



# SEPTEMBER

## NEWSLETTER

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Dinke Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church

1742 Dinkey Road

Lehigh, PA 18235

Church office: 610-377-4242

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### 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](http://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



## **Fermenting Our Faith**

I am not much of an alcohol drinker. Once in a great while I will have a beer at a restaurant with my meal or at a family gathering. The only wine I drink is at communion, and even then it's only the little bit at the bottom of the chalice at Dinkey (at St. John's I have grape juice). I know several people that have made their own beer and/or wine, but it's just not something I have taken much interest in.

What I do find intriguing is the process of making alcohol. Fermentation is a necessary part of the process, and is defined, according to Encyclopedia Britannica, as "the chemical process by which molecules such as glucose are broken



down anaerobically" (existing in the absence of free oxygen). This "breaking down" is important, because every time you break something down energy is released.

We all have questions when it comes to faith, all we need is a place to ask them and explore them. On Wednesday, September 11, I'd like to use this concept of fermentation when it comes to our faith. That evening from 7:00-9:00PM, we have a space reserved for a group to gather, eat, perhaps partake of some beverages, and talk about our faith. Our hope is that by gathering in this relaxed atmosphere we can more freely explore the deeper questions of faith without feeling as guarded.

By asking having this discussion and breaking down our faith, my hope is that there is an energy released through this process similar to that of fermentation - an energy that will inspire us to keep asking questions, exploring, and then living out our faith in our daily lives. The one difference from the fermentation process I hope for, is that although fermentation lacks oxygen, may we be filled with the life-giving breath of God inspiring and invigorating each us through this process. I look forward to seeing you, if not before, on September 11.

Yours in Christ,

Pr. Tony

*If you do not stand firm in faith, you shall not stand at all. (Isaiah 7:9)*



09/01 Kian Bowman  
09/01 Louise Weiss  
09/02 Terry Urbon  
09/03 Logan Berger  
09/07 Linda Bierman  
09/08 Shaelyn Kunkel  
09/08 Laura Moyer  
09/09 Eric Solt  
09/10 Stanley Cordova  
09/10 Rachel Klotz  
09/10 Faith Scherer  
09/10 Donald Steigerwalt  
09/11 Sheila Flickinger  
09/12 Ann Schleicher  
09/13 Calvin Dech  
09/13 Samantha Dech  
09/13 Aiden Eckhart  
09/14 Cindy Cordova  
09/14 Raylene Hunter  
09/15 Logan Pagotto  
09/15 Nickele Schleicher  
09/16 Jason Hand  
09/16 Harold Reinheimer

09/17 Scott Borger  
09/17 Crue Christman  
09/18 Cory Miller  
09/18 Linda Miller  
09/19 Alyssa Frey  
09/19 Shelby Heater  
09/19 Daniel Kephart  
09/19 George Schleicher  
09/20 Kelsey McCandless  
09/20 Lavona Schleicher  
09/20 Savannah Stuckley  
09/21 Terri Andrews  
09/24 Stephen Vayda  
09/25 Erica Pagotto  
09/26 Sherwood Andrews  
09/26 Levi Steward  
09/27 Michael Manogue  
09/27 Colby Solt  
09/28 Cecelia Biehl  
09/28 Mary Cressley  
09/29 Penelope Spitzer  
09/29 Courtney Vanfossen



09/01 Dale & Eleanor Hack (23)

09/02 Rev. Anthony & Erica Pagotto  
(18)

09/09 Norman & Karen Wetzel (52)

09/12 Jay Frey & Angela Rothermel  
(15)

09/13 Charles & Linda Bierman (55)

09/13 Keith & Tina Rothermel (44)

09/17 Rodney & Peggy Borger (46)

09/17 James & Deborah Koch (47)

09/23 Gregory & Lori German (35)

09/23 Earl & Karen Heiland (57)

09/25 Ernest & Linda Daubenspeck  
(44)

09/30 Mark & Theresa Michalik (35)

**Pastor Vacation:** Pastor Tony will be on vacation from September 20, 2024 through September 28, 2024. Pastor Randy Lentz (570)386-3870 will be covering for any pastoral needs during that time.

**Anniversary Celebration:** In 2026 Dinkey Memorial will be celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**Fermenting our Faith**: Join us on September 11, 2024, 7:00PM at Normal Square to explore our faith in a relaxed setting.

**Choir & Chime Choir**: Rehearsal will begin on September 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM for Choir and 7:30 PM for Chime Choir. Everyone welcome.

**Confirmation Orientation**: Confirmation orientation for anyone 7<sup>th</sup> grade or higher who isn't confirmed will be on September 15, 2024 from 12:30 – 1:30 PM.

**Blessing of the Animals**: Will be held on September 29, 2024 at 12:00PM at St John's Mahoning.

**Seeker Sessions**: There will be a new members class on October 20, 2024 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Please contact Pastor Tony for additional information.

## August 2024 Council Highlights

The following actions occurred and reports were shared at the August 21, 2024 council meeting:

- ❖ Approved the confirmation retreat at Blue Mountain Christian Retreat & Conference Center in May 2025.
- ❖ Approved the exploration of a capital campaign to replace the outside coverings over the stained-glass windows.
- ❖ Set the congregation meeting for Sunday, November 17, 2024 following morning worship.
- ❖ Reviewed a constitution proposal to be reviewed at September meeting.
- ❖ Fundraiser Car Show went well. Thank you to everyone who helped and/or attended.
- ❖ The joint Spaghetti Dinner with St. John's to benefit the 1<sup>st</sup> Street fire victims was a success.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 6:30PM. A reminder to everyone that council meetings are open to all members of Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church.



