

# December 14, 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 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@ochardmchenry.org](mailto:info@ochardmchenry.org) or (815)385-3410. We will get you in contact with the Team Lead—Jeanne Swanson.

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

<b>SUNDAY - 14</b> Advent: Joy Children's Christmas Pageant Food For Thought Collection Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship Service 10am Church Potluck 1145am Sermon-based CG 6:30pm	<b>MONDAY - 15</b> Care Calling REAL Cookie Exchange 6pm	<b>TUESDAY - 16</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY - 17</b> Vintage Souls mtg 10:30am OYM meeting 6:30pm Worship Practice 7pm
<b>THURSDAY - 18</b> CDV Food Pantry Men's Connect Grp 6:30pm	<b>FRIDAY - 19</b>	<b>SATURDAY - 20</b> Men's Breakfast 7am Alden Terrace Service 10am	<b>SUNDAY - 21</b> Advent: Love Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship Service 10am Members Annual Mtg 1145am Sermon-based CG 6:30pm

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

#### Children's Christmas Pageant is today!

There are no Treehouse classes today.  
The Nursery will open following the Children's Christmas Pageant.

There is a Church Potluck following the service in the Family Ministry Center.

#### Men's Breakfast

Come join us for breakfast and some fellowship this Saturday, **December 20th**. We will meet at Green Street Café, 1219 N Green Street, McHenry, at 7am. Please sign-up by circling "M" on your communication card. Invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker. Questions? See John Helmich.

**Event Registration Code: M**

#### Alden Terrace Service

This Saturday, **December 20th** at 10am: Interested in serving this senior living community? Talk to Jeff Knoll or Luis Ardon for more information on how to get involved.

#### Christmas Eve Service:

Wednesday, **December 24th** at 4pm

#### 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 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....

**December 21st** at 11:45am: *Members Annual Business Meeting*  
**January 3, 2026** at 9am: *UnDecorate*  
**January 23, 2026** all day: *Life Line Screening Event*  
**January 25, 2026** 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)

**M**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_