

Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church

June 2026 Newsletter



“Ordinary Time” is time to be extraordinary with love. ~ By Rev. Colette

Have you seen the prices at lemonade stands these days? I know everything has gone up recently, but I was shocked at the cost.

Last month, I was on a side street heading home when I spotted a young girl sitting behind a table with a large, hand painted sign reading “Lemonade for Sale!” Despite the drizzly, cool day I admired her enthusiasm so pulled over. Her mother was keeping a watchful eye behind her.

“Well, isn’t this nice of you,” I said as I approached, “providing cool drinks for people today. I’ll take a glass!”

“Would you like pink or yellow?” she asked, peering through overgrown bangs.

“How about pink.”

“Would you like large or small?” she continued.

“How about large,” I responded hoping a large meant I could finance her endeavor a bit extra. “How much will that be?”

“Three dollars.”

Oh my! I thought. It’s been years since I’ve seen a lemonade stand, but I remember when my daughters had them out front their childhood home. A glass cost 25 cents. I dug in my purse and found a \$5 bill and told her to keep the change.

And here’s the funny thing, I don’t even like lemonade. Always been too sweet for me. So why did I stop? Because I believe being noticed matters. I also believe driving past says something else. And I believe little things matter. We never know how a little thing we do might change a person’s day or life, especially for children. Or especially for

someone grieving. Or especially for someone who is aging and feels lonely. Or especially for ... well, you fill in the blank.

This month our church season enters what is called “Ordinary Time” when things get a little quieter. There are no major feast days to celebrate and the liturgical church color changes to green, symbolic of growth. So, during this “ordinary time” my challenge to you is to find ways to be *extraordinary* and watch for opportunities where you might be the “little thing” someone needs. Be on the lookout for how you can be part of the hope of Easter, the living energy of Pentecost, the continuation of Jesus’ mission to the world.

“Are you selling lemonade to raise money for something?” I asked the little girl as she handed me the cold cup.

“Yea,” she said, “a 3-D pen.” Her mother saw my raised eyebrow and questioning look. Her mom said not to worry, she didn’t know what it was either until recently and explained it is a pen that lets you draw three dimensional objects using filament that comes out of the pen.

“Interesting,” I said to the girl. “So, you want to be an artist?”

“Yes,” she responded.

“Well, I believe you are going to be a great artist someday!”

My \$3 cup of lemonade with a \$2 tip might not change the world, but I hope in some way my stopping encouraged the little girl’s world. I’m reminded of a friend who said, “You can’t change the entire world, but you *can* change the little world around you.” Maybe that happens one glass of lemonade at a time.

So, this summer if you see a lemonade stand, make sure you stop and potentially change a young person’s life, ... but make sure you bring some extra change with you.

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 9 and 23 ~ (2nd and 4th Tuesday each month)

– Healing & Intercessory Prayer, 11:00 a.m.

June 1 and June 15 - Hymns and Prayers at Seven Lake Assisted Living & Memory Care – Meet at the church, 10:45

June 14 & June 28 – Caregiver Support Service: at the church, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

June 10 - Vestry Meeting, 5:30 p.m. - *All Are Welcome!*

June 27– *Articles for July Newsletter are due.*

CONTACT Phyllis Olson or Sherol Grigrick



June Birthdays

10-Jessie Mackay

13-Henry Fisher

18-John Sapp

20-Crystal Fravel

27-Bette Hanham



June Anniversaries

14 - Robbie and Doug Caskey

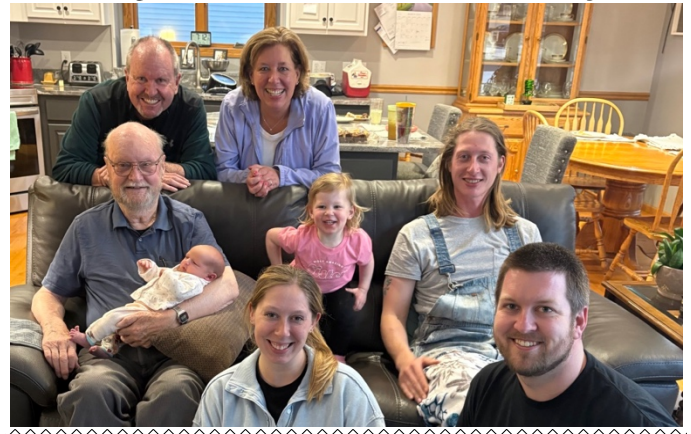


OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Parishioners are invited to participate in the service of hymns and prayers at Seven Lake Assisted Living & Memory Care the first and third Mondays of the month. We meet at the church parking lot at 10:45.



St. MM Grieves the Loss of Faithful Member, Tim Burgess



Our beloved friend and parishioner, Tim Burgess, passed away peacefully, May 20. Tim experienced a stroke and heart attack a week earlier and had been hospitalized since.

