



# Peace Lutheran Church Tidings of Peace

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**Jesus**  
Loves  
Forgives  
Saves

When I was in college, a fellow student confessed to me, "I have cancer."

"Oh no. Is it serious?" After asking the question, I felt stupid. Of course it is serious. It is CANCER! This began a several week long ordeal as I would listen to stories about doctor visits and her deteriorating health. I prayed earnestly for her. Students rallied to support her. My schoolmates and I were doing everything we could to stand by her as she unfairly fought this terrible disease.

Then one day, she said she was weak and asked to go to the hospital. A friend of mine took her

into the emergency room. She asked my friend to wait outside but my friend decided to follow her in. It turns out that she didn't have cancer. She never had cancer. She wasn't physically sick at all. She had made up the cancer story because she liked the attention that it got her.

It was awful. I felt duped. I felt angry. No one likes to be taken advantage of. No one likes to be lied to. I remember wrestling with my anger and with God. I met with the young lady, and I told her that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Her sin was bad, but God's goodness is bigger. I think

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this was the first time that I had ever used God's word to comfort someone who had sinned grievously. It was a powerful moment.

I am not sure what happened to that girl. I know that she dropped out of school. I heard that she got counseling. I hope that in some way God used her cancer charade to draw her closer to him.

Since then, I have worked with a lot of people. Some of them have lied to me. Some have told me the truth. All of them (me included) have done things that they wish they hadn't done. Some of those things have caused anger, disappointment and pain in other people. Still God's grace is bigger than our failures.

St. Paul said, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst." I am sure that he remembered his sin of persecuting and killing those who were following Jesus. Yet God, in his mercy, not only forgave Paul but also made him an apostle to share the Good News of Jesus throughout the Roman Empire. My prayer for each one of us is that we will know the riches of God's grace so that no matter

where we have failed, we will be assured that Jesus has saved us. Then by the power of his Holy Spirit, we will go forward in the new life he has given us.

Todd 907-259-5115



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

## **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.

Church Office Staff  
& Todd Roeske  
Pastor

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## **SAVE THE DATE!**

June 22-26

9 a.m. - 12 noon

**Kids Bible Day Camp**

Adult Volunteers Needed for  
the following positions:

- \* Assistant Director
- \* Crafts Director
- \* Snack Director
- \* JC (teens) Director
- \* Decorating Director

Contact Kim at  
[kimroeske82@gmail.com](mailto:kimroeske82@gmail.com)  
to volunteer

## **VBS ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Call or text Kim at 907-259-5683  
to volunteer.

Look for Kids Bible Day Camp  
registration links on our website!

**[Peace Website](#)**

It's free! Invite your friends!

**[See next page](#) →**

**June 22-26**

**9:15-11:30AM**

MUSIC

CRAFTS

FUN

GAMES

FREE

**Kids**  
**Bible Day Camp**

Register at



**PeaceMonroe.org**

**AMAZING ADVENTURES W/ JESUS**

**ALL CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES K-5 WELCOME**  
**PRESCHOOL CHILDREN WELCOME WITH AN ADULT**

# *Worship ~ Study ~ Commune ~ Serve*



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



Bring the joy of the Lord. Invite your friends and neighbors! We'll have fun!

You can join us on **YouTube: @peacechurchmonroe**

Scan the QR code to receive updates.

You can also visit our website ([peacechurchmonroe.org](http://peacechurchmonroe.org)).

## **LEARNING FROM JESUS**

Use this link to get your copy of our 2026 Bible Reading Guide:

[c6aaa4\\_4902290dc2234e97a3db5c7908167dfc.pdf](https://www.pearcechurchmonroe.org/c6aaa4_4902290dc2234e97a3db5c7908167dfc.pdf)

Reading Guides are also available in the church entry on the table.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

**Monday Evenings**  
**6:30 p.m.**



Order your book: [Joshua - Lifeway](#)

Contact Cara for more  
information: [carasinteriors@aol.com](mailto:carasinteriors@aol.com)



Order your book:  
[Finding I... Amazon](#)

**Saturday Mornings**  
**9-11 a.m.**



**Would you like to  
receive a weekly  
prayer letter?**

Email Pastor Todd  
([todd@peacemonroe.org](mailto:todd@peacemonroe.org))

## **PARKING LOT EVENT**

Thursday 06/11 @ 3:15 p.m.

