# April 28, 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 Questions/Contact us: info@orchardmchenry.org to the world around us.

### This Month's Memory Verse:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

**PARKING** on Sundays: Please do NOT park in the entrances/exits of our parking lot. These are not parking spaces. We need to keep them clear to allow for safe maneuvering into and out of our parking lots. We appreciate your cooperation with this. On Sunday, if you arrive early to serve or attend Adult Sunday School, please consider parking in the back and using our back entrance to free up spaces on the front and side of our building for those arriving closer to the start of the service and using our main entrance. Thank you.

# Ministry Highlight...

#### REAL - Women's Ministry:

REAL exists to encourage spiritual growth with God and relational connections with each other through intentionally designed events.

GROWTH events: We strive to put together events that foster an opportunity for growth in each of our individual walks with God.

SOCIAL events: We believe that we grow better when we are connected to each other. We design events to allow personal relationships to flourish.

OUTREACH events: We want to be a group of women who invite other women to join us!

womensministry@orchardmchenry.org

REAL Leadership Team: Melissa Knoll, Michelle Helmich, Krissy Shepherd and Kristen Knoll

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

SUNDAY - 28 MONDAY - 29 Adult Sunday School 9am Care Calling Worship Service 10am REAL Bible Study 7pm

TUESDAY - 30 Passover ends WEDNESDAY - 5/1 OYM Meeting 6:30pm Worship Practice 7pm

THURSDAY - 5/2 CDV Food Pantry

**FRIDAY - 5/3** REAL Bible Study 1pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm

SATURDAY - 5/4

Communion Adult Sunday School 9am Worship Service 10am Sermon-based Bible Study 6:30pm

SUNDAY - 5/5

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

### Communion-Benevolence

Be prepared next Sunday, May 5th, 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.

### Decorating Team

#### **Event Registration Code: D**

The Decorating Team is looking for people to help with some upcoming projects and also projects that may arise in the future.... If you can climb a ladder, swing a hammer, brush or roll paint on a wall, we need you! Some projects may require lifting heavier items. Questions, see Vonda Bledose or Tonya Prusinski.

### Sermon Based Growth Group

### **Event Registration Code: G**

As we transition to our new sermon series, so this group will be transitioning to 2 Corinthians. Starting Sunday, May 5th, from 6:30-8pm via ZOOM, Pastor Scott Swanson will lead a group wanting to dig deeper into that morning's sermon. Sign up to attend by circling "G", and we'll get the ZOOM link sent to you.

### Adult Sunday School

#### **Event Registration Code: A**

New curriculum has started: The Study of the Book of Matthew. We will continue to meet in Room 300 from 8:45-9:45am. Fellowship starts at 8:45am with class starting at 9am sharp. Please use code "A" to sign up for the new study.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, May 10th 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.

#### RFAI Refreshed

#### **Event Registration Code: R**

Please join us for a morning of refreshing fellowship, worship and a time in God's Word. Light breakfast will be provided. We will meet in the Family Ministry Center from 9-11am on Saturday, **May 18th**. Hope to see you there!

### Graduation Recognition

Calling all graduates... Are you graduating from 8th grade, high school, college or beyond? Please let us know so we may recognize your achievement on Sunday, May 19th, by putting vour name and grade/degree on your communication card.

## Communication Card April 28, 2024

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	
	_ 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:

How many adults? children?

Graduating? 8th HS College