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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
Music Director	Bridgette Gorman	
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
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.

Pastor Tony will be on vacation from July 27, 2025 through August 9, 2025. Please contact Randy Lentz (570)386-3870 for any pastoral needs during that time.

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



Confidence

I've been working my way toward attaining my CDL license for the past few months to be able to drive the cross country and track teams to their meets. There aren't enough bus drivers, so I figured if I'm already going to be there why not drive the bus? I sat through two Saturday classes, spent several hours driving, and finally took my test this past week.

There were three parts to the test. The first part was the pre-trip inspection, second was the skills portion, and the last part was the road test. I was most worried about the pre-trip inspection and using the proper wording for each part of the inspection, such as "All the lenses and reflectors are properly installed and are not cracked broken or missing." Before starting I even told my evaluator that my hands were sweating. But, lo and behold, I passed that portion of the test. I exhaled a big sigh of relief as we prepared for the skills portion of the test.

I sat behind the wheel and guided the bus forward and backward through the cones - my confidence was growing. As we started the final portion of the test, the road test, I felt my body relax and the tension release from my shoulders. I knew I was going to pass.

I completed the student drop-off, and as we approached the railroad crossing I explained everything I needed to do to safely cross the tracks. I executed it flawlessly, or so I thought. As soon as we crossed the tracks my evaluator told me, "I'm sorry but you'll need to come back." I was in shock. "Really?" I asked her. In all my confidence, I made the simple mistake of pulling up too close to the railroad crossing. The front of the school bus was over the white line, an automatic failure. I couldn't believe I had made such a dumb mistake.

That experience made me think of other times in my life when my confidence, or overconfidence, caused me to stumble because I thought I could handle whatever was in front of me. The times in my life when I was least confident and most nervous were the times I turned to God for help and performed the best. I think it's because I wasn't making it about me and I was looking for help beyond myself from the one who created me.

I went back two days later and retook the driving portion of my test. I was more alert of my surroundings, much more humble, and conscious of my need for God's presence. I passed and now have my CDL. And you can be sure I'll stop behind that white line from now on!

Your servant in Christ,

Pr. Tony

Do not be afraid of sudden panic, or of the storm that strikes the wicked; for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught. (Proverbs 3:25-26)

08/01 Melissa Bierman
 08/01 Craig Haviland
 08/01 Lori Schafer
 08/02 Eric Smale
 08/04 Gail Christman
 08/04 Raelyn Cichowicz
 08/04 Damon Smith
 08/05 Victoria Bierman
 08/05 Armell McFarland
 08/05 Keith Rothermel
 08/06 Alexis Keller
 08/06 Addisyn Kirkendall
 08/06 Brooke Schleicher
 08/06 Jade Schleicher
 08/07 Allen Kuehner
 08/10 Alyssa Schleicher
 08/11 Autumn Frey
 08/11 Katelynn McMichael
 08/11 Emma Wilkinson
 08/12 Taelyn Freundt
 08/14 Austin Ahner



08/14 Carl Schleicher
 08/15 Pamela Manogue
 08/17 Madelyn Brown
 08/17 Dean David
 08/18 Richard Ambrose
 08/18 Cole Schleicher
 08/20 Franklin Fisher
 08/20 Dawn Williams
 08/21 Irene Schoch
 08/22 Savannah Schleicher
 08/22 Sheldon Schleicher
 08/23 Elizabeth Franko
 08/23 Noah Kunkel
 08/23 Cynthia Shipwash
 08/24 Zachary Bowman
 08/24 Michael McGee
 08/26 Ryan Bowman
 08/26 Adrienne Leiby
 08/27 Jason Schleicher
 08/29 Rodney Steigerwalt
 08/30 Sean McFarland



08/01 Daniel & Sydney Kobal (5)
 08/01 Daniel & Jan Schwartz (33)
 08/09 Duane & Lavona Schleicher (45)
 08/09 Edgar & Gini Steigerwalt (29)
 08/14 Calvin & Samantha Dech (4)
 08/17 David & Hali Keck (1)
 08/19 Darwin & Dolores Strohl (64)
 08/20 Robert & Raylene Hunter (48)

08/20 Scott & Rachel Klotz (20)
 08/20 George & Holly Wilk (48)
 08/21 Allen & Debra Kuehner (21)
 08/21 James & Dawn Schleicher (60)
 08/23 John & Pamela Leiby (28)
 08/29 Brent & Brittani Mertz (10)
 08/30 James & Faith Scherer (50)
 08/31 John & Patricia Rupell (62)

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.

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

We will be having a joint worship service at St John's on August 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM with the joint community picnic after the service from 12:00 to 3:00 PM. Please join us for a day of fun and fellowship. Sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

We will also have the blessing of the backpacks on August 24, 2025 during the joint service at St John's.

