



Peace Lutheran Church Tidings of Peace

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I have been blessed to live a lot of my adult life among people who are materially and financially poor. One thing that I have learned is that many people who are financially poor are generosity rich. I have sat on the floor with a family that has killed their only chicken to make sure that I had a good meal. I have seen unhoused people give what little they have to other unhoused people because they feel that the other person needs it more. In the Philippines, when the very first Tagakaulo congregation held its first worship service, they sent their entire offering to help start other missions.

In the book of 2 Corinthians, Paul tells the story of the Macedonians. They heard about the famine in Jerusalem and they wanted to help. Paul says it this way, "During a severe trial brought about by affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. I can testify that, according to their ability and even beyond their ability, of their own accord, they begged us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in the ministry to the saints, and not just as we had hoped. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us by God's will." (2 Corinthians 8:2-5)

Altar Guild Assistants

Altar Guild Meeting
To be announced
Ask Karen if interested

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.

Todd Roeske
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Generosity comes, not from having a lot, but from a deep faith that the Lord supplies all our needs and we are blessed to give out of the bounty of which God has given us. Like the famous widow in Jesus' story of the Widow's Mite. We give all because we know that God supplies all.

Our congregation is in a difficult spot financially. We can only operate the mission and ministry of this congregation because of the generosity of God's people. In the Old Testament, God's people were expected to give a 10% tithe of all that they earned to support the work of the priests and the temple. In the New Testament, we are not bound to a tithe. Instead, we are encouraged to give proportionally and generously out of the gifts that God has given to us. So, each follower of Jesus thinks about how the Lord has blessed him or her and decides what percentage he or she wants to honor the Lord with each week. God uses those gifts to supply the needs of the congregation. Your generosity allows us to function as a congregation. Of course, we are also given opportunities to give above and beyond that as the Lord puts special causes on our hearts or when we see someone in need.

The really cool thing is that when we give generously, we

discover a host of blessings. We see that God provides for our needs. We experience the joy of generosity, and we know that we are doing what the Lord calls us to do.

My prayer is that our congregation will be known as a group of generous Jesus-followers and through that, God will supply all the needs of the congregation and the community we serve.

Todd

907-259-5115

***Engage God
Engage Each Other***



Readers & Assistants

Would you like to serve on Sundays with readings or as communion assistant?

Email:
peacechurchmonroe@gmail.com

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

Email Todd:
Todd@peacemonroe.org

PRAYER WALK



Join us for a walk to pray and engage with our neighborhood

September 1st

*We will meet at Peace for a short service followed by a walk
and prayer for our community*



Saturday Devotions & Prayer

10:00-11:00 a.m. in church fellowship room



Scan QR Code to Receive Text Updates From Peace



Thank God for Our Beautiful New Mural

Painted by Lalo

Dedicated July 6th

If you haven't had a chance to see
it, please walk by
and enjoy how Amazing it is!

Worship ~ Study ~ Commune ~ Serve



Kids Bible Day Camp at Peace in June was a success as we served 37 children. We praise God for our teen and adult volunteers. Thank you to Sheryl Becker, Grace Giuliano, Anna and Chloe Groeneveld, Shelby Hogan, Bob Johnson, Tarrell Johnston, Sherri Novak, Christine Pfiester, Todd and Kim Roeske. Our teen volunteers led groups of children and did a tremendous job each day with set up and clean up.



The adults took time to pray over each of these teen volunteers: Cristian Alonso, Eissen and Fenna Groeneveld, Natalie Higginbotham, Pearl Johnston, Gus Moore, Amanda Pfiester, and Alex Queen. If you see these teens, please congratulate them on a job well done. Special thanks also to everyone



who came out to decorate the building with 200 balloons and to Tom Opdenweyer for building the mobile highlighting each of the Bible stories that we taught. God is good and has once again blessed us.

Save the date and plan to join us next year for Kids Bible Day Camp at Peace on June 23-27, 2025 from 8:30 AM to noon.



Sunday School Teachers Needed

Starting in September, one more Sunday School Teacher is needed to teach one Sunday each month during the worship service. A teacher is also needed to teach on 5th Sundays (September 29, March 30, June 29, and August 31). Join our team! 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.



