

THE ANNOUNCER

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Worship Service

In-Person Worship 10:00 a.m. on Sundays, live-stream at <https://christchurchracine.com>
Communion is typically offered on the first Sunday of the month. Prepackaged containers are available for pick-up at the main office if you will be worshipping with us online.

Ministry Highlights!



Our Mission: Love God, Love & Serve Others, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ

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From the Pastor's Desk



As we enter March, we continue the Lenten season, a season of soul-searching and repentance that calls us to deeper discipleship. Lent originated in the early Christian Church as a forty-day preparatory time for Easter; during this time the faithful rededicated themselves and converts were given final instructions in the faith to prepare for baptism.

During this time of Lent, I encourage us all to enter into a time of reflection on our faith journey and how it is being lived out through the church and in our everyday life. Use this Lenten season to focus more on God through prayer, daily Bible reading, and weekly devotion material in addition to Sunday Worship. As you do open yourself to Holy Spirit, pray for God to reveal areas of your life He wants to continue to transform after the image of Christ. Maybe it's giving up a grudge, a sinful behavior, or attitude. Maybe it's handing over to God control of a certain area you have been holding back. It may mean giving to God more of your time, talents, or presence year-round through more prayer, Bible reading, worship, acts of mercy, or devotional material.

Let Lent be a time when you are especially open to where God is calling you and to what God is saying to you about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. What is the next step for you? Committing to pray for the prayer list, joining a fellowship group or a Bible study? Is it serving through a food ministry, calling the homebound or helping with a Change for Change collection? Could it be a mission project, working the A/V booth in worship, greeting at the door, or welcoming guests at the Faith@Home Center? Maybe the next step is remembering that our mission as God's Church involves sharing your faith and having conversations with people in your life about your Christian journey. May this Lent be a time for growing and living into God's vision for your life and the life of Christ Church.

God Bless, Pastor George J. Kafer

CONNECT
with an Open Heart
Mark 12:29-31



GROW
in Body, Mind & Spirit
Romans 12:2



SERVE
with Willing Hands
1 Peter 4:10-11



GO
with Ready Feet
Matthew 28:19-20





United Women in Faith

The Evening Circle gathers on March 2nd at 6:00 p.m. for dessert, coffee and a program.

CONNECT

With God In Worship And God's People In Fellowship

GROW

In Faith And Understanding Through Study And Groups

SERVE

With Your Time, Talent, Resources

GO

Share Christ, Invest In Others And Invite Them

Christ Church Invites You!



Saturday March 21st 1-3 pm A free community event for the whole family!

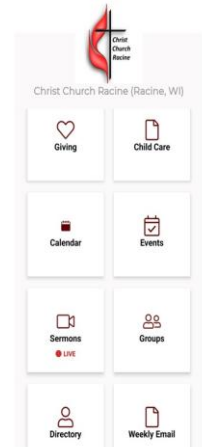
- Giant inflatables
- Easter bunny
- Indoor carnival: games, crafts, prizes, cotton candy & popcorn

Christ Church App

You can access sermons, calendar, events, directory and more.



Scan the QR code to get the app



We are thankful for all those who make these wonderful prayer shawls and the impact they have in the lives of others.



We want to recognize and thank Bonnie for making her 200th prayer shawl! Thank you for your time and dedication!

RACINE FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING PILOT PROGRAM



To participate register using the flyer in the south entryway and pay \$25 (annual fee) to Racine Interfaith Coalition.

The flyer lists drop off sites and what can be composted.

A green food waste compost drop off container is located in the north parking lot! See flyer near the library door.

God Is Good

God is working good in the lives of people through the ministries of Christ Church. If you have a story of how your life or someone else's has been blessed by God or affected by a ministry at Christ Church please share it with Pastor George so God can be glorified.



Join us in making shawls for those going through tough times. The shawls serve as a reminder of God's love and the prayers of God's people. **The group meets in the Friendship Room on the second Friday at 1 p.m.**

Reminder: If you know someone who could benefit from receiving a Loving Arms Prayer Shawl; please contact the church office at 632-1607.

