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Easter Marks Beginning of New Life at Calvary Church, Jerome

We are one
in baptism;
our call to
discipleship:
to be the
hands and heart
of Jesus
in the world.

We are a
worshipping
community,
a people who
discover
our identity in
relating to God,
one another,
and the creation.

We are a
learning,
teaching
community,
focused on
the Good News.

We are a
serving
community,
welcoming
and
Inviting all.

Easter Day was truly a celebration of New Life at Calvary Church, Jerome, when twenty-two people gathered to celebrate Sunday Eucharist for the first time in two years! The service, led by Deacon Dick Goetsch, was

was a joyous occasion, hopefully marking the end of some difficult

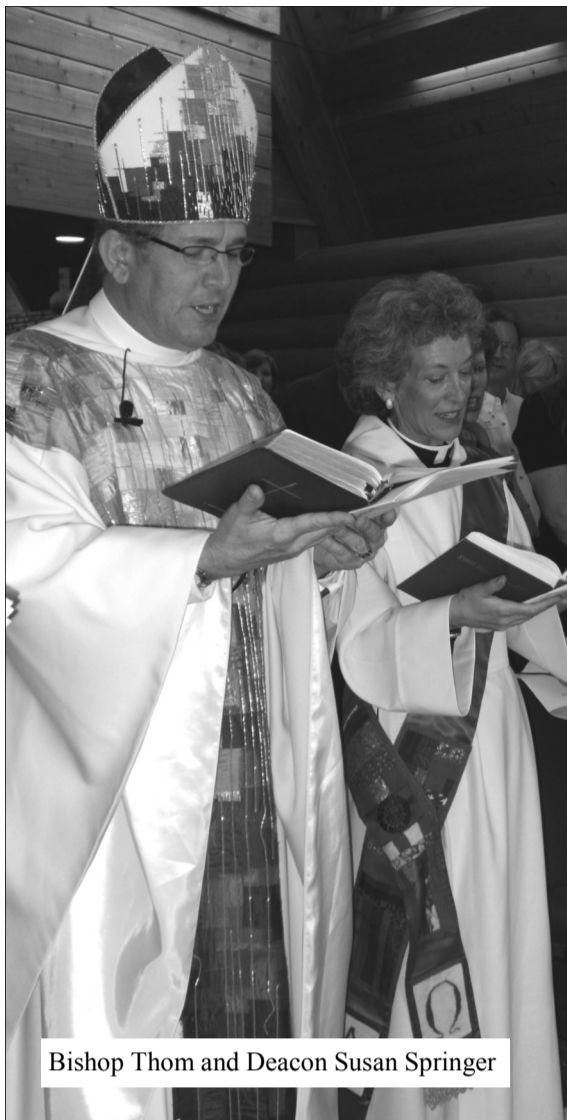
days for this faithful community.

The church, which will celebrate 100 years in Jerome this June, has struggled in the last few years. Then in March, 2007, Bishop Bainbridge asked the congregation to take a worship sabbatical.

Inspired by the Diocesan Convention of 2007, members, Linda Morrey and Aileen Goetsch, decided to institute Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings. That led to doing the necessary work to reclaim their voice and vote at convention as well as a once a month communion service on Wednesday evening. In January, organist, Kathy Rupert joined the congregation and by February as many as ten people were consistently attending Lenten Soup Suppers where they studied the book *Listening Hearts* and prayed Compline.

Easter inspired the group to step beyond Wednesday worship, and the congregation is now exploring options for worship and ministry. Plans are underway to truly celebrate 100 years of a ministry that is again alive with promise and possibility!





Bishop Thom and Deacon Susan Springer

Some might say that I am sneaking in an additional sermon. Over the past few years, I have often begun my Eucharist-ending blessings with this quote:

"Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. Be swift to love. Make haste to be kind."

The quotation came to us at The Church of the Ascension, Twin Falls, via a parishioner who had heard it from her Episcopal priest brother. Our research revealed that the quotation is adapted from the writings of Henri Frederic Amiel, a 19th century Swiss philosopher.

Born in Geneva in 1821, historians tell us that in 1849 Henri Amiel was appointed to successive professorships at the Academy of Geneva teaching aesthetics and moral philosophy. Because these appointments were political ones, Amiel was ostracized by the arts and letters community, which dominated Genevan culture. It has been suggested that this isolation may have inspired the one book by which Amiel is still known, entitled *Private Journal*, which, when published after his death in 1881, became very popular in Europe.

