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Sundays in May at SOTB

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| May 7 | Confirmation Sunday |
| May 14 | Sunday School Mother's Day Parade
Special Music with the Sunday School Kids |
| May 21 | High School Seniors Honored
New Members Received
Sunday School Picnic |
| May 27 | Special Music with the Lyric Opera Singers of Chicago |



I stopped in The Pig the other day to pick up a few things for dinner. I was just finishing paying for my groceries when an older guy in work clothes dropped a couple of things on the belt and reached for his wallet.

“Oh, no!” he said. “My wallet is gone. I think I lost my wallet. It must have fallen out of my pocket when I was out on the tractor. Here, put these things aside and I’ll be back after I find my wallet.”

“Don’t worry about it,” the clerk said. “I got you covered. I know you’ll be back.”

I thought in that moment about what a different kind of community we have moved to. Community is that kind of interrelatedness where we care for one another. We got each other’s backs.

The church is called to that kind of community. In our baptism, we have been joined to Christ and joined to one another. I often reflect on what a unique community the church is. We are knit together in our baptism with people whom we would probably never choose as our friends. Yet we are joined together, not only to care for one another but to work with each other for the sake of God’s grand vision for the world.

Remember that great analogy for the church that Paul uses in 1 Corinthians 12? He likens the church to our physical bodies, where each member of the church is like one of the parts of the body, all interrelated, and all with their various functions that are essential to the overall work of the body.

Years ago, I went running out of our front door barefoot, wearing running shorts and a thin t-shirt, to retrieve the newspaper from the driveway. It was a chilly fall morning, a little colder than I expected, so I ran to the paper, picked it up and ran back. I jumped up steps from the sidewalk to the stoop and miscalculated a tiny bit. The miscalculation, however, was just enough that I banged my little toe on a stone next to the sidewalk as I was jumping. OUCH!!!! (I may have used other words.) It hurt terribly; that wasn’t surprising. What was surprising was that I could not walk for several days. Who knew that the little toe was so acutely necessary for the balance needed for walking.

See, this is one of the wonders of being in Christian community. All are needed for the functioning of the body, even the seemingly least significant parts of the body. All are needed. We are in this together.

Did you hear that? Just in case, I’m going to say it again. We are in this together. All are needed. I think of the tasks of a congregation, things like leadership, faith formation for our children, caring for those who are in distress, worship. All are needed. We are in this together. Even beyond the work of caring for one another, we are called to care for our neighbors, our community, and the big beautiful world that God has created. God has intentions for the world, and the church has been called to enact those intentions. All are needed. We are in this together.

I’m enjoying getting to know all of you and this congregation. I have such high hopes for our present and future life together. The Spirit is smiling on us and empowering us. And together we will work, for Christ’s sake, and for the sake of the world God has loved so deeply in Christ. Remember. All are needed. We are in this together.

Pastor Jim

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC CORNER

The hills are alive with the sound of music! That familiar song points the way toward a remarkable Memorial Day Weekend at Shepherd of the Bay!

After a year's absence from the musical stage at Shepherd of the Bay, our favorite singers from Chicago's Lyric Opera Chorus, soprano Desirée Hassler, mezzo-soprano Pamela Williams, tenor John Concepcion and baritone Michael Cavalieri will return to the "church on the hill" in Ellison Bay for two events in the life of our church.

On Saturday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m., Desirée, Pamela, John and Michael will join our own Judith Jackson in presenting an engaging program of opera arias, duets and quartets, songs by Rachmaninov, Puccini, Duparc, and numerous scenes from American Musical Theater. The music of Rodgers and Hammerstein will resonate from the rafters in the second half of the program. We understand (on good authority) that some very talented young people will take the stage for a music lesson, as they sing "Do-Re-Mi" from The Sound of Music.

