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NEWSLETTER

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Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church
1742 Dinkey Road
Lehighton, 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

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



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.



Care Net of Carbon County
531 Mahoning Street
Lehighton, PA 18235
610-379-0411



Donation Statement

Date: 2/17/2025

Number: 16328

Dinke Memorial Evang. Lutheran
1742 Dinkey Road, P.O. Box 250
Ashfield, PA 16212-0250

Sharing the story of St. Valentine with our teen groups was inspiring. He had a passionate love for Jesus Christ and obeying His Word, even if it cost him his life--which it did!

I'm also inspired by your partnering financially with us in God's work here. Your giving encourages and motivates us all to serve faithfully! We are honored by your partnership!

"If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." -- John 8:31-32

*Thank you so very much
In Christ's love,
Suz + Care Net*

Date	Gift ID	Event	Comment	Check#	Type	Amount Received	Tax-deductible Amount
1/10/2025	12897					\$100.00	\$100.00
Total Giving for Period 1/1/2025 to 1/31/2025:						\$100.00	\$100.00



Joint Worship

I have been absolutely enjoying the midweek Lenten worship series with our cohort of five local congregations: St. John's, Dinkey Memorial, Ben Salem, Zion Stone, and St. Peter's. It's not just the food after worship that I enjoy, although I must admit I love the unspoken challenge between the congregations to have the best food! I truly appreciate working with the other pastors, getting to know people in the other congregations, hearing about each other's ministries, and sharing our insights and resources.

For instance, Dinkey recently approved upgrades to the audio, video, and streaming system in the congregation and Zion Stone was helpful in that process. A small group went to Zion Stone to see their system and discuss how it evolved over the years. That sharing of resources and experience helped to make the process a much smoother one than it would have been without it.

When it comes to the pastors, I appreciate the collegiality we share with one another. We share our challenges and celebrations. We provide coverage for one another when one of us is on vacation or needs some help. We also help each other not to take ourselves too seriously, joking and laughing with one another.

But perhaps what I most appreciate with these midweek Lenten services is the fact that we are crossing denominational boundaries. Dinkey and St. John's are Lutheran while Ben Salem, St. Peter's, and Zion Stone are UCC. This is not about promoting our own brands, but about celebrating God's gift of grace showered upon all people no matter their denominational background.

This unity we have with one another is not dependent upon uniformity. We come together with our different gifts and celebrate as one. One congregation may have a great choir, another bells or chimes. There are bazaars and bake sales, youth events and vacation Bible schools. Some may even have a pastor that is younger than the other three! (Sorry, I had to slip that one in there.)

The point is that these five different congregations share a commonality which is more important than any of our differences and is at the very core of what binds us together: we are all dependent upon God's grace. If you have not yet joined us this Lent, I encourage you to come to one of our remaining Lenten services and see how God is at work sharing grace for all.

Your servant in Christ,

Pr. Tony



04/01 Chase Oswald
04/01 Adrianna Perez
04/02 Scott Bierman
04/02 Lori Bowman
04/02 Dan Schleicher
04/02 Talulah Seltzer
04/03 Madalin Smale
04/05 Candy Everett
04/06 Barbara Janco
04/06 Chloe Moyer
04/07 Catherine Miller
04/08 Jude Peffer
04/08 Joan Vayda
04/09 Deborah Koch
04/11 Darwin Berger
04/11 Sabrina Wetzel
04/14 Jace Graver
04/19 Dillon Schleicher

04/19 Carol Steber
04/20 Courtney Berry
04/20 Christopher Biehl
04/20 Deanna Cunfer
04/22 Zachary Buck
04/22 Theresa Hinger
04/23 Brian Schell
04/24 Maddyx Bergdahl
04/24 Madyson Bergdahl
04/24 Jan Schwartz
04/24 Dolores Strohl
04/26 Lindsey Green
04/26 Ann Watkins
04/27 Ervin Haupt
04/29 Leandra Kenny
04/29 Ella Peffer
04/29 Denise Rhyder



4/01 Michael & Patricia Hudson (20)
04/01 Jason & Lisa Wetzel (30)
04/07 Stanley & Cindy Cordova (35)
04/15 Kurt & Kathy Steigerwalt (47)

