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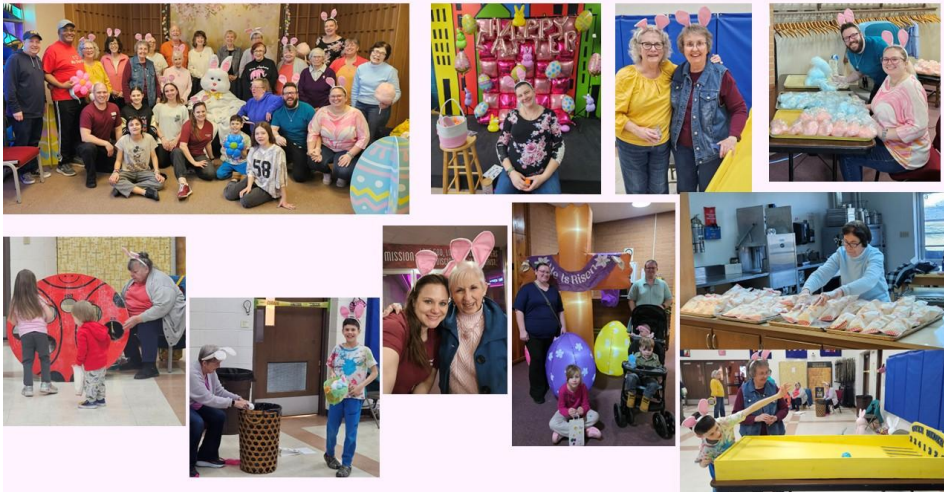
April, 2026

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!

Easter Carnival



Thank you to all who donated candy, volunteered, and shared invites.

We shared the Easter story with and offered family fun to over 350+ kids!

May God bless your journey of faith!

We are here to help you know God's love!

Baptism of Eleanor



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

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From the Pastor's Desk



This month we celebrate Easter Sunday and the love of God shown and the gift of salvation offered through Jesus' work on the cross and the empty tomb. Some of the ways we respond to the gift of Jesus and grow closer with God is through the disciplines of worship, daily prayer, Scripture reading, giving, fasting, and areas of service in the church or community. As each of us seek to live out our faith not only will we experience the joy of true life, but those around us will too, as we connect people with God's love through our individual living and together through the ministries of the church.

As we seek to move into that vision, we are encouraged with the Easter story through which Jesus shows that God is love and provides for the forgiveness of our sin so that we can live life in harmony with God and each other. That is the reason why Good Friday is called "Good." The Good News of Easter is that, where the world thinks death is the end, we discover that Jesus destroyed the power of sin and death! 2 Timothy 1:10 declares that "Jesus has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." Those who repent of sin and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior can look at the empty tomb and find the power to be freed from sin and fear death no more, because just as Jesus promised to rise Himself, He promises to give new life and raise us also!

In His final words on the cross, Jesus cried out, "It is finished!" That statement reminds us that God has done the work for us and in Jesus the payment for sin is finished. In John 10:10 Jesus clarified the purpose of His coming in these words: "I have come that you might have life, and have it to the full!" Not just a little bit, not just on Sundays, but to the full every day! The Easter story tells us that our lives have meaning (to be in relationship with God), that we have a purpose (to love others, share the good news and make disciples of Jesus), and that we have hope (we can begin to experience salvation here and look forward to entire sanctification in our eternal life to come).

As we celebrate Easter once again this year, I invite us each to reflect on: How have you allowed what God has done on the cross and empty tomb transform your life? How are you sharing the significance of the Easter event? In what new ways can you follow Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

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 April 6th 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

Palm Sunday!



Special music with the bells, choir, Patty singing prelude and kids singing Hosanna!



Sign up in the South Entryway or QR Code (5yrs and older 50 Slots Available)



May 16, 2026

Leave Church at 12:45 p.m.
Pack Food 2:00-3:45 p.m.
Back at Church by 5:00 p.m.

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

*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.**

April Birthdays

Tim Koeller	1
Chris Ruud	6
Paul Sapp	10
Abe Bixler	11
Bob Herman	11
Lorraine Lee	15
Ruth Kiefer	17
Kathy Sponholtz	20
Mehran Balian	22
Jeremiah Fechner	22
Kathy Holley	22
Bob Stocks	24
Jaxon Baumeister	25
Fred Valukas	29
Dennis Hermanson	30
Diane Rogstad	30

Change for Change

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.



Next 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.

