

2026 Church Council



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NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church
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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Reverend Anthony Pagotto	610-377-4242
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Treasurer	Laura Moyer	
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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.us/j/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.**



Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

It is amazing how quickly information can be shared today. If there is something taking place on the other side of the world I can hear about it in real time. News spreads fast but it hasn't always worked that way.

Originally, if you wanted to tell someone something you had to go directly to them and share the information, or you could send someone to share the information for you. To speed things up a person could use a horse. Then there will carrier pigeons. The telegraph was an enormous leap, followed by radios and television. Now with cell phones and the internet we can be in touch with anyone anywhere in the world instantaneously. But what about when it comes to sharing God's good news?

The Bible itself is a means to share information of God's love for God's people because within its pages are story after story demonstrating that love. There were times God communicated directly with people, through dreams and visions, and through acts of nature. But there were also times God sent angels. The Greek word for angel is *angelos* and literally means *messenger*. These messengers varied in their appearance and power, but all invariably communicated God's word to the people.

Today we communicate and share God's word through a variety of ways. Bible studies, worship services, bulletin announcements, personal interactions, newsletters, and online resources are some of the ways we share how God's word is active among us to share love and hope. You're reading this right now because someone has taken the time to assemble this newsletter (and pester me for my article).

We can share what is taking place within our congregation, neighboring congregations, our community, and even the wider church. I would like to share with you another means by which information about the wider church is being shared. The NEPA Synod publishes a Weekly E-News sharing things taking place within our synod and across the ELCA. I encourage you to sign up by visiting the synod's website at <https://nepasynod.org/e-news/>. Then in addition to our newsletters and announcements you can encounter many of the other voices that are messengers of God's love and grace all around us. Let's hear that good news and continue to be messengers of that love ourselves.

Your servant in Christ, Pr. Tony

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

(Luke 2:8-11)

Council Highlights

There was no council meeting in December.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 6:30PM. A reminder to everyone that council meetings are open to all members of Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church.

2025 Flower & Bulletin Chart: The flower and bulletin charts for 2026 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.

Pizza Fundraiser: Dinkey will be having a pizza kit fundraiser; orders due by January 18, 2026; pick up on February 5, 2026. Order sheet in the back of church or call Karen Schleicher (610)390-1125 or the church office (610)377-4242.

St John's Fundraiser: St John's will be selling donuts for February 17, 2026; order by January 25, 2026.

Lehighton Cold Weather Station: The LCWS is an important ministry for the homeless in the Lehighton area. When the temperature drops below 25 degrees overnight, the station is open to anyone in need to have a warm place to sleep overnight. Volunteers and donations are always needed.



Trees for Troops: A special thank you to everyone who donated to Trees for Troops. Our congregation donated \$450 to supply trees to military families this Christmas season.



Sunday School Christmas Program

“The Grumpy Shepherd”

And

Signing of the song “Noel”





01/02 Tyler Bierman
01/02 Stephen Bowman
01/02 Elliot Yanchek
01/03 Hailey Behler
01/03 Austin Williams
01/04 Grace Bowman
01/04 Benjamin Cordova
01/04 Kathryn Leadbetter
01/04 Tanner Manogue
01/05 Richard DeLuca
01/05 Harriet Kenny
01/05 Ryver Markley
01/07 Tucker Gutzeit
01/07 Piper Uyvari
01/08 James Barth
01/08 Mary Hawk
01/10 Kelli DeLuca
01/10 Allie Hawk
01/10 Lexi Riley
01/12 Kaylee Frable
01/12 Claudia Pagotto
01/13 Chase Paschel
01/14 Kendyl Heckman
01/15 Natalya Kessler

01/16 Amanda Biehl
01/16 Justin Graver
01/17 Sharon Kidd
01/18 Deborah Szacska
01/19 Shane Eckhart
01/19 Timothy Eckhart
01/19 Ernest Frack Jr
01/19 Chelsea German
01/19 Zane Nolan
01/19 Maci Peffer
01/20 Debra Kuehner
01/20 Theresa Michalik
01/20 Andrea Schafer
01/21 Owen Eckhart
01/24 James Andreas
01/24 Emily Williams
01/25 Echo Fardella
01/25 Jackie Howard
01/25 Kyle Neff
01/26 Molly Kluk
01/26 Marie Reinhart
01/27 Tanner Schleicher
01/30 Sharon Schell
01/30 Catherine Schleicher
01/31 Daniel Borger



01/29 Travis & Carol Steigerwalt (32)

EVENTS TO MAKE NOTE OF



Donut Day



Tuesday Feb. 17, 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Order by Sunday January 25, 2026

Call/Text/Email Jean Everett at 570-778-8668/myjean@ptd.net

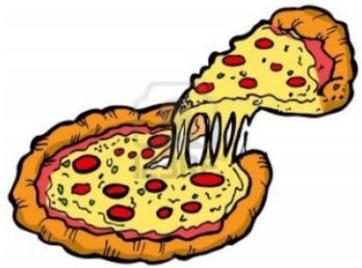
Name _____ Phone # _____

Phone # _____

Total \$ _____

Pick up

Mon. 3:30-5 PM Tues. 9-10 AM



Island Expressions

3:00 - 6:00



Those in need of prayer:

Faith Beck
Sherri Bowman
Robert Coccio
Rick D
Lauren Dugan
Candy Everett
Louise Everett
Frank Fisher

Ann German
Dick German
Joseph Gorman
Madisynn Hawk
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

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Darwin Berger	Debbie Meckel
Arlene Bisbing	Gordon Scherer
Sheila Flickinger	Alice Scitney
Tess Hinger	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
Brendan Schleicher El Paso, Texas

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 January

01/04 A: G: Frey L: K Frankhouser CA: C Steber/ K Steigerwalt

01/11 A: G: Wetzel L: L German CA: K Wetzel/ R DeLuca

01/18 A: G: Bierman L: J Koch

01/25 A: G: Everett L: E Matz

January 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9AM Worship Christmas 2 Communion 10:15 Sunday School	6:00PM Grief Share(SJ)		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9AM Worship Baptism of our Lord Communion 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 3:30PM Community Food Pantry		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9AM Worship Epiphany 2 10:15 Sunday School Last day to order pizza kits	6:00PM Grief Share(SJ) 		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 6:30 Council Meeting	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9AM Worship Epiphany 3 10:15 Sunday School 12:30PM Confirmation (D)			9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		