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

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

Scan the QR code...

Or visit our website (peacechurchmonroe.org).



Little Doves

Preschool and Kindergarten



**Prayers for Little Doves Returning and New Students coming this Fall, also the
Amazing Group of Teachers we have!
We are still accepting enrollment**

Linda Herman
Director
Little Doves Preschool & Kindergarten
202 Dickinson Ave, Monroe, WA
PH: (360) 794-7230
WWW: littledovespreschool.com



Financial News

Special Offerings

Fiscal YTD

Building Maintenance	\$ 400
Thrivent Choice	\$ 517
Total	\$ 917

Special Gifts

Fiscal YTD

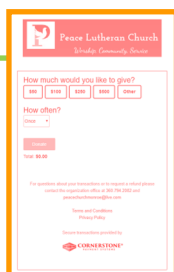
Alaska Mission	\$ 3,907
Asia Misson Grant	\$14,000
Asia Mission Gift	\$ 4,133
Community Outreach	\$ 2,900
Endowment	\$ 180
Family Assistance	\$ 400
LCMS Grant	\$ 3,000
Memorials	\$ 1,022
Total	\$29,542

*...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!



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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 June 2024 \$ 7,985
Given Fiscal YTD (August 2023-July 2024) **\$131,019**

2023-24 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 6/30/2024)

Checking	\$ 23,443
Savings	\$ 18,909
Endowment	\$ 45,240

Income v. Expenses

Needed in June 2024	\$ 16,533
Given in June 2024	\$ 7,985
Needed Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$181,863
Given Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$131,019

Financial Thank You!

As you know, we've been working through a difficult financial time. On Sunday we approved an amended 2024-25 budget, a realistic spending guideline in light of our projected income for this past fiscal year, but a budget that reflects the love of God's people for His people. On behalf of your church and Leadership Team, thank you. Our goals throughout this budgeting process have been to be good stewards of our resources, your gifts and offerings, and to allow room for God to do what God is going to do. And before our meeting was over yesterday, God was doing what He does.

BLESSED ~ GRATEFUL ~ THANKFUL

I love the headline and I'm glad "Blessed" comes first. We are so very blessed in so many ways. And we come together in a blessed response of thanks and praise for our place in God's most wonderful creation.

Remember last week's list of cuts that were being proposed? During our meeting, funding was pledged to continue our Ministry Coordinator position. Remember our concern with falling revenues? Several families pledged to increase offerings with one family pledging to double their gifts. Remember our concern with expenses? One member made a list of several small ways in which to reduce spending, reminding me that if we all make small changes, big things will happen. Yes, they will!

My personal "next step" is to ask God where I can go next in my faith walk which includes not only my giving, but my time and service. I too want to be open to what God's doing. I want to be ready and willing for that time when He will say, "Let's go!"

Thank you, friends, for doing what you do and for allowing God to do what He does in your life. Your church is grateful and very thankful. I'm also personally grateful to the work of our staff and Leadership Team. They rock!

Staff: Pastor Todd, Linda Herman, and Tarrell Johnston

**Leadership Team: Brad Feilberg, Kurt Latimore, Chuck Swanson, Shelly Wallace,
Laurie Yocum, and Deanna Nowadnick**

Yes, we are blessed!

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

from Lutheran Book of Worship

Weekly Schedules

Sunday	Reader	Communion Assistant	Sunday School	Children's Message	Lead Hosts
August 4	Fenna Groeneveld	Ken Strain	Chloe Groeneveld	Todd	Seth Schneider
August 11	Karen Johnson	Deanna Nowadnick	Kim Roeske	Laurie Yocum	Karen & Tom Wojahn
August 18	Chloe Groeneveld	Tom Foster	Kim Roeske	Todd	Deanna & Kurt Nowadnick
August 25	Nathan Anderson	Nancy Strain	Laurie Yocum	Seth Schneider	Bob Johnson

For changes, please email peacemonroe@gmail.com or text Tarrell [425-681-0410](tel:425-681-0410).



Engaging God

Engaging Each Other ~ Engaging the World

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