

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!

Chili Cook-Off



Youth Bowling Outing



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

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From the Pastor's Desk



I hope this year is off to a great start for you. I believe that it's going to be a great year for ministry at and through Christ Church. In 2026, we will continue meaningful ministries and take next steps to impact, help, and reach more individuals, families, and groups with the love of God. As we live into our mission to "Love God, love and serve others, and make disciples of Jesus Christ", we will nurture and challenge each other in our faith journeys and enjoy doing life together. We will seek to build our partnerships to connect with others in the community and let them see God's love flow through us. I pray that the people of Christ Church and those we connect with in our everyday living will experience meaning, purpose, and hope in deep ways this year.

As we ask the Holy Spirit to empower us for faithful living, we remember that God invites us to join Him in the work of ministry, which means we have a part to play as well. May we remain open to the ways God will call to us individually and together as the church for His good work in this New Year. I invite you to be part of what God wants to do through us together as Christ Church, and to do that, consider how you are involved and invested.

1. **Get involved.** If you're not involved in serving in some aspect of our church, will you please take a step this year? You will experience the benefits of helping others. You will grow as you invest in people. You will expand your community. We all have time and talents we can put to use for God's work. Check out the weekly church email, entryway signups at church and this newsletter to see what's going on and where you can get involved. To those who already are active beyond worship, THANK YOU!
2. **Get invested.** To help us resource ministry year-round you may want to set up recurring giving. You can set up giving that is easy, safe, and fast using a credit or debit card, or direct bank transfer of funds. Go to www.christchurchracine.com and click on "Give" to set up your account. Through recurring donations, your gifts and tithe will be regularly given each month as a gift of gratitude to God and a commitment to help make ministry happen. You can also give one-time gifts for specific ministry areas. THANK YOU to those who do give sacrificially, your sharing makes a real difference in people's lives!

Psalm 127:1 says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." Let's work hard, let's prepare, let's get involved and invested, but let us also ask God to do what only He can do: build His house. Please pray daily for the ministry 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 February 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!

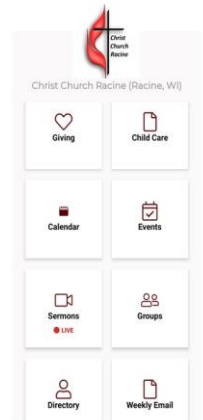
- Giant inflatables
- Easter bunny
- Indoor carnival: games, crafts, prizes, cotton candy & popcorn

Christ Church App

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

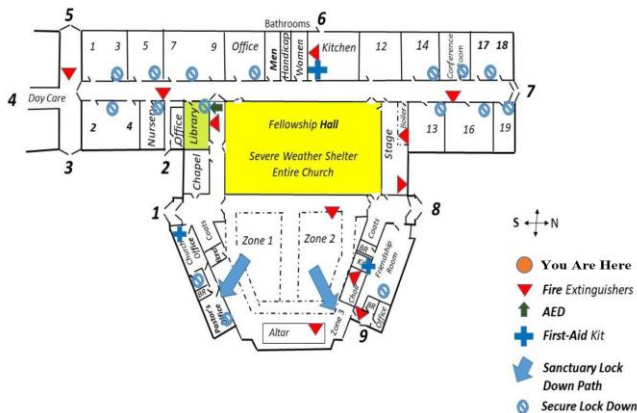


Scan the QR code to get the app



Christ Church Safety Map

Know your closest exit and emergency item.



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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*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.**

February Birthdays

Bryan Swiggett	1
Mercy Bryan	2
Jordan Crowe	2
Erika Feest	3
Shannon Knudson	6
Melissa Degroot	6
Joyce Laehr	6
John Elzinga	10
Ed Thompson	15
Shirley Meyer	18
Henry Perez	27

Change for Change

February

USO (Support military)

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.



Christ Church United Methodist Craft & Vendor Fair



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

Saturday Sack Lunch

February 28th, 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

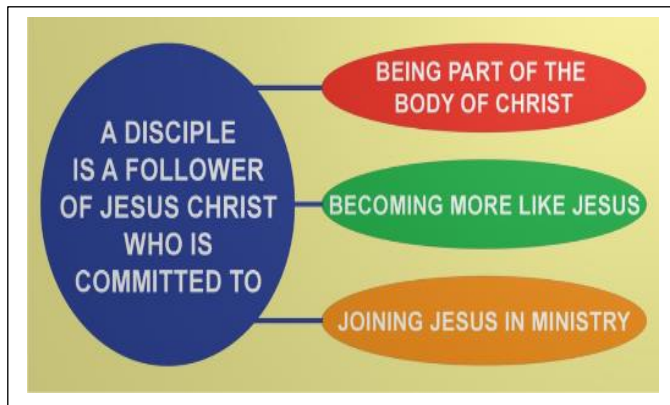
July 14, September 8, November 10

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.



