

IDAHO IDYLL* - JULY 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.*

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR MISSING HIKER

The Rt. Rev. James Jelinek, Bishop of the Diocese of Minnesota, is requesting our prayers for **Jon Francis**, the young man who has been lost in the Sawtooth Mountains since July 15. Both Jon and his family are faithful members of Ascension Episcopal Church in Stillwater, Minnesota, and Jon was in Idaho working at the Lutheran Church Camp near Ketchum. Search and rescue teams are still hard at work searching for this young man, but as Bishop Jelinek says, "...now is the time to pray."

SUMMIT ON HUNGER & FOOD INSECURITY

Idahoans from around the State are being asked to save the date of October 27 for a "Summit on Hunger & Food Insecurity: Making a place at the table for All Idahoans". Conference sponsors (among them the Idaho Foodbank, United Way of Treasure Valley, Monastery of St. Gertrude & the Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger) note that Idaho is the 8th hungriest state in the nation and reports that this conference will afford opportunities to learn how hunger and food insecurity impacts our children, our elders, Idahoans in rural areas and stability of Idaho families.

The conference will be held from 8:30am to 4:00pm on Friday, October 27, at The Owyhee Plaza in Boise. Conference speakers include Robert Salazar, USDA Food & Nutrition Services Administrator, and Vicki Escarra, CEO of America's Second Harvest. Email idahohungersummit@yahoo.com for additional information.

NEWS FROM PARADISE POINT

- **St. Thomas, Ketchum** is encouraging other parishes to join them for the **Labor Day Family Camp**, September 1-4, at Paradise Point. Cost of this camp is: Adults - \$50/night; Youth 11 & over - \$35/night; Children 10 & under - \$15/night. This price includes lodging, meals, use of the ropes course, hiking, waterfront activities, rock hopping, sailing, labyrinth walks, camp fires with games, singing – and so much more! In order to get this bargain-basement camp fee, reservations need to be made no later than August 1. Please RSVP to Anna Johnson at 208/726-5349, ext. 13. And please let your congregations know about this one last opportunity of the year to spend some time in Paradise.
- Registrations are also being received for **St. Michael's Fat Goose Camp** (August 4-6); **Women's Camp** (August 11-14); and the **Ascension Family Camp** (August 17-20). Check the Diocesan website for contact information for these camps. Even though a Family Camp may be sponsored by a specific congregation, ALL members of the Diocese are welcome to participate.
- Camp Director, Wicky MacColl, and the rest of the camp staff found themselves with the predicament earlier this month of having too many kids register for Intermediate Camp. Consequently, there was a waiting list of 12 extra kids who would most likely have to miss this summer's camping season. However, due to some quick thinking, a 2nd Intermediate Camp session was put together to run in conjunction with the Primary Camp. Intermediate campers had their own counselors and their own program, but they took their meals with the Primary kids and shared waterfront and campfire time with them as well. Best of all, 12 potentially disappointed kids were able to experience the wonders of Paradise Point. Where there's a will, there's a way!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

- Diocesan Council minutes can now be found on the Diocesan website (www.idahodiocese.org). Click on the “Administrative & Staff Information” button, then “Diocesan Council” and you’re there. Minutes are available in pdf format. And speaking of the Diocesan website, Bishop Bainbridge’s synopsis of General Convention as well as the response to the Windsor Report, can be found there as well.
- The **Convention Host Committee** is up and running! Representatives of St. Michael’s, St. Stephen’s and All Saints, Boise, and St. James, Mt. Home (the congregations making up the Southwest Deanery) have had their first meeting and have divided the myriad of convention responsibilities among themselves. This year’s Convention is scheduled for October 20-22 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Boise. For more in-depth Convention information, be sure to read the September issue of *The Messenger*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 26-31	Mt. Adventure Camp
July 27	Staff Retreat - Diocesan Office Closed
July 28	Diocesan Office Closed
July 29	Education Focus Group, Paradise Point
Aug 4-6	St. Michael’s Fat Goose Camp
Aug 11-14	Women’s Camp
Aug 17-20	Ascension Family Camp
Aug 24	Central Deanery Clergy, Christ Church, Shoshone
Sep 1-4	St. Thomas Labor Day Family Camp
Sep 4	Labor Day - Diocesan Office Closed
Sep 9	Deacons’ Gathering, Trinity Memorial, Rupert
	Sexual Conduct Training (tentative)