This program promises to be a very beautiful and highly entertaining evening of vocal music. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this event! Invite your neighbors, friends and bring your families for this not-to-be-missed concert! A goodwill offering will be given as a thank you to these talented singers from Chicago and (we're Lutheran!) a reception will take place after the concert, which will afford a lovely opportunity for each audience member to enjoy a time of fellowship with our visiting artists.

But that's not all! The next morning, Sunday, May 28 at the 9:00 a.m. service, Desirée, Pamela, John and Michael will contribute some really beautiful music to our worship experience. They will sing "Benedictus" from Mozart's Requiem during communion and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" by John Rutter will serve as our benediction. Along with the choir, organ, piano and congregational singing, this worship service will certainly "make a joyful noise" from high on the hill on Memorial Day Weekend!

This weekend of music could not be possible without the generous support of many friends in this church, who have offered housing to our guests, placed publicity posters around our communities, provided food and decorations for the reception, created posters and written articles for print advertising. If you would like to help us in our efforts, let us know. We will find a wonderful opportunity for you! Perhaps you would be interested in sponsoring one of our future artists! Talk to Greg Beem or Judy Jackson. We would love to speak with you!

Coming attractions for your calendar, presented by the Concert Series Committee and Shepherd of the Bay:

Organist Karen Black *Saturday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m.*
Professor of Music and College Organist at Wartburg College

Organist William Kuhlman *Saturday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m.*
Emeritus Organ Professor at Luther College

Hymn Festival with John Behnke *Saturday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m.*
Emeritus Professor of Music at Concordia University in Mequon

Notes from the Council President

I'm filled with gratitude today, as our new pastor, Jim Honig, settles into Shepherd of the Bay with his wife Sheryl. You have all been so supportive, patient, and understanding through the interim period. A special thanks go to John and Nora Zacek who graciously and lovingly provided rooms for our supply pastors at Open Hearth Lodge. Thank you!

I am excited as we look to our future with Pastor Honig, and I know that you are too. Please remember to wear your name tags as Jim and Sheryl learn to know us.

In a previous newsletter, I included our commitment to Jim and Sheryl. Here it is again for your consideration! Thank you!

A. Accept that changes will be made, knowing you may not agree with everything.

1. Give Jim and Sheryl a little time to settle in and then help them explore the Door.
2. Discuss pros and cons with Pastor Honig, council members, and others.
3. Bring forth your ideas, understanding Jim's comfort zones.
4. Support changes and pray for successful, needed change.

B. Be an active member.

1. Attend services whenever possible.
2. Take part in a Bible study.
3. Volunteer in at least two ways. Say "YES" when asked if it's right for you.
4. Live your faith in your daily life.
5. Read a church periodical / faith based book.

C. Help Pastor Honig network

1. Encourage others to work with him, introduce him.
2. Be excited about the possibilities for our church.
3. Invite Pastor Honig and wife into your home or group to get to know each other.
4. Remember: Pastor Honig has hundreds of members and others to meet. We have only Jim and his wife, Sheryl to meet.

Thanks for reading!

Grace Rossman, president



About Name Badges

Now that Shepherd of the Bay has a new pastor, it is time for you to locate your name badge and prepare to wear it every Sunday—over 200 of you already have badges!

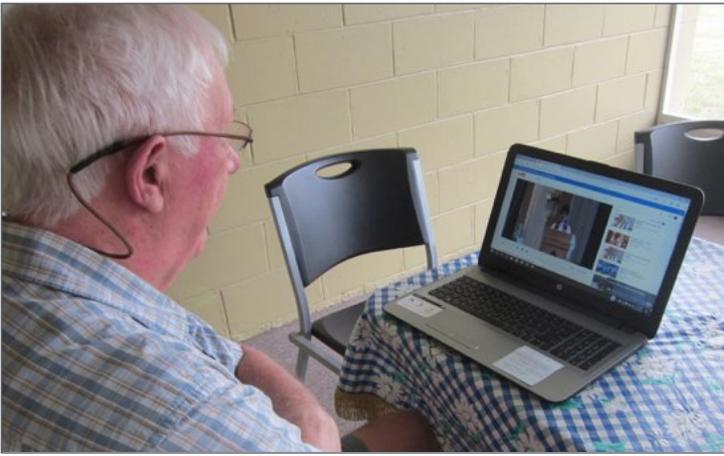
If you previously did not request a name badge, please sign up now so that these can be prepared. Sign up sheets will be available for the next several Sundays.

