



APRIL

NEWSLETTER 2023

Dinke Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church
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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Reverend Anthony Pagotto	610-377-4242
Church Secretary	Sherry Smith	610-377-4242
Music Director	Bridgette Gorman	
Financial	Kelli DeLuca	
Sexton	David Arndt	

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship 9AM
Sunday School 10:15AM

2023 Church Council

Rev. Anthony Pagotto
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

Tuesday 2PM-4PM

Wednesday 10AM-4PM

Thursday 10AM-3PM

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

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 Cupboard is held the third
Thursday of every month from 3:30-5PM.
If you know someone in need please contact
Pastor Tony.**



APRIL BIRTHDAYS MEMBERS 70 AND OVER

4/6 BARBARA JANCO
4/7 CATHERINE MILLER
4/8 JOAN VAYDA
4/11 DARWIN BERGER
4/15 ARLENE WILK
4/19 CAROL STEBER
4/22 THERESSA HINGER
4/24 DOLORES STROHL





Those in need of prayer:

Margie Balliet	Ruth Keck
Makayla Becker	Lukas Schleicher
Dennis Cuzzo	Todd Schleicher
Lauren Dugan	Vicki Urbon
Jens Herman	Patti Walck
Alan Gaugler	Healing prayers for a sick friend
Ernie Frack	Terry Fritz
Cindy Shipwash	

HOMEBOUND MEMEBERS: Tess Hinger Debbie Meckel Debbie Strohl
Sharon Rex Donald Steigerwalt

LADIES AID
WILL MEET ON TUESDAY,
APRIL 25, 2023
IN THE SOCIAL ROOM AT 6PM

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4/1 TRISH & MICHAEL HUDSON(18)

4/1 JASON & LISA WETZEL (28)

4/7 STANLEY & CINDY CORDOVA (33)

4/15 KURT & KATHY STEIGERWALT (45)

4/16 GORDON & KAY SCHERER JR. (63)

4/25 DAVID & LIZ ARNDT (41)

4/26 CORY & DONNA MILLER (15)

4/29 ERIC & HOLLI SOLT (13)



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 Sherry 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
610-377-6681 \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations

We are still collecting:

Aluminum Tabs

Ink Jet and Tone Cartridges for Recycling

Worship Assistants for April

4/2	A: L Klotz/ L Klotz	G:Hack	L: B Kuehn	CA: E Pagotto/K Frankhouser
4/9	A: M Kluk/ J Markell	G:Wetzel	L: E Pagotto	CA: W Crostley/K Wetzel
4/16	A: C Oswald	G:Bierman	L: N Oswald	
4/23	A: B Moyer	G: Everett	L: T Schleicher	
4/30	A: C Oswald	G: Frey	L: J Schwartz	

Devotions for April are sponsored by Irene Wenner

February 2023 Council Highlights

The following actions and reports occurred at the February 15, 2023 council meeting:

- ❖ Appointed Laura Moyer as treasurer.
- ❖ Thanked Jay Frey and Service Construction for the wonderful job on the parsonage.
- ❖ Approved Service Construction for repair work on bell tower and replacement of part of church roof.
- ❖ Set the Easter Breakfast for Sunday, April 9, 2023 following the sunrise worship.
- ❖ Updated the Rental Policy to include, "The use of confetti and/or glitter is not permitted."
- ❖ Approved the repair/replacement of the water treatment system up to \$3000.00.


The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:30PM. A reminder to everyone that council meetings are open to all members of Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church.

March 2023 Council Highlights

The following actions and reports occurred at the March 14, 2023 council meeting:

- ❖ Service Construction is still waiting to receive their final payment for the work completed on the parsonage following the water leak.
- ❖ Reviewed the prep work needed for Easter breakfast on April 9, 2023.
- ❖ The proposed water system upgrade has been approved by DEP and the necessary parts have been received to begin work.
- ❖ Money received from Turnkey for 2023 clothing donations has been designated for the Community Cupboard (75%) and the East Penn Township Volunteer Fire Company (25%).
- ❖ Approved the use of the Pavilion and Social Room by St. Luke's Hospice for a Memorial Butterfly Release on Saturday, August 26, 2023.
- ❖ Approved the expenditure of up to \$1000.00 to start a Health & Wellness Group to make sure our AED is up to date and first aid supplies are on hand and accessible.
- ❖ Set Clean Up Day for Saturday, May 20, 2023.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6:30PM. A reminder to everyone that council meetings are open to all members of Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church.



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BASKET RAFFLE

Friday, May 5th, 4 pm – 7 pm
Saturday, May 6th, 9 am – 2 pm

A sheet of 25 raffle tickets will be \$5.00 or
purchase 5 sheets for \$20.00
Baskets are valued at \$25 or more
You need not be present to win
ALL winners will be notified

We will also have the kitchen open
and we will have baked goods for sale.

Proceeds to benefit church repairs, and
the East Penn Fire Company

To Play or Not to Play

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter season is here! And that means we celebrate the risen Christ and God's gift of new life for all of creation. But it also means something else – I can play solitaire again on my computer!

During Lent I have “given up” playing solitaire on my computer. It was something mindless that I would do when I was bored, when I was stressed, or just feeling a little overwhelmed. That's not a bad thing, but it began to take up too much time. I'd plan to play a game and the next thing I knew I had wasted half an hour clicking cards on a screen. Realizing it was taking up too much of my time I decided to “give it up” for Lent. I admit that the Thursday after Ash Wednesday I opened the game and started playing out of habit, but quickly stopped as soon as I realized what I was doing. But now that Easter is almost here, I can look forward to playing solitaire again as much as I desire... right?

I can play some games of solitaire, but I don't want it to get the point where it had been prior to Lent. That's the whole idea of “giving something up” for Lent. By not indulging ourselves with whatever it was we gave up, we could see how it had interfered with our relationship with God. Then our change could become more permanent and deepen our spiritual life.

If I stopped playing solitaire only for Lent and went right back to playing as I did before, did I really grow spiritually? Did I really experience the new life that is offered through the resurrection? That is what's taking place – a death and a resurrection. Our old way of living dies and a new life, centered on Christ, emerges. All this is not to say we need to permanently give up whatever it was we set aside for Lent, but it shouldn't play the vital role in our lives that God's presence needs to play.

My hope and prayer for all of us is that we may not be enslaved once again by the things we gave up for Lent, and that those desires may be satisfied by the ever-present love and grace of God in our lives.

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Yours in Christ,
Pr. Tony

