



# MARCH

## NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2025

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
Music Director	Bridgette Gorman	
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

### 2025 Church Council

Rev. Anthony Pagotto  
Charles Bierman  
Kian Bowman  
Rich DeLuca  
Jay Frey  
Scott Klotz  
Laura Moyer  
Karen Schleicher  
Kenny Schleicher  
Todd Schleicher  
Trell Schleicher  
Daniel 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: 376-540-617

Call in: 1-929-205-6099

#### LEHIGHTON AREA MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Lehighton Area Memorial Library  
124 North St  
Lehighton, PA 18235

610-377-2750  
lib@lehightonpa.org  
lehightonlibrary.com

January 20, 2025

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

Dear Friends,

I am writing on behalf of the staff and Board of Trustees of the Lehighton Area Memorial Library to thank you for your very generous donation of \$100.00. It is greatly appreciated!

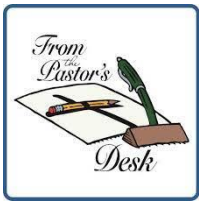
In 2024 we received grants for early childhood programming and to expand our children's collection. Thanks to these funds, in 2025 we will add new programs such as Preschool Sensory Play, keep expanding our STEM programs, and continue our literacy programs including the popular Baby & Toddler Time. We also offer programs for adults to meet their educational, recreational, and social needs. These include book discussion groups, cooking and crafting programs, and yoga classes.

All of our programs are free and available to everyone. This is made possible through the assistance of grants and the support of our community.

Without contributions like yours, we would not be able to provide these vital programs and services. Thank you so much for supporting our work!

Sincerely,

Melissa E. Hawk  
Library Director



## Prayer

I woke up this morning and my mind was racing about everything I needed to accomplish. I hurriedly got myself dressed and went to the kitchen to get breakfast. As I picked up my bowl of cereal and glass of orange juice and turned to go to the table to eat, I paused and considered turning on the computer to do some work as I ate. Fortunately, I stopped myself and thought, "The most important thing I can do right now is pray." So, I sat at the dining room table and listened to a morning prayer podcast rather than jump right into my work.

When I am anxious and feel the need to plow through the day accomplishing as much as possible, that is when I most need to stop and pray for God's patience, wisdom, and guidance. The issues I deal with never seem as daunting when I take the time to stop and pray. After prayer, I am then able to put things into perspective and do what I can do within my own abilities. When I don't stop to pray, I try to be Superman and accomplish everything at once, getting myself into trouble.

We are about to enter into our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday on March 5, and one of the disciplines of Lent is prayer. I invite you to the opportunity to delve deeper into your prayer life this Lent. Take time to pray each day, in fact, multiple times a day. It could be something formal like a morning or evening prayer service. It could be something as simple as a quick prayer before taking a phone call you know will be difficult. No matter the circumstances, prayer can do nothing but help us in every situation.

I also invite you to participate in the opportunities for communal worship and prayer. Each Wednesday evening throughout Lent, along with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, we will be joining local congregations for worship and fellowship. Please check the Lenten worship schedule included in this newsletter and make time to participate with us in these opportunities deepen our faith and prayer life.

May the Spirit of God accompany you and inspire you this Lenten season.

Your servant in Christ,

*Pr. Tony*



George & Eleanor Szacska (69)

Harold & Joan Reinheimer (71)

Gary & Kim Schleicher (46)

Terry & Gail Christman (50)



03/02 Sydney Kobal  
03/03 Jonathan Andreas  
03/03 Joseph Flickinger  
03/03 Tyler Manogue  
03/04 Bruce Hawk  
03/04 Miranda Moyer  
03/05 Allison Valentine  
03/08 Catherine Haupt  
03/08 Kay Scherer  
03/08 Karen Wetzel  
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

## February 2025 Council Highlights

The following actions occurred and reports were shared at the February 19, 2025 council meeting:

- ❖ Cancelled the Right Now Media subscription.
- ❖ Set the installation of the new and re-elected council members for Sunday, February 23, 2025.
- ❖ Started planning for the Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 20, 2025.
- ❖ Signatures for Thrivent Scholarship Fund are being updated.
- ❖ Decision made to not lock sanctuary doors during worship.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 6:30PM. A reminder to everyone that council meetings are open to all members of Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**Financial Reports:** Financial reports are available upon request from the church office.

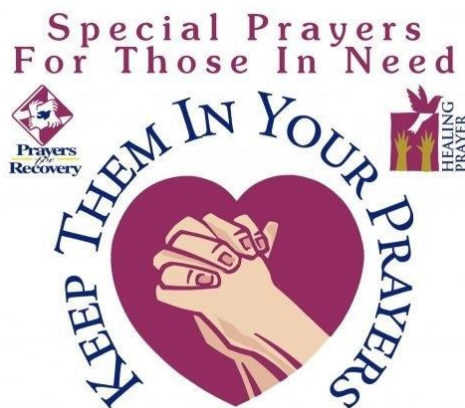
**Anniversary Celebration:** In 2026 Dinkey Memorial will be celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the congregation in 1851. A team is being formed to coordinate the celebration and we are looking for people interested in sharing the history of the congregation and having some fun while doing so. If you are interested, please speak with Pr. Tony for more information.