Donut Sale: St John's will be having their donut sale; orders due by August 17, 2025, 9:00AM to 10:00AM; pick up on September 4, 2025. Sign up sheet in back of church.

Hoagie Sale: Dinkey will be having a hoagie sale; Spicy Italian, Italian, Ham Turkey, Roast Beef, American, Turkey or All Cheese sandwiches. Cost is \$8.00 each; order by September 6, 2025; pick up on September 16, 2025 from 1:30 to 7:00 PM. Order forms in back of church or you can call Courtney Van Fossen (484)464-5537 or the church office (610)377-4242.

Basket Raffle: Dinkey will be having their basket raffle on Friday, September 19, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00PM and Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Donations of gift baskets or gift cards are greatly appreciated. Please see Karen Schleicher.



Those in need of prayer:

Alexis
Arlene Bisbing
Eli Bowland
Sherri Bowman
Family of Terry Christman
Lauren Dugan
Candy Everett
Dianne Gerber

Ann German
Dick German
Joseph Gorman
Eleanor Hack
Sonny Hack
Steve Hoffman
Doug Keller
Sandy Keller

Joe Kluk
Deb Lilly
Robert Miller
Kenny Schleicher
Kathy Steigerwalt
Patti Walck
Sandy Walter
Betty Weber

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Tess Hinger	Alice Scitney
Ruth Keck	Gordon Scherer
Debbie Meckel	Debra Strohl



Events to make note of

Basket Raffle

& Baked Goods Sale

Friday, September 19th - 4pm - 7pm
Saturday, September 20th - 9am - 2pm

Dinke Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church
1742 Dinkey Road, Ashfield, PA

- 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

Joint worship service at St John's at 10:00AM



Invitation to All Pennsylvania First Responders and Military Veterans to Obtain FREE ESTATE PACKAGES



In partnership with the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Carbon County Bar Association, we are proud to bring the **Wills for Heroes** program to you. **Wills for Heroes** is a **free** and easy service that provides Wills, Living Wills, Health Care and Financial Powers of Attorney to first responders and military veterans and their spouses/partners.

On **September 20, 2025**, volunteer lawyers will be conducting a **Wills for Heroes** Program for all active and retired **Pennsylvania First Responders of Carbon County and surrounding companies**, all sworn personnel and their spouses/significant others as well as Pennsylvania military veterans (please note that proof of affiliation will be requested at the event – DD214 for military). The event will be held at the **American Legion Post 314, 381 Bridge St, Lehighton, PA beginning at 11am**. Appointments for each person last approximately 1 hour and at the conclusion of it you will have notarized legal documents – a Will, Living Will, and Health Care and Financial Powers of Attorney (or any combination thereof). If you select that you are coming with a spouse/significant other you will have back to back appointments, and the computer will automatically schedule a second appointment. You do **not** need to schedule a separate appointment. Please schedule your appointment early as this event is sure to fill up fast. **Must be a PA resident for participate in this program.**

Appointments must be scheduled online at: www.pabar.org/wfh/
The password is: Carbon

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Matthew Mottola at mmottolalaw@gmail.com. For more information on the program visit our website at <https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Public/Wills-for-Heroes>

**** If your estate exceeds approximately \$1,000,000, this service is unavailable to you due to the complexity of your estate and the limited time to complete the legal documents. For determining if your estate is over \$1,000,000, include your cash, personal property, stock and bonds, real estate equity, savings, cash value of a whole/universal life insurance policy only (not the amount of the insurance policy).**

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE AVAILABLE ON THE EVENT DAY FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT. INDIVIDUALS ARE VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME FOR THIS PROGRAM. PLEASE NOTIFY THE COORDINATOR IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL.

NO-SHOWS ARE STRONGLY DISCOURAGED!

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

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 August

08/03 A: M Spitzer G: Wetzel L: B Schell

08/10 A: D Spitzer/ J Albert G: Bierman L: E Matz CA: J Koons/ Elijah Pagotto

08/17 A: none needed G: Everett L: C Van Fossen

08/24 A: M Bowman G: Frey L: N Oswald

08/31 A: R Keller G: Wetzel L: K Wetzel

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					Pastor vacation 7/27/25 through 8/9/25	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9AM Worship Pentecost 8	6:00PM Grief Share (SJ)					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9AM Worship Pentecost 9 Communion	10:00AM Palmer House Hymn Sing		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9AM Worship Pentecost 10 Outdoor Service	6:00PM Grief Share (SJ)		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 3:30PM Community Food Pantry		
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
10AM Joint Worship(SJ) Pentecost 11 12PM Picnic ----- 9AM Worship Pentecost 12		6PM Ladies Aid	9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		