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NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2026

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

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Reverend Anthony Pagotto	610-377-4242
Church Secretary	Jan Schwartz	610-377-4242
Music Director	Colleen Rudelitsch	
Financial	Kelli DeLuca	
Treasurer	Laura Moyer	
Sexton	David Arndt	

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

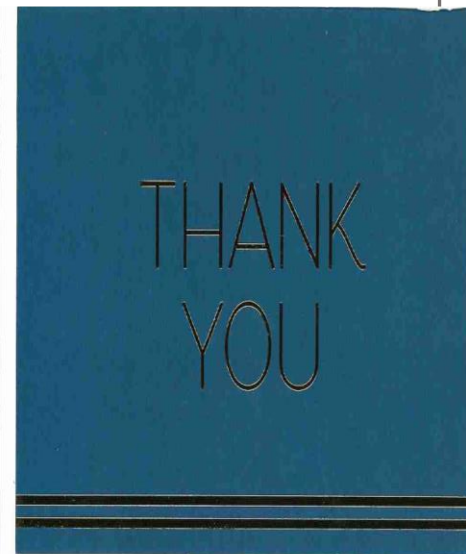
Pastor Tony hosts a Morning Prayer on Zoom every Wednesday Morning at 9AM
<http://zoom.us/j/87911224>
Meeting ID: 187 911 224
Call in: 1-929-205-6099

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



Sunday School Kickoff at Yenser's Tree Farm



"Members of St. John's and Dinkey enjoyed the annual Sunday School Rally Day kick off on September 24th. Much thanks to Yenser's tree farm for hosting us!

We enjoyed a picnic supper, hay ride and tackled the corn maze.'

Dear Dinkey,
Thank you very much for the scholarship. I am enjoying college greatly! Your gift is helping me be there.

Sincerely,
Elijah Pagotto

Dear Dinkey Council,

Thank you very much for the Scholarship money. Anything that help reduce my student debt is greatly appreciated

Sincerely,
Ayden Hand

September 2026 Council Highlights

The following actions occurred and reports were shared at the September 23, 2026, council meeting:

- ❖ Received thank you notes from Ayden Hand and Elijah Pagotto for scholarships.
- ❖ Received the proposed 2027 budget for review.
- ❖ Approved splitting the cost for the purchase of turkeys for the free Thanksgiving meal with St. John's, Mahoning.
- ❖ Additional microphones have been installed by ESG.
- ❖ Scheduled the congregation meeting for Sunday, November 15, 2026 following morning worship. The budget for 2027 needs to be approved and council member elections held.
- ❖ Approved the use of the social hall by the East Penn Township Volunteer Fire Company for their Christmas party.
- ❖ Approved the use of the church parking lot by the Palmerton Preschool for a Trunk-or-treat gathering.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 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 (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.

Harvest Home: Dinkey will be having Harvest Home worship on October 11, 2026. Please bring food items to help with our Community Food Pantry.

Donut Sale: St John's will be having a donut sale. Order by October 18, 2026



10/01 Faith Beck
10/01 Sherri Hand
10/01 Courtney Schleicher
10/02 Courtney Kunkel
10/03 Michele Brown
10/04 Casey Dugan
10/05 Ashley Hawk
10/05 Brandon Solt
10/05 Michael Zanders
10/06 Pamela Leiby
10/07 Jeanine Graham
10/08 Abigail Christman
10/08 Paige Steigerwalt
10/09 Colton Coleman
10/11 Dawn Schleicher
10/13 Katie Eckhart
10/13 Albany Leinthall
10/13 Heavyn Pysher
10/13 Sundra Sherwin
10/14 Jordyn Albert
10/14 Daniel Oswald Jr
10/15 Rodney Borger
10/15 Ashleigh Miller
10/15 Alice Riley
10/17 Maggie Bowman
10/17 Bill Johnson
10/17 Brad Kuehn
10/18 Ronald Miller

10/18 Daryl Walbert
10/19 Evan Fardella
10/19 Jordon Graver
10/19 Harper Lower
10/19 Armell McFarland
10/20 Dallas Biegley
10/20 Kendall Bonser
10/20 Nora Bonser
10/20 Sherri Bowman
10/20 Toni Leiby
10/21 Darrin Arndt
10/21 Michael Bowman
10/21 Luella Ware
10/24 Emerick McArdle
10/24 Joan Reinheimer
10/25 Lori Barron
10/25 Reese Freundt
10/25 Aubrey Watts
10/26 Adalynn Curran
10/26 Anthony LeBlanc Jr
10/26 Wesley Mertz
10/26 Patricia Schleicher
10/27 Michael Bowman
10/29 Robert Janco
10/30 Joan Flickinger
10/31 Richard Kirkendall
10/31 Evelyn Klotz
10/31 George Wilk



