

## 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



## NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2026

Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1742 Dinkey Road  
Lehighton, PA 18235  
Church office: 610-377-4242  
Email address: [cdinklc@ptd.net](mailto:cdinklc@ptd.net)

### CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Reverend Anthony Pagotto	610-377-4242
Church Secretary	Jan Schwartz	610-377-4242
Musician	Bella Moyer	
Financial	Kelli DeLuca	
Treasurer	Laura Moyer	
Sexton	David Arndt	

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship 9AM  
Sunday School 10:15AM  
[www.dmlcashfield.com](http://www.dmlcashfield.com)  
Zoom ID: 586 370 219

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9AM-2PM

Thursday 9AM-2PM

Friday 9AM-2PM



## 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: 376-540-617

Call in:1-929-205-6099

**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.**

## Our Newest Members



**Charlotte Ivy Miller**



**Briar Elliott Everett**



**Raegan Jade Eck**

**2025 Flower & Bulletin Chart:** The flower and bulletin charts for 2026 are on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs for anyone interested in sponsoring a date. Sign up on the charts or call the office (610)377-4242.

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

# February 2026 Council Highlights

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

- ❖ Approved purchasing the services of One Call Now to communicate with congregation through phone, text, and email.
- ❖ Completed the selection of Noisy Offering designations for 2026.
- ❖ Made plans for the Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 5, 2026.
- ❖ Discussed the need for a female representative for the Hazleton-Lehigh and NEPA Synod Assemblies.
- ❖ Discussed final preparations for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 12, 2026.
- ❖ Suggested to start advertising now for the scholarship fund applications for 2026

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 6:30PM. A reminder to everyone that council meetings are open to all members of Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**Fundraiser:** Dinkey is selling streak free cloths for \$5.00, please see Jan in the office if interested.

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

**Pumpkin Roll & Filling:** There is a limited supply of pumpkin roll and quarts of filling left; first come/ first served . The cost is \$9 each. Please see Linda or Charlie Bierman.

**175th Anniversary:** Help is needed scanning photos and formatting them into a slideshow format for Dinkey's 175th Anniversary Celebration on [April 12](#), 2026. If you are able to help, please contact Pr. Tony at 610-377-4242 or [prdinklc@ptd.net](mailto:prdinklc@ptd.net)

**Spring Bazaar:** St John's will be having their spring bazaar on Friday, March 27, 2026 from 5:00 to 7:30PM and Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM.

**Candy Sale:** St John's is having a candy sale; Order by March 15, 2026; pick up will be March 27, 2026 and March 28, 2026. Make checks payable to St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Order form in the back of church.

**Spring Breakfast:** Yenser's Tree Farm will be having an "All You Can Eat Breakfast" on Sunday March 22, 2026 from 8:00AM to 2:00PM. There will also be flowers and candy for sale along with Crafters/ Artisans selling homemade items.

**Scholarships:** Scholarship applications for anyone attending college or trade school in Fall are needed by May 31, 2026. The scholarship recipients will be announced by end of first week of June and the award certificates will be presented in mid-June. Scholarship applications are on the Dinkey website or in the office for anyone interested .

**First Communion Instruction:** An instruction session for anyone in 1st Grade or higher that is not receiving communion will held on Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 9:00AM-12:00PM at Dinkey Memorial. If you are interested in more information or to register, please contact Pr. Tony at 610-377-4242, 570-386-9960 or prdinklc@ptd.net.



03/02 Sydney Kobal  
03/03 Jonathan Andreas  
03/03 Joseph Flickinger  
03/03 Tyler Manogue  
03/04 Bruce Hawk Jr  
03/04 Miranda Moyer  
03/05 Allison Valentine  
03/08 Catherine Haupt  
03/08 Kay Scherer  
03/08 Karen Wetzell  
03/11 Kylie Cichowicz  
03/11 Zeke Green  
03/11 Patricia Walck  
03/12 Wanda Crostley  
03/12 Carol German  
03/12 Eric Williams  
03/13 Colby Smith  
03/15 Corey Haupt  
03/15 Brian Heiland  
03/15 Logan Hine

03/15 Kathleen Zanders  
03/18 Lisa Roos  
03/19 Joseph Kluk Jr  
03/19 Travis Steigerwalt  
03/20 Madisynn Hawk  
03/22 Melani Bowman  
03/22 Daniel Kobal  
03/23 Eleanor Berger  
03/24 Shay Watkins  
03/25 Cliona Bonser  
03/25 Jaxson Markell  
03/25 Denise Schleicher  
03/26 McKena Everett  
03/27 Kenneth Haupt  
03/27 Laurie Kobal  
03/27 Katelyn Markell  
03/28 Mika Solt  
03/29 Ashley Klass  
03/31 Corey German



Dear Beloved from Dinkey Memorial  
and St. Johns,

Thank you for such a wonderful day  
celebrating the completion of my studies  
for ordained ministry. It was a wonderful  
opportunity to be able to come home,  
pause, and celebrate how God is at  
work in all of our lives!

I would also like to thank you for the  
gift card for supplies I will need. I  
ended up purchasing a garment bag  
(which I quickly realized was a necessity in  
the snow) and a box of socks, which I  
will use during baptisms I will cherish  
these throughout my ministry and will always  
think of you all when I use them.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Marissa DeWitt



Dinke Memorial Lutheran  
PO Box 250  
Ashfield PA 18212

**Family Promise Donation Statement**

12/31/2025

Donation Date	Donation Received	Amount
12/21/2026	Church Donations	100.00

Thank you for your donation to help Family Promise provide  
shelter, basic needs, and support services to single women,  
and to children and their families who are experiencing homelessness.

