



This Week

at **SOTV**

Week of May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Weekly Scriptures:

Acts 9:1-22

Revelations 5:8-14

John 21:1-14

JOIN THE SOTV PRAYER CHAIN

Our SOTV family uses the group feature on Realm Connect for our church prayer chain. Any member with a Realm Connect account can join and post in the Prayer Chain group. Since Realm



Connect is a closed system, this does provide a certain level of privacy for anyone who wishes to post a prayer. You can be notified of new prayers as they are posted, or just scroll through your newsfeed daily to see new prayer posts. You can like or comment on a post to show your support. To find help joining the Prayer Chain group or setting up a Realm Connect account, please visit our website's [Info & Announcements page](#).

LWML ROSES

Next Sunday, May 11 (which is Mother's Day by the way, husbands and children) 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!

HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE AT HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

The homeschool families of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Carlisle, Iowa are hosting their 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.

GROW! WOMEN’S RETREAT

Mount Olive Lutheran Church and School is hosting a women’s retreat, “Finding Faith in the Flames of Life”, on Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. - Noon. The retreat will feature Megan Torreson, a pastor’s wife and principal of Unity Ridge Lutheran School in Denison, Iowa. Torreson is the author of “Fourth in the Fire”, an account of her family’s journey through medical chaos and the spiritual warfare that came with it. She will share how she and her family walked through their own fiery furnace and experienced the strength of Jesus Christ walking with them - and how we can have that same faith as we encounter our own life battles. Registration and a continental breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$15. Call 515-277-8349 to reserve your spot or for more information.



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!



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

MAY 5: FCA Night of Worship

All metro middle and high school students are invited to a special night of worship hosted at SOTV and sponsored by the Valley FCA X Friday Morning Fellowship group. This event begins at 7:30 p.m.

MAY 7: Family Feast & Follow

Our next event will be May 7 at 6 p.m. We'll talk about memorizing scripture and how to incorporate it into your regular life over enchiladas for dinner. Afterwards, be ready for gaga ball, 9-square and other outdoor games for the whole family. Please register [HERE](#).

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: Senior Recognition

Please plan to join us for high school senior recognition at our 10:30 a.m. service. The youth band "Good News" will lead worship, and we will be recognizing and celebrating our 2025 graduates.

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

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

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

10:30 a.m. Contemporary
Worship

MONDAY

7:30 p.m. FCA Night of 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)

6:00 p.m. Family Feast & Follow

6:30 p.m. High School
Youth Group

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
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