August 5, 2024

Dear Rev. Anthony and Church Committee,

On behalf of St. Luke's Hospice VNA, we thank you for the continued support provided which enabled us to hold the Time of Remembrance Butterfly Release Program on Saturday August 3, 2024. Once again, the provision of your facilities and the beautiful location was a support and blessing to those in attendance.

This year we were all concerned about the weather. All of us constantly watching the radar, weather channel and praying the rain would hold off. Our prayers were answered. We finished the service, released the butterflies – and then it began to gently rain. The families left and the rain fell, fast and heavy. Everything worked out as God's timing is always in order (even when we do not immediately realize it.) The Butterfly release was beautiful, and once again, many in attendance remarked on the healing aspect of the Time of Remembrance Program.

Thank you all for making our Butterfly Release Memorial service a time of remembering, reflection, healing, and beauty, possible.

Our sincere gratitude,  
St. Luke's Hospice VNA  
Chaplain David Fehr  
Chaplain Dominick Sorrentino  
Chaplain Stephanie Crammer  
Chaplain Glenn Lamb  
Chaplain Timothy A. Hasenecz

# Sick & Shut-in



## Those in need of prayer:

Eli Bowland  
Willard Doll  
Lauren Dugan  
Candy Everett  
Edward Finney  
Joseph Gorman

Pinky Green  
Sonny Hack  
Steve Hoffman  
Joe Kluk  
Deb Lilly  
Brian Schell  
Gordon Scherer

Kenny Schleicher  
Lukas Schleicher  
Todd Schleicher  
Madalin Smale  
Sherry Smith  
Patti Walck  
Karen Wetzel

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Pinky Green  
Tess Hinger  
Peter Innervickler

Ruth Keck  
Debbie Meckel  
Debbie Strohl



# Upcoming Events to make note of

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
826 Mahoning Drive W., Lehighton, PA 18235

- Bake Sale
- Homemade Food
- Basket Raffle
- Fall Decorations
- Candy
- Plants
- Raffle Tickets
- Filling

## FALL BAZAAR

Fri. Oct. 4 5 - 7:30 PM  
Sat. Oct. 5 9 AM - 2 PM

10% of profits will go to The Bo Tkach Foundation

**Ben Salem United Church of Christ**  
1965 Church Hill Road, Lehighton, PA

**Join us!**

### Fall Festival and Basket Raffle

**Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 5 - 7:30PM &  
Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 10AM - 2PM**

**Good Food Handmade Crafts**

**Quilt Raffle**

**Apple Pie & Ice Cream**

For more information: Call the Church office at 570-386-3870 or visit bensalemucc.com

## 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 DEBEK JONES  
2-5 PM

184 St. Peter's Rd. Tamaqua, PA  
[www.stpeterschurchwestpenn.com](http://www.stpeterschurchwestpenn.com)

### Fall Candy Sale

All candy packaged ½ lb.													# of items	Total	
	Butter Cream	Peanut Rolled Butter Cream	Peanut Butter	Peanut Rolled Peanut Butter	Old-Fashioned Molasses Coconut	Old Fashioned Coconut	Nonpareils Fall Colors	Pretzel Snaps	Spooky Hand Lollipop	Pumpkin Lollipop					
Homemade chocolates	Milk	Dark	Milk	Dark	Milk	Dark	Milk	Dark	Milk	Dark	White	Milk			
	\$7		\$7		\$7		\$7		\$7		\$6		\$2.00		

Pick up at Fall Bazaar Fri. Oct. 4 (5 pm - 7:30 pm) or Sat. Oct. 5 (9am-2pm)



# CAR SHOW 2024

A special thank you to everyone who helped to make the first Dinkey Car Show a success.



## **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 September:

09/01 A: C Oswald/ M Spitzer G: Wetzel L: B Kuehn CA: J Koons/ E Pagotto

09/08 A: B Schleicher G: Bierman L: E Pagotto

09/15 A: D Spitzer G: Everett L: B Kuehn


09/22 A: A Kirkendall G: Frey L: T Schleicher

09/29 A: A Keller/ R Keller G: Wetzel L: J Schwartz CA: J Schwartz/ L Schleicher

**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		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9AM Worship Pentecost 15 Communion	Labor Day 			9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9AM Worship Penecost 16	6:30PM Grief Share (SJ)	10AM Palmer House Hymn Sing	9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 6:30PM Choir 7:30 PM Chime Choir		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9AM Worship Penecost 17 10:15AM Sunday School 12:30 Confirmation			9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 6:30PM Council Meeting	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 3:30PM Community Food Pantry 6:30PM Dinner & Discussion (SJ) 6:30PM Choir 7:30 PM Chime Choir		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9AM Worship Penecost 18 10:15AM Sunday School	6:30PM Grief Share (SJ)	6:00 Ladies Aid		6:30PM Choir 7:30 PM Chime Choir		
29	30					
9AM Worship Michael and All Angels Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 12PM Blessing of Animals (SJ)						