**Come help us pass out ice cream!**

**Accepting donations.**

*Join us for this special time  
with our wonderful neighbors and the kids!*





## JESUS IS MISSING

Premiering June 6th  
3:00 PM with an  
Ice Cream Social

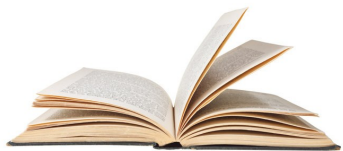
### Peace Summer Mission Emphasis

Mosquito nets for  
students who live on  
campus in Uganda

393 nets  
\$5 per net



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



### 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!



## LUNCH BUNCH

Wed 06/10

Highway 2 Fusion Diner

19721 US-2, Monroe

Location suggestions? We would love to hear!

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

Need a ride? Let Ken and Nancy know!  
*All are welcome! Bring a friend!*

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Special Offerings

### Fiscal YTD

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Building Maintenance | \$ 390        |
| Thrivent Choice      | \$ 516        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$ 906</b> |

## Special Gifts

### Fiscal YTD

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Endowment    | \$ 5,000        |
| Missions     | \$ 9,593        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$14,593</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](https://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!*

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

**Psalm 107:1**

|                                                 |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Given April 2026</b>                         | <b>\$ 9,422</b>  |
| <b>Given Fiscal YTD (August 2025-July 2026)</b> | <b>\$151,916</b> |

### 2025-26 Budget (approved July 2025)

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Foundation          | \$174,148        |
| Salary and Benefits |                  |
| Administration      |                  |
| Building Loan       |                  |
| Ministries          |                  |
| Reaching Up         | \$ 2,900         |
| Worship             |                  |
| Reaching Out        | \$ 4,740         |
| The World           |                  |
| The Nation          |                  |
| The Region          |                  |
| Reaching In         | \$ 2,800         |
| Education           |                  |
| Spiritual Growth    |                  |
| Fun and Fellowship  |                  |
| Supplies            |                  |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$184,588</b> |

### Assets (as of 4/30/2026)

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Checking  | \$ 95,833 |
| Savings   | \$ 18,920 |
| Endowment | \$ 54,529 |

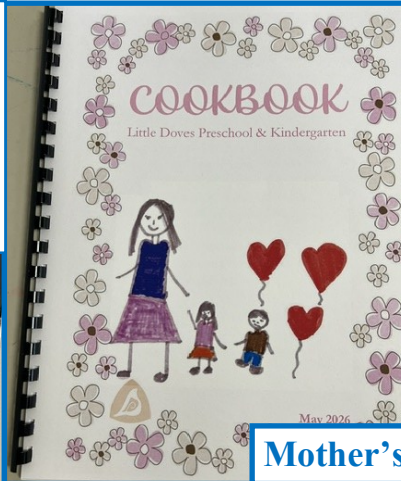
### Income (from all Sources) v. Expenses

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Needed in April                  | \$ 15,382        |
| <b>Given in April</b>            | <b>\$ 9,422</b>  |
| Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date       | \$138,438        |
| <b>Given Fiscal Year-to-Date</b> | <b>\$151,916</b> |



# Little Doves

Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten



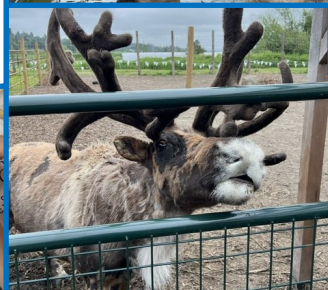
**Mother's Day Tea**



**DADS NIGHT**



**Field Trip to Luckie Farms**



## Little Doves Preschool & Kindergarten

The month of May was a wonderful time for our students and families. We celebrated the mothers with a Mother's Day Tea, the children brought their dads to Dad's Night and had a fun time doing activities together, and two of the classes took a field trip to Luckie Farms and fed many animals. We also fit in Pet Show-N-Tell, Bike/Scooter Day, and Backwards Day.

There are just a few days left of school for this year and we will end with a graduation for the Adv.PreK/K class and celebrate all the classes with a picnic. It has been an amazing and enjoyable year with the students and families. We are sad to see some students leave but they are growing up and moving on to elementary school and it's wonderful to see their progress. Have a great summer everyone! Enjoy the sun!

[Registration for the fall is open](#)

Contact Miss Linda at  
[littledovespreschool@gmail.com](mailto:littledovespreschool@gmail.com)  
For any questions.





### Men's Breakfast

Sat 06/13 at 8:30 a.m.

Michael Mates Home

13027 248th Dr. SE

Monroe, WA 98272

### Men's "Iron Sharpens Iron"

7 PM on June 18th

At Keith's Home



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Engaging Each Other ~ Engaging the World

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