



SEPTEMBER

NEWSLETTER

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Dinke Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church

1742 Dinkey Road

Lehigh, PA 18235

Church office: 610-377-4242

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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor
Church Secretary
Music Director
Financial
Treasurer
Sexton

Reverend Anthony Pagotto
Jan Schwartz
Colleen Rudelitsch
Kelli DeLuca
Laura Moyer
David Arndt

610-377-4242

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship 9AM

Sunday School 10:15AM

www.dmlcashfield.com

Zoom ID: 586 370 219

2026 Church Council

Rev. Anthony Pagotto

Charles Bierman

Linda Bierman

Kian Bowman

Rich DeLuca

Jay Frey

Scott Klotz

Laura Moyer

Karen Schleicher

Kenny Schleicher

Todd Schleicher

Dan Schwartz

Kurt Steigerwalt

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9AM-2PM

Thursday 9AM-2PM

Friday 9AM-2PM



**Community Food Pantry is held the third
Thursday of every month from 3:30-5PM.**

**If you know someone in need please contact
Pastor Tony.**

Weekly Zoom Events

Wednesday Morning Prayer

Pastor Tony hosts a
Morning Prayer on Zoom every Wednesday
Morning at 9AM

<http://zoom.us/j/87911224>

Meeting ID: 187 911 224

Call in: 1-929-205-6099

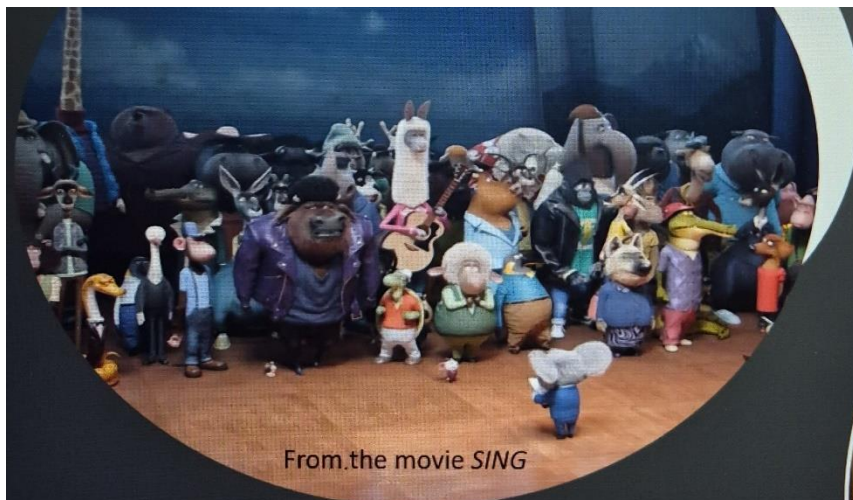
Thursday Bible Study

Pastor Tony hosts a Bible Study on Zoom
Every Thursday morning at 9:30AM

<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/376540617>

Meeting ID: 586 370 219

Call in: 1-929-205-6099



From the movie SING

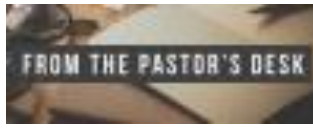
To my Gen XYZ & the Baby band members!
**Thank you for performing at the St John's Community
Picnic. Well done my fellow music makers! Let's do
this again sometime!**

I

**Message from your
music director**



**The
Baby**



Honoring Our Ancestors

I find cemeteries to be intriguing. When I walk through them, I wonder what life was like for those who lived before me: what challenges they may have faced and what triumphs they celebrated. The life of each of them was important to the community and the life of the church. As such, their resting places deserve to be honored and respected. Too often I have passed by cemeteries that are overgrown and lacking maintenance. In that light I am thrilled to see how the cemeteries at both St. John's and Dinkey are well maintained. As a matter of fact, as I write this article, I am in view of the grass being mown on St. John's Cemetery this very moment. Both cemeteries have played vital roles in their congregations, and I pray they will continue to serve their communities well into the future.

To ensure their future functioning, a change is being made in the cemeteries' relationship with their respective congregations. Traditionally, the cemeteries have functioned as an extension of the congregation. However, there are two challenges this structure present. The first is that if the congregation ceases to exist, there is no legal entity to assume responsibility of the cemetery, leaving the cemetery in the hands of the Northeastern PA Synod. This has happened on different occasions and leaves the synod staff with a cemetery to care for and not have the staff or resources to properly fulfill that responsibility.

