# Connection Card

Please place card in offering plate or hand to church leader OR scan QR code and fill out electronically



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#### Stay informed:

- O Text Messages & Alerts
- O Michael's Musings Friday Email
- O E-News (Bi-weekly)
- O Children & Youth Weekly Email

#### I am a:

- O First-time Guest
- O Frequent Visitor
- O Regular Attender

#### **Next Steps:**

- O Attend Explore South Elkhorn
- O Find a Group & Join Community

## Order of Worship

**Prelude** 

Welcome Michael Swartzentruber

Advent Candle Lighting Phillip and Laina Miller

Song Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Centering & Lord's Prayer Holly Fuqua

Children's Moment Holly Fuqua

Sermon Luke 1:57-66 Michael Swartzentruber

How Does a Weary World Rejoice? We Allow Ourselves To Be Amazed

**Song** I Wonder as I Wander

**Communion** Dain Smith

Elders: Ron & Phyl Wigglesworth

Open Table: All are welcome. You are invited to partake of the bread as it is passed, and drink from the cup as you are ready. Gluten-free wafers are in a

paper cup on each tray.

**Generosity** Michael Swartzentruber

Deacons collect tithes and offerings. You can also give on your mobile device with Venmo (@southelkhorncc) or online by credit/debit card (visit southelkhorncc.org/give)

Special Music Bleak Midwinter Dale Warren & Chris Weiss

Call to Discipleship Michael Swartzentruber

**Song** Go Tell It On The Mountain

Announcements Holly Fuqua

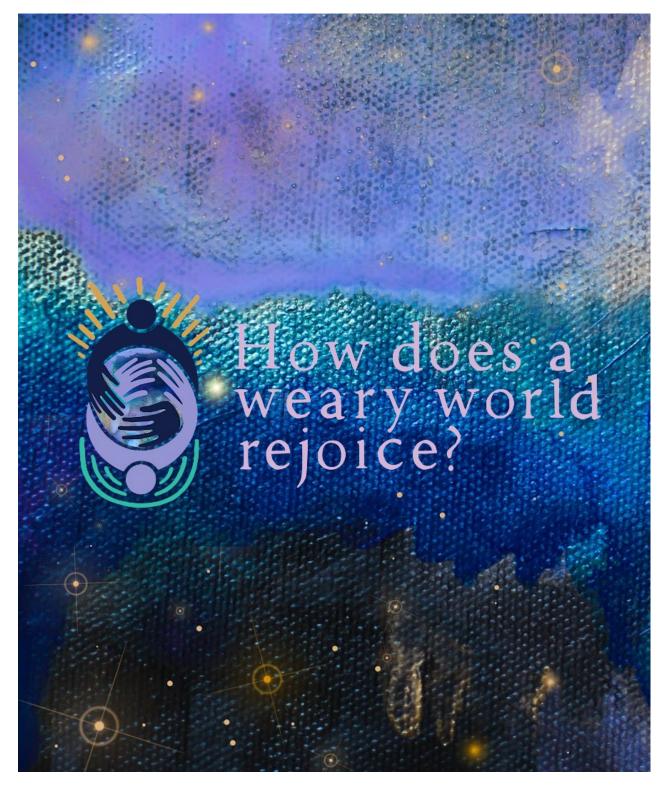
Benediction

#### Serving

Acolyte: Kieran Dent
Deacons (Prepare & Serve): Tricia Michalski, Abby Aasbo
Deacons (Serve & Clean): Debbie Brammell, Katie Gilley, Adam Gilley

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#### **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 sexual orientation, 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

#### **WORSHIP STAFF**

Michael Swartzentruber Senior Minister

Holly Fugua Associate Minister

Chris Weiss Music Minister

**Dain Smith** Interim Discipleship Minister

Diana Vetter Moore Music Associate

**Allison Colvin** Pianist

### **December 17, 2023**



#### IF YOU ARE A GUEST TODAY

We want you to feel at home here, so relax and be yourself. We would love to follow up with you. Please complete and tear off the Connection Card to your right. You can place it in the box on the table in the foyer or hand it to a minister, deacon, or other church leader. Let us know how we can share more about our church, plug you in, and pray for you.

#### **EXPLORE SOUTH ELKHORN**

#### January 21, 5:00 PM, Room 211

Gathering of newcomers and curious souls. Meet the team, engage in conversation, and find your place in the church 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

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 3 to Grade 3 are invited to hear a sacred story, wonder about its meaning, and gather together for a feast (rooms 203 & 209). Visitors, please accompany your child to sign-in.

#### **NURSERY**

Nursery is available for children ages 6 weeks to 2 years during Sunday School & worship (rooms 214 & 215).

#### LIVE STREAMING BROADCAST

The stage is video recorded and broadcast through social media and the website. The first three rows may be on camera. Visit southelkhorncc.org/online (or scan the QR code) to watch the service each week.





We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

## LIFE TOGETHER

#### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

#### Today, Following Worship

Every year the membership of South Elkhorn gathers to vote on the slate of leaders and review and approve the annual budget. Use the QR code for more information about the leaders and how to vote online. Printed ballots will be passed out during the meeting.

#### ADVENT AT SOUTH ELKHORN

#### **Advent Calendars & Devotional**

Practice daily acts of joy and reflection this December by using one or more Advent Calendar (made for children, adults, and families) and devotional found in the church foyer, at southelkhorncc.org/advent, or follow the QR code.

#### **Christmas Eve**

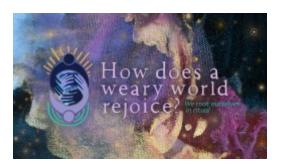
10:30 AM Advent IV Worship Service 11:30 AM Baptism of Lanny Adkins (Historic Sanctuary) 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service

Experience the meaning, mystery and beauty of this holy night filled with the warmth of scripture, song and candlelight. You are invited to come early to find a seat and enjoy live music beginning at 3:15 PM. Nursery is available for children 6 weeks - 2 years old.

#### PROGRAMS RESUME IN JANUARY

There will be no Sunday School December 24 or 31. Sunday School and programs will resume January 7.

## Sermon Series



#### THIS SUNDAY

Michael Swartzentruber How Does a Weary World Rejoice? We Allow Ourselves To Be Amazed Luke 1:57-66

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Michael Swartzentruber How Does a Weary World Rejoice? We Root Ourselves in Ritual Luke 2:21-38

Worship service and messages available online & on your favorite podcast site.

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH**

Tiny Tots (Age 3-Pre K)/Children (Grades K-5)/Youth (Grades 6-12)

#### **CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS**

No afternoon programs today. Programs will resume on January 7.

### YOUTH (6-12 GRADE) WINTER BREAK GATHERING (DEADLINE TO RSVP TODAY)

Wednesday, December 20, 12:00-4:00 PM, CMC

Please bring money for lunch and a gently used book to swap with your friends. Play games, hang out, watch a movie, drink hot chocolate, bake cookies, and simply enjoy each other. RSVP by emailing Holly at holly@southelkhorncc.org.





Use QR code to learn more about events and resources for Advent.

## PRAYER LIST

Share a prayer request.

If you have a prayer request, you can reach out to the church office or submit your prayer on this card in the notes section Place in the offering basket when passed.

Prayer list available online at southelkhorncc.org/prayer-list

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#### **ONLINE GIVING**

Make a one time gift or set up recurring gifts

#### **DONATE ON VENMO**

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