

IDAHO IDYLL* - SEPTEMBER 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.*

DIOCESAN CONVENTION FRONT & CENTER

Final preparations are being made for the 39th annual Convention of the Diocese of Idaho, scheduled for October 20-22 at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Boise. The opening session begins on Friday, October 20 at 7:00pm and will include the Bishop's address. Incorporated into the theme of "You give them something to eat," will be the opportunity on Saturday afternoon for delegates and visitors to participate in ministry opportunities in Boise and surrounding communities. More detailed information can be found in the Convention packets that were mailed this week to all clergy, wardens and delegates.

Please note: The phone number listed for the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in the recent Host Committee mailing is in error. **The correct number is 208/343-4900.** Please spread the word to your clergy, wardens and delegates.

DEANERY MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Deanery Convention meetings are being held the first week of October and will afford delegates the opportunity to gather together and get a sneak peek at the myriad of Convention business that will be discussed, deliberated, debated and voted on. In addition, the Western Deanery will be electing a representative to Diocesan Council for a 3-year term during their meeting. Clergy and wardens are urged to get the word out to their delegations and encourage their attendance at these important meetings:

Western/SW Deanery: Tuesday, October 3 @ 7pm, St. Stephen's, Boise
Central Deanery: Wednesday, October 4 @ 7pm, Ascension, Twin Falls
Eastern Deanery: Saturday, October 7 @ 11am, St. Luke's, Idaho Falls

ERD AT CONVENTION

All Convention Delegates are invited to come to the ERD booth at Convention and receive a free packet of Bishop's Blend, the fair trade coffee with profits going to ERD, and also to pick up ERD materials for each congregation. At 7:30am on Sunday, all ERD parish reps in attendance are invited to a light breakfast and informational meeting in the Bainbridges' suite at the Holiday Inn. Clergy, please note below the list of parish reps. If your congregation is not represented, please appoint someone now or ask one of your delegates to come to the breakfast.

ERD Parish Reps (please update if incorrect):

All Saints, Boise - Jeff Meyer
Ascension, Twin Falls - Kyle Hodges
Christ Church, Shoshone - Ken and Inez
Crothers
Emmanuel, Hailey - Pamela Tucker
Epiphany, Arco - Chad Cheyney
Holy Nativity, Meridian - Paula Egbert
Holy Trinity, Buhl - Marilyn Butler

Redeemer, Salmon - Gene Baumert
St. Francis of the Tetons, Alta - Lisa
Wagener
St. James', Payette - Rae Christian
St. John's, American Falls - Nancy Ross
St. Luke's, Weiser - Sue Peterson
St. Paul's, Blackfoot - Lauren Murdoch
Trinity Memorial, Rupert - Janet King

OFFERINGS FROM STEPHEN MINISTRIES

Two new resources have been made available through Stephen Ministries that can be of significant help to clergy in their pastoral ministries. *Journeying through Grief* is a set of four short books to give or send to people at four crucial times during the first year after a loved one has died. *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart: How to Relate to Those Who Are Suffering* is a book written for caregivers – those who care for others experiencing suffering in their lives. If you would like to place an order or would like additional information about these resources, log on to www.stephenministries.org/care.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

- **Grace Church, Nampa**, is extending an invitation to the “Gift of Light Ministry” with The Very Rev. John Smylie (former Dean of St. John the Evangelist in Spokane, WA). This event will be held the weekend of September 29-October 1. On Friday evening there will be a concert of John’s original music and Saturday will feature a workshop that is designed to provide an experience and method for recognizing and growing in God’s amazing grace. On Sunday, Dean Smylie will lead the people of Grace in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Anyone interested in attending one or all of these events should contact the church office at 466-0782.
- **The Sudanese Fellowship** that worships in the Chapel of All Saints, Boise, has some ongoing needs that you may be able to help them with. They are listed below. If you are able to provide assistance in any of these areas, please contact the Diocesan Office.

Sunday School Needs:

Diapers and wipes
Attendance charts
Chairs and tables (for 25)
Toys
Snacks for children

Other Needs:

PA System for Worship
Computer, monitor & printer
Printer paper
Choir uniforms (20)
Choir drum set
Assistance w/pastor’s rent

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 26	Staff Retreat - Diocesan Office Closed
Sep 30	Preaching Workshop, Ascension, Twin Falls
Oct 3	Western/SW Deanery Convention Meeting, St. Stephen’s, Boise
Oct 4	Central Deanery Convention Meeting, Ascension, Twin Falls
Oct 5	IEF Grants Committee, Diocesan Office
Oct 7	Eastern Deanery Convention Meeting, St. Luke’s, Idaho Falls
Oct 9	Columbus Day Observed - Diocesan Office Closed
Oct 20-22	Diocesan Convention, Boise
Oct 27	Hunger Summit, Owyhee Plaza, Boise