



# This Week

at **SOTV**

Week of April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

## Weekly Scriptures:

Acts 5:12-20

Revelations 1:4-18

John 20:19-31

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS**

This Sunday we will celebrate the confirmation of nine 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 2025: Ainsley Belden, Dane Carlson, Kaitlin Foster-Krueger, Madilyn Fox, Tyler Jurgensen, Avery Moomaw, Jonah Mull, Morgynne Powell and Nathan Schlueter.

## **LWML SPRING FUNDRAISER BEGINS MONDAY**

Our SOTV Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is teaming up with Goode Greenhouse in Des Moines for their spring fundraiser. Present



the LWML's barcode flyer at Goode's between April 28 - May 4 and 10 percent of your purchase will go back to support the LWML. Pick up a flyer on the table outside our church office or print from home [HERE](#).

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

*Welcome to the Journey!*

# Some Good News

Women of the Word – our Wednesday morning ladies' Bible study – met to assemble care packages for a group of homeless women residing at a shelter in the Des Moines area. This group collected and filled 25 purses with personal care items and prayed over each one. They also sent extra money and additional items for the women to use. Each purse included a small Jesus figure and special card crafted by Mary Kilburn with Bible verses and words of encouragement about the love of Jesus.

Women of the Word meets on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. on Zoom to study books of the Bible or themed Bible studies. Homework is provided for each week's lesson, and preparation is encouraged, but not mandatory. The group occasionally meets for in-person fellowship and service projects. Contact Marilyn Shults for more information at [mjshults5@gmail.com](mailto:mjshults5@gmail.com).



## HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE AT HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

The homeschool families of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Carlisle, Iowa are hosting our fourth annual homeschool conference on Saturday, May 10 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The theme for this conference is “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty: Bringing Beauty into Your Home & Homeschool”. There is no charge to attend this event. Lunch will be offered at a minimal cost, and limited childcare is available. The registration deadline is May 3, 2025. Find additional information and complete your registration on our website: [holycrosscarlisle.org](http://holycrosscarlisle.org).

## AGAPE IS HIRING

The AGAPE pregnancy resource center is currently seeking a Clinic Nurse. This position is full-time Monday-Thursday. This key position will support and lead the best possible processes and execution of AGAPE's clinical services. A passion for excellence and a heart to serve others in a faith-based ministry is a must. Learn more about this amazing opportunity on the AGAPE [website](http://www.agapedsm.com) today. For consideration, please email your resume, two letters of recommendation and your faith story to [director@agapedsm.com](mailto:director@agapedsm.com)!



## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

# Weekly Events

### 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.



### MAY 7: Family Feast & Follow

Our next event will be May 7 from 6 - 8 p.m. Our Family Feast & Follow events give families space to be together, to learn from Jesus, and to put into practice His ways in our lives. Look for more details on our May event soon!

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.

#### SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Contemporary  
Worship

#### 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)

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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