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Christ Church United Methodist Craft & Vendor Fair

When: Saturday May 9th
Time: 10 am to 3 pm
5109 Washington Ave Racine

Scan here to
sign up for
a vender slot.



*Meaning,
Purpose,
Hope
Learn how to find
them at Christ
Church!*

Collections

In the south entrance there are bins for collecting various items for mission projects and ministries.



To give online go to
www.christchurchracine.com

and click "give" or text
"give" to 1-262-631-3012

Or scan here



**Thank you to those who
offer support for vital, life
changing ministry.**

March Birthdays

Nancy Meilahn	3
Brenda Molbeck	3
Amy Bixler	4
Pam Nagel	5
Pastor George	6
Luke Knudson	6
Ralph Molbeck	9
John Schubert	10
Becky Meredith	12
Justine Parriett	12
Dawn Grabowski	16
Oaklee Sheeder	17
Isobel Just	18
Sylvia Knight	18
Josh Levenhagen	22
Lana Stanton	22
Robb Meredith	29

Change for Change

March

HALO (Shelter for homeless)
Easter-Heifer (hunger)

April

Health Care Network (Medical)

May

Hope House (Pregnant women)

June

Christian Disciple Farm

July

Prayer Shawl (yarn)

August

Compassion International Child

September

UMCOR (Disaster relief)

October

Food Pantry (Turkeys)

November

Veteran's Outreach (Homeless)
Thanksgiving Eve-Food Pantry

December

Hospitality Center (Meals)
Christmas Eve-World Central Kitchen

RaiseRight (SCRIP)

This is a gift card program where a portion of the value goes to Christ Church. Pick up an order form at the table near the library and return to the office with your payment.

Thanks Patty for the Love & Justice Auction Cake!



Saturday Sack Lunch

April 25th, 10:30am – 1:00pm

Help make and hand out bag lunches at
St Luke's Episcopal Church 614 Main St, Racine

The CHOSEN watch | discuss | reflect | rejoice



Wednesdays

Meal 5:15p, Episode 6:00p, Discussion 7:00p
You can also come just for the discussion.

Community Meals 2026

Meet at North Pointe UMC 3:30 p.m.

March 10, May 12

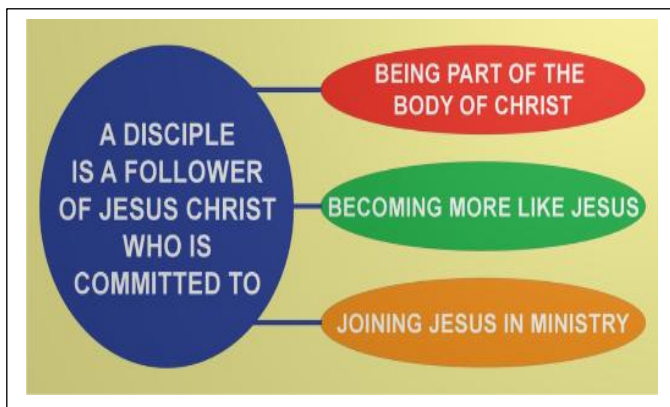
July 14, September 8, November 10

Volunteer at the Food Pantry to Help Meet Hunger Needs in Racine

Holy Communion Lutheran Church (2000 W 6th St, Racine) Monday & Friday 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Help organize and pack food, register participants, or carry boxed food to vehicles.

Donations are collected in the bins between the glass doors of the entrances of the church building. Other items needed: paper bags, Plastic bags, Greeting cards, Pens/pencils, Bibles.



March Food Pantry List

(Items can be dropped off at the entryway doors)

1 lb. bags or boxes of rice, 1 lb pkgs. of spaghetti, side dishes, canned pineapple, Saltines

Plastic shopping bags, brown paper grocery bags, greeting cards, pens, pencils, child and adult Bibles, devotions & cookbooks are needed as well.

The Foundation Can Help You Leave a Legacy

By preparing a will, you can extend your Christian stewardship beyond your lifetime. In addition to providing for your family's needs, your will can direct how your assets will continue to support the missions and ministries you have supported in life.

