



# Peace Lutheran Church

# Tidings of Peace

December 2023

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Joseph had a dream. God told him to take Mary home as his wife. His life would not be like he had planned. God had given him a detour. Then for several months, Joseph had to wait. His wife to be, went to visit her cousin and all Joseph had was the memory of his dream. I wonder if he sometimes doubted his dream. I am sure that it was pretty impressive when it happened. There was an angel and a clear message, but impressive experiences tend to fade over time.

I have experienced that. I have seen God do some incredibly impressive things over the course of my life. I have seen what I

would call miracles and yet, over time, those impressive experiences tend to fade. Maybe I am remembering it wrong. Maybe there was another explanation.

Yet, I imagine that day after day, Joseph got up and did what he needed to do. He lived, trusting the promise that God had given him. He believed that God is faithful, and he trusted that God was with him. He took Mary home to be his wife. He put up with the sideways glances and the gossip of his neighbors. He trusted God and through his faithful trust he saw God do what he had promised to do. Jesus was born.

## Altar Guild Assistants

Would you like to serve on Altar Guild?

Email: [peacechurchmonroe@gmail.com](mailto:peacechurchmonroe@gmail.com)

*The Altar Guild*



## 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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That night must have been incredible. Every newborn baby is a miracle but this one was even more special. The baby was born and then the visitors started showing up. First, the shepherds with their stories of singing angels. Then, sometime later, the wisemen with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Joseph was a carpenter. I wonder if he had even touched gold before that night?

Then Joseph had another dream and had to take a long journey with his new wife and child to Egypt. It was quite the few months for Joseph. He would remember this for his whole life. But when he finally got home, he went to work as a carpenter. Day after day, there was nothing incredible. He taught his son, Jesus, how to make things. Then Joseph just vanishes from the Bible's record. Scholars guess that he died. There is no record of a funeral or anything. Joseph played his part and then it was over.

That is life. We faithfully live day after day until the day that God calls us home to be with him. Maybe there are a few incredible moments, but much of our life is just day in day out faithful living. We love our families, love our neighbors, do our work, and say our prayers. Then one day, it is over. It seems pretty ordinary.

Joseph did ordinary things but the child he raised was anything but ordinary. Joseph raised the Son of God. Day to day, he may not have realized the significance of what he was doing but it was a task of extreme magnitude.

I think that day to day our lives seem pretty ordinary, too. Yet, in the same way, that God worked through Joseph to bring Jesus to his people. He uses us to bring Jesus to those around us. Our lives are ordinary but also incredibly significant. Day to day, we may not see or feel that but as we faithfully live out the call that Jesus has for our lives, God will do what he has promised to do.

May Christmas remind you of the significance of your life as you follow Jesus each and every day.

Todd 907-259-5115

## Prepare Your Hearts

Advent

Devotions

6:00 pm

Wednesdays

Beginning

November 29th

Pizza with the kids

5:30pm



# DECEMBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Beau Hackmann	27	28 Erin & Leah Free	29	30 Joe Herman	1 Maria Castro	2 Barbara Fielberg
3	4	5 Betty Hokana  Dan & Ingrid Tompkins	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Montana Howard	13	14	15 Lucia Castro	16
17	18	19	20 John Misner	21 Cara Fleming  Kurt & Kim Latimore	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Doug & Carol Iben	29 AJ Carlson	30
31 Leanna Catledge						

# *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*



## **Christmas Worship**

**Sunday December at 10:00am**

**(Nine Lessons and Carols)**

**4:30pm Childrens Christmas Play**

**& 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service**

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

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

Weekly bulletins are available on our website (peacechurchmonroe.org).



## **English Conversation Classes**

English Conversation Classes

Fridays at 6 pm

English speaking volunteers are needed

If interested please contact Todd

## **GLOVES FOR THE UNHOUSED**

We will be collecting insulated waterproof gloves for the upcoming

December Unhoused Christmas Party

Donations are also greatly appreciated (approximate cost of one pair is \$15)

Donations are needed by December 10th



## **PUNNY DAD JOKE**

What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet? The Christmas alphabet has Noel.



