

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024

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Pastor Reverend Anthony Pagotto
Church Secretary Jan Schwartz
Music Director Bridgette Gorman
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Treasurer Laura Moyer
Sexton David Arndt

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship 9AM
__Sunday School 10:15AM
www.dmlcashfield.com
Zoom ID: 586 370 219

2024 Church Council

Rev. Anthony Pagotto

Charles Bierman
Linda Bierman
Rich DeLuca
Jay Frey
Laura Moyer
Brian Schell
Karen Schleicher
Kenny Schleicher
Todd Schleicher
Trell Schleicher
Daniel 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/i/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.ux/i/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.



God's Bubble Wrap

On Friday, June 7, I'll be taking Elijah for his driving permit test. My "little" boy is preparing to drive a car! I don't understand how this can be when just the other week I was tying his shoes and walking him to the bus stop – at least it feels like just the other week.

Watching our children grow and become more independent is a mixed bag. It's a blessing to see them become their own person, make their own decisions, and grow as an individual. On the other hand, it's difficult to let them become their own person, make their own decisions, and grow as an individual because I want to be there walking with them and protecting them as I have been throughout their life to this point. I love my children and want to protect them from everything, but the fact of the matter is that I can't. No matter how much bubble wrap I use or how closely I hover over them, they will get hurt. I can only be there to love them and support them when they need it.

We just recently celebrated Pentecost Sunday, the day when the apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit. It was also the day that five of our young people affirmed their baptism and became in adults, in the eyes of the church. They can now take on leadership roles and serve on council. Ask their parents, and they probably view their children differently, but that stepping out and up in the church is important, and the gift of Spirit is vital.

I can't imagine what it must be like for God. I only have two children to worry about, whereas, God has all of us. In God's infinite wisdom and power, God has given us the gift of the Spirit, knowing that we would need some encouragement, love, and support along the way. God may give us space to make choices but we're also surrounded with something else – the Holy Spirit, God's bubble wrap. However, just like bubble wrap, the Spirit doesn't make us impervious to getting hurt, but it does help us avoid some injuries. When our hearts are open to direction of the Spirit, it moves us where we need to be, helps us do the things we need to do, and be the people God intended us to be.

I may not be able to be there with Elijah every time he gets behind a wheel, but I do know that the Spirit will be with him. It doesn't make it easier to let go and let him be his own person, but it helps. My only request is that God uses a few extra layers of the special bubble wrap, just to be sure.

Yours in Christ,

Pr. Tony

How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! (Matthew 23:37b)



06/01 Rylee Keller	06/13 Alecia Miller
06/01 Tracy Kenion	06/16 Eric Bierman
06/02 Lee Green	06/16 Lisa Kercsmar
06/05 Charles Bierman	06/18 Jagur Lynn
06/05 Brent Mertz	06/20 Darcy Leiby
06/06 Arden Kenny	06/20 Justin Markell
06/06 Elijah Pagotto	06/20 Mason Spitzer
06/08 Bryanna Berger	06/23 Tanner May
06/08 Gordon Scherer Jr	06/23 William McMichael
06/09 Violetta Mertz	06/24 Charles Riley
06/10 Olivia Freundt	06/24 Judy Sist
06/10 Larkin Klotz	06/26 Christine Miller
06/10 Kristin Markell	06/27 Donna Miller
06/11 Brittany Haupt	06/28 Jocelyn Plocinik
06/11 Diane Urbon	06/28 James Scherer
06/12 Mackenzie DeLuca	06/29 Ernest Daubenspeck
06/12 Madison DeLuca	06/29 Genna Wetzel
06/12 Brycen Kunkel	06/29 Lisa Wetzel
06/13 Lily Fredericks	06/30 Gabrielle Christman



06/03 Scott & Melissa Bierman (18)
06/05 Shawn & Debra Lilly (25)
06/07 David & Athena Frey (21)
06/11 Shaun & Rachael Goodhile (19)
06/14 Thomas & Faith Beck (66)
06/14 Jason & Courtney Schleicher (16)

06/15 Jason & Sherri Hand (22)
06/15 Robert & Barbara Janco (5)
06/15 David Raab & Kelly Heiland (23)
06/22 David & Carol Burrell (28)
06/24 Adam & Jackie Howard (24)
06/26 Daniel & Nora Oswald (20)
06/27 Troy & Sharon Kidd (16)

My apology to Steve and Joan Vayda for missing their anniversary on May 25, 2024; married 56 years!

<u>FYI</u>: We have changed our mailing address from P O Box 250, Ashfield, PA 18212 to 1742 Dinkey Road, Lehighton, PA 18235. Please begin to use the new address for any church correspondence.



