



This Week

at **SOTV**

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Weekly Scriptures:

Job 38:1-11

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Luke 8:22-25

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SOTV SPRING FESTIVAL

We're excited to invite the whole community to our Spring Festival at the church on Sunday, May 3, from 2 - 5 p.m. This fun, family-friendly event will feature live music, inflatables, a petting zoo, food trucks, games, face painting, crafts, a photo booth, a prayer station and hands-on service opportunities. We need about 50 volunteers to help make the festival run smoothly and spark meaningful connections with guests. Shifts are just two hours, so you'll have plenty of time to enjoy the event too!



Opportunities Include:

- Welcome Tent: Greet guests and check pre-registrations
- Parking/Safety: Assist with lot traffic and open spots
- Inflatables & Games: Ensure safety and keep lines moving
- Crafts, Face Painting, Chalk/Bubbles, Photo Booth: Bring joy and creativity to kids and families
- Prayer/Summer Bucket List & Seed Packet Giveaway: Encourage reflection and community connection
- Service Station & Refreshments: Help guests serve others and stay hydrated
- Stage Setup/Tear Down: Assist with event logistics

Volunteer shifts are 1:30-3:30 p.m. or 3:30-5:30 p.m. Grab a friend and volunteer together! Sign up at the table in the church lobby on Sunday or email Jessica Wardenburg at jessica@sotv-wdm.org to sign up. Your time will help make this celebration a meaningful, memorable day for everyone!

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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 4. 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 support our Youth Group activities, events and travel opportunities. 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 NOON on April 1. If you have questions, please contact [Angie Spann](#).



MEN'S RETREAT: A WEEKEND OF FAITH, BROTHERHOOD, AND THE OUTDOORS

Join other SOTV men April 10-12 at Hidden Acres Christian Center for a retreat designed to strengthen faith through fellowship, time in God's Word and shared experiences in God's creation. The weekend begins Friday evening with check-in and an opening program, followed by relaxed activities that will give men space to connect and build relationships.



Saturday blends spiritual growth with hands-on fun like fishing, hiking, archery and axe throwing. Men may start the day with an optional prayer hike, then gather for meals, meaningful teachings and featured speaker, Cam Scott. Scott is a husband, father, educator and church planter with 14 years of ministry leadership experience. From youth ministry to church planting, his heart has always been to see men and students walk boldly in their calling. Saturday afternoon offers free time to enjoy the outdoors, rest or watch the Masters Tournament (Yes, there will be a room with a TV set up.) The day concludes with small groups, a BBQ dinner and fellowship around the bonfire.

On Sunday morning, you'll gather for an optional prayer hike, breakfast and worship before packing up and heading home encouraged, renewed and strengthened in faith.

Registration to attend is \$80 and includes all lodging and food. Register using the link [HERE](#) by April 5. Cost should never be a barrier to participation. If financial assistance would be helpful, support is available—please reach out, to [Pastor John David](#) and we'll make sure cost doesn't stand in the way of attending. For any other questions, please contact [Bruce Crowther](#), [Brandon Killam](#) or [Phil Parrott](#).

WONDERWORKS IS COMING THIS SUMMER

SOTV is excited to announce WonderWorks, a 4-day camp designed to spark creativity, hands-on learning and gospel-centered growth for elementary-aged children. Each day is just three hours, but the impact is lasting, helping kids explore new skills, celebrate creativity and experience God's love in tangible ways.



What is WonderWorks?

WonderWorks invites children to explore making, building, cooking, storytelling, music, sewing, technology, woodworking and more, all while grounding each day in a gospel-centered devotion. Through hands-on activities, campers discover joy in learning, experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and see that God is a Creator and we are made in His image to create and serve.

Where You Can Serve:

- Maker Leaders: Lead skill-based sessions using your talents.
- Devotion & Spiritual Care: Lead daily devotions, pray and provide guidance.
- Opening Team: Welcome campers and set the tone for camp.
- Community Builders: Greet, serve snacks and run fun activities.
- Operations & Logistics: Keep camp running safely and smoothly.
- Communications & Outreach: Help with family connections and community promotion.

