



We have so many opportunities for you to engage with our church community.

Here are just a few:

- Our Youth group needs some help with **meals** for their group meetings on Sunday. Nothing fancy. Grab a friend and make a pot of soup! Call Sierra or Teresa to sign up.
- Our kiddos in the K-2 range, need an **assistant** on Sunday mornings, 9-10am. You won't regret this...these kids will make you smile. Cristi Laukhuf is your contact.
- Wednesday Nights needs **clean up** folks and dessert **bakers**. Sign up on the media board (outside Krout by the kitchenette).
- **Greeters** on Sunday morning - need greeters and someone to help schedule them. Contact Jana.
- **Coffee Hour host/hostess** - looking for someone to take the 4th Sunday each month. Contact Jana.
- **Projectionist** for Sunday Mornings - we will train you. Contact the office.
- **Communion Stewards** and a **Coordinator**. Shirley Jarvis has been our coordinator, but needs to step back. Stewards prepare communion once a month. The coordinator schedules people.
- Middle School Students need a Sunday Morning **teacher** February - April. Contact Teresa.



Wednesday Meal - Come enjoy a hot meal Wednesdays at 5pm in the basement dining hall. This week's meal is Chicken & Biscuits with Mixed Vegetables, Macaroni Salad, Hot Dog/Bun, Tossed Salad and Dessert

Game Night - Gather everyone; your kids, grandkids, neighbors..... and join us this Friday, from 6-8pm for an evening of fun and fellowship. RSVP to cristi.laukhuf@vanwertfirst.net

Altar Flowers - We have several dates available for 2024 Altar Flowers. The signup sheet is on the Media Board outside of the Krout Memorial or call the office.

Church office—419-238-0631 ext. 302 or firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net

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“The Lord’s Prayer”

Our Vision Statement:

Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus

Thanks for joining us today! If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, ***Welcome!*** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses (Matthew 6:14-15, ESV)

**indicates please stand if you are able
Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor*

Welcome & Announcements: Al Arnold

Prelude *On Two Old Hymns* arr. Fred Bock

***Call to Worship** Al Arnold

Leader: As we gather today, we call you

People: Our Father, who art in Heaven,

Leader: As we gather today, we seek your ways, not our own

People: Your Kingdom come, your will be done...

Leader: As we gather today, we need you.

People: Give us this day our daily bread,

Leader: Lead us away from temptation, deliver us from evil.

People: As we gather today, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #154 vs. 1, 2 & 6

***Opening Prayer** Al Arnold

Dear Lord and Father, Thank you that you promise us that where two or three are gathered you are there in the midst. Lord we welcome You amongst us today and celebrate the gift of life that you have lavished upon each of us. We ask that You would open our ears so that we may hear your voice. Amen.

Chat with the Children Julie Burenga
Children will be dismissed to AWE

Life in the Church Al Arnold

***Scripture** Matthew 6:5-9 ESV

Anthem *The Lord's Prayer* arr. Albert H. Malotte Chancel Choir
Gloria Wendel, accompanist

Series **Church Traditions**
Message "The Lord's Prayer" Jeremy Laukhuf

Prayers of the People

Giving of Tithes & Offerings (Children will return from AWE)

Offertory *I Worship You, Almighty God* by Don Moen

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #94

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***Hymn** *In the Bleak Midwinter* #221

***Spoken Benediction:**

Postlude: *Allegro Maestoso* by Lani Smith

*You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.
Thank you for worshiping with us!*



KID'S MINISTRY AWE

Children preschool through 5th grade have an opportunity to build their relationship with Jesus through uplifting songs and impactful Bible lessons by attending our Alternate Worship Experience. Children will be released to AWE after praise and worship time. AWE will not meet Communion Sundays which is the first Sunday of the month.

Leaders in Today's Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor

Projectionist: Noah Carter

Director of Music: Scott Turner

Sound Technician: Kyle Wendel

Guest Speaker: Jeremy Laukhuf

Videographer: Kurt Massillo

Acolyte: Dillon Staas

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichtle, Assistant