

November 3, 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:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."
John 10:27-28

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

SUNDAY - 3 Communion Membership Class Part 2, 8:45am Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship Service 10am Sermon Based Connections Group 6:30pm	MONDAY - 4 Care Calling REAL Connections Group 7pm	TUESDAY - 5 Blood Drive 12-5pm Tactics Connections Group 6:30pm Women's Connections Group 7pm	WEDNESDAY - 6 Chosen Connections Group 6pm OYM Meeting 6:30pm Worship Practice 7pm	THURSDAY - 7 CDV Food Pantry REAL Connections Group 2pm Men's Connections Group 6:30pm	FRIDAY - 8	SATURDAY - 9 Parenting Conference 9am-2pm	SUNDAY - 10 Communion Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship Service 10am Members Meeting 11:45am Children's Pageant Practice 12:30 pm 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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

This Tuesday, **November 5th**, from 12pm-5pm: We are partnering with Meadowland again for a blood drive. We will be hosting the drive here in our building. We would love to fill all the spots available. *To sign up go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give>* .

2024 Parenting Conference

Event Registration Code: P

This Saturday, **November 9th** from 9am to 2pm: To sign up to attend, please circle "P" on your communication card. Last day to register is Sunday, November 3rd. The cost is \$10 per person (\$20 per couple). There are fliers on the back table by the Family Ministry Center's doors for more information.

Member's Business Meeting

Next Sunday, **November 10th** at 11:45am: We will be holding a meeting in the sanctuary to vote on the proposed purchase of the Elm Street Property. All members are asked and encouraged to attend this meeting. Questions? Please speak to a Pastor or Elder.

Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

Starting next Sunday, **November 10th** at 12:30pm in the sanctuary, we will begin our rehearsals for this year's pageant. *Pageant will be on Sunday, **December 17th***. Questions? See Deb Banker or contact her at (847)707-0433 or debri banker@prodigy.net.

Deck the Halls

Event Registration Code: D

We'll be putting up the Christmas decorations on Saturday, **November 30th**, starting at 9am. Many hands make light work, so more the merrier! To sign up to help, please circle "D" on your communication card.

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)

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How many adults? _____ children? _____

Community Outreach Ministry: _____

Name: _____