Whatever its blessed route to us, we were convicted and inspired by Amiel's

philosophy. As have been many of you as I have shared it around the diocese. Admittedly, the beginning is abrupt.

"*Life is short..*" sounds like the start of some sour commentary decrying the slings and arrows of human life. Not very spiritual. Perhaps a bit crass for worship? However, this beginning and the expansion that follows focuses my attention on an important spiritual reality: human life is less about fragility and brevity, but all about opportunity. We are being asked to live with intention, not exasperation. Now, that sounds holy. Actually, it sounds like Jesus.

As Amiel continues, he is assertive in his diagnosis of what would transform our fellow travelers' journeys— love and kindness – but the point that he makes most dramatically is that I am the one to give these things, that I am the one who has them to give.

"A little swifter to love, please" I can hear Jesus saying. "Kindness should be your first response to everyone. *No exceptions*" he adds.

Whether Henri Frederic Amiel or my Lord Jesus Christ, point taken: Love and kindness. Sooner.

+Brian

First notes. . . Reflections by the Bishop

The Books We Read; The Stories We Tell. . . A Retreat with the Bishop

Register now for a retreat with Bishop Brian Thom, May 29-31 at Monastery of the Ascension in Jerome, Idaho. This is a retreat to spend some time with good books, new friends and old and the Bishop of Idaho talking about all of those things. Each day is free-standing, so participants can commit to any of the three days.

The retreat begins Friday evening with check-in and is dedicated to *a quiet evening with our books and journals*. Saturday's program begins after breakfast and will include the discussions; *What's in Your Canon?*, *The Prayer Book*, *Beloved and Beleaguered*, *Journaling for the Recalcitrant*, and *What Stories We Tell*. Sunday morning's theme will be *God Speaks to Us*, with an experience of both *Lectio Divina* and *The Village Bible Study*. Above all, Bishop Thom promises the week-end will be surrounded by ample quiet time and rest.

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No meals will be served on Friday. Saturday meals are breakfast, lunch, and supper, with only breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Space is limited so interested persons should register at as soon as possible either online at www.episcopalidaho.org or by calling 208-345-4440. Cost is \$25 to \$100 depending on length of stay. Additional information is available on the website.

Registration will close May 15.

DIOCESAN CALENDAR May 2009

- 1 Sexual Conduct Training, Ascension, Twin Falls
- 2 Day of Discovery, Ascension, Twin Falls
- 9 Labyrinth Blessing, St. David's, Caldwell
- 10 Bishop at St. Stephen's, Boise
- 16 Paradise Point Committee, Paradise Point Camp
- 18-22 Bishop at Living our Vows Residency, North Carolina
- 25 Memorial Day Observed – Office Closed
- 29-31 Bishop's Retreat, Monastery of the Ascension, Jerome
- 30 Eastern Deanery Stewardship School
- 31 Celebration of the New Ministry of The Rev. Susan Speir
St. Luke's, Idaho Falls

Hospitality Workshop at Grace Church, Nampa

One might make a reasonable guess that at least half the congregations in America describe themselves as "welcoming." It shows up on the church sign, in the Sunday bulletin and newsletter, and even in the mission statement, of many, many churches. After all, who in the world would want to be thought of, or describe themselves, as unwelcoming? But how fully is that welcome lived out in our congregations? Consider these words from the Letter to the Hebrews:

"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:1-2

Those words have been quoted, *ad infinitum*, in many contexts and for many reasons. They are easy to say. Living them is a whole lot harder.

In a workshop whose focus will be church hospitality, Episcopal lay minister Jay Hornbacher will present a wide range of information, ranging from very specific suggestions for greater hospitality to the cultivation of an attitude of "radical welcome" that will make any newcomer to a congregation feel as though they belong and would be welcome, long-term.

In describing his approach, Hornbacher said, "We live in a

time in which many people are facing the reality that the things on which they have depended for comfort, security, and well-being are being harshly challenged. The church has the resources and the message to become an inviting place where people can find new and refreshing meaning in their lives. We have a unique and blessed opportunity to become a place where people gather in mutual support and love, and we must not pass up this opportunity!"

The workshop will be held at Grace Church in Nampa. It will begin Friday, May 8, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and continue on Saturday, May 9, from 9 until 3. Those unable to attend Friday night should feel free to attend Saturday only. Registration fee is \$20 and includes lunch. You may register on the diocesan website or by calling 208-466-0782. This is a unique opportunity you won't want to miss!