The second challenge is legal ramifications. God forbid something would happen within the church that resulted in a lawsuit. Not only are the resources of the congregation vulnerable, but those of the cemetery are as well, including the perpetual care fund which exists for the ongoing care of the cemetery. Of course, the opposite is true as well if something were to happen on the cemetery resulting in legal action, the congregation is liable.

In order to address these issues, steps are being taken at both Dinkey and St. John's to legally separate the cemeteries from the congregations. The formation of legal entities and new cemetery constitutions are underway along with land subdivisions, where necessary.

None of this impacts how the cemeteries will function. The same people who have been serving as board members and caring for the resting places of our loved ones are able to do so under the new structure. The funds that are currently in place for the everyday expenses and upkeep of the cemetery will transfer to the new entity. The basic change is on paper, as the cemeteries will then be independent of the congregations. If you have any questions or concerns I encourage you to speak with me, a council member, or a cemetery board member. Please be assured that your loved ones will continue to be cared for.

Your servant in Christ, Pr. Tony

August 2026 Council Highlights

The following actions occurred and reports were shared at the August 19, 2026, council meeting:

- ❖ Approved the following changes to congregation register:
 - Received Colleen Rudelitsch as an associate member of the congregation.
 - Transfer of membership for Madison DeLuca to Little Zion Lutheran Church, Telford.
 - Removal of Jasmyn Strohl as member per her request.
- ❖ The Sunday school schedule is set with Rally Day scheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2026.
- ❖ Set a bush trimming and weed pulling day for Saturday, September 19 with a rain date of September 26, 2026.
- ❖ Pr. Tony is coordinating with ESG for a date to install additional microphones.
- ❖ Control Security will be updating our security cameras in September.
- ❖ Approved November 9-10, 2026 as continuing education days for Pr. Tony.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 6:30PM. A reminder to everyone that council meetings are open to all members of Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Pastor Tony will be on vacation from September 24, 2026 through October 5, 2026. Please contact Kim Gerhard LLM (484)464-3295 for pastoral needs during Pastor's vacation.

Confirmation: Pr. Tony will once again offer confirmation classes for those in 7th grade or higher that are not yet confirmed. If you are interested for yourself or someone else, please contact him at prdinklc@ptd.net or 610-377-4242.

Giant Gift Cards: If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Streak free cloths; \$5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interested.

Cookbooks: The Dinkey cookbooks have arrived and are ready for purchase, \$15 per cookbook. Please see Karen Schleicher.

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Boscov's cards for \$5. On October 21, 2026, you will get 25% off everything you buy in store or online.

Car/ Motorcycle Show: Dinkey will be holding it's 3rd Annual Car & Motorcycle Show on Saturday, September 12, 2026; rain date September 19, 2026. Please join us for a day of fun and fellowship.

Crop Walk: The Carbon County Crop Walk will be held October 11, 2026 at 2:00 PM beginning at 600 Riverview Road, Lehighton.

Yenser's Tree Farm: There will be a Sunday School Kick Off for Dinkey and St John's families on Thursday, September 24, 2026 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Sunday School children & parents are invited. Please call Becky McFadden (610)462-6329 with any questions.

Blessing of the Animals: Join us at St John's on Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 11:00 AM for Blessing of the Animals.

Fall Festival & Basket Raffle: Ben Salem UCC is having a Fall Festival on Friday, September 25, 2026 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM and Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Fall Bazaar: St John's Mahoning is having a Fall Bazaar on Friday, October 2, 2026 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM and Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

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09/01 Kian Bowman
09/01 Louise Weiss
09/02 Terry Urbon
09/03 Logan Berger
09/07 Linda Bierman
09/08 Shaelyn Kunkel
09/08 Laura Moyer
09/09 Eric Solt
09/10 Stanley Cordova
09/10 Rachel Klotz
09/10 Faith Scherer
09/10 Donald Steigerwalt II
09/11 Sheila Flickinger

09/12 Kim Schleicher
09/13 Calvin Dech
09/13 Samantha Dech
09/13 Aiden Eckhart
09/14 Cindy Cordova
09/14 Raylene Hunter
09/15 Logan Pagotto
09/15 Nikele Schleicher
09/16 Jason Hand
09/16 Harold Reinheimer
09/17 Scott Borger
09/17 Crue Christman
09/18 Cory Miller

