

IDAHO IDYLL* - JUNE 2006

**Idyll: A simple descriptive work in poetry or prose that deals with rustic life or pastoral scenes or suggests a mood of peace and contentment.*

NEWS FROM PARADISE POINT

- **Beginners Camp is underway!** Twenty-one first and second-graders (and their adult companions) have descended on Paradise Point for their three-day introduction to the wonders of camping in this sacred space. In the past, adult campers have marveled at how their young person makes decisions, takes risks and begins new friendships. This summer's camp should be no exception.
- Next up is the **Senior High Camp**, scheduled for June 19-24. For youth entering grades 11 & 12 (and '06 grads), this camp is a must for those who wish to be Counselors-in-Training (CIT's).
- Registrations are still being received for the remainder of the youth camps: **Sophomore Camp** (June 25-July 1); **Jr. High Camp** (July 5-12); **Primary Camp** (July 13-18); **Intermediate Camp** (July 20-25); and **Mt. Adventure Camp** (July 26-31). To avoid the late fee of \$25.00, encourage your young campers to register as soon as possible.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

- **The Rev. Canon Margaret Babcock**, Diocesan Canon for Congregational Development, has announced that she has accepted the position of Ministries Development Coordinator in the Diocese of Wyoming beginning October 1. She is currently representing Idaho as a deputy to the General Convention and will be on sabbatical after that. She plans to take time during her sabbatical to tie up loose ends and say good-bye to those with whom she has worked so closely during her tenure in Idaho. Says Canon Margaret, "It has been a wonderful 5-1/2 years and I cannot tell you all how much I have learned from you and how deeply you have impacted my life. Thank you."
- **The St. Thomas Playhouse** will present two ambitious productions this summer. *The Fantasticks* and *Honk! Jr.* will be presented at the nexStage Theater in Ketchum. *The Fantasticks* has entertained audiences for over 40 years and is the longest running musical in the world. *Honk! Jr.* is based on the tale of The Ugly Duckling and explores themes of tolerance, prejudice, running away and sibling rivalry. Show times are at 1:00pm daily, June 16-18, for *Honk! Jr.* and 7:00pm daily for *The Fantasticks*. For ticket information, call Anna Johnson, Director of Theater Outreach for St. Thomas Church, at 208/726-5349 Ext. 13. Youth leaders, take note. This sounds like a great field trip for your youth group!

WHO'S ON THE OTHER END OF THE LINE?

If you've called the Diocesan Office lately and have had the privilege of speaking with an energetic and vivacious young lady, that would be **Lauren Avera**. Lauren worships with her family at the Church of the Holy Nativity in Meridian, and has been hired for the summer to serve as office receptionist and camp registrar. Lauren recently graduated from Mountain View High School and will be heading off in mid-August to begin her studies at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California. She is a wonderful addition to the Diocesan staff, however temporary, and is willing and able to be of assistance should you have an occasion to call.

GENERAL CONVENTION HAS STARTED!

The gavel has sounded and Convention proceedings are underway. To see who's representing Idaho, to check out links to the General Convention website and get updates from Bishop Bainbridge, go to the Diocesan website at www.idahodiocese.org.

PAROCHIAL REPORT UPDATE

The eight parishes that have yet to submit their parochial report, will now be a part of the nagging process from the Diocesan Office. (This is in advance of the nagging that we are sure to receive from the National Church, so we just want to be prepared.) And always remember, assistance from your friendly diocesan staff is just a phone-call away (208) 345-4440.

DIOCESAN STAFF POSITION AVAILABLE

Applications are being accepted for the position of Administrative/Bookkeeping Assistant to work approximately 25 hours per week. Responsibilities will include: phone and front office reception, including daily mail and filing; processing and oversight of summer camp registration process; bank deposits and bookkeeping support; support for one or more diocesan staff persons or diocesan level committees; meeting coordination; and database maintenance. Other pre-requisites include: ability to provide excellent customer service on the phone and face-to-face with warmth, compassion and a positive, friendly attitude; ability to multi-task and maintain a high level of attention to detail; thorough knowledge of general office procedures; thorough knowledge of Microsoft Office products including Word, Outlook and Excel. Basic knowledge of Quick Books, Microsoft Access or other database applications a plus. Interested persons should contact Jeanne Thomas at 208/345-4440 or JThomas@idahodiocese.org. (*Feel free to post this information in your parish newsletters and/or Sunday bulletins.*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 11-21	General Convention, Columbus, Ohio
June 15-18	Beginner's Camp
June 19-24	Senior High Camp
June 24	Paradise Point Camp Board at Paradise Point
June 25-July 1	Sophomore Camp
June 27	Finance Committee, Diocesan Office
July 3-4	Independence Day Observance - Diocesan Office Closed
July 5-12	Junior High Camp
July 13-18	Primary Camp
July 15	Diocesan Council & Commission on Ministry, Twin Falls
July 19-23	Choral Rendezvous, Challis
July 20	Central Deanery Clergy, Shoshone
July 20-25	Intermediate Camp
July 26-31	Mt. Adventure Camp
July 27	Staff Retreat - Diocesan Office Closed
July 29	Education Focus Group, Paradise Point