



This Week

at **SOTV**

Week of April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

Weekly Scriptures:

Sunrise Worship

Isaiah 55:6-13

Philippians 3:17-21

John 20: 11-23

Traditional &

Contemporary Worship

Isaiah 55:6-13

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

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.



SHOWER OUR NURSERY WITH NEW TOYS

SOTV currently has a team working on improvements to our nursery, including replacing old or broken toys. This team invites our congregation to help bless the nursery with new toys. They have created a registry of requested items on Amazon.com. Let's bless our young children at SOTV by participating in this "nursery shower" to ensure this space is safe and fun for all little ones. You can find the link to the Amazon.com registry using the link HERE.

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ONE FAMILY, FOLLOWING ONE SHEPHERD...

Welcome to the Journey!

Easter Lily

Sponsors & Memorials

Thank you to the following families who ordered Easter lilies to decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning. Purchasers may pick up their lily plant(s) to take home after the 10:30 service this Sunday, April 20 or anytime during normal office hours this week. :

- Ann Bass, in memory of husband, Jim Bass, and father, Dick Ayer's
- Craig and Melanie Belden
- Mark and Elaine Bottelson, in memory of parents
- Sue Bowen, in memory of Obie and Kristine
- Dale and Kim Carstens, in memory of Pastor Melz
- Dee Christenson, in memory of Beverly and Allen Christenson
- Cliff and Carolyn Doner, in memory of their parents
- Peggy Englehart, in memory of husband, John
- Keith and Maribeth Erickson, in memory of parents: Roland and Shirley Erickson and Fred and Wilma Arendt; and siblings, Janna and Fred ArendtK
- Kimm Fazio, in memory of "Little John"
- Deb Jackson, in memory of Nancy and Paul Theis and Paul Kimball
- Opal Melz, in memory of Pastor Arno Melz
- Leroy and Barb Monson
- John and Luanne Neill
- Mike and Karlene Nuss, in memory of Jim Nuss, Willene Bahrenfus and Sharon Bahrenfus
- Jim and Rita Rusch
- Gary and Linda Schug
- Carol Pieper and Norma Zubradt, in memory of father/husband, parents and grandparents



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

APRIL 18 - APRIL 20: Unbroken Prayer Vigil

Sign up now to participate in our 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. Find the link to sign-up [HERE](#) or contact [Tia Pugh](#).

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).

APRIL 26: Crafty Ladies

Are you interested in spending time with other ladies in the congregation who share an interest in crafts? If so, bring your project of choice (crochet, knitting, scrapbooking, etc.) and join in from 9 a.m. - noon in Room 21 to work on your craft.

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.

Weekly Events

SUNDAY

- 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Easter Worship
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Easter Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Easter Worship

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. Middle & High School Youth Groups

THURSDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
- 6:45 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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