



This Week

at **SOTV**

Week of April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Weekly Scriptures:

Isaiah 49:1-6

Hebrews 10:5-10

Matthew 18:1-10

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.



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!

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.

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.



THANKS FOR A GREAT TWICE BLESSED SALE!

The Twice Blessed Consignment Sale was a huge success! All the volunteers were amazing! From the set-up and drop-off shifts through the sale days and take down, all went very well. Thank you to everyone who helped in some way, whether you volunteered, sold items, shopped or just shared the event on Facebook. All efforts are greatly appreciated and helped make a difference. Proceeds totaled \$31,715.00, of which the school receives 30 percent, totaling \$9,514.00. Thank you for blessing Shepherd's Flock Early Learning Center!

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

APRIL 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.

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. and will be available on livestream using the link [HERE](#).

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

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).

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

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
- 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. 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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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.

