



Peace Lutheran Church Tidings of Peace

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S GIFT OF GRACE

Several months after Irene started attending the English Bible Study something changed. I noticed that when she arrived, she went to help get Bibles for the others. She helped serve snacks and even stayed after to help us clean up. She went from being just one of the participants to being one of the hosts. No one asked her to make that change. It just happened naturally.

It wasn't long after I had noticed the change that Irene told me about another change. She wanted to be baptized. Irene, who grew up in a Buddhist family, had put her faith in Jesus. We were watching Jesus

transform her life right in front of our eyes.

Irene's transformation happened 40 years ago. Today she and her husband serve as missionaries to her homeland of Taiwan.

When people come first start coming to church, they come as consumers. They are coming to get something. Maybe they like the music, the community, or the encouraging message. Whatever it is, they feel like they are receiving something. That's good. We all need to come and hear the Good News of God's love and forgiveness again and again.

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Tidings of Peace

*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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However, if we *only* come to church to see what we can get, we are missing something. When Jesus enters our life, he moves us from being only receivers to being givers, as well. We move from being passive recipients of a gift of grace to being active disciples that respond to that gift of grace by serving others.

That service can come in a variety of ways. Some people will serve by reading the lessons, serving as a lead host, monitoring the livestream or praying for people after service. Others may serve by tidying up, helping clean up after communion, or teaching Sunday School. Hopefully,

everybody will be working to help each person who is there feel welcome.

Of course, Sunday is just a little part of our Christian life. We receive the gifts of God and serve one another during Sunday worship, but we do that so that we can be encouraged and empowered to live out our discipleship every day of the week. Jesus said,

"It is more blessed
to give than to receive."
(Acts 20:35)

My prayer is that we will demonstrate that truth in our lives as we receive the gifts of God and then give them to everyone we can.

Pastor Todd

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Thank you!

Wow! What a glorious Easter morning. Thank you for all that you do and did! The music was awesome! The banners and shelf decorations made us smile. To those who set up and cleaned up, prepared and shared, greeted and assisted, we are so appreciative. What a team!

You're invited!

Looking for musicians!

Do you play an instrument? Have you sung in a choir? Can you keep a steady beat on a drum? We would like to add more musical variety to our services by using the gifts of God's people here. Come talk about the possibilities with Todd or Kim (907-259-5683).

Hispanic Church and Lunch

Join us for a joint service with our Hispanic friends on Sun 5/4. We'll enjoy lunch together, too!

May Celebrations Birthdays

- 6 Amani Roeske
- 9 Pastor Todd
- 10 Sherry Parmentier
- 13 Tootie Andrews
Kim Roeske
- 22 Melissa Hackmann
Saul Reverte
- 25 Danielle Latimore
Jonathan Mera
- 28 Rebeca Castro
- 31 Ryan Kaikala

Anniversaries

None this month



A Church Endowment Fund? Is it necessary?

During His public ministry, Jesus talked frequently about the potential power of seemingly small things. He explained reminded us how a seed planted in the ground can grow into something large, providing many benefits.

The Peace Endowment Fund is a seed that was planted many years ago. It started small with a single donation and continues to grow with your gifts. And today it provides opportunities to expand the horizons of our work in God's kingdom.

Our endowment fund is focused on mission opportunities. Your gifts are added to the fund for long-term growth with income being distributed periodically for these special projects. Oh, the possibilities!

Questions? Need additional information on how you can be a part? See Bob Johnson or one of the Endowment team members, Jill Burrington-Brown and Ken and Nancy Strain.

BUNCO!
Fundraising for our mission
trip to Chitina, Alaska



Sunday, May 18th @ Noon

Zion Lutheran School Gym

Ages 12-100

No experience required!



RSVP by May 10th
Call or text Teri at 425-336-9283
or scan QR code



Suggested Donation: \$25/person
Includes lunch and dessert donated by
Tuscany's and Cabbage Patch!

