



Peace Lutheran Church

Tidings of Peace

March 2023

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RADICAL WELCOME

January 24, 2023, Pastor Chris Duckworth

What an amazing and encouraging experience! Last month, Shelley, Rebeca, Kim, and I joined 2700 plus Lutherans at Christ Church Lutheran in Phoenix to figure out how we can do what we do as communities of Jesus' followers better. Maybe it was the Haagen-Dazs ice cream, the sorbets, or the churros that the host church was constantly offering. Maybe it was the wonderful chance to connect with brothers and sisters in Christ who are trying to reach out with God's love in healthy and effective ways. Maybe it was the encouraging teaching, music, and preaching that surrounded us. Whatever else it was, the Best Practices conference was a reminder that we are part of a vibrant church body that wants everyone to know the love of Jesus.

My biggest takeaway was the power of intentional, over the top, hospitality. The host church made each person feel welcome and special. They enjoyed serving us and wanted each guest to feel encouraged. They are a big church with lots of resources, but it was not the size of the church or the amount of money that they spent that made a difference. What really made a difference was that they went out of their way to make sure we felt welcome. I wonder how we can replicate that in our little congregation. How do we make it so each person that comes through the door to worship, Bible Study, or Little Doves, knows that we are ecstatic that they are here. How do we become a congregation that is known for its hospitality?

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Would you like to receive a weekly prayer letter?

Email Todd:

Todd@peacemonroe.org

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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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Pastor

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Church Office Administrator
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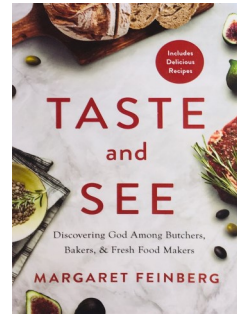
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My second takeaway was that healthy churches have a culture of prayer. Healthy churches know that if we are going to be effective at sharing Jesus' love, it will be because of the blessing of our Heavenly Father. That is why we have been encouraging you to sign up to be a prayer partner with someone else in the congregation. If you haven't already, sign up to receive the weekly prayer email or pick it up on Sunday so you can help us pray for the needs of our congregation and the surrounding community. On Sundays, I am going to try to find ways to help us all learn to deepen our prayer walk. Prayer is the lifeblood of a congregation, and we want it to flow freely and abundantly through the veins of Peace.

Conferences are fun and encouraging, but they are only as valuable as the practical influence that they have on us after we get back home. All of us that went learned a lot at the Best Practices Conference. Now we have to figure out how to take the lessons we learned and put them into practice here. I encourage you to talk to Shelley, Rebeca and Kim and see how you can help them to make this congregation the congregation that God has called us to be. Blessings on your Lenten journey! Todd

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



Women's Bible Study Saturdays @ 9:00-11:00 am

According to author Margaret Feinberg, God is a foodie who wants to transform our supper into sacrament. Margaret's study will take us on a culinary exploration of Scripture. We'll learn fresh Biblical discoveries as she shares stories from wandering a California farm with one of the world's premier fig farmers, baking fresh matzo at Yale University, descending 400 feet into the frosty white caverns of a salt mine, and visiting a remote island in Croatia to harvest olives. With each visit, Margaret asks, "How do you read these Scriptures, not as theologians, but in light of what you do every day?" Their answers will forever change the way we read the Bible - and approach every meal.

Join us on Saturdays.
Should be yummy fun!
Should be insightfully delicious!



A CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES PRESENTATION:

Messiah in the passover

The Messiah in the Passover presentation is a powerful visual message not only of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, but of the redemption of individuals from the bondage of sin through the atoning work of Jesus. The program is designed to give participants a deeper understanding both of Passover and of the Communion table.

LOCATION: Peace Lutheran Church

DATE: March 15, 2023

TIME: 7:00 PM



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PO, Box 58103, Toronto, ON M6A 3C8
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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."

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.



Lent and Easter Choir

Come join the Peace Lent and Easter Choir as we rehearse after worship Sundays in March. We will rehearse in the front of the church for about 30 minutes.

Brunch Church - Sunday, March 12 at 10 am.

Brunch Church teams will consist of 3-10 people who will plan menus and provide food for a Brunch Church Sunday. Our hope is that we have enough volunteers to fill 4-6 teams so that each team will only serve a few times each year. If you would like to be a team leader or serve on a team, please call or text Todd at 907-259-5683 or Kim at 907-259-5683.

Can you serve in Alaska July 14-23?

1 or 2 more adult or teen volunteers are needed to lead VBS in the small village of Chitina with no church. Contact Todd if you are interested in going.
Contact Kim if you would like to be a prayer warrior for this team.

