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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

2024 Church Council

Rev. Anthony Pagotto

Charles Bierman
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

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





Membership

I remember being in school and having a Members Only jacket. I thought I was cool having one. Now those jackets seem to be making a comeback. There are ads calling them classic and iconic. If only I still had mine, perhaps my kids would think I was cool again... but probably not.

There is something that feels good about being a member of a group or organization. It makes us feel special or important. When Erica and I took classes to get our motorcycle licenses, I remember the one instructor telling us we were now part of the motorcycle brotherhood/sisterhood. Watch motorcyclists meeting each other on the road and you can see the wave of recognition between them.

With this seemingly inherent human desire to belong, what does it mean to be a member of a congregation? Does it assure us of a spot in the church cemetery upon our death? No. We have a cemetery open to the community. Does it assure us of a better seat in worship (which apparently is a back pew)? No. There is no reserved seating. Does it assure us of our salvation? No. That is something beyond human recordkeeping that only God can provide. Then what does it benefit us to be members of a congregation?

I remember hearing a colleague say years ago that the goal of his ministry was not gaining members within the congregation but cultivating a culture of discipleship. Those are my words, but in essence, that's what he was saying, and I agree with him. Membership cannot be the end goal of a congregation, it needs to be furthering the kingdom of God through the congregation's discipleship and living out the gospel. Where membership plays a role is in keeping track of the disciples within the worshipping community to better track the gifts and resources of the members, and to be sure no one slips through the cracks and is forgotten.

Membership means being part of the body of Christ and sharing in the ministry, not just having our names on a roster. What does it benefit us? We get to share our joys and sorrows, our celebrations and heartaches, and recognize that we are not alone on this journey of life. We

can share in all that God has provided for us – ourselves, our times, our resources – and be part of something bigger than ourselves that brings hope, grace, and peace into this world.

To better serve members of this congregation, we will be sifting through the roles of the membership in the coming months and reaching out to those with whom we have lost contact. The goal is not to remove inactive members, but to be sure that people within our congregation know they are important within this part of the body of Christ and are being cared for. One of the results of this process may be that some members are removed from the roles because they are worshipping in another faith community, have no desire to be a part of this congregation, perhaps have moved out of the area, or some other reason we haven't considered.

Our constitution states that an active member is someone who has communed or made a contribution of record to the congregation within the current or preceding year. My encouragement to you is that you fill out a communion card or make a contribution of record each year to be sure to keep the membership current. If you haven't done so yet this year, please do so before the end of 2024. This will allow us to keep the records up to date and better support one another in life and ministry.

And if you happen to come across a Members Only jacket, let me know. Maybe I can borrow it and impress my kids!

Yours in Christ,

Pr. Tony

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12)



08/01 Melissa Bierman
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 Sheldan Schleicher
08/23 Terry Christman
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
08/27 Sadie Warmkessel
08/29 Rodney Steigerwalt
08/30 Sean McFarland



08/01 Daniel & Sydney Kopal (4)
08/01 Daniel & Jan Schwartz (32)
08/09 Duane & Lavona Schleicher
(44)
08/09 Edgar & Gini Steigerwalt (28)
08/14 Calvin & Samantha Schleicher
Dech (3)
08/19 Darwin & Dolores Strohl (63)
08/20 Robert & Raylene Hunter (47)

08/20 Scott & Rachel Klotz (19)
08/20 George & Holly Wilk (47)
08/21 Allen & Debra Kuehner (20)
08/21 James & Dawn Schleicher (59)
08/23 John & Pamela Leiby (27)
08/29 Brent & Brittani Mertz (9)
08/30 James & Faith Scherer (49)
08/31 John & Patricia Rupell (61)

July 2024 Council Highlights

There was no council meeting in July. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 6:30PM. A reminder to everyone that council meetings are open to all members of Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Jammin' for Jesus Joint Praise Band

Practice Schedule:

Mon, August 5, 2024 6:30PM
Wed, August 14, 2024 6:30PM
Mon, August 19, 2024 6:30PM

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.

Sick & Shut-in



Those in need of prayer:

Eli Bowland
Lauren Dugan
Candy Everett
Edward Finney
Bridgette Gorman
Pinky Green

Sonny Hack
Steve Hoffman
Joe Kluk
Deb Lilly
Robert Miller
Brian Schell
Gordon Scherer

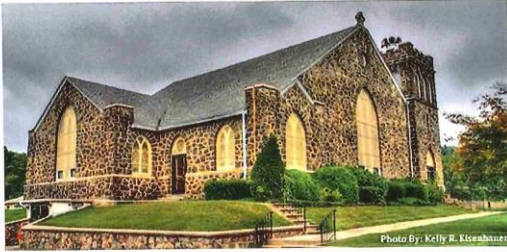
Family of Nate Scherer
Kenny Schleicher
Lukas Schleicher
Madalin Smale
Sherry Smith
Patti Walck
Karen Wetzell

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Pinky Green
Tess Hinger
Peter Innervickler

Ruth Keck
Debbie Meckel
Debbie Strohl

Upcoming Events to make note of




Car Show



at
Dinke Memorial Church
 in Ashfield, PA
August 10, 2024
(Rain Date August 17)
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm.