09/18 Linda Miller
09/19 Alyssa Frey
09/19 Shelby Heater
09/19 Daniel Kephart
09/19 George Schleicher
09/20 Kelsey McCandless
09/20 Lavona Schleicher
09/20 Savannah Stuckley
09/21 Terri Andrews
09/24 Stephen Vayda

09/25 Trisha Buck
09/25 Erica Pagotto
09/26 Levi Steward
09/27 Michael Manogue
09/27 Colby Solt
09/28 Cecelia Biehl
09/28 Mary Cressley
09/29 Penelope Spitzer
09/29 Courtney Van Fossen



09/01 Zachary & Trisha Buck (2)
09/01 Dale & Eleanor Hack (25)
09/02 Rev. Anthony & Erica Pagotto (20)
09/09 Norman & Karen Wetzel (54)
09/12 Jay Frey & Angela Rothermel (17)
09/13 Charlie & Linda Bierman (57)
09/13 Keith & Tina Rothermel (46)
09/13 Judd & Ciera Schleicher (1)

09/15 Bill Jr & Donna Johnson (42)
09/17 Rodney & Peggy Borger (48)
09/17 James & Deborah Koch (49)
09/23 Gregory & Lori German (37)
09/23 Earl & Karen Heiland (59)
09/25 Ernest & Linda Daubenspeck (46)
09/30 Mark & Theresa Michalik (37)

ONE CALL NOW

By **CRISIS24**

We are instituting a new way of staying in touch with everyone in the congregation through One Call Now. A mass phone call list has been put together to contact members and friends of Dinkey through a recorded phone message. You should have received our initial message during the evening of Sunday, May 31st. This was a test of the system and the way for each of you to be introduced to One Call Now.

In the future we hope to utilize this system on a regular basis to keep the congregation up to date on current or upcoming events, even weekly worship details.

Calls can go to a landline or a cell phone. We hope to soon utilize the text option as well. If you wish to opt out of the phone calls, there is an option for you to do so at the end of each call by pressing the star button. If you did not receive a phone call and wish to be added to our call list, please contact the church office. If it is outside of regular office hours, you can leave a message with your name and number that you would like to have added.

The Pastor & The Hopeful Deacon

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Pastor Tony Pagotto & Kimberly Gerhard

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Third Annual Car & Motorcycle Show

Trophies! Food! Raffles! at 50/50s!

Dinke Memorial Church
in Ashfield, PA
September 12th, 2026
(Rain Date September 19th)
9:00am - 3:00pm

Dash plaques for first 50 vehicles. Donations Accepted.

CROP WALK

CHICKENS, BEANS AND BIG Dreams

Carbon County CROP Walk

October 11, 2026, 2:00PM

600 Riverview Road, Lehigh, PA 18235
Join us as we walk to fight against hunger!

crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/lehighonpa

888-CWS-CROP • CROPHUNGERWALK.ORG



Donate or sign up for your walk today!

Events to make note of

St. John's Lutheran Church, Mahoning

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026
11:00AM in St. John's, Mahoning pavilion.

God spoke: "Let us make humankind in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of the earth." Genesis 1:26, The Message

All pets are welcome! Please have your pets leashed or crated for their safety and those around them.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Mahoning
826 Mahoning Drive West
Lehigh, PA 18235
570-386-9960

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHONING
826 MAHONING DRIVE WEST - LEHIGH, PA 18235

FALL BAZAAR

- Basket Raffle • Bake Sale • Candy
- Fall Decorations • Raffle Tickets • Plants
- Homemade Food • Filling

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 | 5 - 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 9 AM - 2 PM

20% of the profits will go to:
SLINGSHOT ESPORTS

FERMENTING OUR FAITH

Join us as we gather to explore faith together in a relaxed format.
Share your questions, ponderings, and even doubts.

September 23 • 6:00 PM

Beacon 443 Diner
35 Blakeslee Blvd Dr E
Lehigh PA 18235

Contact Pr. Tony if you have any questions
@ 570-386-9960 or prdinklc@ptd.net

ALL ARE WELCOME

WELCOME

Sunday School Children & Parents!
Come Join Us for a Fun Fall
Sunday School Kick Off!
at Yenser's Tree Farm

Thursday, September 24th
5:00 - 7:00 PM

ACTIVITIES

- Hayride • Bounce Pad • Obstacle Course with Zipline
- Corn Play Area • Tire Mountain

FOOD

Hot Dogs & Drinks Will Be Provided
Please Bring a Food to Share!

