



This Week

at **SOTV**

Week of April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

Weekly Scriptures:
Zechariah 9:9-12
Philippians 2:5-11
John 12:12-19



SERVING OPPORTUNITY: USHERS & WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

SOTV currently needs additional ushers and worship assistants to serve during our worship services. Volunteers serving in these roles are responsible for making sure our worship services run smoothly and efficiently, and help with various duties during worship. Youth in 6-8th grade can serve with a parent. High school students are also welcome. If you are interested in learning more and/or joining this team, please reach out to Craig Belden via email or phone, 515-419-4830.



LWML TO LEARN ABOUT FIGHTING FRAUD

All women are invited to attend the April LWML meeting on Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 19. This month the LWML welcomes special guests Lynne Melssen, AmeriCorps Senior Program Director for United Way of Central Iowa, and Won Hyon with the Iowa Insurance Division/AmeriCorp - Community Volunteer - Fraud Fighting Program. Hyon will be speaking to the group about phone and online scams. Join the LWML for fellowship and to learn more about protecting yourself and family from these fraudulent scams.

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ONE FAMILY, FOLLOWING ONE SHEPHERD...
Welcome to the Journey!

Holy Week

Information & Reminders

JOIN US IN PRAYER THIS HOLY WEEK

Sign up now to participate in 28 hours of unbroken prayer during Holy Week. We will begin after our evening Good Friday service and continue until 12 a.m. on Easter morning. You can sign up for an hour or more of prayer as we journey with Jesus from the cross to the empty tomb. Use the link [HERE](#) or contact [Tia Pugh](#) directly to sign up.

EGG MY YARD ORDERS DUE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

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 no later than April 16. If you have questions, please contact [Angie Spann](#).



EASTER LILY SALES END 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. Completed order forms can be placed on Renea Miller's desk in the church office. 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 anytime thereafter. If you have any questions, please call Rita Rusch at 223-7326.



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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Weekly 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

MONDAY

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir

TUESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Senior Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. LWML Meeting
- 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)
- 6:30 p.m. High School
Youth Group
Communion Prep Class

THURSDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship

FRIDAY

- 12:00 p.m. &
6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship

APRIL 17: Maundy Thursday Worship

We will prepare our hearts for the Resurrection by remembering the Last Supper on the night Christ was betrayed and celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion. This service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 18: Good Friday Worship

Christ died a painful, terrible, horrible death for you. He took the weight of every sin of every person upon that cross. He was the perfect sacrifice for our imperfect lives. But He didn't stay dead. Sunday's coming... Join us for worship at 12 p.m. and/or 6:30 p.m. The evening service will be available via livestream [HERE](#).

APRIL 18 - APRIL 20: Unbroken Prayer Vigil

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APRIL 20: Easter Sunday Worship

Christ is Risen! The tomb is empty! Celebrate the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ this Easter Sunday. Jesus defeated Satan, death and sin for YOU. All are welcome to join us at one of our three in-person worship services (7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.) or via livestream using the link [HERE](#) (10:30 a.m. only).

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

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

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.

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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