Trophies  *50/50 Drawings*
Raffles *Food*
Donations Accepted.



ST. PETER'S CHURCH WEST PENN FALL FEST


FRIDAY 9.6.2024 | 4-8PM
 SATURDAY 9.7.2024 | 12-7PM

FOOD, GAMES, CRAFT VENDORS,
 BAKE SALE, AND BASKET RAFFLE


🍑 PEACH COBBLER AND ICE CREAM 🍑

SATURDAY ONLY
 BINGO
 MUSIC BY DEREK JONES
 2-5 PM

184 St. Peter's Rd. Tamaqua, PA
www.stpeterschurchwestpenn.com



Donut Sale



Wednesday, September 4

Please order by Sunday, August 18
 Call/Text/Email Anne Yenser 570-390-9108 or anneyens@ptd.net

Name _____	Phone # _____
_____ (1) Persian X \$2.00	\$ _____
_____ (2) Iced Long Johns X \$4.00	\$ _____
_____ (2) Coconut Long Johns X \$4.50	\$ _____
_____ (6) Cider Donuts X \$6.00	\$ _____
	Total \$ _____

Pick up 9:00 - 10:00 AM

2024 ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC

ST JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
 CHURCH OF MAHONING
 826 MAHONING DRIVE WEST
 LEHIGHTON, PA 18235
 570-386-9960

AUGUST 25, 2024 12 - 3 PM

- Food and Beverages from 12-3
- Bingo with prizes
- Music provided by "Jammin' for Jesus", a praise band featuring members from St John's and Dinkey Memorial churches
- Gift Certificate Raffle to benefit:
 Pool Pal's - Linda's Swim Fund



Signup sheet for picnic in back of church or by calling the office (610)377-4242.



Family Promise Raffle

of Carbon County

Tickets \$5/each

ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO FAMILY PROMISE

Win one of many great prizes!

- 8 day/7 night stay in Myrtle Beach or Hilton Head courtesy of Sundance Vacation
- Two Adirondack chairs courtesy of CCTI
- \$249 Salt Room 10 Session courtesy of Alchemy Lounge
- 4 tickets for Pocono Whitewater & Skirmish - any activity
- \$100 Amazon gift card courtesy of Reiner Accounting
- Bird feeder and bird feed gift bucket courtesy of Tractor Supply
- \$50 cash courtesy of Cindy & Ted Smith
- \$50 Giant gift card
- \$20 Country Junction gift card courtesy of David J. Koch Contracting









FOR MORE INFO CALL (610) 379-4757

Drawing held
August 24th!
Winners will be
contacted



June/July campfire fun and fellowship



Car Show: Come out and join us for the first Dinkey Car Show on August 10, 2024(rain date August 17, 2024) from 10:00AM – 3:00PM.

FYI: We have changed our mailing address from P O Box 250, Ashfield, PA 18212 to **1742 Dinkey Road, Lehighton, PA 18235**. Please begin to use the new address for any church correspondence.

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Streak Free cloths; \$5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interested.

CPR Training: Dinkey will be offering CPR training on Sunday August 11, 2024 from 12:30 to 4:30 PM. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

DINKEY MEMORIAL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

2024 INFORMATION UPDATE

Please help us update our files. Return to the church office or mail to: Dinkey Memorial Church, 1742 Dinkey Road, Lehighton, PA 18235

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Children at home: _____

Address: _____

PHONE NUMBERS:

Cell # _____ for _____

Cell # _____ for _____

Landline _____

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Name _____ email _____

Name _____ email _____

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 and \$50 denominations.

We are still collecting:

Aluminum Tabs

Ink Jet and Toner Cartridges for Recycling

Worship Assistants for August:

08/04 A: R Keller/A Kirkendall G: Wetzel L: R DeLuca CA: K Frankhouser/
L Kerksmar

08/11 A: L Klotz G: Bierman L: K Frankhouser


08/18 A: None needed G: Everett L: J Koch

08/25 A: J Markell G: Frey L: N Oswald

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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9AM Worship Penecost 11 Communion	6:30PM Grief Share (SJ) 6:39PM Joint Praise Band practice (SJ)		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		10AM-3PM Car Show 
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9AM Worship Penecost 12 12:30-4:30PM CPR training			9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 6:30PM Joint Praise Band practice (SJ)	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 3:30PM Community Food Pantry		10AM-3PM Car Show (rain date)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9AM Worship Penecost 13 Outdoor Srv	6:30PM Grief Share (SJ) 6:30 Joint Praise Band practice (SJ)		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 6:30PM Dinner & Discussion (SJ)		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9AM Worship Penecost 14 12-3PM Community Picnic (SJ)		6PM Ladies Aid	9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		