



# NOVEMBER

## 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](mailto: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](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  
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.**



## Transitions



I removed the air conditioner from my office at Dinkey and the mini-split in my office at St. John's has been switched from A/C to heat. The leaves have changed and are falling. Pools have been covered. We have definitely transitioned into autumn.

I say I like change and enjoy new things, but if I'm honest, I struggle when it comes to transitions. Whether it's seasonal transitions, or personal ones like the start or end of a school year for Erica and our children, I have a hard time adjusting to something new – even if it's familiar. These seasonal transitions come around every year. I know they are coming. Yet, there are times I just don't feel prepared for what is coming next.

We are about to encounter a major transition in our church and worship life. On Sunday, November 24, we will be celebrating Christ the King, Christ's triumphant return. The entire church year culminates to this one day of celebration of Christ as Lord of all. Throughout summer and into fall we have been hearing stories from the Bible about the growth of God's people through the teachings of Jesus and the gift of the Spirit. Now on this last Sunday of the church calendar year we celebrate Jesus' rightful place on the right hand of God. What happens between Christ the King and the following Sunday is where the real transition takes place

Sunday, December 1, will be the First Sunday of Advent. It's the start of a new church year. We'll go from a celebration of Jesus as Lord of all to looking in expectation to the inbreaking of God in our lives through the living Word. Talk about a transition! On top of that, we will be changing the look of our worship spaces. The blue paraments will adorn the altar, pulpit, and lectern. The greens will be placed around the sanctuary, and the advent wreath will be lit as we watch God's light grow each Sunday.

But as with any transition, we need something that is constant and sure, something we know we can rely upon. I pray that God may be that consistent presence for you. It doesn't matter if we are celebrating Christ the King or the First Sunday of Advent, the most important part of it all is God's never-ending steadfast love.

Whatever transitions you may be encountering in your life, whether they are seasonal, temporary, permanent, life changing, or just a blip in the big picture, may your foundation and base be the love God is constantly pouring upon you. May you feel God's presence and be secure in whatever you are encountering and embrace your transition with expectation and joy.

Yours in Christ,

*Pr. Tony*



11/01 Patricia Hudson  
11/02 Jamie Albert  
11/03 Peggy Borger  
11/03 Remington Frame  
11/04 Wendy Kunkel  
11/05 Bonnie Kenny  
11/05 Cara McMichael  
11/05 Eleanor Szacska  
11/06 Grace Dech  
11/06 Chelesa Smith  
11/07 Kathy Koch  
11/08 Kimberly Blose  
11/08 Daniel Schwartz  
11/10 Maya Styron  
11/11 Judith Atherholt  
11/11 Kelly Heiland

11/12 Kenneth Bretz Jr  
11/13 Jordan Curran  
11/13 Nora Osweald  
11/13 Tara Weiss  
11/16 Gary Schleicher  
11/16 Todd Schleicher  
11/18 Lydia Steward  
11/18 Debra Strohl  
11/19 Karla Neff  
11/19 Kurt Steigerwalt  
11/20 Dianne Gerber  
11/22 Carol Burrell  
11/24 Brittini DiStanislao  
11/25 Aidan Albert  
11/26 Carol Steigerwalt  
11/30 Joann Beck



11/09 Michael & Janice Bowman (50)  
11/12 Michael & Pamela Manogue (30)  
11/18 John & Kathy Koch (29)

11/20 Max & Kelsey McCandless (3)  
11/23 Robert & Christine Miller (39)

# October 2024 Council Highlights

The following actions occurred and reports were shared at the October 16, 2024 council meeting:

- ❖ There was an overwhelming response to the Harvest Home gathering. Thank you everyone!
- ❖ Approved Carl Schleicher's bid for snow removal for this coming winter.
- ❖ Dinkey will be hosting a joint Thanksgiving worship on Sunday, November 24, 2025 at 7:00PM.
- ❖ Approved the proposed budget for 2025.
- ❖ Thank you to everyone who participated and/or supported the CROP Walk.
- ❖ Confirmation and Sunday school have started and are going well.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 20, 2024 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 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. The initial meeting will be January 8, 2025 6:30 PM.