**2025 Flower & Bulletin Chart:** The flower and bulletin charts for 2025 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.

**Altar Guild:** We are in need of people willing to help with the altar guild. Responsibilities include setting up and cleaning up communion, refilling candles, updating the hymn boards, and changing paraments. Our goal is to form altar guild teams that will rotate on a monthly basis. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pr. Tony (610-377-4242 or [prdinklc@ptd.net](mailto:prdinklc@ptd.net)).

**Vacation Bible School:** The time is now for us to plan VBS for Summer 2025, however, we are in need of help. If you are able to help in any way with coordinating, teaching, assisting in the classroom, planning snacks or games, or teaching music, please speak with Pr. Tony. Let's make this VBS another wonderful experience for our children!

**Donut Sale:** Pick up of donuts at St John's is March 4, 2025 from 9:00 – 10:00 AM.



Those in need of prayer:

Eli Bowland  
Steve Bowman  
Willard Doll  
Lauren Dugan  
Candy Everett  
Dianne Gerber

Joseph Gorman  
Sonny Hack  
Steve Hoffman  
Doug Keller  
Joe Kluk  
Deb Lilly  
Kenny Schleicher

Lukas Schleicher  
Todd Schleicher  
Madalin Smale  
Patti Walck  
Sandy Walter  
Betty Weber

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:**

Tess Hinger  
 Ruth Keck  
 Debbie Meckel

Alice Scitney  
 Gordon Scherer  
 Debbie Strohl

**Events to make note of**

**2025 Lent and Easter Schedule**

**Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

2:00PM at Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church  
 1742 Dinkey Road, Lehighnton, PA 18235  
 7:00PM at Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church  
 1742 Dinkey Road, Lehighnton, PA 18235



**Midweek Lenten Worship at 7:00PM on the following dates:**

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at  
 St. John's Lutheran Church, 826 Mahoning Drive West, Lehighnton  
 Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at  
 St. Peter's Church, 184 St. Peter's Road, Tamaqua, PA 18252  
 Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at  
 Zion Stone Church, 45 Cemetery Road, New Ringgold, PA 17960  
 Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at  
 Ben Salem UCC, 1965 Church Hill Road, Lehighnton, PA 18235  
 Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at  
 Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church, 1825 Dinkey Road, Lehighnton

**Spring Bazaar at St. John's LC, Mahoning**

Friday, April 11, 2025, 5:00 – 8:00PM  
 Saturday, April 12, 2025, 8:00AM – 2:00PM  
 Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday at 11:00AM

**Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025**

7:00PM at St. Peter's Church, Tamaqua

**Good Friday, April 18, 2025**

7:00PM at Ben Salem UCC, Lehighnton

**Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**

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  
 10:45AM Worship at St. John's LC, Mahoning



**BEN SALEM UCC**  
 1965 Church Hill Road, Lehighnton

**Spring Bazaar**

**Saturday, April 5, 2025 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**Also Open.....**

**Friday, April 4, 2025 from 5:00 – 7:30PM**

- Large Items Raffle
- Basket Raffle (100+ Items and Gift Cards!)
- Food & Bake Sale
- Quilt Raffle, Knotted Blankets & Homemade Crafts
- Homemade Easter Candy

5% of the profits will be Trinity Food Bank  
 5% of the profits will be New England Fire Co.

**Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 5 at 11:00AM**

At Old Social Hall 1749 Church Hill Rd.

Questions, please contact Nancy Smith at 570-778-0839



**SPRING BAZAAR**

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL  
 LUTHERAN CHURCH



826 Mahoning Drive W.  
 Lehighnton, PA 18235

*Friday April 11*  
 5 - 7:30 PM

*Saturday, April 12*  
 9 AM-2 PM

**We will donate  
 10% of our profit to  
 PA Wounded Warriors**

- Basket Raffle
- Easter Candy
- Pans of Filling
- Bake Sale
- Wide Variety of Food



FREE EGG HUNT • 11 AM • Up to Age 12

**We are in need of volunteers as greeters/ushers, lectors, communion assistants and alter guild. Please let the office know if you are willing to volunteer.**

## **SPONSOR OUR NEEDS**

Flowers	\$25.00
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

Worship Assistants for February

03/02 A: J Markell/ M Bowman G: Everett L: B Kuehn CA: C Steber/ K Steigerwalt

03/09 A: C Oswald G: Frey L: L German

03/16 A: B Schleicher G: Wetzell L: J Koch

03/23 A: C Solt G: Bierman L: N Oswald

03/30 A: M Spitzer G: Everett L: Elijah Pagotto

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9AM Worship Transfiguration of Our Lord Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 12:30 Confirmation(SJ)	6:00PM Grief Share (SJ)		 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 2PM Worship 7PM Worship	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 6:30PM Choir 7:30PM Chime Choir		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9AM Worship 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent 10:15AM Sunday School 	10AM Palmer House Hymn Sing		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 7PM Worship (St John's Mahoning)	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 6:30PM Choir 7:30PM Chime Choir		
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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