February Food Pantry List

(Items can be dropped off at the entryway doors)

cereal, jelly, 1 lb. pkgs. of spaghetti,
spaghetti sauce, tuna, small condiments

Plastic shopping bags, brown paper grocery bags,
greeting cards, 2026 calendars 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

Wednesday

The Chosen Video 6:00 p.m. & Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Led by Pastor in the Sanctuary.

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

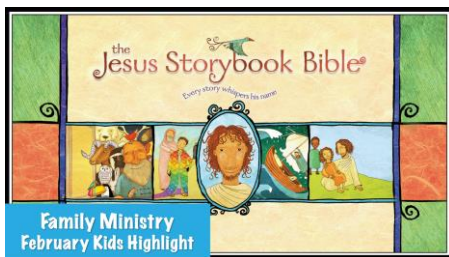
Adult Bible Study 9:30-11:00 a.m. Led by Marci Tenuta in the Friendship Rm

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

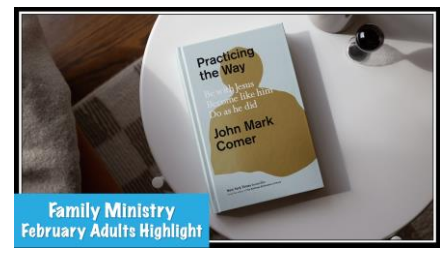
Elementary



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.

3 Simple Rules

Do No Harm

Do Good

Love God

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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PUPPET SUNDAY!

Join us Sunday February 15th
at 10:00 a.m. for a puppet show.

Lunch provided after the service along with large
games, table games (for all ages) and a bounce house!

Scan here to sign up



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



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

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 Adults
Large 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



**Young
Adult
Small
Group**

Confirmation Class

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

February 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

USO: United Service Organizations

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



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS & THEIR FAMILIES

Your donations will support:

- **Transitioning Troops and Deployed Troops**
During deployment, you can provide troops with a connection to their families, along with entertainment and relaxation. After service has ended, you can continue to support troops as they transition to civilian life.
- **Military Families**
You can help keep families strong and connected during and after deployment. The USO provides a wide range of programs that support the entire family every step of the way.
- **Wounded Warriors & Families of the Fallen**
Some troops return home with physical or invisible wounds. You can provide therapeutic and reintegration services as they navigate the road to recovery. You can also provide support to families of troops who have paid the ultimate price while serving their country.

Thank you for helping in times of need!



Order @ <https://ricracine.org/love-%26-justice-2026>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February</h1>						
1 9 am Band/Choir Practice 10 am Worship & Children's Church 17/18 11:30 am Bible study Room 16 3 pm JR 6 pm Young Adult Gathering	2 6 pm UWF Circle Meeting 7 pm Puppet Practice	3 6 pm Trustees room 16 6:30 pm Bells Friendship Room 7 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 Crafting Group Room 16	6 9:30 am Bible Study Friendship Room 7 pm Jehova Rafa	7 1 pm Galentine's Women's Event Room 16
8 9 am Choir Practice 6-9 am JR Prayer 10 am Worship & Children's Church 11:30 am Bible Study Room 16 11:30 am Confirmation Conf Room 3 pm JR	9 6:30 pm Leadership Board Room 16 7 pm Puppet Practice	10 6:30 pm Bells Friendship Room 7 pm Choir Practice	11 1 pm Caregiver Support Group Room 16 5:15 pm Chosen Meal 6 pm Chosen Episode 7pm Chosen Study 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 Happy Valentine's Day! 
15 9 am Band/Choir Practice 10 am Worship Puppet Sunday & Children's Church 17/18 11:30 am Fellowship & Fun 11:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am Youth Group 3 pm JR 6 pm Young Adult	16	17 6:30 pm Bells Friendship Room 7 pm Choir Practice	18 6 pm Ash Wednesday Service	19 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study Conf Room 6:00 pm Caregiver Group Room 16	20 9:30 am Bible Study Friendship Room 7 pm Jehova Rafa	21
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Worship - 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, February 1
(Communion)**

The Soul's Journey-The Heart of Repentance

Sunday, February 8

The Soul's Journey-Numbering Our Days

**Sunday, February 15
"Puppet Sunday"**

Sunday, February 22

The Incarnate Jesus: The Word Made Flesh



Office Hours

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

Calling All Ladies!

You are invited to a Galentine's social event
February 7th, 1-3 pm

Join us for fun, crafts and treats!

Bring a favorite chocolate bar to be delivered
to our shut-ins for Valentine's Day.

Scan the QR code to sign up (Limit 40)

