

November 24, 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 - 24 Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship Service 10am Children's Pageant Practice 12 pm Sermon Based Connections Group 6:30pm	MONDAY - 25 Care Calling REAL: Prayer Night 6pm	TUESDAY - 26 Women's Connections Group 7pm	WEDNESDAY - 27 Worship Practice 7pm	THURSDAY - 28 Happy Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	FRIDAY - 29 Church Office Closed	SATURDAY - 30 Deck the Halls 9am	SUNDAY - 12/1 Advent: HOPE Communion Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship Service 10am Children's Pageant Practice 12 pm Sermon Based Connections Group 6:30pm
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You Won't Want To Miss....

Meadowland Turkey Trot

This Thursday, **November 28th**: Fundraiser for Real Love Haiti. 5K walk or run at Richardson Farm in Spring Grove. The informational flyer and card are on the back table for all the details.

Deck the Halls

Event Registration Code: D

We'll be putting up the Christmas decorations this 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.

Communion-Benevolence

Be prepared next Sunday, **December 1st** 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.

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 next Sunday, December 1st. All gifts need to be returned unwrapped by December 29th.*

REAL Cookie Exchange & Secret Sister

Event Registration Code: R

Monday, **December 2nd**, from 6-8:30pm in the Family Ministry Center. Ladies we will get together for some holiday cheer & fellowship. Please bring a dessert/appetizer to share & 2 dozen cookies if you plan to participate in the cookie exchange. This is a great event to invite family & friends. Let us know you'll be joining us by circling "R" on your communication card.

Unbreakable: Cocoa, Caroling & Connection

Event Registration Code: U

Unbreakable Marriage Ministry is inviting all married couples to join us for our annual Christmas party on Saturday, **December 7th**. We will be meeting at Alden Terrace for some caroling & then heading back to church for our potluck dinner and some fun & games! Childcare will be provided. Please sign up on your communication card by circling "U".

Christmas Celebrations:

Children's Christmas Pageant: Sunday, **December 15th** during 10am service

Christmas Eve Service: Tuesday, **December 24th** at 4pm

Save the Date: Celebration Banquet 2025

Saturday, **January 19th**: Interested in being apart of the banquet planning team, see Pastor Scott.

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 R U

How many adults? _____ children? _____

Community Outreach Ministry: _____

Name: _____