



NOVEMBER

NEWSLETTER

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Dinke Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church

1742 Dinkey Road

Lehigh, 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
Interim 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

2025 Church Council

Rev. Anthony Pagotto
Charles Bierman
Kian Bowman
Rich DeLuca
Jay Frey
Scott Klotz
Laura Moyer
Karen Schleicher
Kenny Schleicher
Todd 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

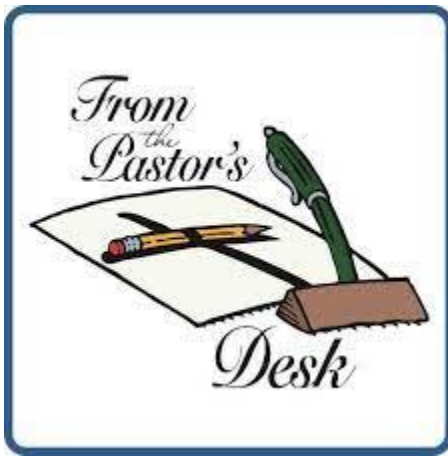
Pastor Tony hosts a Bible Study on Zoom

Every Thursday morning at 9:30AM

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

Meeting ID: 376-540-617

Call in: 1-929-205-6099



Change

"I'm getting old and life is passing me by." That's what I've been thinking quite often lately. It stems from me realizing that my kids are growing up and I'm taking on a different role in their lives. Claudia's dating – AHHH! Elijah's a senior in high school and looking ahead to college – HOW?!

I was looking back through pictures on my phone from years ago when Elijah was in middle school and Claudia in elementary. How I miss those days! But then I remember when they were that age, I would look back at pictures when Elijah was in elementary school and Claudia was in preschool and think, "How I miss those days!" And when they were that age, I would look back at pictures when they were babies and think, "How I miss those days!"

When I step back and take a bigger view, it's almost as though I needed to go through a mourning stage with each transition to a new phase in life. In a sense there was a death that was taking place and I was mourning the loss of the life I once knew. But what came forth was the opportunity for new life, and new memories.

Things change and life keeps moving on. All I can do is appreciate the moment and realize that no matter what God is the one constant through it all. Through all the transitions and different phases of life, I know God was right there through it all creating opportunities for new life to cherish. For that I am grateful.

I thank God for the steadfast love showered upon me each and every day. I thank God for the new experiences and memories being formed. I thank God for the ability to remember and cherish the previous phases of life.

So as I watch my children grow and wish they were little kids once again, I can embrace the fact that I am just entering a different phase of my life, and I can be thankful for it.

What new phase are you entering in your life? For what things are you thankful? May God be that ever-present rock for you, offering you support, love, and grace through whatever transition you are encountering.

Your servant in Christ,

Pr. Tony

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. (Psalm 46:1-3)

October 2025 Council Highlights

The following actions occurred and reports were shared at the October 15, 2025, council meeting:

- ❖ Set the fall congregation meeting for Sunday, November 16, 2025 directly following 9:00AM worship.
- ❖ Approved the proposed 2026 budget to be presented at the November 16, 2025 congregation meeting.
- ❖ Approved the following nominations for open council positions: Jay Frey and Kurt Steigerwalt for 3-year terms; Scott Klotz for 2-year term. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the congregation meeting for two 3-year terms and one 1-year term.
- ❖ Regretfully accepted Trell Schleicher's resignation from council and Bridgette Gorman's resignation as music director.
- ❖ Approved hiring Colleen Rudelitsch as interim music director through November 2, 2025.
- ❖ Council expressed their thanks for the Harvest Home donations received on Sunday, October 12 to support the Community Cupboard Food Pantry.
- ❖ Received Frank & Deb Bokan as members of the congregation.
- ❖ Approved the purchase of three turkeys in support of the free Thanksgiving meal being offered at Ben Salem UCC in cooperation with St. John's (Mahoning), St. Peter's (Mantzville), and Zion Stone (New Ringgold).
- ❖ Approved the purchase of save the date magnets for the 175th Anniversary celebration to be held on Sunday, April 12, 2026.
- ❖ Noted that items have been taken the clothing donation box located in the church parking lot. Money received for the clothing donations to the box help support the Community Cupboard Food Pantry. If anyone sees any suspicious activity around the donation bin, please contact the church office or a council member. Thank you!