10/01 Christopher & Amanda Biehl (15)
10/02 Terry & Kimberly Blose (11)
10/03 Richard & Kelli DeLuca (34)
10/10 George & Denise Schleicher (39)
10/13 Eugene & Susan Tertel (8)

10/16 James & Jamie Albert (22)
10/17 Scott & Pamela Berger (28)
10/20 Michael & Kathleen Zanders (47)
10/22 Justin & Kristin Markell (21)
10/25 Carl & Patricia Schleicher (74)

DINKEY CAR SHOW



We had 42 cars registered for the car show!
Great job everyone who came to help.

Events to make note of



Donut Sale

Thursday, November 5

Please order by Sunday, October 18

Call/Text/Email Anne Yenser 570-390-9108 or anneyens@ptd.net

Name _____ Phone # _____

_____ (1) Persian X \$2.50	\$ _____
_____ (2) Iced Long Johns X \$5.00	\$ _____
_____ (2) Coconut Long Johns X \$5.50	\$ _____
_____ (6) Cider Donuts X \$8.00	\$ _____
	Total \$ _____

Pick up

_____ Wed. 3:30-5 PM _____ Thurs. 9-10 AM



The Pastor & The Hopeful Deacon

Pastor Tony Pagotto & Kimberly Gerhard

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Technical Advising by Dakota Trach

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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/lehighontpa

888-CWS-CROP • CROPHUNGERWALK.ORG



Donate or sign up for your walk today!

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

EAST PENN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Volunteer

Hosting a Kauffman's CHICKEN BBQ

PICK UP OCTOBER 28
3:30PM TO 6:30PM
AT 403 BLUE MOUNTAIN RD
LEHIGH, PA 18235

ALL PRE ORDERS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 20TH

\$15 FOR A 1/2 CHICKEN, BAKED POTATO, DINNER ROLL, AND A DRINK

PAY BY SQUARE

ORDER IN PERSON WITH CASH AT THE STATION EVERY MONDAY NIGHT AT 6:30PM

Thank you for supporting your local VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

PIC-COLLAGES

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.

Oct. 14th & Nov. 11th
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

2026

Free Thanksgiving Meal

Pre-registration Required

Five sister churches: Zion Stone West Penn, St Peter's West Penn, St John's Mahoning, Dinkey Memorial Ashfield, and Ben Salem UCC Andreas are sponsoring a free Thanksgiving meal on Saturday, November 21, 2026. This will be a drive-thru pick up at Ben Salem UCC at 1965 Church Hill Road · Lehigh, PA 18235 · from 1pm to 3pm.

Registration
You must pre-register to receive your free meal by calling Nancy Meiser at 570-205-9267, Monday - Friday, 9am-4pm.
Registration begins November 2nd - November 16th.
If Nancy is unable to answer your call, please leave your name, phone number and number of meals you are requesting.
Limited number of meals available.



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
Deb Lilly
Armell McFarland
Robert Miller
Emily Persinger

Barry Ruth
Karen Schleicher
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 October: C Van Fossen

Worship Assistants for October:

10/04 A: E Klotz/ L Klotz G: Bierman L: B Schell CA: K Frankhouser/K Steigerwalt

10/11 A: J Markell G: Everett L: B Schleicher

10/18 A: L Riley G: Frey L: J Schwartz

10/25 A: B Schleicher/ B Schleicher G: Wetzel L: K Steigerwalt CA: J Koons/Elijah Pagotto

October 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Pastor on vacation through October 5th		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9AM Worship Pentecost 19 Communion 10:15 Sunday School	6:00PM Grief Share(SJ)		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		11AM Blessing of the Animals
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9AM Worship Pentecost 20 Harvest Home 10:15 Sunday School 2PM Crop Walk	10:00 Palmer House hymn sing 		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 6PM Fermenting our Faith-Beacon	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 3:30PM Community Food Pantry		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9AM Worship Pentecost 21 Healing Worship 10:15 Sunday School	6:00PM Grief Share(SJ)		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 6:30PM Council Meeting	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9AM Worship Reformation Sunday Communion 10:15 Sunday School	6PM Ladies Aid		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		