



# This Week

at **SOTV**

Week of May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Weekly Scriptures:

Acts 20:17-35

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

### **MISSION, VISION, VALUES 101**

Please plan to join us next Sunday, May 18, during the education hour for a special Adult Bible Class to learn more about our church's mission, vision and values. This is a first step to help familiarize our congregation with our mission, vision and values, with a long-term goal to help each member not only know, but also embody these shared convictions in the way that God is calling you in whatever season of life you are in.



### **UPCOMING PRAYER SERVICE**

The SOTV Prayer Team will be hosting a service of worship, scripture and prayer on Sunday, May 18 at 4 p.m. This service is for anyone in need of prayer for healing, hope, strength, faith, courage, or compassion; and for those praying for marriages, relationships and anything else you may need or want to lift up to God. The prayer team will be here to pray with you, or you may choose to remain in your seat to pray over our church, community, nation and more. Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and others to join us for what we hope will be a very powerful and encouraging time for prayer.



### **LWML MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE**

On Sunday, May 11 the LWML will be hosting Roses for Moms and Missions after each worship service. You can purchase single roses or create a bouquet. Limited vases will be available. Freewill donations will be accepted.



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

*Welcome to the Journey!*

# Senior Recognition

## Class of 2025

On Sunday, May 18 we will be recognizing and celebrating our high school seniors during both worship services. Congratulations to the following high school youth who will be graduating this month:

- Sydnee Bates (daughter of Joel and Annette Bates)
- Johanna Bonefas (daughter of Zach and Becky Bonefas)
- Noelle Determan (daughter of Scott and Holly Determan)
- Bayn McTavish (son of Ian and Brooke McTavish)
- Ella Melco (son of Brian and Marla Melco)
- Brevin Quass (son of Brian Quass)
- Jackie Spann (daughter of Dannie and Angie Spann)
- Aidan Swain (son of David and Nicole Swain)
- Evan Swain (son of David and Nicole Swain)



**If you wish to send any/all of our graduates a note or card to help them celebrate, you can find their addresses in our online directory on Realm Connect under their parents' names, or contact Angie Spann.**

### **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.

# UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

# Weekly Events

## MAY 18: JuBELLation Retiree Recognition and Reception

Join us at our 8 a.m. service to honor two long-time members of our JuBELLation choir who are retiring. Sue Bowen and Barb Monson have been a part of our handbell choir since its inception. For more than 35 years, they have made beautiful music for the Lord, and we want to honor them for their faithful service. Join us after the service for cookies and punch in the coffee area at 9:15 a.m., and thank these women for their wonderful dedication to making music here at SOTV.



## MAY 18: Mission, Vision, Values 101

Join us for a special Adult Bible Class during the education hour to learn more about our church's mission, vision and values.

## MAY 18: Senior Recognition

Congratulations to the class of 2025! The youth band "Good News" will lead worship at 10:30, and we will be recognizing and celebrating our 2025 graduates during both worship services.

## MAY 18: Prayer Service

The SOTV Prayer Team will be hosting a service of worship, scripture and prayer beginning at 4 p.m. This service is for anyone in need of prayer for healing, hope, strength, faith, courage, or compassion; and for those praying for marriages, relationships and anything else you may need or want to lift up to God. The prayer team will be here to pray with you, or you may choose to remain in your seat to pray over our church, community, nation and more. Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and others to join us for what we hope will be a very powerful and encouraging time for prayer.

## MAY 20: LWML Year-End Dinner

All SOTV ladies are invited to join our Lutheran Women's Missionary League for their end-of-year dinner at 6 p.m. at Maxie's, 1311 Grand Avenue in West Des Moines. If you have a Mite box, please bring it with you.

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

### SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary  
Worship

### 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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