Where do I store my name badge?

Keep it with you—in your car, in your purse or any other special place where you'll remember it. **Do not** leave it at church in a pile on the table in the narthex. The Worship and Music committee discussed this topic at length and concluded that badges should be kept by individuals—a rack at church is just not feasible:

- We have too many members for a rack to be effective and convenient
- A rack would clutter the Narthex and we have made it a goal to declutter this area so that is more welcoming
- Temporary name badges are available for the times when you might mislay your permanent badge.

If you have any further questions about this project, please call Marilyn Peterson, name badge chair at (920)854-4657.



Be Like Dave

Dave likes to go out of town for the winter. But Dave doesn't want to lose touch with what is happening at Shepherd of the Bay. So Dave goes to our website, www.shepherdofthebay.org, to see all the latest news. Dave can find information on our events and upcoming concerts. Dave even watches sermons online.

Even if you don't leave town, you can still be like Dave!

Directory Update !!!

To have an accurate directory, we need your most up-to-date information.

We need new photos. Did you take a great family photo at Christmas time? Is the baby sitting in your lap in the current photo now a high school senior? Please send a current photo to the church office at sotboffice@yahoo.com or call the church and I can take a photo of you. Photos taken with smart phones work great!

If your email address, physical address, home phone or cell phone number has changed in the past 4 years please let the church office know. You can call (854-2988) or email (sotboffice@yahoo.com).

To access the directory, go to www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app and download the correct app for your phone. You can also find detailed directions on our website at www.shepherdofthebay.org/directory.

BRIDGES

SOTB will once again be one of seven local churches sponsoring the **BRIDGES** outreach program for Door County international student workers. **BRIDGES** provides friendship and American experiences through 9 summer social events, weekly English classes, bicycle loaning, and other services. The students are all young adults and have housing provided through their employers- our mission is to be friends and share a little of ourselves and our community.

One way to reach out to the students is to become an American Connection family. American Connection families share a wide variety of kindnesses from an ice cream cone on the beach at sunset, to dinner in your American home, a plate of cookies, a ride, or joining in family celebrations. The opportunities are endless! A list of possible ideas is available at the sign-up table in the back of our church. If your time is limited during the busy summer months, that's OK- the students often work unbelievably long hours, too, so short, sporadic contacts may be all that is available. We can assure you that opening your hearts and your homes will bring blessings to both you and the young adults so far from home.

If you have additional questions, please call Barb Meyer at 920-388-9010.

Youth and Family Ministry News from Jane Burress



Road to Easter Event

for toddlers and preschoolers.

Thank you to Eloise Lindem, Kristi Appel, Jan Stromen, and Carol Williams for sharing the story of Christ's love with the children.

Palm Sunday (right)

Riding their bikes thru the triumphant entry into the fellowship hall while the parents waved palm leaves.

Garden of Gethsemane (below)

Learning about prayer.



The Last Supper (below)



At the Foot of the Cross (below)

Learning about forgiveness.

At the Empty Tomb (below)

Christ Has Risen! Alleluia!





Resurrection Gardens (right) made by the *Wonderful Wednesday Children*. Thank you Ken Bergner for your leadership.

Wonderful Wednesday Children singing at Scand (below right). Thank you Lynne Buchner for leading them. Thank you Delmar Dahl for telling them a story and sharing Christ's love.



Thank you *Confirmation Youth (right)*, Chris Ash, Cindi Schwab and children for helping with Scand Clean up.

Friends in Faith (below)

Thank you to our newest mentors: Cindi/Jeremy Schwab and Carl Jackson. Thank you to those who have mentored our seniors: Carol Williams, Alicia Kropuenske, Mark Sitte, and John Fitzgerald.



