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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!

Group Leader Dedication

We celebrated and dedicated the growth group leaders serving our congregation this program year!

Thank you for helping us get into God's word and grow as disciples of Jesus!

We had our first block party as a part of our rally day kickoff.

The weather moved us inside, but we still enjoyed food, fellowship, door prizes and games with our church, childcare and local families from our community.

Block Party/ Fall Kick Off

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

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From the Pastor's Desk

October means cooler weather, changing colors, and a new ministry program-year getting going. I hope you have found a small group to be a part of! Fall also means that the Charge Conference is coming (December 14th at 6:30 p.m.) where we celebrate the previous year's ministry, care for the administration of the church, and prepare for the next year of ministry by approving the budget and the nominations of persons to the various ministry committees that help us carry out our mission.

As we seek to plan effectively for our ministry together in 2027, we reflect on our stewardship and how God is calling us to give of the gifts God has blessed us with. Stewardship is the idea that everything belongs to God as Creator and we are managers of what God has blessed us with and called to give a portion back to say thank you and to be a part of God's work. The gifts that we receive, manage, and give include our time, energy, abilities, skills, resources and finances. The giving of these things is a reflection of where our heart is at.

Our current sermon series leads us to reflect on how our faith impacts our thoughts and living overall and the November series will focus in on how our time, talent and finances are a part of our call to be faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. As we think about these things and the blessings God has bestowed that we are gifted to steward, I hope we will be inspired with a new awareness of the goodness of God and how we can share of ourselves so others can know God's goodness, too. To help do that you will receive a mailer with a time and talent form along with a pledge card to embody the commitment of time, talent and finances that God is calling you to in the new year. Please return these to the church office by Nov. 30th.

God Bless, Pastor George J. Kafer

P.S. I invite you to join me in the following prayer as we continue in Fall season:

God of love and power, we know that you are with us and for us. Break through into our lives, into your church, and into our community. Break through our fears and replace them with faith. Break through our distractions and bring us focus. Fill us with the grace, mercy, and power of Jesus. Help us to discern where your Spirit is leading. Open doors that lead us into a new season of faithfulness and fruitfulness for your kingdom. Give us faith and courage to step through the doors that you open. In Jesus' name. Amen.

United Women in Faith

The Evening Circle gathers on October 5th at 6:00 p.m. in Room 16 for dessert, coffee, and a program.

Welcome to God's family Tabitha! May you know Christ's love abundantly as you grow.

Trunk or Treat Candy Donations & Volunteers Needed!

Individually wrapped candy donations can be placed in the basket in the South Entryway. Volunteer sign-up sheet is available at the connection table.

A green food waste compost drop off containor is located in the north parlking 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.

Meaning, Purpose, Hope

Learn how to find them at Christ Church!

October Birthdays

Jay Slife	1
Brady Dahlen	5
Sarah Tatro	6
Debi Zegarra	10
Jan Elzinga	11
Wendy Wise	11
Cadyn Albright	12
Becky Tatro	15
Pam Grow	18
Colleen Leyer	18
Eva Rhodes	22
Mike Gaitens	24

Please return 2027 Time/Talent Form & Pledge Card to the office by Nov. 30th

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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 262- 632-1607.

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.

Change for Change

October
Food Pantry (Turkeys)

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

December
Hospitality Center (Meals)
Christmas Eve-World Central Kitchen

Staff Emails

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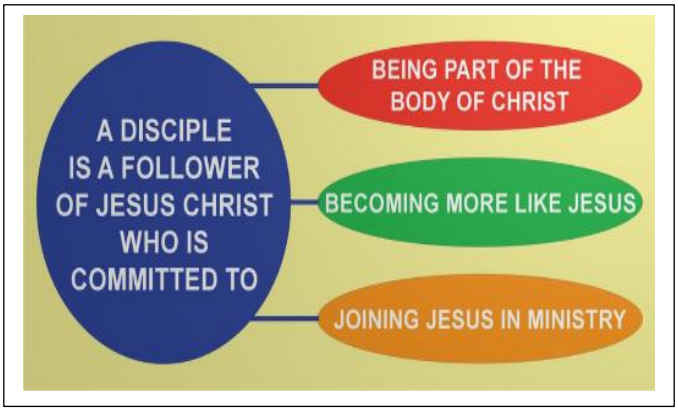
RaiseRight (SCRIP)

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.

If you are interestd in going on next summer's ASP mission trip see Brian Crowe as the information meetings are starting and spots will need to be secured soon!

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.



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.

Sunday

Adult Study 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Room 16
Youth Group Sundays at 6:00 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.
(Season 4 / Meal at 5:15 p.m. in Room 16)

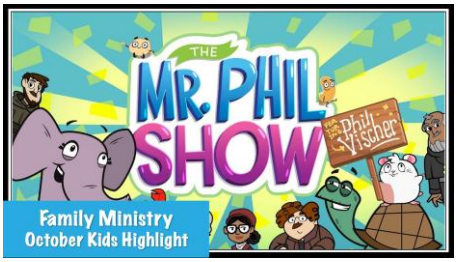
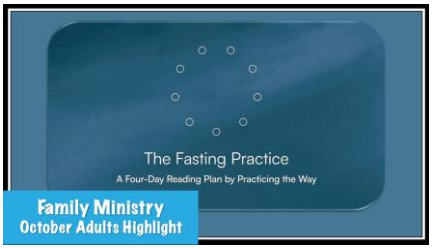
Thursday

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
Young Adult Group Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the South Entryway or Room 13

Friday

Adult Bible Study 9:30-11:00 a.m. Led by Marci Tenuta in the Friendship Rm
Prayer Shawl, 2nd Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Friendship Rm
Lawn Chair Ladies, 4th Friday 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, make a special gift for apportionments of **$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.

