





## 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!

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## Our Staff

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Danielle Evans, Aly Partain, & Andres Caban

November 12, 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

### December 10 • 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](mailto: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).

## Life Together



### Support Guatemalan Women

#### Today • Following Worship

Items made by Guatemalan women will be available for purchase in the church foyer and make meaningful Christmas gifts. Finding Freedom Through Friendship supports Guatemalan widows and their children with their critical needs, including empowering women to make and sell items.



### All Church Movie Night & Potluck Dinner

#### Sunday • November 19 • 4:00 PM

All Church Movie: *Hidden Figures*. Children are welcome to join us or they can go into the youth rooms for other activities. Bring a dish to share and sit back and enjoy the movie. Drinks provided. Nursery available.



### Poinsettias for Advent Season

You can honor or remember your loved one(s) by purchasing a poinsettia for the Christian Ministry Center. The cost is \$10 each. Forms on glass foyer table or share the name with [admin@southelkhorncc.org](mailto:admin@southelkhorncc.org) and place check/cash in offering.



### Salvation Army Bell Ringers

#### December 2, 16, 23 • Beaumont Kroger • 9:00 AM-8:00 PM

Serve for a one hour shift by contacting Doug Alexander at: 221-1032 (c), 224-4742 (h) or [dgapr@twc.com](mailto:dgapr@twc.com).



### Drive Through Bethlehem

Sign up in foyer to serve one shift to bring the Christmas Story to life and make an impact in our community. Adults and youth (grades 6-12) are welcome to take part in this event. You can also email church office at [admin@southelkhorncc.org](mailto:admin@southelkhorncc.org) for more information or to sign up. Childcare is available.

## Sermon Series



Dig deeper into Matthew's gospel and let Jesus awaken your sleepy soul to the ready posture of love.

November 19 *Matthew 25:31-46*

Bulletin & sermon audio available at [southelkhorncc.org/sermons](http://southelkhorncc.org/sermons)

## Children & Youth

**Tiny Tots** (Age 2 - Pre K)

**Children** (Grades K - 5)

**Youth** (Grades 6 - 12)

### Breakfast with Santa

#### Saturday • December 2 • 9:00 AM

Enjoy breakfast with Santa! Everyone is invited to this all church event. Sign up sheet on white board in church foyer.

### Tonight

Regular Programs Resume

4:40 PM Children's Choir

5:00 PM Open Gym & Snack

5:30 PM Activities

6:30 PM Pick Up

## Sermon

### Woke: Risk

*Matthew 25:14-30*

**Focus Verse:** "I knew that you were a harsh man... so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground."

*Matthew 25:24-25*

**Quote:** "A ship is always safe at shore, but that is not what it was built for."

—Albert Einstein

### Big Ideas:

- Biblical Investing
- God is not Harsh
- Fear & Control
- Faith Sets Sail

## Discussion Questions

1. Read the passage carefully and slowly. What word or phrase stands out to you?
2. What phobias or fears do you have?
3. How did you overcome a fear or scary circumstance?
4. How might seeing God as harsh lead to fearful discipleship? How might seeing God as compassionate lead to a bold life of faith?

## Veteran's Honor Flight

The Honor Flight Network is a nonprofit organization focused on honoring America's veterans. Veterans are transported to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to senior veterans – World War II survivors, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill. The only cost is to the companion who accompanies the veteran, and South Elkhorn provides designated Outreach funds to cover this cost for our church veterans.

Learn more at [southelkhorncc.org/outreach](http://southelkhorncc.org/outreach)