



DECEMBER

NEWSLETTER

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Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church
1742 Dinkey Road
Lehighton, 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
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



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

Thank You

Dear Dinkey Congregation,
Thank you very much for the Amazon gift card for pastor appreciation. The bug shield is ordered and on the way! I truly appreciate the love and support you have provided over the years, and I look forward to many years together in the future.

Your servant in Christ,
Pr. Tony

For my scholarship
tuition, it helped
me out.

Thanks again?
Kenny Schleicher
Class of 2025-LCCC.



Thankful for everything

I know you won't read this until after Thanksgiving, but I've really been focusing on being thankful leading up to Turkey Day. My life is so much more enjoyable when I view it from belief that everything is a gift from God. Once I start thinking that I deserve something and feel entitled, then bitterness and resentment can set in when things don't work out exactly as I think they should.

So, I found it very fitting that a daily devotion I receive in my email recently addressed thankfulness. At the end of each email a reflection is included from someone who receives these devotions. I'd like to share with you the one from that day:

Recently, I sat in my Sunday morning quiet space—a bench in the garage of our home. Looking over at the car parked next to me, I thanked it for being faithful to us in escorting us from place to place. I thought of the complicated process of building the car—a product of metal, glass, plastic, lubricants—all fashioned by the hands of its creators, both human and divine. In the past, the thought of literally “thanking a car” would have been crazy to me. But through that experience of offering gratitude to something I see every day, I felt deeply connected to God. —Greg M.

I was just glad to hear that someone else talks to their car! Heck, I've already patted the dashboard and said, “Good job” when I reached a destination. Now that you think I'm absolutely nuts, let me clear that I don't think my car hears or understands what I am saying, but God does.

Giving thanks to God for the small things like safe travels to a destination, and the fact that we even have a car to travel in, is an important part of our faith life. Having that attitude of gratitude can improve our relationships with the people around us and with God. In addition to having that gratitude, I think it's also important to express it. In the words we say and the things we do, we are letting others and God know how much we appreciate the many gifts we receive daily.

May your heart be filled with gratitude and joy throughout this holiday season and may you continually express your thanks and praise for all God has given you.

Yours in Christ,

Pr. Tony

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. (Colossians 3:16)



12/02 Kirsten Frankhouser
12/03 Devon Biegley
12/03 Ayden Hand
12/03 Mitchell Reinheimer
12/04 Dennis Cunfer
12/06 Aiden Biegley
12/06 Sierra Frankhouser
12/07 Owen Ruth
12/07 Carl Schleicher
12/07 William Watkins III
12/08 Elizabeth Rosko
12/08 Lukas Schleicher
12/09 Quinton Heiland
12/10 Kandice Barachie
12/11 Susan Wilkinson
12/12 Leisa Ahner
12/12 Logan Biegley
12/12 Angela Rothermel
12/13 Linda Arndt
12/13 Lori German

12/15 Kara Newton
12/15 Jay Reinheimer
12/15 Holly Wilk
12/17 Deegan Berry
12/17 Thomas Steigerwalt
12/18 Donna Miller
12/20 Alice Scitney
12/21 Adam Howard
12/22 Willard Doll
12/22 Hali Keck
12/22 Debra Lilly
12/23 Holli Solt
12/24 Arlene Bisbing
12/25 Scott Berger
12/26 Molly Kluk
12/29 Sarah Zagata
12/31 Earl Heiland
12/31 Brian Koryttko
12/31 Penny Reinheimer



12/10 Steven & Eileen Miller (41)
12/22 Ronald & Debra Miller (44)

12/26 Brian & Sharon Schell (43)

November 2024 Council Highlights

The following actions occurred and reports were shared at the November 20, 2024 council meeting:

- ❖ Approved the purchase of flashlights for the homeless in Lehighton area to be distributed through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.
- ❖ Approved the Purchase of Service Agreement with St. John's, Mahoning for Pr. Tony's services for 2025.
- ❖ The Cemetery Committee offered \$20,000.00 for upcoming projects in the congregation.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 19, 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 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. The initial meeting will be January 8, 2025 at 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 Papa Sarge's Homemade Pierogies; orders due by December 15, 2024; pick up , January 15, 2025 from 2:00-6:00PM. Sign up sheet on the back window. 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.

Fermenting our Faith: Join us on February 12, 2025, 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.

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).

Trees for Troops: Dinkey will be collecting monetary donations for Trees for Troops on Sunday, December 1, 2024. Send a fresh Christmas tree to military families to say thank you for your service. The donation boxes are located on the back pews.

Advent Toiletree: Dinkey will be collecting toilet paper and toiletry items for the Bare Necessities Pantry every Sunday through Advent. Bare Necessities supplies these items to residents in the Lehighton, Palmerton, and Jim Thorpe school districts. Please help those in need.

Poinsettias: Poinsettias for Christmas Eve can be ordered by December 15, 2024. Cost is \$9.50. Order forms are on the back window for anyone interested or you can call the office (610)377-4242.