A simple, cost-effective way to do this is to insert this paragraph into your will:

"After all my bills are paid, I want [x] percent of my estate to go to Christ Church Methodist Church, Racine WI

If you need assistance with preparing your letter of instruction or wish to know more about leaving a gift to your church, contact **The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation** toll-free at 1-888-903-9863 or email us at wumf@wumf.org.

GROWTH GROUPS

Sunday

Adult Study 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Room 16
 Young Adult Group 1st & 3rd Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in the South Entryway
 Young Adult Group 4th Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in Room 13

Wednesday

The Chosen Video 6:00 p.m. & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Led by Pastor in the Sanctuary.
 (Class thru March 4th then taking a break for Lent. Will resume on April 8th.)

Thursday

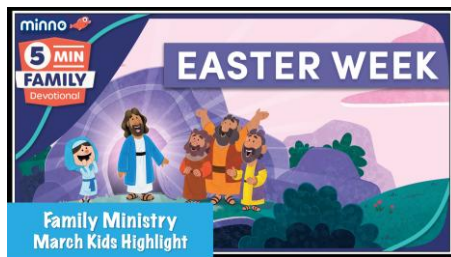
Men's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Led by: Brian Crowe in the Conference Rm
 Adult Coloring/Crafting Group Meets on the 1st Thursday at 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Rm 16

Friday

Adult Bible Study 9:30-11:00 a.m. Led by Marci Tenuta in the Friendship Rm
 Prayer Shawl, 2nd Fridays of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Friendship Rm
 Lawn Chair Ladies, 4th Fridays of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Friendship Rm

RightNow Media Streaming Suggestions

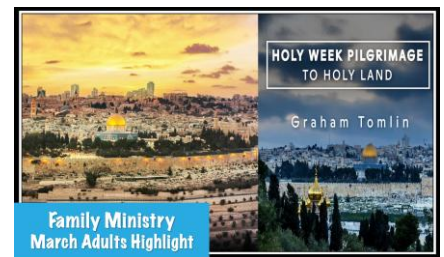
Elementary



Youth



Adults



Check out **“The Chosen,”** TV show, a Biblically grounded look at Jesus through those who knew Him. Seasons 1-5 are streamed on Amazon Prime & The Chosen App.

Worship Online

Join in person at 10:00 a.m. or tune in online to worship on Sundays for praise in song, connecting in prayer and reflection on Scripture.

You can watch the live stream at www.christchurchracine.com

Sharing Joys & Concerns

If you would like to have a joy or concern shared with the congregation, please email the church at christcumc@gmail.com or call the office at 262-632-1607 or use the prayer sheet before the service.



Apportionment Giving

Christ Church has a history of 100% apportionment giving, allowing us to help transform lives by God's love. Apportionments provide for ministries that directly help over 50,000 people in Wisconsin and many more beyond. In 2026 our apportionment is \$50,136, if we each give faithfully to the general fund and if able a special gift for apportionments, **\$380 a year per member**, we can continue to support connectional ministries and free up more of our general funds to increase outreach and ministry in our local area.

Stewardship Makes a Difference!

Thank you for all the ways you support ministry. This newsletter has examples of how our church is making a difference in people's lives through your giving! **It is good to see people trusting in God and answering His call to give.** People are offering themselves to serve and their financial giving (several tithing 10% of income, or working toward tithing)! Check the Connection Table for Electronic Fund Transfer forms and ways to give of your time and talent as well. As you respond to God's call in the giving of your time, talent, and resources remember if you have a need contact Pastor George.



170 people are fed a hot meal because of Christ Church.



The next **Community Meal is March 10th**, help donate food or serve at the meal. 3:30-6:30 p.m. at North Pointe UMC: 3825 Erie St, Racine, WI 53402

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We are collecting cash donations and gift card donations for the Slife family as Heidi is undergoing cancer treatment.

You can donate using the QR Code to the compassion fund and note "Heidi" or purchase and drop off to the church office gift cards:

Mulberry's Pancakes & Café (Union Grove)
TinCAN Roadhouse (Union Grove)

McDonald's
Olive Garden
Panera Bread
Domino's
Culver's



What Will Your Legacy Be?

