

November 19, 2023

Welcome to The Orchard!

We're glad you're here, and we're excited about the journey we're on together at the Orchard.

Our mission is to become fully-functioning followers of Jesus who are rooted in hope and branching out to the world. We are a group of people from all sorts of backgrounds seeking to sink our lives deep into Jesus Christ, our Everlasting Hope...to experience that hope with a growing desire to express it to the world around us.

Questions/Contact us: info@orchardmchenry.org

New City Catechism: *What are the sacraments or ordinances?*

Answer: The sacraments or ordinances given by God and instituted by Christ, namely baptism and the Lord's Supper, are visible signs and seals that we are bound together as a community of faith by his death and resurrection. By our use of them the Holy Spirit more fully declares and seals the promises of the gospel to us.

This Month's Memory Verse:

"For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT.....

Unbreakable - Marriage Ministry:

The purpose of "Unbreakable" is to minister to the body of the Orchard Church and as an outreach to our local community by utilizing special events, small groups, and mentoring. "Unbreakable" is focused on building Godly marriages by studying and applying biblical principles.

The team is passionate about strengthening marriages, and we do different activities to fulfill the goal. At the beginning of the year, we held a marriage seminar to teach couples how to grow closer together with their spouse. We held events where couples can build relationships with other couples, whether that is around a bowl of chili, sitting around a bonfire, playing a game of bingo, or trying to throw a marshmallow through a wreath. We are continually looking for ways this ministry can reach both our church and the community.

If you have any questions, reach out to the ministry team:
Jeff and Kristen Knoll, Matt and Melissa Knoll, and Pastor Jeremy.

THIS WEEK at THE ORCHARD...

| SUNDAY - 19 | MONDAY - 20 | TUESDAY - 21 | WEDNESDAY - 22 | THURSDAY - 23 | FRIDAY - 24 | SATURDAY - 25 | SUNDAY - 26 |
|---|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| Membership Class 8:45am Adult SS 9-9:45am Worship Service 10am Pageant Practice 12pm | Care Calling | | Worship Practice 7pm | Thanksgiving Church Office Closed | Church Office Closed | Deck the Halls 9am | Adult SS 9-9:45am Worship Service 10am Pageant Practice 12pm |

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS...

Treehouse Club

Don't forget to register your kids for the Treehouse Club before the worship service in the Family Ministry Center! All children must have a name tag when they come to class.

Jr. High (6th-8th grade) meets on the 3rd-5th Sundays of the month.

Deck the Halls

Event Registration Code: D

We'll be putting up the Christmas decorations this Saturday, **November 25th**, starting at 9am. Many hands make light work, so the more the merrier! To sign up to help, please circle "D" on your communication card.

Parent's Night Out

Event Registration Code: N

Are you in need of a night out as a parent? We are providing an Escape Room themed Parent's Night Out for children in pre-k through 5th grade in the Family Ministry Center on Friday, **December 1st** from 5 to 9pm. We will have food, activities, and fun. The cost is \$10 per child (\$20 cap for the family.) Registration is required for this event- *the deadline is November 27th.* (Use code "N")

REAL: Cookie Exchange

Event Registration Code: R

On Monday, **December 4th** from 6-8pm the REAL team would like to invite all the ladies and any high school aged girls (accompanied by mom) to join us for our annual holiday cookie exchange at Kristen Knoll's house. Please sign up by circling "R".

Members Business Meeting

Sunday, **December 10th** following the service at 11:45am: We will be holding our annual Budget meeting in the sanctuary. All members are asked to attend the meeting. Questions? Please speak with one of the Pastors or Elders.

Hospitality Ministry Help Needed

Event Registration Code: H

If you are looking for a place to serve at The Orchard, the Hospitality Committee would like you to consider joining them in this ministry. The primary duties are setting up for communion services each month and the coffee service on Sunday mornings. If you are interested please circle "H" on your communication card.

Mark Your Calendars:

Children's Christmas Pageant: Sunday, **December 17th**, during the worship service
Annual Celebration Banquet: Sunday, **January 21st** at 5:30pm.

Communication Card

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We're glad you're here!

Please fill this out & place it in one of the baskets in the back of the sanctuary after the service. Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Total attending today's service: _____

I have children, ages:

0-5 Elementary

Jr. High High School

Are you a...

1st Time Guest? 2nd Time Guest?

3rd Time Guest? Regular Attender?

How did you first hear about us?

Mailing Friend/Family

Friend/Family: _____

Website Facebook

Other: _____

EVENT REGISTRATION CODES

I would like to sign up for the following events:
(Circle the appropriate letter)

D H N R

How many adults? _____ children? _____

Name _____