

December 24 & 31, 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

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: December 24th at 4pm.

Home of the Sparrow - Giving Tree

Gifts should be returned, *unwrapped*, to the tree by Sunday, December 24th.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT.....

OYM - Orchard Youth Ministry:

The purpose of "OYM" is to invest in our junior high and high school youth to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We do this by studying the bible, discipleship, music, missions, service activities, games, challenge courses, camp, day retreats, and fun activities.

The team is passionate about the youth growing in their walk with God. We have done a variety of activities throughout the year with the youth, which range from service activities, studying through the bible and having fun. We encourage all our junior high and high school youth to be a part of OYM.

If you have any questions – Reach out to Pastor Jeremy, Jeff Knoll, or Sara Swanson

THIS WEEK at THE ORCHARD...

SUNDAY - 24 Advent - Love Adult SS 9-9:45am Worship Service 10am Christmas Eve Service 4pm	MONDAY - 25 Merry Christmas! Advent - Christ Church Office Closed	TUESDAY - 26 Elder mtg 6pm	WEDNESDAY - 27 Worship Practice 7pm	THURSDAY - 28 CDV Food Pantry Men's GG 6:30pm	FRIDAY - 29	SATURDAY - 30	SUNDAY - 31 Adult SS 9-9:45am Worship Service 10am
2024	MONDAY - 1/1 Happy New Year! Church Office Closed	TUESDAY - 1/2	WEDNESDAY - 1/3 Worship Practice 7pm	THURSDAY - 1/4 CDV Food Pantry Men's GG 6:30pm	FRIDAY - 1/5 Church Office Closed	SATURDAY - 1/6	SUNDAY - 1/7 Communion Adult SS 9-9:45am Worship Service 10am

New City Catechism:

December 24th: **What is the church?**

Answer: God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.

December 31st: **Where is Christ now?**

Answer: Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom, and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.

This Month's Memory Verse:

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS...

Christmas Offering

December 1-31: This year we have chosen two of our missionaries and their specific needs: 1) *Real Love Ministries* (bathrooms needed at the compound for the orphans) and 2) *Blochs - Brazil* (Women of the Word, After School Program and Mentoring Church Planters). Please use the Christmas Offering Envelopes, make checks out to The Orchard Church and in the memo line mark which option you are supporting.

Communion-Benevolence

Be prepared on Sunday, **January 7th**, to worship and celebrate with communion. *Our communion crackers and pre-packaged sets are gluten-free.* If you would like to contribute to the benevolent fund that helps people in our church and in our community, a basket will be at the entrance to the sanctuary for your gift.

Celebration Banquet

Come celebrate all God is doing and has done at The Orchard at our 13th Annual Banquet on Sunday, **January 21st**, 5:30-8pm. We need an accurate count, so please RSVP by circling "C" on your communication card and give the number of adults, teens, children, and infants who will attend.

Event Registration Code: C

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)

C

How many adults? _____ children? _____

Name _____