



Peace Lutheran Church Tidings of Peace

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We do the things that we prioritize. I put certain weekly events on my calendar and then when the time comes, I make sure that I do those things. There are occasions where I will be traveling, get sick, or have something else important come up, but barring those, the things in my calendar are the things that I do.

For Jesus, one of those things that he did regularly was to attend synagogue worship. Luke puts it this way, "As was his custom, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day..." (Luke 4:16) Attending the Synagogue service was a habit for Jesus.

I am thinking about this because Americans are attending church

less than they did in the past. Almost a quarter of all Americans attend worship every week and that is down from 31% just 10 years ago. People are busy these days and have lots of options, so church attendance has become a lower priority for people. wonder why that is?

God's Word encourages us to not give up the habit of gathering together (Hebrews 10:25). Coming together to hear God's Word of guidance and grace, to receive the gifts of Jesus' body and blood, to sing his praises and to encourage each other in our Christian walk are all important parts of Christian life.

Let me be clear: going to church is not all there is to the Christian life. Going to church is only a

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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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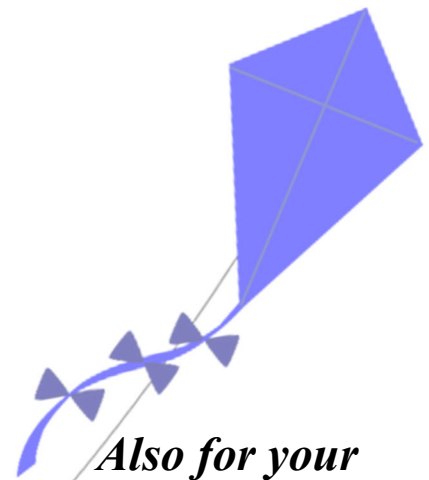
part of what we do as Christians. Our daily spiritual disciplines, (prayer, Bible study, generosity, rest, humility, etc.) and living out our calling as children of God in our daily lives are also an important part of what it means to follow Jesus.

However, these things flow out of our weekly worship habit. So right now is probably a good time to get your calendar out and mark out your weekly worship as a regular commitment. You shouldn't have to decide each week whether or not you are going to church. Weekly worship should be our default unless there is something important that comes up (a sickness, a trip, a global worldwide pandemic, etc.) that makes us have to miss a Sunday here or there.

The amazing thing is that when you do commit and make Sunday morning worship a priority in your life, it really does become a joy. At church you gather with a community of people who want to follow Jesus. They love you and want to spend time with you. Even more importantly, at church Jesus promises to meet you in his word and in his sacrament.

When you think about it, that is pretty cool!

Pastor Todd



***Also for your
Sunday calendars!***

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, March 2, 2025
11:15 AM

You're invited!
Help us elect members to our
Leadership Team.
Financial update too.

JOINT SERVICE

Sunday, March 9

10:15 a.m.

at Lamb of God Lutheran
Church in Lake Stevens

*Note this Sunday we'll be at the
Zion Lutheran School Gym*

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Sunday, March 16, 2025
(after Church)



March Birthday Celebrations

1	Su Kaikala
6	Rachael Humphries
8	Karis Roeske
11	Kennedy Arden
13	Cece Reverte
15	Nathan Anderson
16	Princess Reverte
18	Laura Anderson
19	Lynn Gose



A Christ-Centered Response to Immigration Issues

Immigration has been a hot topic in the news in recent months. Those headlines stoke fears. They elicit fear over who may be coming to our country and fear of who may be deported from our country. Fear leaves us, as God's people, guarded, preventing us from extending the love of God in Christ to our immigrant neighbors.

In the lineage of Jesus, we find a moving story of Jesus' own immigrant ancestors. In the gospel of Jesus we find a mystery revealed that all nations, all people, regardless of where they may be in this world's geography, are partakers of the same promise of forgiveness through God's love in Christ.

This month's Six Mission Minutes by Northwest District President Mike Von Beheren offers a Christ-centered response to immigration issues. It is a few more than six minutes, but we hope you find it is "*vale la pena*" (translated into English this means "*watching it is worth the effort*").

Watch the video here:
<https://vimeo.com/1058393357>

Other information is here:
<https://nowlcms.org/stories/six-mission-minutes-stories/six-mission-minutes-gods-love-knows-no-borders/>

Thank you all for being the people of God in this place. Jesus is with us—all of us.

Spring Bazaar

**Crafts ~ Pottery ~ Jewelry ~ Direct Sales ~
Avery's Chicken & Waffles Food Truck ~
and so much more!**

March 22, 2025
10AM - 3PM

Zion Lutheran School Gym
3923 103rd Ave SE
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

**Fundraising for Our
Mission Trip to Chitina, Alaska!**

Worship ~ Study ~ Commune ~ Serve



Worship

Note: Ash Wednesday Service on March 5, 6:30 p.m.