04/16 Gordon & Kay Scherer Jr (65)
04/25 David & Elizabeth Arndt (43)
04/26 Echo & Evan Fardella (1)
04/26 Cry & Donna Miller (17)

March 2025 Council Highlights

The following actions occurred and reports were shared at the March 18, 2025 council meeting:

- ❖ Approved allowing St. Luke's Hospice to use the church facilities for their annual remembrance service on August 16, 2025.
- ❖ Shared an update on preparations for the Easter breakfast. Set up is set for Saturday, April 19.
- ❖ Approved signing the contract for stained glass window repairs when company is available.
- ❖ The Youth Group is planning some upcoming events.
- ❖ Received Geli Haviland as a new member.
- ❖ Signed the contract for the audio, video and streaming updates.
- ❖ Approved selling Wells Fargo stocks to use toward church windows.
- ❖ Vacation Bible School plans are in the works.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:30PM. A reminder to everyone that council meetings are open to all members of Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Financial Reports: Financial reports are available upon request from the church office.

Anniversary Celebration: 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.

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.

Cookbook: The fundraising team would like to have your favorite recipe to put together a Dinkey Memorial cookbook. Please give the recipe with your name on it to Karen Schleicher or drop off at the office by Sunday, May 11, 2025.

Fundraiser: Dinkey is selling Rita's cards for 10% off your purchase, cost is \$5.00. Please see Karen Schleicher (610)390-1125. Dinkey is also selling streak free cloths for \$5.00, please see Jan in the office if interested.

Altar Guild: We are in need of people willing to help with the altar guild. Responsibilities include setting up and cleaning up communion, refilling candles, updating the hymn boards, and changing paraments. Our goal is to form altar guild teams that will rotate on a monthly basis. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pr. Tony (610-377-4242 or prdinklc@ptd.net).

Vacation Bible School: The time is now for us to plan VBS for Summer 2025, however, we are in need of help. If you are able to help in any way with coordinating, teaching, assisting in the classroom, planning snacks or games, or teaching music, please speak with Pr. Tony. Let's make this VBS another wonderful experience for our children!

Stained Glass Windows: Help preserve our stained glass windows by making a donation today. Your support will help us complete the work necessary to repair and upgrade the windows and preserve them for the future. You can donate by marking "Stained Glass Windows" on your envelope and memo line of your check, or by scanning the QR code to download the Vanco Mobile app. Thank you for your support and commitment to this project.

Dinkey Memorial Stained Glass Window Repair Pledge of Support



Name(s)

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

I/we make the following pledge: \$ _____

Weekly

Monthly

One-time



**We welcome our newest members to
Dinkey Memorial, Craig & Geli Haviland.**





Those in need of prayer:

Alexis
Eli Bowland
Steve Bowman
Willard Doll
Lauren Dugan
Candy Everett
Dianne Gerber
Ann German

Dick German
Joseph Gorman
Sonny Hack
Steve Hoffman
Doug Keller
Joe Kluk
Deb Lilly
Kenny Schleicher

Lukas Schleicher
Todd Schleicher
Trisha Schleicher
Madalin Smale
Patti Walck
Sandy Walter
Betty Weber

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Tess Hinger
Ruth Keck
Debbie Meckel

Alice Scitney
Gordon Scherer
Debbie 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

Events to make note of

Ham & Dandelion Dinner

Ben Salem U.C.C.
Fellowship Hall
1965 Church Hill Road
Lehighon (near Andreas)

Saturday, April 26
3:00 - 6:00 P.M.



Adults \$15.00
Ages 5 - 10 \$7.00, Under 5 Free
Dessert and beverage included.



For more info call 570-386-3870
For directions visit www.bensalemucc.com

BEN SALEM UCC
 1965 Church Hill Road, Lehighon

Spring Bazaar

Saturday, April 5, 2025 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Also Open.....

- Friday, April 4, 2025 from 5:00 – 7:30PM**
- Large Items Raffle
 - Basket Raffle (100+ Items and Gift Cards!)
 - Food & Bake Sale
 - Quilt Raffle, Knotted Blankets & Homemade Crafts
 - Homemade Easter Candy

5% of the profits will be Trinity Food Bank
 5% of the profits will be New England Fire Co.

Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 5 at 11:00AM
 At Old Social Hall 1749 Church Hill Rd.

Questions, please contact Nancy Smith at 570-778-0839



2025 Lent and Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

2:00PM at Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church
 1742 Dinkey Road, Lehighon, PA 18235
 7:00PM at Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church
 1742 Dinkey Road, Lehighon, PA 18235



Midweek Lenten Worship at 7:00PM on the following dates:

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at
 St. John's Lutheran Church, 826 Mahoning Drive West, Lehighon
 Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at
 St. Peter's Church, 184 St. Peter's Road, Tamaqua, PA 18252
 Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at
 Zion Stone Church, 45 Cemetery Road, New Ringgold, PA 17960
 Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at
 Ben Salem UCC, 1965 Church Hill Road, Lehighon, PA 18235
 Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at
 Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church, 1825 Dinkey Road, Lehighon

Spring Bazaar at St. John's LC, Mahoning

Friday, April 11, 2025, 5:00 – 8:00PM
 Saturday, April 12, 2025, 8:00AM – 2:00PM
 Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday at 11:00AM

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025

7:00PM at St. Peter's Church, Tamaqua

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

7:00PM at Ben Salem UCC, Lehighon



Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

6:30AM Sunrise worship in Dinkey Memorial Cemetery
 7:00AM Breakfast at Dinkey Memorial LC
 9:00AM Worship at Dinkey Memorial LC
 10:15AM Easter Egg Hunt in Dinkey Memorial Cemetery
 10:45AM Worship at St. John's LC, Mahoning



Donut Sale

Wednesday, May 7

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Order by Sunday April 20

Call/Text/Email Anne Yenser at 570-390-9108/anneyens@ptfd.net

Name _____ Phone # _____

_____ (1) Persian X \$2.00 \$ _____
 _____ (2) Iced Long Johns X \$4.00 \$ _____
 _____ (2) Coconut Long Johns X \$4.50 \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

Pick up 9:00-10:00 AM

SPRING BAZAAR

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL
 LUTHERAN CHURCH



826 Mahoning Drive W.
 Lehighon, PA 18235

Friday April 11
 5 - 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 12
 9 AM-2 PM

We will donate
 10% of our profit to
 PA Wounded Warriors

- Basket Raffle
- Easter Candy
- Pans of Filling
- Bake Sale
- Wide Variety of Food



FREE EGG HUNT • 11 AM • Up to Age 12

We are in need of volunteers as greeters/ushers, lectors, communion assistants and alter guild. Please let the office know if you are willing to volunteer.

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 April

04/06 A: D Spitzer/ J Albert G: Frey L: Erica Pagotto CA: K Wetzel/ R DeLuca

04/13 A: M Bowman/ A Kirkendall G: Wetzel L: T Schleicher CA: K Frankhouser/ L
Kercsmar

04/20 A: A Keller/ R Keller G: Bierman L: J Schwartz CA: J Koons/ K Frankhouser

04/27 A: L Klotz G: Everett L: B Schell

April 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 7PM Worship (Ben Salem UCC)	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 6:30PM Choir		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9AM Worship 5 th Sunday in Lent Communion 10:15AM Sunday School	6:00PM Grief Share (SJ)		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 7PM Worship (Dinkey)	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 6:30PM Choir		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9AM Worship Palm Sunday Communion 	10:00AM Palmer House Hymn Sing		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 6:30PM Council Meeting 6:30PM Confirmation	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 3:30PM Community Food Pantry 7PM Maundy Thursday Worship (St Peter's)	 7PM Good Friday Worship (Ben Salem UCC)	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
6:30AM Sunrise Worship 7AM Breakfast 9AM Worship Easter - Communion 10:15AM Easter Egg Hunt 	6:00PM Grief Share (SJ)	6:00PM Ladies Aid	9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 6:30PM Choir	Confirmation weekend retreat	
27	28	29	30	27	28	29
9AM Worship 2 nd Sunday of Easter 10:15AM Sunday School			9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 6:30PM Choir		