



# This Week

at **SOTV**

Week of March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent

## Weekly Scriptures:

Isaiah 48:17-22

Hebrews 9:11-14

Matthew 10:26-33

### **LET OUR YOUTH EGG YOUR YARD!**

Our high school youth group would love to egg your yard this Easter! Surprise the children in your life with a yard full of candy and toy-filled eggs on Easter morning. You can place an order for your own children, or surprise another family by ordering for delivery to their home. Our youth will visit to hide eggs for you the evening of April 19. You can also purchase "to-go" bags ahead of time to hide eggs in your yard or home when it's convenient for you. Nut-free options are available upon request.

All proceeds from this event will help fund the youth's trip to the 2025 National Youth Gathering. Register and pay online by using the link [HERE](#). Paper order forms are available on the Information Center table in the church lobby. Orders are due by April 16. If you have questions, please contact [Angie Spann](#).



### **CALL COMMITTEE NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS**

Our pastoral call committee is currently accepting nominations for potential candidates for an Associate Pastor now through April 13. Nominations may only be submitted using the form available on the Information Center table in the lobby and may be returned in the designated basket next to the mailboxes in the church office. You may submit more than one name but must complete a separate form for each nomination. All nominations will be submitted to the District President who will review and send the call committee a final list. If you have any questions about this nomination process, please speak with call committee chairperson, Marv Rickert, or Pastor John David.

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**ONE FAMILY, FOLLOWING ONE SHEPHERD...**

*Welcome to the Journey!*

## **EASTER LILY SALES NOW THROUGH APRIL 14**

The SOTV Altar Circle is selling Easter lilies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. The price is \$15/each, including tax. Orders will be accepted through April 14. Order forms can be found on the Information Center table or click [HERE](#) to print a form from your home computer. Bring your completed order form to the church office on Sundays or during weekday business hours. Payment must be included at the time you place your order. You may pick up your plant(s) after all services conclude on April 20 or on the Sunday after Easter. If you have any questions, please call Rita Rusch at 223-7326.



## **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS FOR SOTV**

Looking for an easy way to support and strengthen SOTV? Participate in Thrivent Choice®, Thrivent's charitable outreach program. Thrivent Choice provides an online giving platform where you can make personal donations. Thrivent pays the processing fees, so 100 percent of your donation goes to help make an impact. Eligible Thrivent clients with membership can also recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its outreach funding by directing Choice Dollars® to any of the thousands of enrolled churches and nonprofit organizations, including SOTV. In 2024, SOTV received \$465 in funding through Thrivent Choice. If you previously made a donation or directed Choice Dollars to us, we thank you for your support! If you haven't yet participated in Thrivent Choice but would like to do so or learn more about it, visit [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice). You can also contact your Thrivent advisor. Thank you for supporting our important work and helping to make good things happen.

**Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31.**

## **PRAY FOR OUR CALL COMMITTEE**

As the congregation is aware, the formal process to call an Associate Pastor has begun. At its meeting on February 26, our Christ-Based Leadership Board (CBL) approved the following members to serve on the call committee, and all such members have agreed to serve:

Bruce Crowther    Lydia Rethwisch  
Tim Geyer         Marv Rickert (Committee Chair)  
Amber Kelley     Laurie Scieszinski  
Shawn Limback    Jessica Wardenburg  
Brian Melco

The call committee's work has begun, and this process will take time. Please pray for all members on our call committee as they lead this process and that the Lord's will be done. We also ask our SOTV family to be praying for the associate pastor and his family, who are out there awaiting our call.

# UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

# Weekly Events

## MARCH 30: Youth Nerf Wars!

All middle school and high school youth are invited for a night of games, pizza and devotion from 5 - 7 p.m. Bring your own Nerf guns and ammunition if you have them. Let off some steam, compete for prizes and enjoy time together!



## MARCH 30 - MAY 18\*: Parenting with Love & Logic

Join Tia Pugh this spring for “Parenting the Love & Logic Way” beginning on Sunday, March 30 from 3 – 5 p.m. This six-week class will help parents raise their children in a way that is fun and rewarding, instead of stressful and chaotic. This Love & Logic course provides practical tools and techniques that will help you achieve respectful, healthy relationships with your children. Class materials cost \$10 and childcare during each class will be available. Register using the link [HERE](#). \*This class will not meet on April 20 and May 11.

## APRIL 2: Family Feast & Follow

Dinnertime devotions don't have to be boring! This month we will continue in practicing table conversations about Jesus that are fun and playful. Join us for hamburgers and hotdogs at 5:30 p.m. and stay for Lenten worship at 6:30. Please click [HERE](#) to register.

## APRIL 2, 9 : Lenten Midweek Worship

In our midweek Lenten series “Glory to the God Who Bleeds” we will hear from the Gospel of John as we meditate on who Jesus is and what He has come to do for us in His life, ministry, death, and resurrection. We will be moved each week to give glory and praise to God for the salvation He has won for us on the cross. Join us each Wednesday during Lent at 6:30 p.m.

Click [HERE](#) for full church calendar and upcoming events.

### SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 3:00 p.m. Love & Logic Class
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Nerf Wars

### MONDAY

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir

### TUESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Senior Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Night  
Women's Group

### WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. OurTime Bible Study (Zoom)  
Women of the Word Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:30 p.m. Family Feast & Follow
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship  
High School  
Youth Group  
Communion Prep Class

### THURSDAY

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

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

## Christ-Based Leadership Board

### 2025 CBL Members:

- Brian Rickert — Chair Person
- Doug Scieszinski — Vice Chair Person
- Zach Bonefas— Secretary
- Andrew Ansorge — Bruce Crowther
- Pam Hendershot — Phil Parrott

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