Stewardship
A way of living

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

The next **Community Meal is November 10th**.
Help by donating food or serving at the meal from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at North Pointe UMC: 3825 Erie St, Racine, WI 53402

Next Saturday Sack Lunch

Next date in Feb. 27, 2027, 10:30am – 1:00pm

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

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.

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-through 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 (2-12yr)
Sundays at 10:15 a.m.
North hallway,
Room 14 - Preschool
Room 17/18 - Elementary

Youth Group:
Sundays 6:00-7:30 p.m.
North Hallway - Room 13

(6th -12th Grades)

Young Adult Group:
Thursdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.
South entryway
or
North Hallway - Room 13

Subscribe to the Text & Email List by scanning your group's QR code:

Parents: Youth Group: Young Adult Group:

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

Contact Daniela Orlyk at 224-538-9561 or by email at christchurchracinefamily@gmail.com.

Fellowship & Fun Events

November 15, 11:30a-1:30p
Lunch, Fellowship, Bounce House & Games
December 12, 10:00a-12:00p
Gingerbread House
December 20, 3:00-5:00p
Rocke Christmas Concert

The CHOSEN watch | discuss | reflect | rejoice

Bible Study on Wednesdays,
Season 4

Meal 5:15 p.m., Episode 6:00 p.m.,
Discussion 7:00 p.m.

Watch on site or on your own and come just for the discussion sessions.

Scan here to sign up:

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

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

Turkeys for Families

This month's monetary collection will help the food pantry buy turkeys for Thanksgiving meals. You can also bring food items to the alter rails in the front of the sanctuary during October. We will have a blessing on November 15th before the food it taken to the pantry.

Items needed: Corn Bread Mix, Boxed Stuffing Mix, Instant Potatoes, Packaged Gravy, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Canned Yams and Cereal.

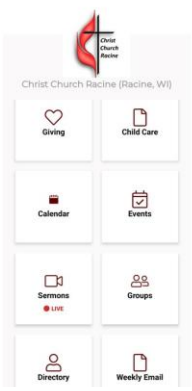
A Thanksgiving meal can be very meaningful for a family going through hard times. On one occasion before Thanksgiving a woman arrived to the food pantry, her husband was ill and lost his job. Money was tight and she was not going to be able to make a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for her family. Upon receiving a turkey from the Food Pantry, she wept tears of joy.

Thank you for enabling Christ Church to help stand in the gap in times of need!

Christ Church App

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

Scan the QR code to get the app



October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 **5:30 P** Men's Group **6 pm** Crafting Group Room 16 **6:30 pm** Young Adult	**2** **9:30 am** Bible Study Friendship Room	**3**
4 **9 am** Band Practice **10 am** Worship & Children's Church 17/18 **11:30 am** Bible Study Room 16 **11:30 am** Youth Group - Roller Skating	**5** **6 pm** UWF Circle Meeting – Fire Safety	**6** **6:30 pm** Bells Friendship Room **6:30 pm** Choir Practice	**7** **5:15 pm** Chosen Meal **6 pm** Chosen Episode **7 pm** Chosen Study	**8** **5:30 pm** Men's Bible Study **6:30 pm** Events Meeting Conf. Room **6:30 pm** Young Adult Group	**9** **9:30 am** Bible Study Friendship Room **1 pm** Prayer Shawl Friendship Room	**10**
11 **9 am** Band/Choir **10 am** Worship & Children's Church 17/18 **11:30 am** Bible Study Room 16 **6 pm** Youth Group	**12** **1 pm** Garden Club **6:30 pm** Leadership Board	**13** **6:30 pm** Bells Friendship Room **6:30 pm** Choir Practice	**14** **1 pm** Caregiver Group Room 16 **5:15 pm** Chosen Meal **6 pm** Chosen Episode **7 pm** Chosen Study	**15** **5:30 pm** Men's Bible Study **6 pm** Caregiver Group Room 16 **6:30 pm** Young Adult Group	**16** **9:30 am** Bible Study Friendship Room	**17** **6:30 pm** Young Adult Halloween Party
18 **9 am** Band/Choir Practice **10 am** Worship & Children's Church 17/18 **11:30 am** Bible Study Room 16 **12 pm** Worship Meeting Conf. Room **6 pm** Youth Group – S'mores	**19**	**20** **9 am** UWF Board Meeting Conf. Room **6:30 pm** Bells Friendship Room **6:30 pm** Choir Practice	**21** **5:15 pm** Chosen Meal **6 pm** Chosen Episode **7 pm** Chosen Study	**22** **9 am** UWF Board Meeting Conf. Room **5:30 pm** Men's Bible Study **6:30 pm** Young Adult Group	**23** **9:30 am** Bible Study Friendship Room **1 pm** Lawn Chair Ladies Friendship Room	**24** **2-4 pm TRUNK OR TREAT**
25 **9 am** Band/Choir Practice **10 am** Worship & Children's Church 17/18 **11:30 am** Bible Study Room 16 **6 pm** Youth Group Halloween Party	**26**	**27** **6:30 pm** Bells Friendship Room **6:30 pm** Choir Practice	**28**	**29** **5:30 pm** Men's Bible Study **6:30 pm** Young Adult Bowling	**30** **9:30 am** Bible Study Friendship Room	**31**

Root Beer Float Sunday

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 4 (Communion)
Harvest: Planting Good Seed

Sunday, October 11
Harvest: Pulling The Weeds

Sunday, October 18
Sermon: Harvest: The Harvest Is Ready

Sunday, October 25
Ghouls, Grace & The Gospel

Office Hours

The church office is open
9:00 am -3:00 pm Mon.-Thur.
and 9:00 am -12:00 pm on Fridays