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 6:30PM. A reminder to everyone that council meetings are open to all members of Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Congregational Meeting: We will be having a congregational meeting on November 16, 2025 at 9:45AM to elect council members and approve the proposed 2026 budget. Please plan to attend.

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.

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.

Fundraiser: Dinkey is selling streak free cloths for \$5.00, please see Jan in the office if interested.

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling filling; \$9/quart, \$35/pan and pumpkin roll \$9. Order by November 3, 2025. Pick up is November 24, 2025 from 2 to 5 and November 25, 2025 from 4 to 6; order sheets in back of church.

Spaghetti Dinner: Dinkey will be having a spaghetti dinner on Election Day, November 4, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM; \$12 Adults, \$8 Children 5-12, under 5 is free.

St John's Lutheran Church, 319 South Ave, Jim Thorpe will be hosting a concert by BQE Strings in honor of all veterans, past and present on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 3:00PM. Free admission for veterans, \$20 for adults, children 10 and under Free.



11/09 Michael & Janice Bowman (51)
11/12 Michael & Pamela Manogue (31)

11/18 John & Kathy Koch (30)
11/20 Max & Kelsey McCandless (4)



11/01 Patricia Hudson
11/02 Jamie Albert
11/03 Peggy Borger
11/03 Remington Frame
11/04 Wendy Kunkel
11/05 Bonnie Kenny
11/05 Cara McMichael
11/05 Eleanor Szacska
11/06 Grace Dech
11/06 Chelsea Smith
11/07 Kathy Koch
11/08 Kimberly Blose
11/08 Daniel Schwartz
11/10 Maya Styron
11/11 Judith Atherholt
11/11 Angelika Haviland
11/11 Dr Kelly Heiland

11/12 Kenneth Bretz Jr.
11/13 Jordan Curran
11/13 Nora Oswald
11/13 Tara Weiss
11/16 Gary Schleicher
11/16 Todd Schleicher
11/18 Lydia Steward
11/18 Debra Strohl
11/19 Karla Neff
11/19 Kurt Steigerwalt
11/20 Dianne Gerber
11/22 Carol Burrell
11/24 Brittni DiStanislao
11/25 Aidan Albert
11/26 Carol Steigerwalt
11/30 Joann Beck



2025 Free Thanksgiving Meal

Five 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 22nd 2025. This will be a drive-thru pickup, at Ben Salem UCC 1965 Church Hill Rd. Lehigh, PA. 18235 from 1 to 3pm that day.

You must pre-register to receive your free meal by calling Nancy Meiser at 570-205-9267, Monday thru Friday, 9am to 4 pm. Registration begins November 3rd and ends on November 17th. If Nancy is unable to answer your call, please leave your name, phone number and number of meals you are requesting.

There are a limited number of meals available.

Thank you: A special thank you to Colleen Rudelitsch for serving as our Interim Music Director.



New Members: On October 26, 2025 we welcomed Frank & Deb Bokan, and Courtney Van Fossen as new members to Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church.



Events to make note of

MIDWEEK
ADVENT WORSHIP
&
SOUP SUPPER

WEDNESDAYS 6:00PM

Join us each Wednesday in Advent for a
Soup Supper and Worship Service:

December 3rd, 10th & 17th

St. John's Lutheran Church
826 Mahoning Drive West
Lehigh, PA 18235

Joint
**THANKSGIVING
EVE
WORSHIP**

Wednesday, November 26, 2025 at 7:00 PM

St. Peter's Church
184 St. Peter's Road
Tamaqua, PA 18252

Yenser's Tree Farm & Trees for Troops
Brings Military Families Together in the True
Spirit of Christmas

- This year is the 21st Anniversary of Trees for Troops. Yenser's is proud to be a sponsor for all 21 years and the areas only Official Location.
- To date, Trees for Troops has donated 326,273 trees to military families.
- A donation of \$30 will send a Christmas tree to a military family (up to 300 trees). Additional money donated will be given to the Trees for Troops non-profit to continue the program.
- Donations can be made at our farm, online at yenserstreefarm.com or mailed to the address below.
- Any questions can be emailed to yenserstreefarm@gmail.com.
- You're invited to join our annual Trees for Troops program on Friday, December 5th at 10AM at Valley View at Yenser's Building.

