

## December 21 & 28, 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 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](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 - 21</b> Advent: Love Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship Service 10am Members Annual Mtg 1145am Sermon-based CG 6:30pm	<b>MONDAY - 22</b> Care Calling	<b>TUESDAY - 23</b> CDV Food Pantry 3-6pm Elder Meeting 6pm	<b>WEDNESDAY - 24</b> Church Office Closed Advent: Christ Christmas Eve Service 4pm	<b>THURSDAY - 25</b> Church Office Closed  <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	<b>FRIDAY - 26</b> Church Office Closed	<b>SATURDAY - 27</b>	<b>SUNDAY - 28</b> Adult Sunday School 9am Worship Service 10am Sermon-based Bible Study 6:30pm
<b>MONDAY - 29</b>	<b>TUESDAY - 30</b> CDV Food Pantry 3-6pm	<b>WEDNESDAY - 31</b> Church Office Closed Worship Practice 7pm  <i>New Years Eve!</i>	<b>2026</b>	<b>THURSDAY - Jan 1</b> Church Office Closed  <i>Happy New Year!</i>	<b>FRIDAY - Jan 2</b>	<b>SATURDAY - Jan 3</b> UnDecorate 9am	<b>SUNDAY - Jan 4</b> Communion Adult Sunday School 9am Worship Service 10am Sermon-based Bible Study 6:30pm

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

#### Annual Business Meeting

**Today after the service, 11:45am:** Deb Banker will be at the front of the sanctuary, so please check in and grab your ballot from her.

#### 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 & 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, **December 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).

#### Christmas Eve Service

This Wednesday, **December 24th** at 4pm: Please join us for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. It will be a time of reflection and praise for our Savior's birth and why he came to this earth... to save us all from sin.

#### Celebration Banquet 2026 - Planning Team

Interested in being apart of the banquet planning team OR want to volunteer to serve at the banquet, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary or contact Pastor Scott ([scott@orchardmchenry.org](mailto:scott@orchardmchenry.org)).

#### "Un-Decorate"

#### Event Registration Code: U

Many hands make light work, and we would so appreciate your help in taking down our Christmas decorations! We will meet at the church at 9am on Saturday, **January 3rd**. Please circle "U" on your communication card to let us know you will be here to help.

#### Mark Your Calendars....

**January 23, 2026** all day: *Life Line Screening Event*  
**January 25, 2026** at 5:30pm: *Annual Celebration Banquet*, sign up will begin January 4th

### 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)

**U**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_