Jay Hornbacher served as the Director of Lay Ministry at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Scottsdale, AZ, where he initiated a newcomer and new member program that was highly successful in not only attracting new members to the congregation, but also engaging them in ministry once they became members. He recently came out of retirement to serve in a part-time capacity on the staff of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Minneapolis, MN, where his wife is the pastor of a Lutheran congregation. His responsibilities at St. John's include, first and foremost, new member contacts, as well as adult education and liturgy planning.

Historic St. Mary ' s Church at Work in Emmett



By Susan Wishney, Director of Idaho Episcopal Foundation

St. Mary's Church in Emmett was the second Episcopal Church to be erected in the Territory of Idaho. Listed on the National Register of Historical Places, St. Mary's was constructed in 1886, and consecrated that same year by Bishop Tuttle.

Until recently, every entryway into St. Mary's sanctuary required the negotiation of a short flight of stairs, making it difficult for worshipers with mobility limitations to attend services. A grant from the Idaho Episcopal Foundation contributed to the purchase and installation of a stairway elevator. Now, anyone can attend regular or special services at St. Mary's.

For over 100 years, St. Mary's has served the broader community of Emmett in several ways. Currently, St. Mary's parishioners participate in the community Food Pantry. St.

Mary's, along with several churches in Emmett, keep The Pantry stocked for individuals and families who need food. This ecumenical group will soon begin preparing nearly 2 acres for planting vegetables, which will stock The Pantry cupboards with fresh produce through the summer. You can also find a team from St. Mary's listed on the Relay for Life roster. This is the American Cancer Society's signature event which raises money for cancer research.

The Idaho Episcopal Foundation Needs Your Support

Most of you know of the Idaho Episcopal Foundation, and our mission of supporting the work of the Episcopal Church in Idaho. The Foundation contributes annually to parishes and non profit institutions within the Diocese, for programs of outreach, health, and human services.

In 1984, John Moser, a physician from Cascade gave a major gift to the Episcopal Church in Idaho, for the purpose of endowing charitable works. The first grants were awarded in 1985 and since then, over \$800,000.00 in grants have been issued. Dr.

Moser's bequest created a permanent endowment fund of the Foundation, and the principal remains intact to earn income that funds Foundation grants. In order to increase the endowment, and keep pace with the growing needs of our community, the Foundation established the Bishop Rhea Fund. Bishop Rhea served as Bishop of Idaho from 1942 to 1957, and during his tenure he exemplified the spirit of charity and devotion. Throughout the year, people across our diocese contribute to this fund, and their generosity has benefited many parishes and out-reach programs through the award of Foundation grants.

In recent years, requests to financially support worthy projects have far exceeded the resources of the Foundation. The number of

grant requests in 2008 was over \$75,000.00, and the Foundation was able to award \$29,000.00. In 2009 the amount of funds available for grants will probably be less than the previous year's allotment. So that we can, at a minimum, maintain grant awards comparable with recent years, we need your contribution.

A donation of any amount would be appreciated and you will be listed among the Bishop Rhea donors. You can make your donation to the Bishop Rhea Fund, c/o Idaho Episcopal Foundation, 1858 W. Judith Lane, Boise, ID 83705, or call the Foundation office at 208.860.9494 for more information.

MAKING PARADISE SAFER FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

from Executive Camp Director, Jes Benson

Paradise Point Episcopal Camp is ready for this summer, are you? We are making some wonderful changes that we would like everyone to know about. This summer, Paradise Point will be working on establishing a **safe** alcohol policy. We need to ensure the safety of campers, staff and guests by eliminating the use of alcohol by staff and volunteers as well as asking all adult campers to be very thoughtful about their alcohol use at camp.

This summer, there will be **no** alcohol use in the waterfront area. We are also asking that alcohol use be confined to the deck of the dining hall during designated social hours. Being in community while using alcohol will help make camp safer for everyone.

Paradise Point Camp also sees a lot of visitors over the summer, and it is great to meet people from the diocese. If you are planning to visit camp, please remember that all guests must register with a camp staff member and be accom-

panied when youth camps are in session. Please call camp at 208-634-4522 or call Jes Benson on her cell phone at 208-577-7716 to let us know you are visiting and we will have someone meet you at the King Lodge. This helps keep all of God's children safe in the wonders of creation at camp.