Following daughter Christa's death in October, Tim sold his house in Seven Lakes and returned to Minneapolis where he was surrounded by his loving family, including grandchildren, Katie and Ryan, two-year-old great-grand-daughter Eloise, and her baby sister, Juniper, both of whom brought him particular joy.

Tim's son Greg and the whole family are grateful for the prayers and support of the St. Mary Magdalene family. Our hearts go out to them as it has been a season of great loss for the family.

For decades, Tim, along with his wife Carol, a deacon in the Episcopal Church, were an integral part St. Mary Magdalene Church.

The family plans a return to Seven Lakes in the fall for a celebration of Tim's life. Details will follow as they are made.

May Tim, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace this day. Into God's loving arms we commend our brother Tim.

Burgess Family address:
Greg and Theresa Burgess
5901 189th St. W
Farmington, MN 55024

LOOKING AHEAD

Save the dates for
"A Month of Mary Magdalene!"

Celebrating the saint we are named after will be a month full of activities for our parish. Save these days and plan to join in. Details to follow

Sunday, July 5 – Pick up your "Caught you being kind" buttons to give out during the month.

Saturday, July 18, 10:00 – Noon: "Community Gratitude Breakfast"

Sunday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. – **Holy Eucharist with Bishop Sam Rodman**

Wednesday July 22 5:30 p.m. – Parish Eucharist celebrating feast day of St. Mary Magdalene, followed by a pool party and fellowship at the home of parishioner Charlotte Kennedy.

Saturday, July 25, 10:00 a.m. to noon – "The Spirituality of St. Mary Magdalene" presentation and workshop with "Soul Kindling" artist Ally Markotich. Learn more about Mary Magdalene and create your own Mary Magdalene prayer card.

Please take note and mark your calendar: Bishop Sam Rodman will be our Preacher-Celebrant Sunday, July 19.



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



Rev. Colette and Todd represent St. Mary Magdalene in the "Apostle's Build" for the Sandhills Habitat for Humanity program

Habitat presents a wonderful opportunity for community outreach. Speak with Rev. Colette if you are interested in joining the team. There is work to be done.

Rise Against Hunger

In September our parish will again participate in the "Rise Against Hunger" program at West End Presbyterian Church, helping prepare pre-packaged meals for global hunger relief. There is a meeting, July 13, 6:30 p.m. at WEPC to answer questions and get more details leading up to this **September 19th** event. Rev. Colette and Sherol will be attending the July 13 meeting. Let us know if you would like to join us.

Building Wish List

If anyone is looking to get rid of, or comes across, any outdoor chairs or bench in good shape, Rev. Colette is looking for some furniture for outside our entrance to warm up and improve curb appeal. (*And OK, maybe a place to eat a quick lunch outside too. LOL*) Feel free to let her know to arrange a pickup if necessary.

Our Internal Samaritan Fund

A reminder that our parish has an internal fund for financial donations that are used within our own church to help parishioners in various ways as situations arise. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, please see Rev. Colette.

CELEBRATING WITH PARISHIONERS



Jack Douglass, 2026 Graduate of Western Carolina University



Laura and Jim Douglass celebrate with son Jack following his graduation from Western Carolina University with a B.S. in history and a certificate in public history. He will work this summer as the black powder director (musket

range) at Boonsboro Village, an immersive 1870's living history scout camp.

Congratulations, Jack! Best Wishes from your parish.



Graduation Day for Crystal

Crystal Fravel recently graduated from the radiography program at Sandhills Community College. She is beginning a new job at First Health as a radiographer and training in MRI technology. We send Crystal our congratulations and best wishes in her new career!



Vicki



Sherol, and Blue Baker, a new member of the Tuesday morning prayer group
**Prayer Meeting, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, each month
11:00 a.m. Please join us.**

SMILING FACES



Rev. Colette, Tucker, and Charlotte

Rev. Colette and Charlotte visit the stables in Seven Lakes



Laura and Julia enjoy coffee hour



Coffee Hour, Day of Pentecost, May 24

Live Today

- Shake it out. Shake it off.
- Think it through. Sort it out.
- Change what you can; make peace with what you cannot.
- Slough off the rest.
- Do your best every day.
- Make peace with yesterday.
- Take the blame for your errors.
- Say, "I'm sorry," when necessary.
- Acknowledge God.
- Let Jesus be your counselor.
- Live today.
- Make peace always. Copied



Whatever you do, always give 100%,
unless you are donating blood. **Bill Murray**

Even if you are on the right track you'll get run over
if you just sit there. **Will Rogers**

“To be is to do.” -- **Socrates**

“To do is to be.” -- **Sartre**



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
Come into his presence with singing.

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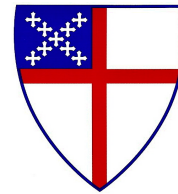
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