In 2024, FPCC served 135 individuals - 85 of whom were children.  
Additionally, FPCC served 923 individuals through our  
diversionary / eviction case management programs.

Your support is significant for these critical services  
needed by those at risk of homelessness.

Sincerely,

*Cathy A. Lamm*

Executive Director  
director@familypromisecarboncounty.org

Family Promise of Carbon County is a 501(c)(3) organization under the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.  
Other than intangible benefits, no goods or services were received.



Dinke Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church  
PO Box 250  
Ashfield, PA 18212

January 08, 2026

Dear Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$2,163.13 to VALOR Clinic Foundation on 12/05/2025. Your  
donation will enable us to serve our local Veterans and ensure that they get the support and help they  
need.

VALOR Clinic Foundation provides assistance accessing benefits and shelter to Veterans with limited or  
no access to care. We help find shelter for Veterans who, due to health or means, are unable to find or  
keep shelter of their own and work to provide Post Traumatic Stress (PTSD) resources to Veterans  
through our Veterans Unstoppable program. Our goal is to improve the lives of our Nation's Veterans  
and strive to provide nationwide integrated medical care.

All donations are tax deductible. The VALOR Clinic Foundation is an IRS recognized 501(c)3 Non-  
Profit, EIN 45-4634922. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution.

Thank you again for your deep commitment and support for our Veterans. Our Foundation could not  
exist without the generosity of individuals like you!

Sincerely,

Mark Baylis  
Founder of VALOR Clinic Foundation

Thank You  
THE VETS  
SALUTE YOU!



PEACEFUL KNIGHTS, INC  
"HELPING THE HOMELESS OF CARBON COUNTY SINCE 2007"  
215 N 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Lehighton, PA 18235  
www.PeacefulKnights.org 610-340-4786

**2025 Year end DONATION RECEIPT**

NAME OF DONOR: *Dinke Memorial*  
ADDRESS OF DONOR: *1742 Dinkey Road Lehighton PA 18235*  
EMAIL ADDRESS OF DONOR: *cdinkie6ptd.net*  
TELEPHONE # OF DONOR:  
TYPE OF DONATION: MONETARY  
TOTAL AMOUNT DONATED THROUGH 2025: *\$ 100*

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CARING SUPPORT!**

(We register donations by date of deposit. Donations received in Dec may register the following year)

## **MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM OR ASSOCIATED WITH DINKEY MEMORIAL**

Noah K. Kunkel PSC41 Box 6927 APO AE 09464

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Benjamin Cordova, 9300 Valencia St., Tucson, AZ 85747

Brendan Schleicher 11611 Dyer Street, Apt 1026 El Paso, Texas 79934

Private Seth Koch Sierra Vista, AZ



### **Those in need of prayer:**

Faith Beck  
Family of Holly Bierman  
Sherri Bowman  
Robert Coccio  
Rick D  
Lauren Dugan  
Candy Everett  
Louise Everett  
Frank Fisher  
Ann German

Dick German  
Joseph Gorman  
Madisynn Hawk  
Family of Michele  
Heckman  
Steve Hoffman  
Doug Keller  
Sandy Keller  
Joe Kluk  
Jim Koch

Deb Lilly  
Robert Miller  
Emily Persinger  
Kenny Schleicher  
Tanner Schleicher  
Tom Scott  
Georgine Shupp  
Kathy Steigerwalt  
Patti Walck

### **HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:**

Darwin Berger	Debbie Meckel
Arlene Bisbing	Gordon Scherer
Sheila Flickinger	Alice Scitney
Tess Hinger	Debra Strohl
Linda Markell	

### ***EASTER LILY ORDERS***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Easter Lily's are \$ 9.50. Orders and money can be placed in the offering plate or given to the office by March 22, 2026. Please fill out a form for each plant you would like. Plants can be picked up after service on Easter.



## **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 Linda Bierman at 484-464-3705  
Cards are in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations.

We are still collecting:

Aluminum Tabs

Ink Jet and Toner Cartridges for Recycling

Altar Guild for March: J Koons/ C Van Fossen

Worship Assistants for March:

03/01 A: C Solt/M Spitzer G: Frey L: B Schell CA: Erica Pagotto/ L Schleicher

03/08 A: J Albert G: Wetzel L: B Schleicher

03/15 A: M Bowman G: Bierman L: J Schwartz

03/22 A: A Keller G: Everett L: K Steigerwalt

03/29 A: R Keller/ L Klotz G: Frey L: C Van Fossen CA: J Schwartz/ E Solt

# March 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9AM Worship Lent 2 Communion 10:15 Sunday School	6:00PM Grief Share(SJ)	6:30PM Fundraising Meeting	9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 7PM Service(Ben Salem UCC)	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9AM Worship Lent 3 10:15 Sunday School 12:30PM Confirmation (field trip) 	10:00 Palmer House hymn sing		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 7PM Service (Zion Stone)	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM	Confirmation Retreat through Sunday	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9AM Worship Lent 4 10:15 Sunday School	6:00PM Grief Share(SJ)		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 7PM Service (St Peter's)	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 3:30PM Community Food Pantry 6:30 Council Meeting	Spring Begins 	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9AM Worship Lent 5 10:15 Sunday School Last day to order lilies			9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 7PM Service (Dinkey)	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		
29	30	31				
9AM Worship Palm Sunday Communion 10:15 Sunday School 12:30PM Confirmation (D)						