**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.

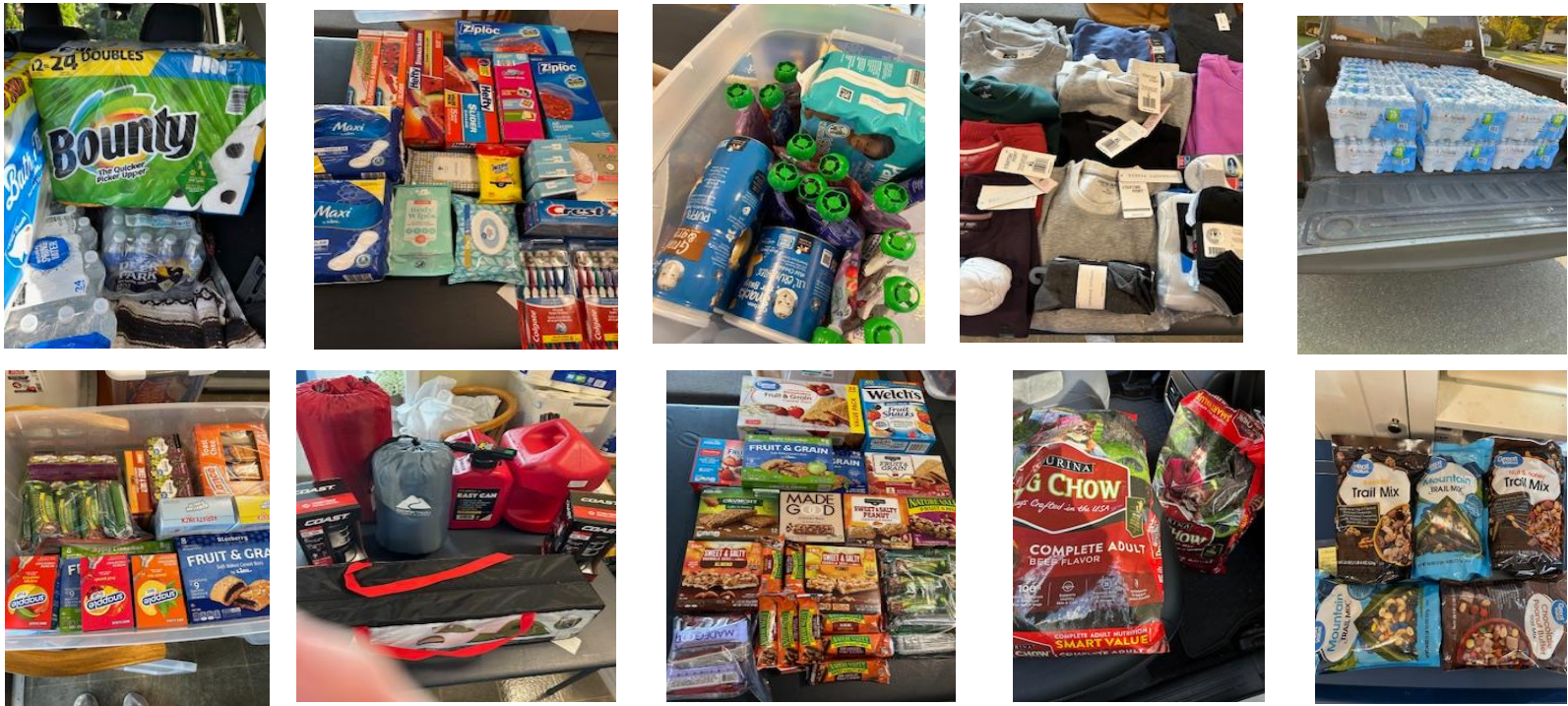
**Fundraising:** Dinkey is selling Streak Free cloths; \$5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interested. Dinkey is also selling Zook's frozen meat pies; chicken & sausage are \$7, beef is \$8; pick up every Sunday from 10:00 – 11:30 in the social hall.

**Fundraising:** Dinkey is selling pumpkin rolls for \$9.00 and filling for \$9.00 a quart and \$35 a pan. Order by November 10, 2024; pick up on Monday, November 25, 2024 from 2:00-5:00PM or Tuesday, November 26, 2024 from 4:00-6:00PM. Order sheets in the back of church.

**Fermenting our Faith:** Join us on November 13, 2024, 7:00PM at St John's Mahoning to explore our faith in a relaxed setting. Pizza will be ordered and drinks will be supplied by St John's.

**Congregational Meeting:** There will be a congregational meeting Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 9:45AM for approval of the 2025 budget / election of council members. Please plan to attend.