Paradise Point is truly blessed by the loving support of so many people from the diocese. Thanks to all of you who contribute, volunteer and work at camp. As we move ahead and forge our path, it is with the help and vision of all camp lovers that we will be successful.



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If your bible study group, book group, opportunity to visit, worship and create

weather, please contact th

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Women's Camp — August 14-17

"Women of all ages (18 and older) are invited to a weekend of fellowship, worship, music and fun at Paradise Point in McCall. This year's theme is "Meet Your Soul Sisters" so invite your soul sisters! These are friends and/or family members— any woman who has played a significant role in your life.

This year's Spiritual Director is the Rev. Anne Slakey, who serves St. James', Payette and St. Luke's, Weiser. She will introduce women, past and present, who have loved the Lord with all their souls, and have inspired so many to deeper relationship with God, themselves and others.

Women's Camp begins with dinner on Friday, August 14, and there is the option of leaving Sunday afternoon or after breakfast on Monday, August 17. The fee is \$55 per night and scholarship assistance is available. Registration forms are available at your church or register online at www.paradisepointcamp.org. Make your reservations soon: no later than July 31st.

"I look forward to getting reacquainted with my "soul sisters" of past camps," says camp dean, Antonia Kline of St. David's, Caldwell, "and meeting new 'soul sisters' this year."

Scholarships are available for those in need. For information, call the diocesan center at 345-4440.





Kitchen Renovations Completed on Time!

The Paradise Point Committee is pleased to announce that the dining hall and kitchen at camp will be ready to go by the middle of May! According to Rob Gundlach, project coordinator, the final work on the range hood, fire suppression system and plumbing will be completed in early May, leaving plenty of time for staff to move into the newly remodeled space.

This renovation project began two years ago and has received generous support from throughout the diocese with well over \$100,000 in donations to date. Unexpected costs have unfortunately made additional funds necessary, so this spring St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Rupert, graciously loaned the camp committee money to

complete the project. Paradise Point now needs to fundraise almost \$25,000 to repay the loan.

If you would like to make a contribution, please contact Jes Benson at 208-345-4440. A contribution of \$500 could earn you a weekend at the yurt!



Camp Can Use the Things You Don't!

Camp could also use some donations for several projects they will be working on this spring. If you have **laptop or desktop computers** that are internet ready, these would be put to good use by the camp staff for planning purposes. Work is also in progress on updating Staff Bath, and any **furniture** that is nice but resilient, **washers or dryers, refrigerators and microwave ovens** would be greatly appreciated. The Paradise Point Committee will also be working on making the Recreation Hall and King Lodge more colorful and welcoming. Any **durable, colorful area rugs, wall hangings and bedding (full and twin sizes)** would be put to good use as well as **twin and full size bed frames and mattresses**. The camp is also in need of a Gator type all terrain vehicle for facilities work. If you have any of these items available or know of affordable alternatives, please contact the diocesan office at 208-345-4440 or e-mail jben-son@idahodiocese.org.



Some Open Dates!

August 3-6

September 3 are OPEN

Weekends in September and October

knitting or quilting guild is looking for a great place in the beautiful quiet of Payette Lake's fall weekends at the diocesan center at 345-4440.

yoga classes, have a retreat or a family gathering!



Men's Camp — August 21-23

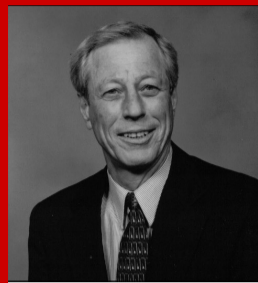
Men of the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho! We have planned a camp for men to just enjoy the special peace and beauty that is Paradise Point. **This will not be a work camp!** The program only includes fun, spiritual renewal and fellowship- and of course outstanding meals. But best of all no email, phones or blackberry's (unless you are bringing some to eat). There may be an **optional** service element to the weekend.

So consider being part of the weekend. And invite some friends to join you. How about asking three people, a good friend, someone you would like to know better, and someone you really don't know at all. Or ask someone from your church, your work, and your community. Pete Hecht, St. Michael's, Boise, is this year's dean. He is interested in hearing from any of you who remember past men's camps, so if you were there, have pictures, or just know where this information might be, please contact him at petehecht@msn.com or call 208-850-7588.

Camp begins Friday, August 21 with supper and concludes Sunday, August 23 with lunch. Fees are \$55 per night. Register at www.paradisepointcamp.org or by calling the diocesan center at 208-345-4440). Space is limited to a first come first served basis, so sign up early!

