



# This Week

at **SOTV**

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

## Weekly Scriptures:

Job 14:1-19

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

Luke 7:11-17

### **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 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. A mix of structured program and relaxed activities will give men

space to connect and build relationships. Registration to attend is \$80 and includes all lodging and food. Register today using the link [HERE](#). 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](#).



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

*Welcome to the Journey!*

# LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE?

## 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.

## Why Volunteer?

- Share your God-given gifts including art, music, cooking, woodworking, technology, storytelling, sewing and more.
- Model curiosity, joy and faith for elementary-aged campers.
- Help kids discover that God is a Creator and we are made to create and serve.
- Build community and make a lasting impact on the next generation.

## 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](mailto: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!

## SPRING FESTIVAL ON MAY 3

As part of strengthening our relationships, we're throwing a party this spring and the whole community is invited! We need many hands and hearts for this event to be fun, welcoming and run smoothly. Planning is underway! If you'd like to help bring this party to life, please reach out to Jessica Wardenburg at [jessica@sotv-wdm.org](mailto:jessica@sotv-wdm.org).



# 2026 LENT AT SATV

## LENTEN MIDWEEK MEAL & WORSHIP

Hands are powerful instruments capable of building or breaking, healing or harming, and Scripture speaks often of the “hand of the Lord” at work in creation, judgment and salvation. The sermon series “The Hand of the Lord” explores how God ultimately reveals His hand in Jesus Christ, who took on real hands to save, heal, bless and bear the cross for us. Join us each Wednesday during Lent for a meal at 5:45 p.m. followed by Lenten worship at 6:30 p.m. as we explore how, in Christ, our broken hands are restored and put to work as instruments of His grace, service and praise.



## SUNDAY LENTEN SERMON SERIES

On Sunday mornings during Lent, join us for a deep and timely journey through the book of Job, one of the Bible’s most powerful reflections on suffering, faith and trust in God. During the sermon series “Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”, we’ll discover how Job speaks directly to our lives today, offering wisdom, honesty and hope for walking through life’s hardest seasons.



## NEW ADULT BIBLE CLASS

The Mormon Church (aka The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) boasts more than 15 million members and 85,000 missionaries, ranking it in the top five “Christian denominations” in the U.S., according to the National Council of Churches. But what makes this group distinctive and how does it differ from other Christian churches? Questions like these and more are addressed

in our new Adult Bible Class study “Mormons: Who They Are, What They Believe”. This Bible study will look at the group’s origins; the discrepancy between Mormon beliefs and orthodox Christian teaching and faith; the meaning of some of its rituals (baptism of the dead, endowments for the living and dead, temple garments, celestial marriage); and the prominence of the temple in the life of a Mormon. It will feature comments from individuals who have been deeply immersed in the Mormon belief system. It will show how some, upon exiting the Mormon Church, found themselves bewildered and disillusioned, often cut off and ostracized by their families, ready to abandon religious faith altogether. Real-life stories from those on the inside and other expert commentary add depth and authenticity to this engaging study. A discussion guide complements the videos, further exploring this fascinating topic through Scripture-related passages and Internet links. This six-week study will be held Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in Room 19 through March 29. Videos and discussion guides are available on our [Bible Studies webpage](#) for those who are unable to attend in person.



## EARLY LEARNING CENTER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

The Shepherd's Flock Early Learning Center is now registering for the 2026-27 school year. Openings are available for 3, 4 and 5-year-olds. The ELC's faith-based program features small class size, certified teachers with degrees in education and a developmentally appropriate curriculum. For more information, please visit the ELC webpage [HERE](#) or contact Diane Hensley at [diane@sotv-wdm.org](mailto:diane@sotv-wdm.org) or (515) 225-1952 ext. 102.

## SAVE THE DATE! 23rd ANNUAL TWICE BLESSED CONSIGNMENT SALE

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! Mark your calendars for Friday, March 27, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday, March 28, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The sale currently needs sellers and volunteers! Seller packets are available for \$20 at the church office — or just \$10 if you volunteer for two or more hours. [Click [HERE](#) to volunteer!] For more details, visit the [SOTV website's consignment sale page](#) or email [TwiceBlessedSOTV@gmail.com](mailto:TwiceBlessedSOTV@gmail.com).

# 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**

# UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

## **FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 18: LENTEN MIDWEEK MEAL & WORSHIP**

**5:45 P.M. - SOTV GYM / 6:30 P.M. - SOTV SANCTUARY**

Join us each Wednesday for a meal at 5:45 p.m. followed by our Lenten midweek worship at 6:30 p.m. as we explore how God's hand is made visible in Jesus Christ, whose hands heal, save and bear our sin. In Him, our hands—and our lives—are restored for service and praise.

## **MARCH 8: PRAYER SERVICE**

**5 P.M. - SOTV SANCTUARY**

This service will be a special time set apart to seek God's presence together through song, scripture, a meaningful message and united prayer as a church family. This will be a powerful opportunity to lift our hearts in worship, be encouraged by God's Word, and come together as a church to pray.

## **MARCH 17: LWML MONTHLY MEETING**

**6:30 P.M. - SOTV YOUTH ROOM**

Women of any age are invited to the next monthly meeting of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. A guest speaker from Ruth Harbor will present to the group. Please bring diapers and baby wipes to donate to Ruth Harbor, as well as your mite box (if you have one).

## **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**

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

- 5:45 p.m. Lenten Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship
- Middle School Ministry
- Youth Group

### 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**

#### 2026 CBL Members:

- President - Zach Bonefas
- Vice President - Doug Scieszinski
- Secretary - Andrew Ansonge
- Bruce Crowther
- John Goranson
- Tim Geyer
- Pam Hendershot

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