Have you considered your legacy; how about continuing to let God use you to transform lives by adding a line to your Will that gives 10% of your estate to Christ Church. Estate funds have helped us with much needed building repairs or improvements so that our building continues to support vital ministry.

Need a Visit?

Gifted lay people along with the Pastor extend the Church's presence to the homebound and others through visits. If you have moved, are ill, having surgery, or need a visit for any reason please call the church office to keep the Pastor and lay visiting team informed. If we do not know we cannot go!

Scan here to sign up for the Weekly Message email!



Consider This

If you desire to give to specific ministries beyond your general offering here are some areas:

**Apportionments,
Building Fund**

(helps with: painting, siding, repairs, parking lot...),

**Compassionate fund,
Roof Fund, Youth Ministry,**

Audio/Visual Fund,

Camp/Mission Trip

Scholarships

(\$200 per camper).

Christ Church's Vision

A diverse church of Christ followers who leads our community in service and compassion.

Consider This Tax Move!

Mandatory distributions from retirement accounts can be given directly to the church, saving you on taxes.



Music Ministry at Christ Church



Special Music

Please contact Brenda.

Praise Team

Leads praise songs in worship.
Practices on Sunday at 9:00
a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir

Provides music and leads hymns in worship. Sept.-May.
Practices on Tuesdays at 7:00
p.m. Sept.-May.

Bell Choir

Every Tuesday at
6:30 p.m. starting in Sept.



Membership Expectations

By taking the vows of membership members of Christ Church agree to help carry out our mission and to be: regular in worship; active in spiritual growth (personal devotions/growth groups); active in an area of service in the church and/or community; to give in proportion to your income, and to be a witness to the faith.

These vows help us grow in faith and live it out in the world as followers of Jesus.

We have bundles of worship invite cards in the entryways to take and give out:

- Put a stack at your office, store or place of work.
- Ask if you can set a stack out in a business that you frequent.
- Give them to neighbors, friends and co-workers.
- Leave them on tables at restaurants to invite your server (leave a tip, too).
- Give them out in drive thru lanes.
- Ask God to give you an opportunity to give them out.
- Keep a few in your wallet, purse or car.



Christian Education, Children's, Youth & Family Ministry



Children's Church



Children's Church (3-12yr)
Sundays at 10:15 a.m.
North hallway,
Room 14 - Preschool
Room 17/18 - Elementary



Youth Group

Youth Group:
1st Sundays 12:00-1:30 p.m.
in Room 13 & 3rd Sundays
12:00-3:00 p.m.
(Lunch 11:30 p.m.)



**Young Adult
1st & 3rd Group:**
Gathering on the 1st & 3rd
Sundays 6:00-9:00 p.m.
South entryway

Subscribe to the Text & Email List by scanning your groups QR code:

Parents:



Youth Group:



Young Adult Group:



Follow us on Facebook: "Christ Church Racine" & "Christ Church Child Care Center"

Contact Josh Levenhagen: at 414-651-0448 or by email at christchurchracinefamily@gmail.com.

Drive-In Movie Event – Saturday, April 18

Free Family Fun!

11 am – 3 pm
(In the Fellowship Hall)

Create Box Cars
(Materials Provided)

Movie
Zootopia 2

Hot Dog Meal & Popcorn
Will Be Provided



To RSVP, scan the QR code

Confirmation Class

2nd & 4th Sundays, 11:30a-12:30p
Learn about and confirm your faith.
(Conference room, lunch provided)



**Young Adult
Small
Group**

March 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Room 13

*Gather for fellowship, snacks and a
devotional or young adult topic talk.*

Parenting resources available at the Faith @ Home center in the South Entryway!



Financial Offerings

Thank you for supporting our shared ministry. Offerings can be mailed in or made electronically by scanning here.