Thank you to the Hitzeman, Ash, Olson, Thomas, Birnschein, Burrell, and Pothast families, Sarah Kifer, and Lisa Voight for helping with the Easter breakfast. Thank you to everyone who donated coffee cakes and gave donations of money. All of the proceeds will go towards confirmation camp. Thank you to Thrivent Financial for covering the food costs. Tenth graders received visor clips for their driver's license.

God's Blessings to Payton Thomas, Jackson Hitzeman, Ray Birnschein, Eva Olson, and Halleigh Lhost who will be confirmed on May 7.

“THANK YOU” TO ALL who contributed to the ELCA “40 DAYS OF GIVING”. Your donations will make a difference in the lives of others all over the world. Thank you for Caring!

The WELCA 2017 HANDBOOK is available on the church web-site. Go to www.shepherdofthebay.org on your computer or device - Click on - “Ministries” and then - Click on - the WELCA site and the handbook will appear with all of the events and opportunities offered by WELCA for this month of May. It is a good way to stay informed. Take a look – you will like it! If you need help getting into the site, please call Carol Frakes – Omernick at the church office.

P.S. – If you need a paper copy, it can be printed for you.

The **Rose Club** will have two members celebrating their birthdays this month – remember to congratulate – **Betty Ann Heard and Shirley Newman!**

(A rose is given to every member celebrating a birthday of 90 or 90+).

Want to have a good discussion and at the same time learn something new about the Bible and it’s times? Attend a **Bible Study** and check out what it is all about. We have wonderful leaders in Vernamae and Ken so bring your Bible and take advantage of their expertise.

Cheri Boock – President of WELCA

MAY EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

MAY 1, 15, 22, 29 – BIBLE STUDY WITH KEN – 9:00 – Parlor

MAY 9 – BOARD MEETING – 1:00 - Parlor

MAY 16 – BIBLE STUDY WITH VERNAMAE – PLACE TBA

MAY 18 – BOOK GROUP – 9:30 – PLACE TBA

MEALS MINISTRY –

The **MEALS MINISTRY** contact for **MAY** is **RONNIE ROBINSON - 421-0950**.

If you know of a family or individual who could use our attention for providing a meal when in need or would like your name added to the list of women willing to prepare and deliver meals, please call: **PAT SKOGSBAKKEN at 854-1133**.

PRAYER SQUARES

PRAYERS SQUARES are a gentle, tactile reminder to offer a prayer. They are available in the basket on the table near the door to the fellowship hall. Please take one for yourself and or take one to give to a relative or friend. They are **FREE** and are knit by our Women of Shepherd of the Bay and infused with prayer.

The Stephen Ministry Team is currently training a new class of 6 candidates for Stephen Ministry.

We began the classes in January and have proceeded through various topics such as Listening Skills, Christian Caregiving, Confidentiality, Crisis Theory, Christian Assertiveness, Use of Community Resources and Ministering to those experiencing grief and depression.

The classes will be finalized in May and there will be a commissioning on June 19th.



WHAT IS CARING SHEPHERDS? We get that question asked many times. The answer is: **CARING SHEPHERDS** are the members of Shepherd of the Bay who reach out to those who are home bound for whatever reason. This ministry includes a phone call or personal visit with usually a current Sunday bulletin and a DVD video or a CD of the service. Reaching out to these members who cannot attend our church services keeps them connected to our church and lets them know that we care about them.

The DVD's are available **FREE** to use and are located on the table near the door to the fellowship hall. Please feel free to take the DVD for yourself or share it with someone who was not able to attend – you then become a **CARING SHEPHERD!**

If you would like to have more information or would like to join the **CARING SHEPHERDS COMMITTEE**, please contact Cheri Boock at (854-5493).