Questions? Contact Becky McFadden @ 610-462-6329

FAMILY PROMISE OF CARBON COUNTY

Spaghetti Dinner

Date: 9/5/26 **Time:** 2-7 PM **Price:** \$12 - Children under 14 eat free

Dinner includes:
All you can eat pasta with choice of meat sauce or marinara, salad, bread and soft drink

Tricky Trays **Raffle Drawing**

BYOB

140 W Mill St Nesquehoning, PA

YOU'RE INVITED!

St Peters Church

FALL Fest 2026

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18 4PM - 8PM

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19 12PM - 6PM

FOOD Delicious favorites for everyone!

GAMES Fun for kids and adults alike!

BASKET RAFFLE Great baskets! Great chances! Great cause!

ENTERTAINMENT Live music, talent and good vibes!

Bring your family and friends!

Good Food. Great Fun. STRONGER TOGETHER!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Those in need of prayer:

Faith Beck
Sherri Bowman
Lauren Dugan
Candy Everett
Louise Everett
Ann German
Brenda German
Dick German
Joseph Gorman

Madisynn Hawk
Barbara Niehoff Janco
Sandy Keller
Joe Kluk
Deb Koch
Jim Koch
Judy Kresge & family
Deb Lilly
Armell McFarland
Robert Miller

Emily Persinger
Barry Ruth
Kenny Schleicher
Tanner Schleicher
Georgine Shupp
Carol Steber
Kathy Steigerwalt
Patti Walck
Jason Wetzel

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Darwin Berger
Arlene Bisbing
Sheila Flickinger
Tess Hinger
Steve Hoffman
Linda Markel

Debbie Meckel
Gordon Scherer
Patty Schleicher
Alice Scitney
Darwin Strohl
Debra Strohl

MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM OR ASSOCIATED WITH DINKEY MEMORIAL

Noah K. Kunkel PSC41 Box 6927 APO AE 09464
1st Lt. Benjamin Cordova, 9300 Valencia St., Tucson, AZ 85747
Brendan Schleicher 11611 Dyer Street, Apt 1026 El Paso, Texas 79934
Private Seth Koch Cuba

SPONSOR OUR NEEDS

Altar Flowers	\$25.00
Memorial Bowls	\$20.00
Bulletins	\$13.00
Cemetery Pole*	\$21.00
Strength For the Day*	\$20.00
Devotions Booklet*	\$20.00

(*donates monthly)

Please contact Jan in the office at 610-377-4242

to request a specific day or month to sponsor.

MORE WAYS TO HELP MY CHURCH AND CHURCH FAMILY

Purchase Giant gift cards by contacting Kathy Steigerwalt at 540-250-6539.

Cards are in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations.

We are still collecting:

Aluminum Tabs

Ink Jet and Toner Cartridges for Recycling

Altar Guild for September: J Schwartz/ C Steber

Worship Assistants for September:

09/06 A: B Schleicher/ B Schleicher G: Bierman L: Erica Pagotto CA: K Wetzel/R DeLuca

09/13 A: J Albert/B Blose G: Everett L: N Oswald

09/20 A: A Keller G: Frey L: Elijah Pagotto

09/27 A: R Keller G: Wetzel L: B Kuehn

September 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 600PM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9AM Worship Pentecost 15 Communion	6:00PM Grief Share(SJ) 		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		 9-3 Car Show
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9AM Worship Pentecost 16 10:15 Rally Day for Sunday School	10:00 Palmer House hymn sing		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 6:30PM Council Meeting	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 3:30PM Community Food Pantry		9-3 Car Show rain date
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9AM Worship Pentecost 17 10:15AM Sunday School	6:00PM Grief Share(SJ)		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 6PM Fermenting our Faith-Beacon 443 Diner	Pastor on vacation from 9/24/26 through 10/5/26 5-7 Yenser Tree Farm Sunday School Kick Off		
27	28	29	30			
9AM Worship Pentecost 18 10:15AM Sunday School	6PM Ladies Aid					