Time & Talent Offerings

Opportunities to share time & talent are on connection table in the south entryway, on the hallway bulletin boards and on the entryway TV screen.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

HALO

Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization

(Change for Change collections are made up of the coins in the offering plates and special donations)



The Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO) offers each person an opportunity to begin their journey from dependency towards self-sufficiency. We understand that each person that enters our shelter program comes with their own dreams, goals, and needs, and it is our goal to help them reach these goals safely.

Our vision is that all homeless individuals and families in Racine County will be provided emergency food, clothing, shelter, transitional, and permanent housing, and supportive services through a collaborative structure that effectively coordinates services, shares information, increases funding, and eliminates duplication and gaps in services.

Thank you for helping in times of need!

HOLY WEEK Services			
			
Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
March 29 @ 10 am	April 2 @ 7 pm	April 3 @ 7 pm	April 5 @ 10 am



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March</h1>						
1 9 am Band/Choir Practice 10 am Worship & Children's Church 17/18 11:30 am Bible study Room 16 11:30 am Youth outing Whirley Ball 3 pm JR 6 pm Young Adult Gathering	2 6 pm UWF Circle Meeting	3 6 pm Trustees room 16 6:30 pm Bells Friendship Room 6:30 pm Choir Practice	4 5:15 pm Choen Meal 6 pm Chosen Episode 7pm Chosen Study 7 pm Jehova Rafa	5 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study Conf Room 6:00 pm Craft/Game Night Rm 16	6 9:30 am Bible Study Friendship Room 7 pm Jehova Rafa	7
8 9 am Choir Practice 6-9 am JR Prayer 10 am Worship & Children's Church 11:30 am Bible Study Room 16 Room 3 pm JR	9 12 pm Garden Club 6:30 pm Leadership Board Room 16	10 3:30 pm Community Meal 6:30 pm Bells Friendship Room 6:30 pm Choir Practice	11 1 pm Caregiver Support Group Room 16 7 pm Jehova Rafa	12 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study Conf Room 6:30 pm Events Committee Conf. Room	13 9:30 am Bible Study Friendship Room 1 pm Prayer Shawl friendship Room 7 pm JR	14
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22 9 am Band/Choir Practice 10 am Worship & Children's Church 17/18 11:30 am Confirmation Conf. Room 11:30 am Bible study Room 16 3 pm JR 6:30 Robyn YA Small Group	23	24 6:30 pm Bells Friendship Room 6:30 pm Choir Practice	25 7 pm Jehova Rafa	26 9 am UWF Board Conf Room 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study Conf Room	27 9:30 am Bible Study Friendship Room 1 pm Lawn Chair Ladies Friend. Room 7 pm Jehova Rafa	28 4-9 pm Hispanic Group Gym Use
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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Worship - 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, March 1
(Communion)**

The Road to Resurrection: Forgiveness

Sunday, March 8

The Road to Resurrection: Grace

Sunday, March 15

The Road to Resurrection: Family

Sunday, March 22

The Road to Resurrection: Forsaken

Sunday, March 29

The Road to Resurrection: Thirst

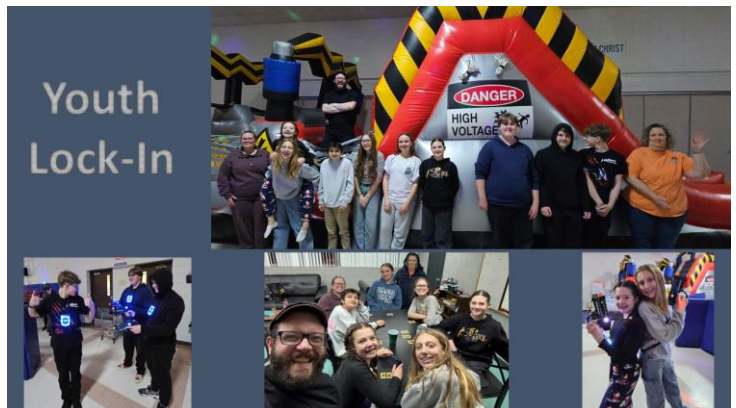


Office Hours

The church office is open
9:00-3:00 Mon.-Thur. and till
noon on Fridays.



**Galentine's Day
Women's Event**



**Youth
Lock-In**