

December 10, 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

New City Catechism: *What is the Lord's Supper?*

Answer: Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.

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 - 10 Advent: PEACE Adult SS 9-9:45am Worship Service 10am Members Mtg 11:45am Pageant Practice 12:30pm	MONDAY - 11 Care Calling	TUESDAY - 12 Elder mtg 6pm	WEDNESDAY - 13 Vintage Souls FMSC 8am OYM 6:30pm Worship Practice 7pm	THURSDAY - 14 CDV Pantry Men's GG 6:30pm	FRIDAY - 15 Carl W Brooke Memorial Service 4pm Visitation 3:30pm	SATURDAY - 16 Men's Breakfast 7am Pageant Dress Rehearsal 9:30am Alden Terrace Service 10am Pageant Cast Party Noon	SUNDAY - 17 Advent: Joy Children's Pageant Adult SS 9-9:45am Worship Service 10am Church Potluck Noon
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YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS...

Treehouse Club

Don't forget to register your kids for the Treehouse Club before the worship service in the Family Ministry Center! All children must have a name tag when they come to class.

Jr. High (6th-8th grade) meets on the 3rd-5th Sundays of the month.

Members Business Meeting

Following the service **today** at 11:45am: We will be holding our annual Budget meeting in the sanctuary. All members attending are asked to check in and pick up a ballot from Deb Banker at the front of the sanctuary prior to the start of the meeting.

Men's Breakfast

Event Registration Code: M

Come join us for breakfast and some fellowship this Saturday, **December 16th**. We will meet at Green Street Café, 1219 N Green St., McHenry, at 7am. Please sign-up by circling "M" on your communication card. Questions? See John Helmich. The Reminder Card for the 2024 dates are on the back table. Stop by and pick one up.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Next Sunday, **December 17th** during our 10am service, our cast will be presenting this year's Christmas Pageant. The children have been working hard. Invite someone to join you for this special service.

Church Potluck

Event Registration Code: P

Join us for our next great meal together next Sunday, **December 17th**, 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 are bringing.

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!

Mark Your Calendars:

Annual Celebration Banquet: Sunday, **January 21st** at 5:30pm.

Sign up will begin on Sunday, December 24th.

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 _____