Checks Payable to:
Yenser's Tree Farm
1910 Mahoning Dr. East
Lehigh, PA 18235

SPAGHETTI DINNER



Dinkey Memorial and
St John's Lutheran Churches

Adult Plate \$12
Kids (5-12) \$8
Kids (0-4) FREE

ELECTION DAY !!!

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 4pm-7pm

**Dinkey Memorial Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

1742 Dinkey Road, Lehigh, PA 18235

Meal includes Spaghetti, Salad Bar, Roll,

Beverages & Dessert

Questions: Call Kathy at 540-250-6539



Those in need of prayer:

Alexis
Faith Beck
Arlene Bisbing
Eli Bowland
Sherri Bowman
Robert Coccio
Lauren Dugan
Candy Everett
Louise Everett
Family of Jesse Farber

Dianne Gerber
Ann German
Dick German
Joseph Gorman
Steve Hoffman
Doug Keller
Sandy Keller
Joe Kluk
Jim Koch
Deb Lilly

Robert Miller
Emily Persinger
Kenny Schleicher
Tanner Schleicher
Tom Scott
Kathy Steigerwalt
Patti Walck
Sandy Walter
Betty Weber

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Sheila Flickinger
Tess Hinger
Debbie Meckel

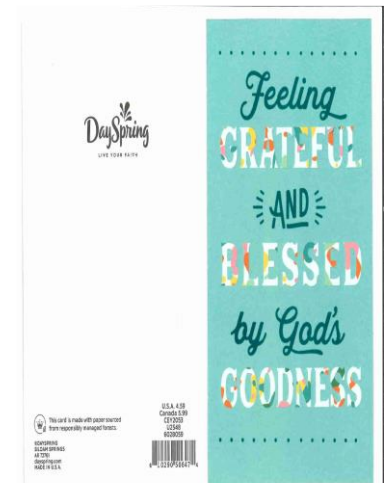
Alice Scitney
Gordon Scherer
Debra Strohl

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



On October 12, 2025 we bid farewell to Bridgette Gorman as our Music Director after over 9 years of sharing her musical gifts with the congregation.



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

Worship Assistants for November

11/02 A: L Klotz/ J Markell G: Bierman L: B Schleicher CA: L Kerksmar/ J Koons

11/09 A: B Schleicher G: Everett L: E Matz

11/16 A: C Solt G: Frey L: B Schell

11/23 A: D Spitzer/ J Albert G: Wetzel L: K Steigerwalt CA: E Pagotto/ E Pagotto

11/30 A: M Spitzer G: Bierman L: C Van Fossen

November 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9AM Worship All Saints Communion 10:15 Sunday School 12:30PM Confirmation (D) 	6:00PM Grief Share(SJ) Last day to order filling & pumpkin roll	4-7PM Spaghetti Dinner 	9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9AM Worship Pentecost 22 10:15 Sunday School 12:30PM Confirmation (SJ)	10:00 Palmer House hymn sing		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 6:30PM Dinner & Discussion(SJ)		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9AM Worship Pentecost 23 9:45AM Congregational meeting 10:15 Sunday School	6:00PM Grief Share(SJ)		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 6:30 Council Meeting	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 3:30PM Community Food Pantry		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9AM Worship Pentecost 24 Communion 10:15 Sunday School 30 9AM Worship Advent 1 10:15 Sunday School	2-5PM Pick up filling & pumpkin roll	4-6PM Pick up filling & pumpkin roll	9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 7PM Thanksgiving Eve service (St Peter's Church Tamaqua)			