

IDAHO IDYLL* - MAY 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

- **Paradise Point Camp Director, Wicky MacColl**, has issued a call for volunteers to attend the **Opening Work Camp** scheduled for June 2-5. The purpose of this camp is to get the site ready for the camping season, which begins June 15 with the **Beginner's Camp**. Food and lodging are free for all persons who volunteer their time for this important work. So that we know how much food to have on hand, please contact the Diocesan Office at 208/345-4440 if you plan to attend.
- **Ed Lonsdale, Facilities Manager for Paradise Point** is issuing this plea: Someone is needed to re-plumb some hot and cold water lines at the Camp. The old copper plumbing feeding the Dining Hall is half-inch and is suffering from hard water deposits. An access hole has been dug with plans to install three-quarter inch lines to the water heater, the sinks and the dishwasher. If you have any experience in this line of work and would be interested in spending a day or so in Paradise, before or during Work Camp, please contact Ed at 208/860-5116 or Wicky MacColl at 208/345-4440.
- The first camp of the season is just around the corner. Little kiddos who are entering grades 1 & 2, along with an adult companion, will participate in the **Beginner's Camp** scheduled for June 15-18. This 3-night camp provides activities for all ages and helps acclimate the new camper to the Paradise Point camping experience. Applications are still being received and are available on the diocesan website (www.idahodiocese.org).

AROUND THE DIOCESE

- On May 7, **St. Stephen's, Boise**, commissioned several parish healing ministers, called to a specific service: anointing with oil, the laying on of hands and prayers for healing. A public healing ministry will be offered initially one Sunday per month at both services (8:00 & 10:30am). The Rev. Larry Harrelson was instrumental in calling this group together and helping them to discern their calling to this special ministry.
- Beginning, Sunday, June 4 (Pentecost Sunday), **St. Andrew's, McCall**, will have a new service time of 9:30am. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, as well as special celebrations and Holy Days. If you are visiting beautiful McCall this summer, plan to worship with this friendly and growing congregation (located at the corner of Forest & Gamble streets, near the hospital.)

GENERAL CONVENTION JUST DAYS AWAY

Members of the Idaho deputation are packing their suitcases and preparing for the 11-day adventure which is the **75th General Convention** of the Episcopal Church, scheduled for June 11-22 in Columbus, Ohio. A list of those representing Idaho as well as a myriad of other Convention information can be found on the General Convention page posted on the diocesan website (www.idahodiocese.org).

BONE MARROW DONOR SOUGHT

Steve Boughton, a member of **Emmanuel, Hailey**, has been battling leukemia and is currently undergoing intense chemotherapy to try to bring the leukemia into remission. If the chemotherapy is successful, a bone marrow transplant will be the next step. A donor match has not yet been found, but there is hope beyond hope that someone "out there" might be a match. Emmanuel Church has already hosted two opportunities for people to be tested. (The test involves a simple cheek swab and is painless and cost-free.) To learn of additional opportunities or if you'd just like more information, please call Marilyn Baybutt at 208/481-0709. And please hold Steve and his family in your prayers.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY MENTOR TRAINING SCHEDULED

Les Parsons, the Diocese's EFM Coordinator, announces that an EFM Mentor Training has been scheduled for August 17-19 at the Monastery of the Ascension in Jerome. A deposit of \$50 is required to hold your spot and reservations are on a first come, first served basis. This training will include a basic/in-service course as well as a formation course. All prospective mentors who have not been trained before should contact Les Parsons for a discernment discussion prior to the training. Les can be reached at 208/524-1734 or clesparsons@gmail.com.

PAROCHIAL REPORT UPDATE

Twenty-one parishes have stepped up to the plate and completed their parochial reports. The nine that are edging toward major Diocesan nagging will not be listed here, but can expect a serious reminder in the not-too-distant future. Remember, assistance from your friendly diocesan staff is just a phone-call away (208) 345-4440.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 20 | Memorial Day Observed - Diocesan Office Closed |
| June 2-5 | Opening Work Camp at Paradise Point |
| June 9-14 | Camp Staff training |
| 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 |