have one passage that we will meditate on every day. Hopefully, this deeper approach to prayer and Scripture will lead us to a deeper understanding of who God is and his incredible grace for us. Attached will be a suggested outline and pattern for your meditation. It is not a rule, but a guide. If you miss a day or two, just pick up the next day that you can and continue the process.

[Pick up your free notebook at church]

<u>Holy Week</u>	<u>April Birthday's</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Maundy Thursday 7 PM	2 - Emily Anderson	17 - Bob & Sara Johnson
Good Friday 7 PM	2 - Tyler Duncan	
Easter Potluck 8:30 AM	3 - Eysten Johnson	29 - Bob & Agnes Mulholland
Breakfast	4 - Owen Anderson	
Easter Sunday 10 AM	8 - Agnes Mulholland	
Wednesday Lenten Meditations 7 PM via Facebook Live	16 - Orva Anderson	
	25 - Larry Kaikala	

Worship ~ Study ~ Commune ~ Serve



Worship - Sundays at 10:00 a.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."
Psalm 118:24*

Worship (online and on the phone) Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Our services are also recorded.

Go to **YouTube: Peace Lutheran Church**
or **Facebook: Peace Church Monroe.**

You can also call in by request. (907)259-5115

Weekly bulletins are available on our website (peacechurchmonroe.org).
Children's messages are available, too. Share with your friends and family.



New Sunday Morning Bible Study

Coming soon, "12 Neighbors": What does it really mean to love your neighbors?

Zion Auction April 30 @ 4:30 PM

Pastor Todd Gone: April 4 - 9

Prayer After Service - Beginning in April

April 3rd @ 3 PM - Zion GYM Night

Youth 6-12th - Fun, Snacks, and Jesus time! Need a ride? Contact Kim 907-259-5683

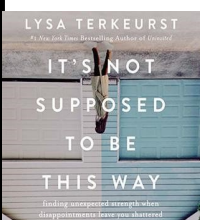
Speak Freely, We Listen Seminar Saturday April 23, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

All are welcome!

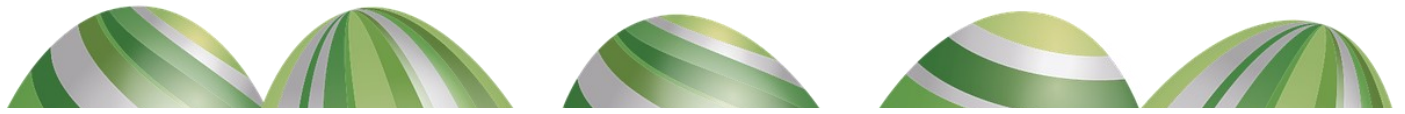
Women's Bible Study - Monday, April 4 @ 6:30 PM

Last Day: April 11th or 18th.

"It's Not Supposed to Be This Way," by Lysa Tereurst.



Saturday Bible Study @ 9:00 AM



Leadership Team Highlights

Members: Brad Feilberg, Melissa Hackman, Michael Mates, Deanna Nowadnick, and Laurie Yocum
Also attending are Pastor Todd, Church Office Administrator Rebeca Castro,
and Preschool Director Linda Herman



In March we met together at church.

Listening Emphasis: The team continues to focus on our Listening Emphasis and the importance of listening to each other and to those in our community. We want to be able to support and encourage each other. We want to reconnect with each other. We are part of a wonderfully diverse community and we want to be open the Holy Spirit's direction. Join us on Sat 4/23 at 10:00 am to learn more!

Mission Work: Pastor Todd will be traveling to the Philippines in May to attend the graduation of two seminarians. He'll also be taking a team to Chitina, Alaska. Watch for ways we can support these important ministries. We'll have fun!.

Easter Celebration: Our journey to the cross ends in victory on Easter Sunday. We're looking forward to a wondering time together. First, we'll gather for breakfast (bring what you can) and then we'll gather in worship. Kim Roeske is pulling together a special choir for some special music that day. We'd love for you to join us!