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.

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! Invite your family!

MARCH PARKING LOT EVENT

Pizza on the Pavement

Thu 3/13 at 3:15 p.m.

We're looking for donations to buy pizza
and also for volunteers to help hand out pizza.
We love our neighborhood kids 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 Priscilla Shirer's "Elijah"

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.

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

March 29



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).

Adult and Teen Volunteers

Kids Bible Camp

Mon 6/23-Fri 6/27 9:15-11:30 a.m.

This year's theme is "Barnyard Roundup: Jesus Gathers Us Together." We will need people to help us transform our building with special decorations and donate snacks and craft supplies. We'll also need song leaders, prayer supporters, and lots of smiling faces!

Please include us in your prayers as we begin planning for this special time. We'd love for you to be a part of the festivities! More details coming in April.

Kids Bible Day Camp will bless our community!

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

Quilt Raffle to Support Chitina Mission Trip

Tickets are only \$5 (5 tickets for \$20). Drawing for a beautiful 57x62 quilt will be Sat 3/22 at Zion's Spring Bazaar. We'll be selling tickets after church on Sun 3/2 and Sun 3/16. For more information, contact Kim Roeske (907-259-5683).

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!

Would you like to receive a weekly prayer letter?

Email Pastor Todd (todd@peacemonroe.org).

Financial News

Special Offerings

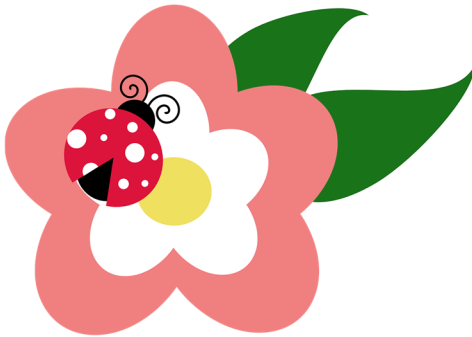
Fiscal YTD

Building Maintenance	\$ 180
Thrivent Choice	\$ 552
Total	\$ 732

Special Gifts

Fiscal YTD

Asia Misson Grant	\$14,000
Education	\$ 186
Missions	\$ 9,122
Total	\$23,308

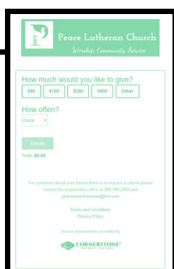


*...also excel in this grace
of giving.*

**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

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

Given January 2025	\$ 13,798
Given Fiscal YTD (August 2023-July 2024)	\$ 86,795

2024-25 Budget (approved July 2024)

Foundation \$161,208

Salary and Benefits

Administration

Building Loan

Ministries

Reaching Up \$ 2,900

Worship

Reaching Out \$ 5,287

The World

The Nation

The Region

Reaching In \$ 2,800

Education

Spiritual Growth

Fun and Fellowship

Supplies

Total \$172,195

Assets (as of 1/31/2025)

Checking \$ 62,856

Savings \$ 18,912

Endowment \$ 50,441

Income v. Expenses

Needed in January 2025 \$ 14,350

Given in January 2025 **\$ 13,798**

Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date \$ 86,100

Given Fiscal Year-to-Date **\$ 86,795**

Little Doves

Preschool and Kindergarten



On Sunday, March 30th, after church from 11:00a to 1:00 p, Little Doves is having its annual Spring Fling. This year our theme is “Carnival Fun” (and no Easter egg hunt this time). There will be many fun activities for everyone! An awesome time for families!

Some of the activities planned: chili cook-off, crafts, outdoor games, free corn dogs and chips, face painting, a magic show, a balloon twister, candy walk, bake sale, and silent auction baskets. So much fun!

We would love your participation and help to make this special event a rousing success!

- Make chili for the chili cook-off
- Donate items for the girls, boys, and adult silent auction baskets
- Bring a few Lotto scratch tickets for the Lotto basket
- Bake something for the bake sale
- Donate candy for the candy walk (no hard candies or suckers please)
- Volunteer to help in the kitchen or with the candy walk
- Help with clean up

There will be a white basket in the church entrance to put the Spring Fling donation items.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have questions or can help in any way, please call Linda (360-794-7230).



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 8 at 8:00 a.m.

Buzz Inn, Monroe

Men's "Iron Sharpens Iron"

Thu 4/3 at 7:00 p.m.

Keith Brown's House



Engaging God

Engaging Each Other ~ Engaging the World

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