**Operation Hope Trek – Hurricane Relief trip to NC. Organized at our area St John’s & Dinkey Memorial churches by Bonnie Harley. Thank you! This was a generous act of stewardship shown by our church community.**



**Fall Rally Day at Yenser’s Tree Farm on September 17, 2024**



**Blessing of the Animals at St John’s Church on September 29, 2024**



## Special Prayers For Those In Need



### Those in need of prayer:

Eli Bowland  
Willard Doll  
Lauren Dugan  
Candy Everett  
Family of Edward  
Finney

Joseph Gorman  
Family of Pinky Green  
Sonny Hack  
Steve Hoffman  
Joe Kluk  
Deb Lilly  
Brian Schell

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

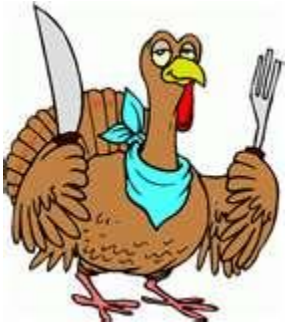
### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Tess Hinger  
Ruth Keck

Debbie Meckel  
Gordon Scherer  
Debbie Strohl

## Upcoming Events to make note of

### Free Thanksgiving Meal



Five churches, Zion Stone West Penn, St Peter's West Penn, St John's Mahoning, Dinkey Memorial Ashfield and Ben Salem UCC Andreas are sponsoring a free Thanksgiving meal on Saturday November 23, 2024. This will be a drive-thru pickup at Ben Salem UCC 1965 Church Hill Rd. Lehighnton, PA. 18235 from 2 to 5pm that day.

You must pre-register to receive your free meal by calling Nancy Meiser at 570-205-9267, Monday thru Friday from 9am to 4 pm.

There are a limited number of meals available. Deadline to register is Sunday, November 10, 2024.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** Fundraiser for Dinkey Memorial Window Fund and St John's Lutheran Church will be held on ELECTION DAY, Tuesday, November 5, 2024 from 4pm-7pm at Dinkey. Meal includes Spaghetti, Salad Bar, Roll, Beverage & Dessert. Questions: Call Kathy at 540-250-6539. 25% of proceeds to Lutheran Disaster Response for hurricane victims.



# MIDWEEK

ADVENT WORSHIP  
&  
SOUP SUPPER

WEDNESDAYS      6:00PM

Join us each Wednesday in Advent for a soup supper and worship service.  
December 4, 11, 18, 2024

St. John's Lutheran Church  
826 Mahoning Drive West  
Lehighnton, PA 18235

## FERMENTING OUR FAITH

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024**

**ST JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**7:00 – 9:00PM**

570-386-9960

[prdinklc@ptd.net](mailto:prdinklc@ptd.net)

All are welcome to gather and explore our faith together in a relaxed format where we can share our questions, ponderings, and even doubts. Contact Pr. Tony if you have any questions.

<p><b>ST JOHN'S CHURCH MAHONING</b></p> <p>826 Mahoning Dr. West Lehighnton, PA 18235</p>	<p><b>FOOD</b></p> <p>Pizza will be available</p>
<p><b>FELLOWSHIP</b></p> <p>Friends sharing time</p>	<p><b>FAITH</b></p> <p>Where is God?</p>

When: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Price: \$141/pp

Includes: Bus, Sight & Sound "Noah" tickets  
Yoder's Buffet, and driver gratuity.

Contact information:  
Deb Scheckler @ 484-866-3710  
or dscheckler@gmail.com



## **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 November:

11/03 A: A Keller/ R Keller G: Bierman L: R DeLuca CA: K Wetzel/ R DeLuca

11/10 A: L Klotz G: Everett L: K Frankhouser

11/17 A: J Markell G: Frey L: Lori German

11/24 A: C Oswald/ Derek Spitzer G: Wetzel L: Jim Koch CA: K Frankhouser/ L  
Kercsmar

**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	4	5	6	7	8	9
Daylight saving time ends 9AM Worship All Saints Sunday Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 12:30 Confirmation	6:30PM Grief Share (SJ)	4-7PM Spaghetti dinner	9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 6:30PM Choir		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9AM Worship Penecost 25 10:15AM Sunday School Deadline to order filling & pumpkin roll		10:00 Palmer House Hymn Sing	9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 7:00PM Fermenting our Faith (SJ)	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 6:30PM Choir		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9AM Worship Penecost 26 9:45AM Congregational meeting 10:15AM Sunday School	6:30PM Grief Share (SJ)		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		2-5PM Pick up Thanksgiving dinner (Ben Salem UCC)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9AM Worship Christ the King Communion 10:15AM Sunday School	2-5PM pick up fundraiser	4-6PM pick up fundraiser 6:00 Ladies Aid	9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM	Happy Thanksgiving 