Election of Officers: On Sun 4/24 we will have a short congregational meeting after church to elect members of the Leadership Team. Three positions are open and three people are willing to serve: Brad Feilberg, Michael Mates, and Deanna Nowadnick.

Finances: The Leadership Team also talked about finances. You'll see on the Treasurer's Report that we are behind budgeted need—by quite a bit. We're all at different places coming out of the pandemic and we continue to appreciate all that you do and all that you give. It's been a challenge and your faithfulness continues to inspire.

Thank you for all that you do. We love that we get to walk—and listen—together!

Easter Choir for all ages

Practice: April 3rd, after worship.
April 10th @ 9:30 AM
April 17th @ 9:30 AM

Practices will be 15-30 minutes. We will sing an Easter version of Sing Alleluia to the Lord (Listen at ["Sing Hallelujah to the Lord" - Virtual Choir Worship Song - YouTube](#)) and add special verses to the congregational hymns. Everyone is welcome! Invite your friends.

Financial News

Special Offerings

Fiscal YTD

Building "10-for-10"	\$ 860
Thrivent Choice	\$ 301
Total	\$1,161

Special Gifts

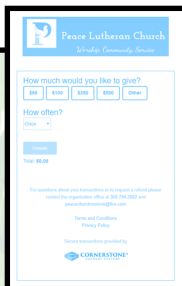
Fiscal YTD

Alaska Missions	\$2,808
Asia Missions	\$3,200
Building Loan Paydown	\$1,990
Endowment	\$ 25
Family Assistance	\$ 400
Missionary Shaun Trump	\$ 240
OPOP	\$3,817
Total	\$12,480

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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

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Given February 2022	\$ 10,892
Given Fiscal YTD (August 2021-July 2022)	\$ 91,114

2021-22 Budget (approved July 2021)

Foundation	\$201,812
Salary and Benefits	
Administration	
Building Loan	
Ministries	
Reaching Up	\$ 2,700
Worship	
Reaching Out	\$ 15,320
The World	
The Nation	
The Region	
Reaching In	\$ 5,750
Education	
Spiritual Growth	
Fun and Fellowship	
Supplies	

Total \$225,582

Assets (as of 2/28/2022)

Checking	\$ 94,918
Savings	\$ 18,894
Endowment	\$ 45,240

Income v. Expenses

Needed in January 2022	\$ 18,799
Given in January 2022	\$ 10,892
Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$131,593
Given Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 91,114

Loan Summary

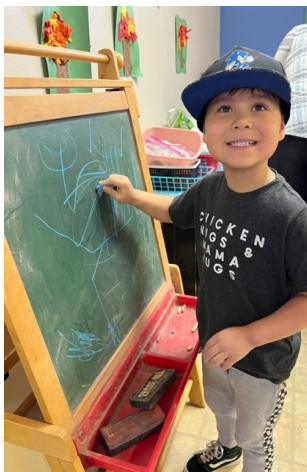
Building Loan (as of 3/1/2022)	\$ 24,546
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Little Doves

Preschool and Kindergarten

Leprechaun Traps



Spring Fling & Fall 2022 Registration

Join us for Spring Fling Fun on Palm Sunday, April 10th - 11 AM - 1 PM

Registration is open, forms can be found on our website at
www.littledovespreschool.com

Linda Herman, Preschool Director:

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LUNCH BUNCH

Mon 04/11 @ 11:45 a.m.

Red Robin: 14797 N Kelsey St, Monroe, WA 98272

Grab a friend. Bring your neighbor.

Call Ken and Nancy, if you need a ride (425-308-9984).



Men's Breakfast

Sat 04/9 @ 8:00 a.m.

Denny's: 18824 US-2, Monroe, WA 98272

Bob Johnson: (425-870-0681)



Engaging God

Engaging Each Other ~ Engaging the World

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