

October 6, 2024

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

This Month's Memory Verse:

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'."
John 8:12

Ministry Highlight...

Community Outreach Ministries:

Alden Terrace Monthly Service group: We are a group of people who spend time along side the residents and helpers at Alden Terrace in McHenry. We visit on the *third Saturday of the month* from 9:30 to 11:00am. Time is spent: 1)Setting up and taking down our sound equipment. 2)Visiting with the residence and some of their aids. 3)Leading a time of worship. 4)Praying together and at times one on one. 5)Teaching and encouraging from the Word. To get more information or find out how you can get involved put "Alden Terrace" on the communication card OR reach out to Jeff Knoll or Luis Ardon. It is a great way to get to know some precious folks in our community.

Giving The Good News Ministry: Our group goes out *every Saturday at 9:30am for about two hours* going door-to-door spreading the Good News and getting information about our church into homes in our community. Randy Quill is the ministry lead. You are welcome to talk with him about this ministry and also see what other opportunities there are to spread the Good News. If interested in serving in this ministry, put "Good News Ministry" on your communication card.

Casa de Vida Food Pantry: Distributing food to our community. On a webinar hosted by the Northern Illinois Food Bank in June, it was announced that there would be a general shortage of food for the food pantries. At Casa de Vida food pantry the Lord literally opened the "gates of food". We are picking up food from many groceries stores on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays; also on some Monday's from the food bank in Lake Forest. Our biggest challenge is to have enough volunteers for picking up food AND for the Thursday (2-6pm) distribution to our community. At this time we are distributing food for approximately 150 families weekly, that's approx. 2,800 individuals monthly. If interested in volunteering, put "CDV Food Pantry" on your communication card.

This Week At The Orchard

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| SUNDAY - 6 Comunion Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship Service 10am Pageant Meeting 11:45am Sermon Based Connections Group 6:30pm | MONDAY - 7 Care Calling REAL Connections Group 7pm | TUESDAY - 8 Elder Meeting 6pm Tactics Connections Group 6:30pm Women's Connections Group 7pm | WEDNESDAY - 9 Vintage Souls FMSC 8am Chosen Connections Group 6pm OYM Meeting 6:30pm Worship Practice 7pm | THURSDAY - 10 CDV Food Pantry REAL Connections Group 2pm Men's Connections Group 6:30pm | FRIDAY - 11 | SATURDAY - 12 Fall Family Night 6:30pm | SUNDAY - 13 Pastor Appreciation Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship Service 10am Property Proposal mtg 11:45am Sermon Based Connections Group 6:30pm |
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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.

Children's Christmas Pageant Meeting

Today at 11:45am in Room 300: Parent(s) of the children interested in participating in this year's pageant, please attend this meeting. The children are welcome to join the meeting. *Pageant will be on Sunday, **December 15th**.*

Fall Family Night & Great Pie Bake-Off

Event Registration Code: F

Join us this Saturday, **October 12th**, 6:30-9:30pm, at Royal Oak Farm, 15908 Hebron Road, Harvard. We'll enjoy a great evening of fellowship by a toasty bonfire, roast some hot dogs, take a hayride through the orchard with a stop to pick 2 apples each. The church will supply the dogs, buns, chips, condiments and paper products. Please bring your own beverages, lawn chairs, blankets, roasting sticks and flashlights... PLUS don't forget to bring your favorite homemade pie to share after we return from the hayride. Invite a friend. *This event is free.* Please circle "F" on your communication card to sign up.

Pastor Appreciation

October is traditionally Pastor Appreciation month. We are truly blessed to have Pastor Scott and Pastor Jeremy shepherding our congregation. We would like to encourage you to continue praying for our pastors and their families. We will be recognizing and praying over them this Sunday, **October 13th**, with a time of fellowship and treats following the service. You are welcome to drop a card/note in the offering basket or the box on the back table by our sanctuary entrance...we will present them on the 13th.

All Church Informational Meeting

Sunday, **October 13th**, following the service: You are invited to join us in the sanctuary for a presentation by Pastor Scott and the elder board regarding a property in McHenry we are interested in purchasing. Questions please reach out to scott@orchardmchenry.org

Church Potluck

Event Registration Code: P

Join us for our next great meal together on Sunday, **October 20th**, 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.

Save The Date:

*Unbreakable Cocoa Caroling Connection: Saturday, **December 7th** from 3pm to 6:30pm*

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 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)

F **P**

How many adults? _____ children? _____

Community Outreach Ministry: _____

Name: _____