Spring Cleaning/
Work Day
Saturday, May 20
8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Your help is needed at SOTB's annual Spring Cleaning/Work Day on **Saturday, May 20!** Volunteers will be preparing our beautiful church facilities and grounds for the busy summer season! The Building and Grounds Committee and The Garden Club are hosting the event from **8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** and will serve morning refreshments and a noon lunch for volunteers. A full-day commitment is not necessary, and there will be activities for all abilities and interests! Any help you can offer will be appreciated! Please, indicate your intention to help on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club is an informal group of volunteers meeting **each**

Thursday morning throughout the summer to edge, sweep, trim, mow, and weed around the church planting areas and entrances. Your help is needed, **beginning May 25!** "Members" gather from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., contributing their time and effort to our church while enjoying the outdoors and camaraderie. No regular commitment is required, and SOTB members, friends, and visitors are all welcome! **Consider joining the Garden Club on Thursday mornings!**

Questions on the above activities? Call Joel Thomas at 421-2717, Dwight and Linda Davis at 854-1182, or Scott Thies at 854-9816.



The new Social 6 groups are ready to form for the months of May, June and July. April 23 and 30 are the Sundays that we will be collecting the forms for the groups of six that will meet once for each of the three months. The groups can do activities and conclude with a meal – breakfast, lunch, dinner, picnic, etc.

This summer we will offer another option – **THEME MEALS!** The month of May will be the **SCANDINAVIAN** month with a Scandinavian recipe for a salad – an entree – a dessert. Each couple can bring one of the dishes to make for your SOCIAL 6 meal. The month of June will be **ITALIAN** and the month of July will be **GERMAN**.

RECIPES will be posted on the WELCA Bulletin Board at the beginning of each month. This is just as option – so - if your group decides to go out for a meal instead of cooking, that is perfectly fine.

JOIN **SOCIAL 6** - FILL OUT A FORM – ENJOY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Contacts are: Carolyn Hitzeman, Cathy Mangan and Cheri Boock





Vacation Bible School

We are in the midst of planning for another year of fun filled Vacation Bible School. But we need your children, your grandchildren, your friends and their children and grandchildren! Please invite them all!

Kids (Ages 4 through finishing 6th grade) enjoy games, crafts, worship with great music and songs and skits, all centered around this year's theme - **Moses and the Ten Commandments!**

Please preregister by calling the church office or talk to Lynne Buchner. VBS is held at First Baptist Church in Sister Bay, 9am -noon, Monday June 12th through Friday, June 16th.

This is a big project which is made much easier by the willing support of many volunteers. There are so many ways that everyone in the congregation can help. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to help as tribal parents & kitchen help.

We still need helpers for :

Craft Helpers - Work at a craft station. Crafts include working with clay, wood, mosaic and tie dye. No previous craft experience required. All instructions and supplies are supplied to you.

Setup and Take Down - We need help for a couple of hours before on Sunday 6/11 and after VBS on Friday 6/16 at noon.

***Call the Church office or talk to Kristi Appel if you can help. Thanks!
We couldn't do it without you!***

Geranium Order Form

It is time to order red geranium plants for Pentecost decorations. They will be on the altar Sunday, June 4th. If you order you may take your plant following the second service.

The deadline for ordering is Thursday, May 25th. No orders will be accepted after the deadline.

The price this year will be **\$10.00** each. Please fill out the form below and send or bring it **with CHECK** attached to the church.

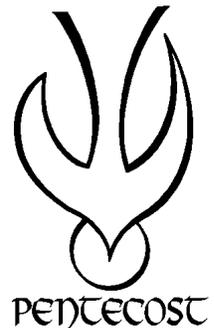
Thanks for helping decorate the church for Pentecost Sunday!

Please Print -

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory OR Honor of (circle one)



Altar Guild :

May - Lorraine Hoyt & Sharon Pluff
 June - Robin Butchart & Carol Weymier

If you are available to usher at the 9:00am service, please sign up on the bulletin board in back of church or call the office at 920-854-2988.

