



APRIL

## NEWSLETTER

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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

### 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



## 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

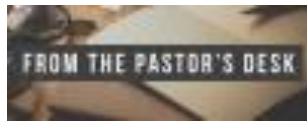
Pastor Tony hosts a Bible Study on Zoom  
Every Thursday morning at 9:30AM

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

Meeting ID: 586 370 219

Call in:1-929-205-6099

**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.**



## Hunger

As I sit at my desk at Dinkey writing this article, I am hungry. It's lunchtime but I have no lunch with me. I'll need to go home and grab something after finishing this article. There are some pretzels to hold me over, but nothing substantial.

At St. John's there are always lots of candy bars around (Thanks, Robby!). The problem is that I gave up eating those candy bars for Lent. Actually, not just those candy bars but all candy bars. I did the same thing last year during Lent because I get in the habit of grabbing one, or three, every time I walk by the jar. It's not the healthiest choice, so I'm just trying to get in the habit of making better decisions about the food I eat. That doesn't mean I've been perfect this Lent.

At the last midweek Lenten worship I stood over the dessert table eyeing the many goodies on the table. The tandy cakes look especially good! Two others were standing there with me, so asked them if the tandy cakes counted as a candy bar. "Well, the chocolate is from melted Hershey bars," said one those people there. The other looked right at me and said, "No, you can't have them," when I explained my Lenten dilemma. She was right.

Unfortunately, I had already partaken of some tandy cakes during one of the previous midweek services without even thinking about it. It was completely unintentional. Did that momentary lack of focus ruin my entire Lenten journey? I don't think so. The purpose for the disciplines of Lent (fasting, prayer, almsgiving) is to engrain in us something deep and more meaningful – a strengthened relationship with God and the people around us.

My hunger at this moment could lead me to make a hasty choice of grabbing a candy bar. Not necessarily the end of the world. Whereas my hunger for a sense of security or accomplishment could lead me to surround myself with things that help me feel better in the moment but only really scrape the surface of what is truly important and leave me hungering for more. That level of hunger can only be satisfied by God's love and grace.

Where does your Lenten journey stand? Have you been diligent in your Lenten disciplines? Have there been moments of weakness or lack of focus? Perfect execution of the disciplines is not the goal, so please don't beat yourself up if you have not fulfilled everything perfectly. God knows your heart. I pray your Lenten journey has been an opportunity for your faith to be deepened and your trust in God to be strengthened. That will be something to celebrate on Easter morning.

Your servant in Christ,  
Pr. Tony

*The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.*

*(Psalm 34:10)*

# March 2026 Council Highlights

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

- ❖ Finalized Easter breakfast preparations.
- ❖ Set the hard deadline for 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary RSVPs for Sunday, March 22, 2025.
- ❖ Preparations have been made for the midweek Lenten worship on Wednesday, March 25, 2026.
- ❖ The church window repairs will begin in April 2026.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 6:30PM. A reminder to everyone that council meetings are open to all members of Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to Sheldon & Matthew (Schleicher) Page on the birth of their child, Rhys on February 9, 2026 and to Kelsey & Max (Andrews)McCandless on the birth of their child, Charlotte on March 22, 2026.

**Celebration:** Let us celebrate with Madison DeLuca who has received her first call to Little Zion Lutheran Church in Telford, PA. . She will have her Ordination & Installation on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Little Zion. All are welcome to attend.

**FYI:** The meeting ID # for Thursday Bible Study has been changed to the service ID # 586 370 219.

**Krispy Kreme:** Dinkey is selling Krispy Kreme donuts; \$12 per dozen for glazed; \$12 per ½ dozen for Chocolate Iced, Raspberry Filled or Cream Filled; order sheet on back window or call Karen Schleicher at (610)390-1125. Orders due by April 5, 2026; pick up on April 16, 2026 from 3 to 6 PM.

**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.

**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.

**Spring Clean Up:** On Saturday, April 11 at 8:00AM, Dinkey will be having its annual Spring Clean Up Day. Please come out and join us as we get the property ready for our 175th Anniversary Celebration to be held the following day.

**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 .

**Basket Raffle and Bake Sale:** Dinkey's Basket Raffle and Bake Sale will be held on May 15, 2026 from 4 to 7 PM and May 16, 2026 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Donations of gift baskets or gift cards are greatly appreciated. Please see Karen Schleicher.



