



# DECEMBER

## NEWSLETTER 2023

Dinke Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1742 Dinkey Road  
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### CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Reverend Anthony Pagotto	610-377-4242
Church Secretary	Sherry Smith	610-377-4242
Music Director	Bridgette Gorman	
Financial	Kelli DeLuca	
Sexton	David Arndt	

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship 9AM  
Sunday School 10:15AM

### 2023 Church Council

Rev. Anthony Pagotto  
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

Tuesday 2PM-4PM

Wednesday 10AM-4PM

Thursday 10AM-3PM

## 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

### 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

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS MEMBERS 70 AND OVER

12/4 DENNIS CUNFER

12/13 LINDA ARNDT

12/17 THOMAS STEIGERWALT

12/20 ALICE SCITNEY

12/22 WILLARD DOLL

12/22 DEBRA LILLY

12/24 ARLENE BISBING

12/31 EARL HEILAND



**Community Cupboard is held the third  
Thursday of every month from 3:30-5PM.  
If you know someone in need please contact  
Pastor Tony.**





### Those in need of prayer:

Ernie Frack	Ruth Keck
Makayla Becker	Lukas Schleicher
Dennis Cuzzo	Kenny Schleicher
Lauren Dugan	Patti Walck
Alan Gaugler	Terry Fritz
Robert Miller	Stephen Sauchinitz
Healing prayers for a sick friend	

HOMEBOUND MEMEBERS: Tess Hinger   Debbie Meckel   Debbie Strohl

Praise and Celebration Choir will meet on Thursday evenings from 7-8Pm to Practice.



## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

**12/3 STEPHEN & LORI BOWMAN (26)**

**12/10 STEVEN & EILEEN MILER (40)**

**12/22 RONALD & DEBRA MILLER (43)**

**16/26 BRIAN & SHARON SCHELL (42)**



**Worship & Music:** On Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7:00PM Pr. Tony is inviting anyone interested in learning more about worship liturgy, setting, and leadership to join him for an information session in the lounge. We'll discuss what all goes into planning, preparing, and leading worship, and then explore different ways congregation members can be a part of the process. Please contact Pr. Tony at 610-377-4242 or [prdinklc@ptd.net](mailto:prdinklc@ptd.net) if you have any questions or want to know more.

## **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 Sherry 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 570-250-6539  
Cards are in- \$25 and \$50 denominations

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We are still collecting:

Aluminum Tabs

Ink Jet and Tone Cartridges for Recycling

Worship Assistants for December

12/3	A: J Markell/C Oswald	G:Hack	L: J Schwartz	CA: C Steber/K Steigerwalt
12/10	A: C Pagotto	G:Wetzel	L: B Schell	
12/17	A: D Spitzer	G:Bierman	L: K Steigerwalt	
12/31	A: A Keller	G: Frey	L: L Ware	

# November 2023 Council Highlights

The following actions and reports occurred at the November 15, 2023 council meeting:

- ❖ Reviewed job descriptions for congregation employees.
- ❖ Approved the 2024 proposed budget. This will be presented at the congregation meeting on November 19, 2023.
- ❖ Approved the Purchase of Service Agreement with St. John's, Mahoning for 2024.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 6:30PM. A reminder to everyone that council meetings are open to all members of Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church.



Poinsettia orders are due by Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Available in white, pink or red. \$9.00 orders can be placed by filling out a form in church and placing it along with the money in the offering plate, or by calling the church office 610-377-4242.





Saturday, December 24, 2023 Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

10:45AM Worship St. John's 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

3:00PM Worship St. John's

5:00PM Worship Dinkey Memorial

10:00PM Worship Dinkey Memorial

## Fundraising Events

Orders are being taken for Papa Sarge's pierogies, see Karen for more information or to place an order. There are seven different varieties available, \$10/dozen. She can also be reached by calling 610-390-1125

Orders due 12/26/2023

Pick-up 1/24/2024

Zook's frozen meat pies are available now, call  
Linda 484-464-3705 or  
Kathy 540-250-6539

To get yours.

## **Attitude Change**

I received my monthly email from Anne Scott, St. John's secretary, the other day: "Hello Pastor! Guess what I need?? :)" Yes, it was time for me to deliver my newsletter article. In fact, it was past time. I am notoriously late with my newsletter articles and always have been. It's not that I don't want to write articles, but I have a hard time figuring out what to write about. I'll even ask Erica, "What should I write about this month?" Sometimes it even gets to the point where I start to dread writing articles and it feels like a burden. That is definitely NOT how I want to experience this task, so what can be done about it? Something I've discovered that helps me anytime I'm doing something that I'm not finding enjoyable is to change my attitude.

I don't always enjoy washing dishes. Some of those pots and pans can have food that is really baked or burned (I love your cooking, Erica!) on them. As I scrub away at them, I need to remind myself how blessed I am to have pots and pans to prepare meals, and for that matter, how blessed I am to have food on the table and not worry about if my family will have enough to eat. Then it doesn't feel like a hassle anymore, but rather a privilege that I get to wash dishes.

What it really comes down to is seeing my life, the people in it, the experiences I encounter, and the things I have as blessings – no matter how mundane, annoying, burdensome, or aggravating something may be. It's especially true at this time of year when we celebrate Thanksgiving and prepare for the Christmas season. There are so many things that can seem like a hassle: cooking, baking, shopping, wrapping, decorating. But in reality we are so blessed that we are able to partake in them. God has blessed us with so much and we can sometimes take it for granted, at least I know I can.

What are some of the things in your life that you don't necessarily enjoy? Are there tasks you dread and try to avoid? Rather than approaching them as something you HAVE to do, perhaps try thinking of them as things you GET to do. Imagine if I didn't have a house I get to vacuum, a car I get to wash, a job I get to go to.

Thank you, God, for those blessings in my life that I can sometimes take for granted and even view as burdensome! Help me to see them for what they truly are – gifts that should be cherished.

Now what will I get to write about next month?!

Yours in Christ,

Pr. Tony