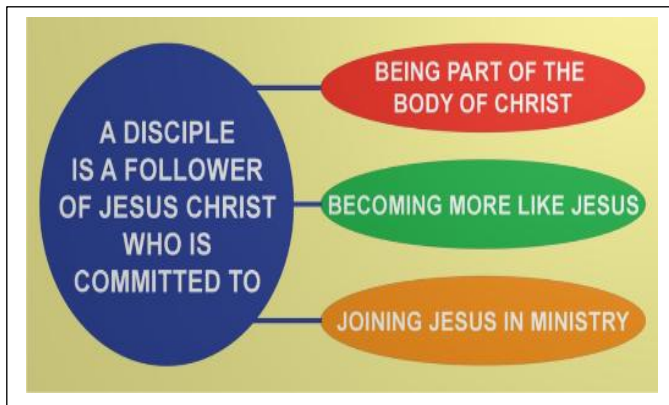
May 12, July 14,
September 8, November 10

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.



April Food Pantry List

(Items can be dropped off at the entryway doors)

1 lb. bags or boxes of rice, small condiments, 15 oz. cans of pork & beans, 1 lb. pkgs. of spaghetti, canned pineapple

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.
(Season 3 begins on April 8th. 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

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 **May 12th**, 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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The United Women in Faith recognized Kim, Sylvia, Sharon & Robyn for their dedication and ministry. Thank you for all you do!



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



Youth Group



Young Adult

1st & 3rd Group:

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

Children's Church (3-12yr)

Sundays at 10:15 a.m.
North hallway,
Room 14 - Preschool
Room 17/18 - Elementary

Youth Group:

1st & 3rd Sundays 11:30 a.m. -
1 p.m. Room 13 Lunch Provided
Outing to Gurnee May 30 1-9 pm



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



Young Adult Small Group

Confirmation Class

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

April 26, 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

Health Care Network

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



Health Care Network, Inc is a non-profit agency providing free or low-cost health care to residents of Racine County who are medically uninsured and have limited income. Services are provided at the Health Care Network office and throughout the County by health care professionals who volunteer their time, offices and skills. The agency is a member clinic of Wisconsin Association of Free and Charitable Clinics and member of Racine Area Manufacturers and Commerce (RAMAC).

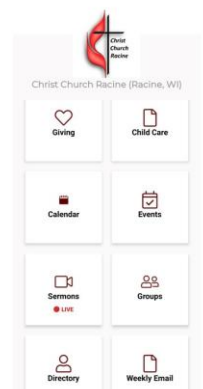
Thank you for helping in times of need!

Christ Church App

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



Scan the QR code to get the app



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April</h1>			1	2 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study Conf 7 pm Maundy Service	3 Church Office Closed 7 pm Good Friday Service	4
5 9 am Band/Choir Practice 10 am Worship & Children's Church 17/18 3 pm JR	6 6 pm UWF Circle Meeting	7 6:30 pm Bells Friendship Room 6:30 pm Choir Practice	8 1 pm Caregiver Support Group Room 16 5:15 pm Choen Meal 6 pm Chosen Episode 7pm Chosen Study 7 pm Jehova Rafa	9 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study Conf Room 6:30 pm Events Committee Conf. Room	10 9:30 am Bible Study Friendship Room 1 pm Prayer Shawl friendship Room 7 pm JR	11
12 9 am Choir Practice 6-9 am JR Prayer 10 am Worship 11:30 am Bible Study Room 16 Room 3 pm JR	13 12 pm Garden Club 6:30 pm Leadership Board Room 16	14 6:30 pm Bells Friendship Room 6:30 pm Choir Practice	15 5:15 pm Choen Meal 6 pm Chosen Episode 7pm Chosen Study 7 pm Jehova Rafa	16 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study Conf Room 6:00 pm Caregiver Group Room 16	17 9:30 am Bible Study Friendship Room 7 pm JR	18 11am – 3 pm Drive in Movie Zootopia 2
19 9 am Band/Choir Practice 10 am Worship & Children's Church 17/18 11:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am Youth Group 12 pm Worship Meeting Conf Room 3 pm JR 6 pm Young Adult	20	21 6:30 pm Bells Friendship Room 6:30 pm Choir Practice	22 5:15 pm Choen Meal 6 pm Chosen Episode 7pm Chosen Study 7 pm Jehova Rafa	23 9 am UWF Board Conf Room 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study Conf Room	24 9:30 am Bible Study Friendship Room 1 pm Prayer Shawl friendship Room 7 pm Jehova Rafa	25 10:30 am Sack Lunch @ St. Lukes
26 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 pm YA Small Group	27	28 6:30 pm Bells Friendship Room 6:30 pm Choir Practice	29 5:15 pm Choen Meal 6 pm Chosen Episode 7pm Chosen Study 7 pm Jehova Rafa	30 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study Conf Room		
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Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2 @ 7:00p.

Good Friday, April 3, @ 7:00p.

**Easter Sunday, April 5
(Communion)**

The Road to Resurrection: Surrender

Sunday, April 12

Journey to Pentecost: Doubt and Belief

Sunday, April 19

Journey to Pentecost: Restored

Sunday, April 26

Journey to Pentecost: The Great Commission



Office Hours

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



Youth Group Fellowship Outing!

