

# December 7, 2025

## 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 **experiencing and sharing the life-changing love of Jesus**. 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](mailto:info@orchardmchenry.org)

### This Month's Memory Verse:

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."  
Galatians 4:4-5

### Ministry Highlight...

#### Hospitality

If you are looking for a place to serve at The Orchard the Hospitality Committee would like you to consider joining us in this ministry. The primary responsibilities include setting up for communion each month and coffee service on Sunday mornings. We like to have enough members so that we can set up a schedule on a rotating basis so that you are only serving once a month. Please consider joining us in this ministry.

Interested in serving or have questions regarding serving in this ministry, please reach out to the church office at [info@orchardmchenry.org](mailto:info@orchardmchenry.org) or (815)385-3410. We will get you in contact with the Team Lead—Jeanne Swanson.

### This Week .... At The Orchard

<b>SUNDAY - 7</b> Advent: Peace Communion Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship Service 10am Pageant Rehearsal 12pm Sermon-based CG 6:30pm	<b>MONDAY - 8</b> Care Calling CF Connect Group 7:30pm	<b>TUESDAY - 9</b> Elder Meeting 6pm	<b>WEDNESDAY - 10</b> OYM meeting 6:30pm Worship Practice 7pm
<b>THURSDAY - 11</b> CDV Food Pantry Men's Connect Grp 6:30pm	<b>FRIDAY - 12</b>	<b>SATURDAY - 13</b> Pageant Dress Rehearsal 9am—noon Pageant Cast Party 12-2pm	<b>SUNDAY - 14</b> Advent: Peace Children's Christmas Pageant Food For Thought Collection Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship Service 10am Church Potluck 1145am Sermon-based CG 6:30pm

### You Won't Want To Miss....

#### Communion-Benevolence

Be prepared **Today** 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.

#### Food For Thought Food Collection

Sunday, **December 14th**: We will collect non-perishable food items for the MCHS Food Pantry "Food For Thought" on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Some ideas: cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit, pasta, sauces, peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, healthy snacks, etc.

#### Church Potluck

Join us for our next great meal together next Sunday, **December 14th**, following the service. Please let us know you will be joining us by circling "**P**" on your communication card. After signing up, you will receive an email with a link to let us know what you will be bringing.

#### Event Registration Code: P

#### Christmas Celebrations:

Children's Christmas Pageant: Sunday, **December 14th** during 10am service  
Christmas Eve Service: Wednesday, **December 24th** at 4pm

#### Men's Breakfast

Come join us for breakfast and some fellowship on Saturday, **December 20th**. We will meet at Green Street Café, 1219 N Green Street, McHenry, at 7am. Please sign-up by circling "**M**" on your communication card. Invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker. Questions? See John Helmich.

#### Event Registration Code: M

#### Alden Terrace Service

On Saturday, **December 20th** at 10am: Interested in serving this senior living community? Talk to Jeff Knoll or Luis Ardon for more information on how to get involved.

#### Home of the Sparrow ~ Giving Tree

We have an opportunity to partner with Home of the Sparrow again this year to help provide hope, opportunity and support to local families struggling with homelessness. The Giving Tree is now set up in the FMC . Please stop by and grab a tag or two. Help us bless them and make their season a little brighter. *Gifts should be returned, unwrapped to the tree by Sunday, **Dec. 28th**.*

#### Christmas Offering

**November 23 - December 31**: This year we will focus on 1) *Real Love Ministries* and 2) *Orchard on Elm projects*. Please use the Christmas Offering envelopes. Make checks out to The Orchard Church and in the memo line mark which option you are supporting. You may also give online at [www.orchardmchenry.org/give](http://www.orchardmchenry.org/give).

#### Mark Your Calendars....

**December 21st** at 11:45am: *Members Annual Business Meeting*  
**January 25, 2026 (NEW DATE)** at 5:30pm: *Annual Celebration Banquet*

### 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 hear about us?

\_\_\_ Mailing \_\_\_ Family/Friend

Friend/Family: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_ Facebook

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### EVENT REGISTRATION CODES

I would like to sign up for the following events:

(Circle the appropriate letter)

**M** **P**

How many adults? \_\_\_\_\_ children? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_