Those in need of prayer:

Eli Bowland	St
Lauren Dugan	Jo
Candy Everett	De
Edward Finney	Ro
Bridgette Gorman	Ch
Pinky Green	Go

Steve Hoffman	Kenny Schleicher
Joe Kluk	Lukas Schleicher
Deb Lilly	Madalin Smale
Robert Miller	Sherry Smith
Charles Riley	Patti Walck
Gordon Scherer	Karen Wetzel

HOMEBOUND MEMEBERS:

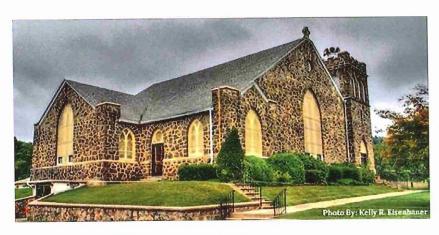
Pinky Green Ruth Keck
Tess Hinger Debbie Meckel
Peter Innervickler Debbie Strohl

<u>Anniversary Celebration</u>: In 2026 Dinkey Memorial will be celebrating the 175th 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.

Upcoming Events to make note of



<u>Vacation Bible School</u> is June 17- June 19, 2024 from 6:00-8:30PM. Ages 3 and up are welcome. Join us for a "Stellar" time.



Car Show



at

Dinkey Memorial Church in Ashfield, PA August 10, 2024

(Rain Date August 17)

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm.

Trophies
Raffles



50/50 Drawings

Food

Donations Accepted.



Strawberry Social



Bake Sale



Basket Raffle



Ben Salem U.C.C.

1965 Church Hill Road Lehighton (near Andreas)

Sunday, June 9

11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.





Music by Lost & Found

For directions visit www.bensalemucc.com
Visit us on Facebook

Quilt Raffle

May 2024 Council Highlights

The following actions occurred and reports where shared at the May 15, 2024 council meeting:

- Reviewed the Spring Clean Up.
- ❖ Information is being gathered about replacing the stain glass window covers.
- There are chimes that need to be repaired. Quotes are being collected.
- CPR training will be offered in August.
- Appointed Rich DeLuca and Madison DeLuca as congregation reps for the NEPA Synod Assembly.
- ❖ VBS will be held June 17-19, 2024. Outdoor worship will be June 16, July 21, and August 18, 2024.
- A mailbox has been installed in front of the church and the post office box will no longer be used. The address is 1742 Dinkey Road, Lehighton, PA 18235.
- Council decided that church doors will now be locked during worship services on Sunday mornings. Signs will be posted directing people to the ramp doors of the bell tower after worship has started so ushers can let them in.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 6:30PM. A reminder to everyone that council meetings are open to all members of Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church.



Graduates: If you know of someone that is graduating in the next few weeks, please let the office know. We will have Graduate Recognition Day on June 16th.

Scholarship Fund: Scholarship application for anyone attending college or trade school in Fall are needed by June 30, 2024. The scholarship recipients will be announced in mid July and the award certificates will be presented on July 28, 2024. Scholarship applications are on the Dinkey website for anyone interested.



The following young people affirmed their baptism on May 19,2024; Alexis Kimberly Keller, Addisyn Jewel Kirkendall, Molly Mae Kluk, Chase Jensen Oswald and Claudia Marqueen Pagotto. God's blessings on them.

DINKEY MEMORIAL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

2024 INFORMATION UPDATE

Please help us update our files. Return to the church office or mail to: Dinkey Memorial Church, 1742 Dinkey Road, Lehighton, PA 18235

Please Print Clearly

Name:			
Spouse:			
Children at home:			
Address:			
PHONE NUMBERS:			
Cell #		for	
Cell #		for	
Landline			
EMAIL ADDRESSES			
Name	email		
Name	email		

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 and \$50 denominations.

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We are still collecting:

Aluminum Tabs

Ink Jet and Toner Cartridges for Recycling

Worship Assistants for June:

06/02 A: J Kirkendall/ M Kluk G: Wetzel L: B Kuehn CA: C Steber/K

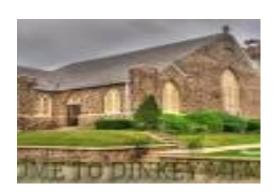
Steigerwalt

06/09 A: L Klotz G: Bierman L: J Koch 06/16 A: None needed G: Everett L: N Oswald 06/23 A: J Markell G: Frey L: T Schleicher 06/30 A: C Oswald G: Hack L: J Schwartz

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 AM Worship Penecost 2	6:30PM Grief Share AT(SJ)	4	9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	6 9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM	7	8
9 9 AM Worship Pentecost 3	10	11 10:00AM Palmer House Hymn Sing	9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM	14 Flag Day	15
9 AM Worship Pentecost 4 Outdoor Svc Father's Day	6:00PM VBS 6:30PM Grief Share AT(SJ)	18 6:00PM VBS	9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 6:00PM VBS	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 3:30PM Community Food Pantry 6:30PM Council	21	22
23 9 AM Worship Pentecost 5	24	25	26	27	28	29
9 AM Worship						
Pentecost 6						