04/01 Chase Oswald  
04/01 Adrianna Perez  
04/02 Scott Bierman  
04/02 Lori Bowman  
04/02 Dan Schleicher  
04/02 Talulah Seltzer  
04/03 Madalin Smale  
04/05 Candy Everett  
04/06 Athena Bernardo  
04/06 Barbara Janco  
04/06 Chloe Moyer  
04/07 Catherine Miller  
04/08 Jude Pepper  
04/08 Joan Vayda  
04/09 Deborah Koch  
04/11 Darwin Berger  
04/11 Sabrina Wetzel  
04/14 Jace Graver  
04/15 Donna Johnson

04/19 Dillon Schleicher  
04/19 Carol Steber  
04/20 Courtney Berry  
04/20 Christopher Biehl  
04/20 Deanna Cunfer  
04/22 Zachary Buck  
04/22 Theresa Hinger  
04/23 Brian Schell  
04/24 Maddyx Bergdahl  
04/24 Madyson Bergdahl  
04/24 Jan Schwartz  
04/26 Lindsey Green  
04/26 Ann Watkins  
04/27 Ervin Haupt Jr  
04/29 Leandra Kenny  
04/29 Ella Pepper  
04/29 Denise Rhyder



04/01 Michael & Patricia Hudson (21)  
04/01 Jason & Lisa Wetzel (31)  
04/07 Stanley & Cindy Cordova (36)  
04/15 Kurt & Kathryn Steigerwalt (48)

04/16 Gordon & Kay Scherer Jr (66)  
04/25 David & Elizabeth Arndt (44)  
04/26 Evan & Echo Fardella (2)  
04/26 Cory & Donna Miller (18)  
04/29 Eric & Holli Solt (16)



## EVENTS TO MAKE NOTE OF

### *Basket Raffle & Bake Sale*



**Dinkey Memorial Evangelical  
Lutheran Church**

*1742 Dinkey Road, Ashfield, PA*

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - 4pm - 7pm  
Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - 9am - 2pm**

- A sheet of 25 raffle tickets will be \$5.00 or purchase 5 sheets for \$20.00
- You need not be present to win, ALL winners will be notified
- We will also have the kitchen open for food sales
- Proceeds to benefit church repairs
- 10% of proceeds to be donated to the East Penn Township Fire Company



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Dinkey Memorial is also selling Rita's gift cards for \$5. Please call Karen Schleicher (610)390-1125 to purchase.



### **FERMENTING OUR FAITH**

Join us as we gather to explore faith together in a relaxed format.

*Share your questions, ponderings, and even doubts.*

**APRIL 22 • 6:00 PM**

Beacon 443 Diner  
35 Blakeslee Blvd Dr E  
Lehighton PA 18235

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

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

### **2026 Easter Schedule**

**Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026**  
7:00PM at Ben Salem UCC

**Good Friday, April 3, 2026**  
7:00PM at St. John's, Mahoning

**Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026**  
6:30AM Sunrise worship in Dinkey Memorial Cemetery  
7:00AM Breakfast at Dinkey Memorial LC  
9:00AM Worship at Dinkey Memorial LC  
10:15AM Easter Egg Hunt in Dinkey Memorial Cemetery  
11:00AM Worship at St. John's LC, Mahoning

***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  
Sherri Bowman  
Robert Coccio  
Rick D  
Lauren Dugan  
Candy Everett  
Louise Everett  
Frank Fisher

Ann German  
Dick German  
Joseph Gorman  
Madisynn Hawk  
Steve Hoffman  
Sandy Keller  
Joe Kluk  
Deb Lilly

Armell McFarland  
Robert Miller  
Emily Persinger  
Kenny Schleicher  
Tanner Schleicher  
Georgine Shupp  
Carol Steigerwalt  
Kathy Steigerwalt  
Patti Walck

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:**

Darwin Berger  
Arlene Bisbing  
Sheila Flickinger  
Tess Hinger  
Linda Markell

Debbie Meckel  
Gordon Scherer  
Alice Scitney  
Debra Strohl

## **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 April: C Steber/ J Schwartz

Worship Assistants for April:

04/05 A: J Markell/B Schleicher G: Wetzel L: K Wetzel CA: C Steber/ K Steigerwalt

04/12 A: C Solt/ J Markell G: Bierman L: TBD CA: TBD

04/19 A: D Spitzer G: Everett L: L German

04/26 A: M Spitzer G: Frey L: J Koch

# April 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 6:30PM Service (Ben Salem UCC)	7PM Service (St John's)	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
6:30 Sunrise Worship 7AM Breakfast 9AM Worship Easter Communion 10:15 Egg Hunt 	6:00PM Grief Share(SJ)		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		8AM Spring Clean up
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10AM Worship Easter 2 Communion 175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	10:00 Palmer House hymn sing	3:30PM Community Food Pantry	9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 6:30PM Council Meeting 6:30PM Confirmation (D) at Council Mtg	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 3-6PM Krispy Kreme pick up		Pastor off through 4/21
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9AM Worship Easter 3 10:15 Sunday School	6:00PM Grief Share(SJ)		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		
26	27	28	29	30		
9AM Worship Easter 4 10:15 Sunday School 12:30PM Confirmation (D)		6PM Ladies Aid	9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 6:30PM Dinner & Discussion(SJ)		