

# November 23, 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 the Lord is faithful.  
He will establish you and guard you against the evil one."  
2 Thessalonians 3:3

### Ministry Highlight...

#### Alden Terrace Service

One Saturday a month we come together to share the love of Christ with some special friends at Alden Terrace. Alden Terrace is a nursing facility in McHenry. We spend time visiting, praying and in the word together.

This ministry is open for all ages to join in and give a hand by just being there and spending time with the residents and staff. So please consider joining us to help share the love of Christ with some sweet folks. *Our next service is Saturday, **December 20th** at 10am.*

Interested in serving or have questions regarding serving in this ministry, please reach out to Jeff Knoll at (847)561-2110 or [jknoll@wecarlson.com](mailto:jknoll@wecarlson.com).

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

SUNDAY - 23	MONDAY - 24	TUESDAY - 25	WEDNESDAY - 26
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Adult Sunday School 8:45am REAL Connect Group 8:45am Worship Service 10am Pageant Rehearsal 12pm Sermon-based CG 6:30pm	Care Calling CF Connect Group 7:30pm	Elder Meeting 6pm Women's Connect Group 7pm	Worship Practice 7pm
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THURSDAY - 27	FRIDAY - 28	SATURDAY - 29	SUNDAY - 30
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Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	Deck The Halls 9am	Advent: Hope Adult Sunday School 8:45am REAL Connect Group 8:45am Worship Service 10am Pageant Rehearsal 12pm Sermon-based CG 6:30pm
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### You Won't Want To Miss....

#### Deck the Halls

We'll be putting up the Christmas decorations this Saturday, **November 29th**, starting at 9am. Many hands make light work, so more the merrier! To sign up to help, please circle "D" on your communication card.

#### Unbreakable Marriage Event

Saturday, **December 6th** from 3-6:30pm: Please join us as we gather to spread some cheer to the residents at Alden Terrace. We will meet to sing Christmas Carols with them and then return to church for some games, a devotion, potluck, white elephant and just time together strengthening our relationships. *Childcare will be provided so be sure to bring them along.* Last day to sign up is **November 30th**. Sign up using QR code.



#### Church Potluck

Join us for our next great meal together on 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.

#### REAL Women's Ministry Event

Monday, **December 15th** from 6-9pm: We would love for you to join us for our annual "Cozy Christmas Celebration & Cookie Exchange". (The cookie exchange is optional) This will be a fun time of fellowship, food, devotion, games, secret sister reveal, and ornament exchange. *This event is designed for high school age and older. Please feel free to invite friends and family.* Last day to sign up is **November 30th**. Sign up using QR code.



#### 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 will be set up in the FMC starting Sunday, **November 30th**. 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, **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).

#### Mark Your Calendars....

**November 30th:** Missionaries, Lee & Regina Bloch AND Advent begins  
**December 7th:** New sermon series "Advent" starts  
**December 14th:** Children's Christmas Pageant  
**December 21st** at 11:45am: Members Budget Meeting  
**December 24th** at 4pm: Christmas Eve Service  
**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)

**D** **P**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_