Those in need of prayer:

Eli Bowland
Mackenzie DeLuca
Willard Doll
Lauren Dugan
Candy Everett
Joseph Gorman

Family of Pinky Green
Sonny Hack
Steve Hoffman
Joe Kluk
Deb Lilly
Kenny Schleicher
Lukas Schleicher

Todd Schleicher
Madalin Smale
Sherry Smith
Patti Walck
Betty Weber

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Tess Hinger
Ruth Keck
Debbie Meckel

Alice Scitney
Gordon Scherer
Debbie Strohl



Tuesday, December 24, 2024

3:00 St John's

5:00 Dinkey

10:00 Dinkev



Sunday School Halloween Party



Events to make note of



COLD WEATHER STATION



Come and learn more

Thursday Dec 5th, 6:30 PM at Sts. Peter & Paul
260 N 3rd Street, Lehighton, PA 18235

We are looking for:

- * Chaperones
- * Meals
- * Prayer Partners
- * Donations

Newsletter



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cwslehighton@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/operationcoldfront>

Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA • 242 N. 3rd Street, Lehighton, PA 18235 • (570) 657-6738

Lehighton Cold Weather Station Meeting October 14, 2024 – 6:30PM

Approximately 30 people attended this meeting. See Jesus. Be Jesus.

Lehighton Cold Weather Station (not shelter) will be held at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 119 S. 3rd Street, Lehighton. Will open starting December 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025, when the temperatures are expected to reach 25°F or less (windchill will be taken into consideration if the temperature is higher). Church will open from 6PM – 9AM, offering a hot meal, overnight stay, breakfast, and a bagged lunch. In extremely cold weather, a request will be made to have the station open during the daytime as well.

There is no kitchen in this facility. The floor is concrete, and there are plenty of baseboard heaters in this room. A grant has been applied for through St. Peter & Paul/St. Vincent de Paul's Church. Working on the possibility of putting vinyl or epoxy flooring in with area rugs for warmth. Looking to purchase cots, sleeping bags, pillows, and shelving for extra supplies. Looking for donations of paper products, toilet paper, and monetary donations. Will sleep 20 people comfortably.

There are approximately 15-20 homeless people in the area right now. They will be notified when the shelter is open via the Facebook page ("Operation Cold Front") or word of mouth. Discussion about the possibility of having a blue light somewhere to signal that the facility is open.

Many volunteers will be needed. There is the potential for 101 nights; 15 weeks. Two overnight chaperones are needed each night (one man) – must try to stay awake, AM/PM station staffing, preparing & serving meals. All sign-ups using "Sign-Up Genius". People also needed to pray for this program and our neighbors in need.

All volunteers at the station will require training. Volunteer Training Dates: November 25 & 26, December 12, and January 23 (approximately 2 hours). Exact time and place to be determined.

Rural residency doctors from St. Luke's Hospital will work with scheduling appointments & vaccines, as well as prescribing needed medications during the daytime hours. They can possibly see patients in private at St. Peter & Paul Church. The Office of Mental Health will also work with the needs of the guests, including hospitalization, crisis intervention, housing programs & case management.

Next informational meeting: December 5, 2024

Contact: cwslehighton@gmail.com 570-657-6738
<https://www.facebook.com/operationcoldfront>

DINKEY MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Advent Toilet tree

Every Sunday through Advent donations can be placed at the back of the sanctuary.



Toilet paper and toiletry items will be donated to the Bare Necessities Pantry at St. Peter Community Resource Center in Weissport. The Bare Necessities Pantry is a toiletry and food pantry open to residents of the Lehighton, Palmerton, and Jim Thorpe School Districts who qualify for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).

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
Lehighton, PA 18235

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 December:

12/01 A: B Schleicher/ M Spitzer G: Bierman L: B Kuehn CA: J Koons/ E
Pagotto

12/08 A: A Keller/ J Albert G: Everett L: N Oswald

12/15 A: R Keller/ M Bowman G: Frey L: Sunday School

12/22 A: A Kirkendall/ C Solt G: Wetzel L: Elijah Pagotto

12/29 A: L Klotz G: Bierman L: Erica Pagotto

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
9AM Worship Advent 1 Communion 10:15AM Sunday School	6:00PM Grief Share (SJ)		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 6pm Advent Worship & Soup Supper (SJ)	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 6:30PM Choir		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9AM Worship Advent 2 10:15AM Sunday School 12:30 Confirmation(D)	10:00AM Palmer House Hymn Sing		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 6PM Advent Worship & Soup Supper (SJ)	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 6:30PM Choir		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9AM Worship Advent 3 Sunday School Christmas Program 12:30PM Confirmation/Christmas Caroling Poinsettia order /perogie deadline	6:00PM Grief Share (SJ)		9AM Morning Prayer via ZOOM 6PM Advent Worship & Soup Supper (SJ)	9:30AM Bible Study via ZOOM 3:30PM Community Food Pantry 6:30PM Council Meeting 6:30PM Choir		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9AM Worship Advent 4 10:15AM Sunday School		3PM Worship(SJ) 5PM Worship(D) 10PM Worship(D) Communion	Merry Christmas 			
29	30	31				
9AM Worship Christmas 1 Lessons & Carols						