

December 17, 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

No Treehouse classes today. The Nursery will open after the children's pageant.

New City Catechism:

Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?

Answer: No, Christ died once for all. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also a means of strengthening our faith as we look to him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves.

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

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 - 17 Advent: Joy Children's Pageant Adult SS 9-9:45am Worship Service 10am Church Potluck Noon	MONDAY - 18 Care Calling	TUESDAY - 19	WEDNESDAY - 20 OYM Christmas Party 6:30pm Worship Practice 7pm	THURSDAY - 21 CDV Pantry Men's GG 6:30pm	FRIDAY - 22 Church Office Closed	SATURDAY - 23	SUNDAY - 24 Advent: LOVE Adult SS 9-9:45am Worship Service 10am Christmas Eve Service 4pm
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YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS...

Children's Christmas Pageant:

"A CHRISTmas Tail"

Directed by Deb Banker

Cast Members: Ryland, Wesley, Kaylee, Trenton, Jillian, Daniel, LaMontae, Journii and Peyton
Choir: Ryland, Wesley, Kaylee, Trenton, Jillian, Daniel, LaMontae, Journii, Peyton, Gabriel & Levi

Church Potluck

Today following the service, we will have a church potluck in our Family Ministry Center.

Christmas Eve Services

We will have a 10am Worship Service and a 4pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. Hope you will join us as we celebrate our Savior's Birth!

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.

Home of the Sparrow - Giving Tree

We have the opportunity to partner with Home of the Sparrow again this year to help provide hope, opportunity, and support to local families struggling with homelessness. Our Giving Tree is set up in the Family Ministry Center. Please stop by and grab a tag or two and help us bless them and make their season a little brighter. Gifts should be returned, *unwrapped*, to the tree by next Sunday, **December 24th**.

Hospitality Ministry Help Needed

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. *Team Leader: Jeanne Swanson*

Event Registration Code: H

CRM Card Fundraiser

HURRY! ONLY 1 WEEK LEFT BEFORE CHRISTMAS! The Care Response Ministry's fundraising team has Christmas cards available for you to send to your friends and family. Stop by our display at the back of the sanctuary and see what's new. Purchase 5 Christmas cards and get a free "Thinking Of You" card of your choice!

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)

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How many adults? _____ children? _____

Name _____