Join the WonderWorks Team!

Whether your gift is artistic, technical, musical or organizational, there's a place for you! Volunteer to help spark creativity, faith, and joy in kids' lives!

Contact Tia Pugh at tia@sotv-wdm.org if you see yourself serving in one of these roles. More details on how to sign up children to attend WonderWorks will be communicated this spring!

DIRECT YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS BY MARCH 31

In 2025, SOTV received \$772 through the Thrivent Choice® program — and that's worth celebrating! Thanks to all who directed Thrivent Choice Dollars® or donated through Thrivent's online giving platform to SOTV. You helped make an impact, together!



The Thrivent Choice® program is a powerful way to support organizations like ours. Through this program, Thrivent clients with membership can direct how Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable grant funding. To see if you have Choice Dollars® available, log in to your Thrivent account, click "Direct Choice Dollars," and select our organization. Your support helps us grow, reach more people and advance our mission.

Don't forget to direct your 2025 Choice Dollars® by March 31 at thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

2026 HOLY WEEK AT SOTV



Join us on Palm Sunday, March 29, during our Sunday morning education hour for a Holy Week experience designed especially for families with children. Together families will journey through the story of Jesus' final days using interactive prayer stations, Scripture readings, and simple hands-on activities that help children and parents reflect on the meaning of Holy Week. Come experience an interactive, reflective way to prepare your hearts for Easter together.



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 at our combined worship service beginning at 6:30 p.m.



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 traditional worship at 12 p.m. or our contemporary service at 6:30 p.m.



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 in-person worship services (8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.) or via our livestream on Facebook or YouTube (10:30 a.m. only).

SIGN UP FOR A HOLY WEEK PRAYER VIGIL

Join us for 24 hours of unbroken prayer as we move from the solemn remembrance of Good Friday into the hope of Easter morning. Beginning on Good Friday evening at 9 p.m., our church will open a continuous chain of prayer where individuals and families are invited to sign up for a one-hour time slot. Each participant will take part in keeping prayer unbroken through the night and into the following day. During this quiet and reflective time, we will pray for our church, our community and the world, remembering Christ's sacrifice and preparing our hearts for the joy of the resurrection. Come in silence, with Scripture or guided prayers, the Holy Spirit will meet you in your hour and it will be a blessing. By taking one hour, you help create a full day of continuous prayer symbolizing the watchful hope of God's people as we wait for the light of Easter. All are welcome to participate. Sign up using the link [HERE](#).



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH 25: A NIGHT OF MUSIC & POETRY

6:30 PM - SOTV SANCTUARY

An Evening of Music and Poetry with Blake Flattley and Tanner Olson is a simple night to slow down and breathe! Tanner shares poetry that feels more like a good conversation—honest, thoughtful and often funny—while Blake brings songs full of faith and hope that stick with you. Light dessert will be served prior to the performance.

MARCH 27/28: TWICE BLESSED CONSIGNMENT SALE

9 AM - 7 PM/8 AM - 1 PM - SOTV, VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Looking for gently used children's items in great condition at prices that won't break the bank? The Shepherd's Flock ELC Twice Blessed Consignment Sale is your one-stop shop! Now in its 23rd year, this beloved sale features everything from toys and clothing to maternity items and furniture — if you can imagine it, it might be there!

MARCH 29: HOLY WEEK JOURNEY FOR FAMILIES

9:15 - 10:15 A.M. - SOTV

Join us on Palm Sunday during our Sunday morning education hour for a Holy Week experience designed especially for families with children. Together families will journey through the story of Jesus' final days using interactive prayer stations, Scripture readings, and simple hands-on activities that help children and parents reflect on the meaning of Holy Week. Come anytime during the event and experience an interactive, reflective way to prepare your hearts for Easter together.

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

TWICE BLESSED CONSIGNMENT SALE



Sellers and
Volunteers
Needed!



March 27, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. & March 28, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Shepherd's Flock Early Learning Center - 3900 Ashworth Road - West Des Moines, IA

Weekly Events
at SOTV

SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

TUESDAY

- 7:15 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Senior Bible Study

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](#).

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