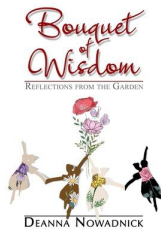
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Free English Conversation Classes - Fridays at 6 pm

Sign up to help! Todd@peacemonroe.org

Word Studies in 2023

Learn about important Biblical Concepts through daily short readings and reflections.
A study guide for March is attached.



Book Signing and Release Party

“Bouquet of Wisdom” by Deanna Nowadnick.

Saturday, March 18 at 10 am

Monroe Coffee Co.: 408 W Main St Monroe, WA 98272

Chitina Meeting

Thursday, March 16 at 5:30 pm.



Parking Lot Event

Thursday, March 9 @ 3:15 pm



Event once a month, sign up to help!

This month we will be welcoming all to stop by for pizza when picking up children from school. Interested in helping? You may donate towards buying pizza or show up to help!:)

Question?

Call Todd: 907-259-5115

Email Todd: Todd@peacemonroe.org

RightNow Media

“RightNow Media is like the Christian Netflix, with access to 20,000+ Bible Study videos, movies, and more!” There is material for all ages, and about just any subject. RightNow media is free to the congregation, and available for download through the App Store as well as Google Play. It is also available on fireTV, Apple TV, Android and Apple devices, Roku, and Chromecast. You can also use the Screen Casting option on your device to watch it on your smart TV.

To Sign up:

Visit <https://www.righnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/PEACELC>

Or Text “PLC” to 49775

You can also scan the QR code



Financial News

Special Offerings

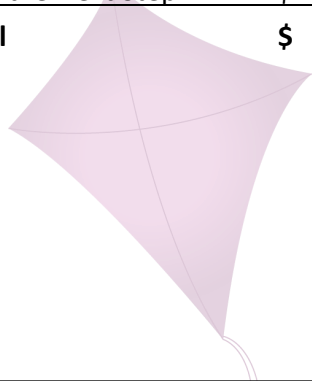
Fiscal YTD

Advertising	\$ 270
Building Maintenance	\$1,150
Thrivent Choice	\$ 71
Total	\$1,491

Special Gifts

Fiscal YTD

Endowment	\$ 330
Memorials	\$ 20
Take the Next Step	\$ 20
Total	\$ 370



**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

*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 January 2023	\$ 11,311
Given Fiscal YTD (August 2022-July 2023)	\$ 83,161

2022-23 Budget (approved July 2022)

Foundation	\$179,532
Salary and Benefits	
Administration	
Building Loan	
Ministries	
Reaching Up	\$ 2,150
Worship	
Reaching Out	\$ 7,710
The World	
The Nation	
The Region	
Reaching In	\$ 5,250
Education	
Spiritual Growth	
Fun and Fellowship	
Supplies	

Total \$194,642

Assets (as of 1/31/2023)

Checking	\$ 59,334
Savings	\$ 18,900
Endowment	\$ 45,240

Income v. Expenses

Needed in January 2023	\$ 16,220
Given in January 2023	\$ 11,311
Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 97,320
Given Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 83,161

Loan Summary

Building Loan (as of 12/31/2022)	Paid off!!!
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Little Doves

Preschool and Kindergarten



Spring Fling

Sunday, March 26 following the 10 am service.
Join us for food, games, egg hunt, arts & crafts,
and a live magician!

Little Doves Chapel

Wednesday, March 8 from 9:30 am - 10:30 am
Wednesday, March 29 at 11:30 am
Thursday, March 30 at 11:30 am

Ways You Can Support Little Doves

Volunteering time: Help fill eggs on March 21st and 22nd at 9 am.
Help serve food, guide games, and more at the Spring Fling on March 26th, after service.
Donate candy for the egg hunt (small, individually wrapped) by March 20th.

Enrollment for the fall is now open.
Linda Herman, Director
Little Doves Preschool & Kindergarten
202 Dickinson Ave, Monroe, WA
PH: (360) 794-7230
WWW: littledovespreschool.com



LUNCH BUNCH

Wed 03/08 @ 11:45 a.m.

Mountain View Diner, Gold Bar:

We will carpool from the church at 11:15 am.

Grab a friend. Bring your neighbor.

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



Men's Breakfast

Sat 03/11 @ 8:00 a.m.

Buzz Inn: 18960 U.S. Rte 2 #112, Monroe

Bob Johnson: (425-870-0681)



Engaging God

Engaging Each Other ~ Engaging the World

When the office is closed:
Call or Text 425-344-3445

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