Readers :

	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>Late Service</u>
May 7	Scott Henry	Lori Pothast
May 15	Jan Mielke	OPEN
May 21	Lynne Luker	Karl Omernick
May 28	Myrma Howard	Scott Henry
June 4	Sigrid Ostrem	
June 11	Gail Prine	
June 18	OPEN	
June 25	Bill Klug	

9:00am Service Ushers :

May 7	OPEN
May 15	OPEN
May 21	Marcia & Scott Eckdahl
May 28	OPEN
June 4	Marcia & Scott Eckdahl
June 11	OPEN
June 18	OPEN
June 25	OPEN

Memorials

Donna Nelson

Thomas Goss

Karl Johnson

Dick & Penny Scheller

Clara Baack

Dick & Penny Scheller

Marianne Smith

Don & Lynne Luker

Randal Bedford

Donna Else

Warner & Sue Krause

Bryan Follingstad

Dick & Jane Burress

Betty Ann Heard

John & Pat Skogsbakken

Curtis & Roxann Wiltse

Gary & Cheryl Doudna

Connie & Georgine Kretzmann

Chuck & Lana Tencate

Dennis & Mary Fales

Mary Perdue

Carol Williams

Thank You!!!

Thank you to the families of Ellison Bay and members of Shepherd of the Bay Church who sent sympathy and condolences for my wife, Marianne Smith. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers. There will be a memorial service for Marianne on Saturday, June 10th at Shepherd of the Bay Church at 11:00am.

The family of Russ Smith

Thank You !!!

The Follingstad family would like to extend their appreciation and gratitude to all members of our church and community who reached out to comfort us in our time of need these past few weeks. It has been a struggle eased by the care and concern of all those near and far away. All the texts, calls and cards are a reminder of how lucky we are to be amidst so many caring people.

We would especially like to thank Greg Casperson, Pastor Jim, Pastor Bruce, Delmar Dahl, Chaplain Joy, Gladys and the choir, Greg Beem, Carl and Judy, Carol Omernick, Eloise Lindem and Sharon Pluff and her crew for presenting us with a memorable funeral experience.

We would also like to thank all of our Minnesota friends who made a graveside service possible in our absence - another expression of how much Bryan was loved by family and friends.

Lessons and Prayers

May 7: Fourth Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Sunday

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Second Lesson : 1 Peter 2:10-25

Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

Introduction to the readings: Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

May 14: Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

Introduction to the readings: As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today’s gospel includes Jesus’ promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father’s house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus’ mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

May 21: Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21

Introduction to the readings: Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord’s table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

May 28: Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

Introduction to the readings: In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today’s gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.



May Coffee Hour Group

Co-Chair:

Rod & Sandy Synnes 854-9105

Frank & Carol Weber 854-1877

Dan & Valerie Austgen 839-5620

Robin Butchart 421-1015

Carl T. & Cheryl Carlson 854-5706

Scott & Cathy Henry 839-9496

George & Gloria Kodes 854-4815

Sheila Koessl 854-9456

Jan Mielke 854-5308

Jim & Judi Nelson 854-5910

Carol Newman 854-3042

Clint & Judy Robison 854-4626

Shirley Rosenquist 854-4404

Ed Stone 421-3886

Carole Swenson 854-9250

Chuck & Lana Tencate 854-5551

Dorothy Voight 854-4424

John & Nora Zacek 854-5503

Jerry & Joan Zaug 854-5281

June Coffee Hour Group

Co-chair:

Dan & Cindy Schaulis 854-1187

Myron & Andrea Beard 854-2252

Gary & Cheryl Doudna 839-5007

Bill & Jane Emerson 854-4977

Bill & Cathy Johnson 868-1172

Ed & Barbara Keller 854-9824

Doug & Patty McCain 839-1482

Ron & Lorraine Quarnstrom 746-8306

Jim & Bev Rodaer 854-9898

Dick & Penny Scheller (920) 634-9955

Scott & Cathy Smith 854-4894

Phyllis Turner 854-5310

William & Sunshine Walker 854-3275