Worship ~ Study ~ Commune ~ Serve



Worship
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Spanish Services at 1:00 p.m.

On Sun 5/4 join us for Church and Lunch with our Hispanic Friends!



Bring the joy of the Lord. We'll have fun!

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 and neighbors! Invite your family!

MAY PARKING LOT EVENT **Homemade Lemonade**

Thu 5/8 at 3:15 p.m.

Got lemons? Donation for purchase of lemons?

Got time to share some homemade lemonade with our neighbors?

We love our children and their families!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER

and Video Study (to be decided by group)

Saturday Mornings

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Church Fellowship Room

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER

with Lisa TerKeurst's "Finding I Am"

Monday Evenings

6:30 p.m.

Church Entry Area



LEARNING FROM JESUS

We continue our reflections on the Sermon on the Mount. Study guides are available.

Would you like to receive a weekly prayer letter?

Email Pastor Todd (todd@peacemonroe.org).

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Sunday School Teachers

Are you able to help? We need two more **teachers and some willing substitutes** for children's church (during worship). 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).



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!



POVERTY 101

A Foundation for Relational Poverty Alleviation

Sat 8/23

Sponsored by Peace Lutheran Church
and Everett Gospel Mission

Financial News

Special Offerings

Fiscal YTD

Building Maintenance	\$ 240
Thrivent Choice	\$ 823
Total	\$ 1,063

Special Gifts

Fiscal YTD

Asia Misson Grant	\$14,000
Education	\$ 186
Endowment	\$ 951
Missions	\$13,878
Total	\$29,015



*...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!

You may also use Zelle®:
[donations@peacemonroe.
onmicrosoft.com](mailto:donations@peacemonroe.onmicrosoft.com)

*It's easy and no cost to you
and no cost to Peace!*

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Given March 2025	\$ 18,559
Given Fiscal YTD (August 2023-July 2024)	\$115,602

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
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Assets (as of 3/31/2025)

Checking	\$ 60,381
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Savings	\$ 18,913
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Endowment	\$ 50,833
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Income v. Expenses

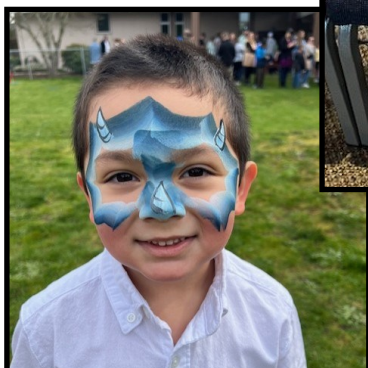
Needed in March	\$ 14,350
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Given in March	\$ 18,559
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Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$114,800
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Given Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$115,602
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Little Doves Preschool



April was such a fun and amazing month for the Little Doves! We made Easter crafts, celebrated Easter, and talked about Jesus' love for us.

We also enjoyed the Spring Fling which was a huge success with the families having a wonderful time! The balloon twister and face painter were some of the favorite activities that the children loved. Thank you Lord for giving us great weather that day!

Grandparent's Day was on April 24 and 25. What a blessing to have all the lovely grandparents come in for a visit and do activities with their grandchild. The kids and grandparents loved doing crafts and spending time together at our school! A very special day they will remember.

We are looking forward to the last month and a half of school with so many events planned with the moms, dads, and children: Mother's Day Tea, Dad's Night, picnics, parent/teacher conferences, pet show-n-tell, parent chapel, and end of the year parties. It's going to be a blast!!!!

Thank you God for taking care of Little Doves and your continued blessings!



Men's "Iron Sharpens Iron"

Thu 5/1 at 7:00 p.m.
Brad Feilburg's House

Men's Breakfast

Sat 5/10 at 8:00 a.m.
Buzz Inn, Monroe



LUNCH BUNCH

Wed 5/14
11:45 a.m.
Las Tres Marias (on Main Street)

Please RSVP
to Ken and Nancy Strain
(425-308-9984).

Bring a friend!



Engaging God

Engaging Each Other ~ Engaging the World

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