



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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November 26, 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.

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



Breakfast with Santa

December 2 • Christian Ministry Center • 9:00 AM

Come take pictures with Santa and eat a delicious breakfast hosted by the men's group. Everyone is invited to this all church event. Sign up on the white board in church foyer or email church office at admin@southelkhorncc.org.



Drive Through Bethlehem

December 9

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 for more information or to sign up. Childcare is available.



Salvation Army Bell Ringers

December 23 • Beaumont Kroger

There are still opportunities to ring the bell. Contact Doug Alexander at: 221-1032 (c), 224-4742 (h), or dgapr@twc.com.



Advent Lectio Sunday School Class

December 3, 10, and 17 • Room 111 • 9:00 AM

The Lectio class is meeting for the next 3 weeks. All welcome to join. A new Sunday School class will start in January, discussing the book, *Sabbath Keeping*. For more information contact Jane Estepp at janeestepp@gmail.com.



Advent

December 3, Bluegrass Christmas Sunday

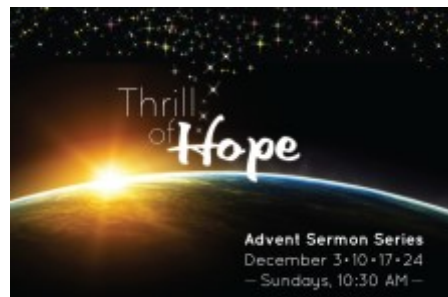
December 10, Brass and Children's Choir

December 17, Choir Cantata Sunday

December 24, 10:30 AM, All children invited to wear their pajamas as we open the presents of Advent

December 24, 7:00 PM, Candlelight Worship

New Sermon Series



December 3 Mark 13:24-37

December 10 Isaiah 40:1-11

December 17 Luke 1:45-46

December 24 Luke 2:1-20

Bulletin & sermon audio available at
southelkhorncc.org/sermons

Children & Youth

Tiny Tots (Age 2 - Pre K)

Children (Grades K - 5)

Youth (Grades 6 - 12)

Tonight

No Scheduled Programs

Happy Thanksgiving!

Christmas Parties

Saturday • December 10 • Following Worship

Enjoy our last Sunday gathering until January 7. Come for Christmas luncheon, crafts, games and a few holiday surprises. Bring your friends!

Sermon

Cave Dwellers
Psalm 57

Discussion Questions

(Children)

1. Have you ever been in a cave? If so, write down words that describe being in that cave. How did it feel? What did it look like?
2. Draw a picture of you sitting in a cave. Draw Jesus beside you in the cave.
3. When you are scared, happy, or upset, remember you are never alone, but Jesus is with you. Write a letter to Jesus thanking him for all he does for you.

Discussion Questions

(Youth and Adults)

1. Read the passage carefully and slowly. What word or phrase stands out to you?
2. David is honest with God. He shares his fears and concerns, but then proceeds to praise God, even from a lonely, dark cave. How honest are we with God when we experience our storms of life? Do we praise God when we are in our caves?
3. Think of some of your "Cave Moments." Times you were in pain and darkness. What were they? Do you still take residence in that cave or have you left that place? Explain.
4. In our difficulties, do you think with the mind or heart? How important is it for mind and heart to work together? Do you believe everything you think? Do you believe everything you feel? Explain.