

## Welcome!

We are an open table people. That means all are welcome here. No matter your past dilemmas or present challenges, no matter your age or race, no matter your gender or political party: we want you to be creative, bold, generous, and make a difference. We hope God unleashes your passion and gifts because the world sorely needs them. We are eager for you to wonder, question, explore and grow. Most of all, we want to journey with you in the adventure of Christ's love. We are glad you're here!

Michael Swartzentruber Senior Minister

# September 17, 2017

#### If you are a guest with us today

- We hope you feel at home here, so relax and be yourself.
- We would love to know you are with us today. Please fill out a Connection Card (located in the seat pocket of the chair in front of you). You can drop it in the offering plate during service or leave it at the Welcome Center in the foyer.
- Let us know how we can share more about our church, plug you in, and pray for you.

## Explore South Elkhorn

#### September 24 • Room 108 • 5:00 PM

Join us for our gathering of newcomers and curious souls. Meet our team, engage in conversation, and find your place in our spiritual community. For more information or to RSVP, please fill out the connection card or contact the church office:

admin@southelkhorncc.org.

## Children's Worship & Wonder

After the children's sermon, children age 3 to Grade 3 are invited to hear a sacred story, wonder about its meaning, & gather together for a feast (rooms 203 & 209).

## Nursery

Nursery is available for children ages 6 weeks to two years during Sunday School & worship (rooms 214 & 215).

### Our Staff

Michael Swartzentruber Senior Minister

Holly Fugua Associate Minister

Sara Don Bailey Ministry Intern

Kyla Burkhardt
Lead Children's Coordinator

Chris Weiss
Music Minister

Diana Vetter Music Associate

Stephan Daming
Pianist

**Nursery:** Stephanie Chavez, Jennai Mitchell, & Hannah Woggon Kim Skidmore Little Elks Director

Alyssa Parrett Youth Ministry Intern

Stasia Kruse

Administrator

Children's Coordinators: Danielle Evans, Aly Partain, & Andres Caban

# Life Together



#### **Disciple Women's Dinner**

#### Today, 5-6:30 PM, Child care provided

All women invited to dinner and a social gathering! Donations collected to support Finding Freedom through Friendship program. For more information:

#### southelkhorncc.org/event/disciples-womens-dinner/

Items to be collected include:

Bottles Women's Vitamins Kitchen Towels Pot Holders

Bottles Tylenol Children Shoes (croc type) Plastic Tablecloths



#### **Choir Resumes**

#### Tonight • 5:00 PM • Room 204

Learn new music, lift your voice, and praise together. Child care provided.



#### **Fall Festival Meeting**

#### Sunday • September 24 • Following Worship • Room 211

Join in making final preparations for the Fall Festival, Saturday, October 14.



#### **Lectio Divina**

#### October 1, 8, 15, and 22 • 9:00 AM • Room 111

A 4 week adult Sunday School class lead by Lisa Gammel Maas. Lectio Divina is a slow, contemplative praying of the scriptures. It is an ancient art of engaging scripture with an open heart. Through the repeated reading of a short passage of scripture, each of us invites a personal and intimate message from God, relevant to this moment in our lives. Limited space available. Sign up on white board in church foyer.



#### **Live Music at Moondance**

#### Friday • September 29 • 6:00 PM • Moondance Amphitheater

Bring a lawn chair or blanket, food and drinks. J. Renders BBQ food truck will have food available for purchase. Kids and friends are welcome. Moondance Theater is located at 1152 Monarch Street (Beaumont Circle).



September 24 Leaving Hurry

October 1 Altared State Luke 15:1-32



Sermon audio available at southelkhorncc.org/sermons

# Children & Youth

Tiny Tots (Age 2 - Pre K) Children (Grades K - 5) Youth (Grades 6 - 12)

#### Regular evening programs resume tonight

4:40 PM Children's Choir (K-Grade 5) 5:00 PM Open Gym & Snack

5:30 PM Activities

#### **Welcome Alyssa Parrett**

Alyssa is our new Youth Ministry Intern. Alyssa will be working with our youth on Sunday nights and we are very excited about her commitment and passion for our young people. She is currently a freshman at Bluegrass Community Technical College and been a member here at South Elkhorn her entire life.



Mark 4:35-41

## Sermon

I Love My Church: Bring Your Own Brain Matthew 22:34-40 & Galatians 5:1,13-14

Focus Verse: "Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord you God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

(Matthew 22:37)

#### **Bid Ideas:**

- Bring your own <u>brain</u>: reason belongs with faith
- <u>Bring</u> your own brain: questioning isn't optional
- Bring your <u>own</u> brain: unity is not uniformity

### Discussion Questions

- Read the passage(s) slowly and carefully. What word or phrase stands out to you?
- 2. What do you think loving God with your heart means? Your soul? Your mind? What do each of those look like?
- 3. Does freedom of belief or intelligent faith matter to you? Why or why not?
- 4. Have you changed your mind about something religiously? In what ways have your beliefs changed, grown, or deepened?

#### **Vision Team**

Place your pin!

Mapping our diverse church: Place a pin on the large map in the foyer and see the diverse geographic footprint of our church.

You can also place a pin on a separate display to reflect the diversity of our denominational and spiritual backgrounds.

## Order of Worship

NOTES:

Prelude Stephan Daming

God of Wonders Song

**Call to Worship** 

Welcome

Song Give Us Clean Hands

**†Centering & Lord's Prayer** 

**Children's Moment** Holly Fuqua

**Sermon: BYOB (Bring Your Own Brain)** Michael Swartzentruber

Matthew 22:34-40, Galatians 5:1, 13-14

Gift of Love Song

Communion

Gluten free bread in small cups on tray

**Elders:** Tom Simpson, Susan Zeroogian

Generosity

Doxology

Take My Life (Holiness) Song

Benediction

**Postlude** 

† Prayer list available in church foyer on glass table and online at www.southelkhorncc.org/prayer-list

#### **Deacons Serving This Week**

Prepare & Serve-Will Anders, Heather Adams, Nick Adams Distribute, Serve, & Stage-Bill Daugherty Serve & Clean-Morganne Brackney, Michael Lewis, Lizzy Brown



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<sup>\*</sup>Chalice Hymnals (CH) are located near the stairs at the back of the worship area.