



This Week

at **SOTV**

Week of April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Sunday

Weekly Scriptures:

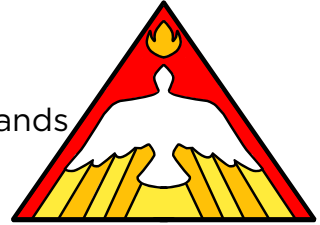
Acts 8: 26-40

1 John 4: 1-11 (12-21)

John 15: 1-8

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS!

This Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service we will celebrate the confirmation of seven of our eighth-grade youth. Come support our confirmands as they proclaim their faith, remember their baptism and share how Jesus is working in their lives. Congratulations to the confirmation class of 2024: Allison DaLuga, Jenna Determan, Ella Fennessey, Kayla Hubbard, Brody Kelley, Eva Melco and Adeline Sieglaff.



UPLOAD YOUR PHOTO FOR OUR ONLINE DIRECTORY

A big thank you to the 105 people who stopped by the Realm Connect photo stop on April 21 to have their photo taken for the online directory! If you missed this opportunity, you can still easily upload your photo to your Realm Connect profile:

- Sign in to your Realm Connect account.
- Click your name in the upper-right corner, and select View My Profile. If on mobile app, open app and click on your profile icon in upper left corner.
- Point to the image beside your name and click it.
- Browse for the image you want to use in your photos and select it.
- Adjust the image size using the slider. If your image is larger than 172 x 172 pixels, you can zoom out until it fits in the dashed-line center square. Anything outside of the square is removed. If your image is smaller, you can zoom in but you might lose resolution.
- Click Save. You might need to refresh the page to see your changes.

Please note, you must have a Realm Connect account to upload your photo and be part of our online directory.

If you have any questions about uploading your photo or creating a Realm Connect account, please contact Meg at meg@sotv-wdm.org.

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ONE FAMILY, FOLLOWING ONE SHEPHERD...

Welcome to the Journey!

FIRST QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT

Sherry Wilkinson has compiled the following update for the first quarter of 2024. Shepherd of the Valley continues to share the love of God with people both in person and online.

The church's total offerings for the first quarter ending March 31 were \$198,854.65, which exceeds the comparative period last year by \$15,675, but is behind our year-to-date budget by \$16,145. Please remember that giving varies from month to month. The total revenue for the church was \$291,500 with expenses of \$275,297 resulting in a surplus for the first quarter of \$16,203. The Early Learning Center had total revenue of \$98,161 and expenses of \$71,606 resulting in a surplus for the first quarter of \$26,555. In summary, the church as a whole (SOTV and Early Learning Center) had total revenue of \$389,661 and expenses of \$346,903 resulting in a surplus of \$42,758 for the first quarter of 2024. The Early Learning Center received registration fees and kindergarten prepaid September tuition in the first quarter of 2024 which contributed to the surplus.

We continue to be blessed to have great disciples of Christ that bless the church with their time, talents and financial support. Thanks so much for reaching out to help now and in the future!

If you have any questions or want to discuss further, please contact Sherry at 515-669-6081 or wilkinson8807@msn.com. If you have questions about online giving or giving in general, please contact Sharon Bauer in the church office at 515-225-1623 or sharon@sotv-wdm.org.



SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class
Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
1:00 p.m. Eritrean Worship

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

TUESDAY

7:30 p.m. Women's Group (offsite)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. OurTime Bible Study (Zoom)
Women of the Word Bible Study (Zoom)
5:45 p.m. BELL-ievers
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
7:00 p.m. JuBELLation

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Eritrean Gathering

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:

To contact our SOTV staff, please visit the Staff Page on our website by clicking [HERE](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 26: Mission Sunday

Gary Thies, Mission Development Counselor for The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod will be visiting SOTV on Sunday, May 26. Gary will give an exciting and interesting presentation on what is happening in the mission field of your church around the world.



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