## **Women's Bible Study**

**When You Pray**

**by Kristi McClellan**

Monday's at 6:30 pm

Led by Cara Fleming.

**Newsletter Items Due**

**By December 20th**

**Please :)**

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## Men's Discussion Group - Iron Sharpens Iron

December 7th  
at Ken Strain's house  
21011 95th St SE, Snohomish, WA  
425-327-2708



### Saturday Devotions & Prayer

Saturday's from 10-11 am.



### DECEMBER PARKING LOT EVENT

(: *Hot Chocolate and Candy Canes* :)

We will be having our Parking Lot Event on December 14th!

Please consider donating Hot Chocolate or Candy Canes  
for our Friends at Frank Wagner Elementary School :)

**Come by and greet Families and their students!**



### ZION TRUSTEE ASSISTANCE

Zion School is in need of assistance for grounds keeping  
and potentially other maintenance.

If you are able and willing to help out, please contact Todd



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## 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.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/PEACELC>

Or Text “PLC” to 49775

You can also scan the QR code



# Financial News

## Special Offerings

### Fiscal YTD

Building Maintenance	\$ 190
Thrivent Choice	\$ 98
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 288</b>

## Special Gifts

### Fiscal YTD

Asia Misson Grant	\$14,000
Asia Mission Gift	\$ 4,000
Memorials	\$ 1,022
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,022</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](https://give.cornerstone.cc/peacemonroe)  
or access the link  
at [peacemonroe.org](http://peacemonroe.org).

It's easy!



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# TREASURER'S REPORT



<b>Given October 2023</b>	<b>\$11,053</b>
<b>Given Fiscal YTD (August 2023-July 2024)</b>	<b>\$40,312</b>

### 2022-23 Budget (approved July 2023)

Foundation	\$176,292
Salary and Benefits	
Administration	
Building Loan	
Ministries	
Reaching Up	\$ 2,200
Worship	
Reaching Out	\$ 14,900
The World	
The Nation	
The Region	
Reaching In	\$ 5,000
Education	
Spiritual Growth	
Fun and Fellowship	
Supplies	

**Total \$198,392**

### Assets (as of 10/31/2023)

Checking	\$ 48,614
Savings	\$ 18,905
Endowment	\$ 45,240

### Income v. Expenses

Needed in October 2023	\$ 16,533
<b>Given in September 2023</b>	<b>\$ 11,053</b>
Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$ 49,499
<b>Given Fiscal Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$ 40,312</b>



# Little Doves

## Preschool and Kindergarten



In November the children had a lovely time making Thanksgiving placemats and popcorn/cracker hand turkeys! Some of the things the children were thankful for are Mom and Dad, toys, brothers and sisters, friends, school, their house, puppies, and animals! The teachers are thankful for the wonderful students and families we have at the school this year! Christmas season is here and we are celebrating Jesus' birthday and getting prepared for the Christmas programs by practicing our songs. There will be plenty of memory making fun when performing for the parents. Another fun event will be our Dad's Night where the Dads and kids make Christmas trains together out of candy! A very busy and exciting time of year for our school!

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas from all of us here at Little Doves! Jesus is born, He is born for us!

Linda Herman, Director  
Little Doves Preschool & Kindergarten  
202 Dickinson Ave, Monroe, WA



## LUNCH BUNCH

Wed December 13th @ 11:45 a.m.  
Tuscano's 14919 N Kelsey St, Monroe, WA 98272  
Grab a friend. Bring your neighbor.  
Call Ken and Nancy, if you need a ride (425-308-9984).  
Wear Christmas colors if you,'re feeling festive. Even if  
you aren't!!



## Men's Breakfast

Sat December 9th @ 8:00 a.m.  
Buzz Inn: 18960 U.S. Rte 2 #112, Monroe  
Bob Johnson: (425-870-0681)

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## Engaging God

Engaging Each Other ~ Engaging the World

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