Meet Your General Convention Deputies

Every three years clergy and lay representatives from every diocese in the Episcopal Church gather to pray, learn, discuss, share, and provide primary governance. These people, elected in the Diocese of Idaho at Diocesan Convention, are sent as deputies, empowered to act for the people of the diocese.



Douglas E Reincke

Born in Taylorville, Illinois, 1936. Drafted US Army, January 1955. Graduated Eastern Illinois University 1962. Married to Lois for thirty years. Six children, 9 grandchildren. CPA in Rupert, Idaho for 32 years. Retired 2001. Member of St. Mathews since 1974. Serve on Diocesan Council and Finance Committee.



Linda Thorson

Member of St. Thomas, Ketchum since 2001. Has served there as a vestry member, Lay Worship Leader, senior warden and parish administrator. Also served on the Diocesan Council, and Latino Ministry Committee. Happily married and the grandmother of 15.



Mick Hodges

Member, St. Mathews, Rupert. Married, (32 years!), 3 adult children. Serving 2nd term on Standing Committee. Chaplain, Cassia Memorial Hospital. Magistrate Judge, Cassia County, Idaho. (One of the 3 best fly fishers in Southern Idaho). Will serve on the Rules of Order Committee at GC09.



Karen Hunter

Lifelong Episcopalian. Served as a lay campus chaplain at University of Montana, parish religious education director, and lay vicar in Montana. Came to Idaho, served as vicar at Redeemer, Salmon, ordained to the priesthood 11 years ago. Currently serve as vicar, Grace Church, Nampa, Diocesan Canon and editor of the Messenger.

Gretchen Burdin

Member of St. Stephen's, Boise. Serves as lector, LEM, and sub-deacon and is a member of Diocesan Council. Member of Transition Team for the election of the bishop. Was baptized in Missoula, Montana and has been very active in the Cursillo movement. Most of her career spent in computer technology. Currently webmaster for the diocese.



David W. Wettstein

Rector of St. Stephen's Church in Boise since 1992. Prior to this, served, as a Presbyterian pastor. Have served on Commission Ministry, Standing Committee, Bishop Search Committee, and the Lillian Valley School Board. Belinda and I have been married for nine years. Our children are grown but our dogs are still with us.



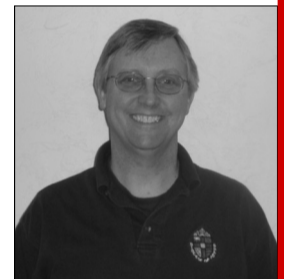
Tammy Jones

Deacon at St. Matthew's - Rupert, Idaho. Married to Ron for 24 years, 2 adult sons, part-time legal assistant; currently serve on Commission on Ministry; Living Stones Coordinator for the Diocese of Idaho; First time to General Convention.



Scott Ellsworth

Raised Episcopalian in St. Paul, Minnesota. Graduated from Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon. Work as transportation engineer with CH2M HILL Deacon in diocese for past 11 years. Serve at St. Stephens parish in Boise. Chair of Commission on Ministry. Married 27 years with 3 daughters - 2 in college.



Live webcast to address General Convention 2009 Presiding Officers will field questions from audience, online

General Convention 2009 of the Episcopal Church will be the topic of a live webcast on Wednesday, May 13 at 8 am Pacific (9 am Mountain, 10 am Central, 11 am Eastern). This is according to the Office of Public Affairs of the Episcopal Church. The webcast will originate from Anaheim, the site of this year's General Convention which will be held July 8-17 at the Anaheim Convention Center in California.

The Episcopal Church's General Convention, held every three years, is the bicameral governing body of the church. The Episcopal Church, with 110 dioceses in 15 nations, is a member province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion. General Convention, the second largest legislative body in the world, is comprised of the House of Bishops, with upwards of 200 members, and the House of Deputies, with clergy and lay representatives from the 110 dioceses, at over 700 members.

Participants in the live webcast will be: Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori; President of the House of Deputies Bonnie Anderson; Executive Officer and Secretary of the General Convention, the Rev. Gregory Straub; and Bishop J. Jon Bruno of the Diocese of Los Angeles, the host diocese.

To access the live webcast, go to the Episcopal Church website: www.episcopalchurch.org. Questions will be accepted via email and from the invited guests in the audience.

For more information: General Convention:
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/gc2009.htm>

Labyrinth Dedication May 9

YOU HAVE READ ABOUT IT . . .

(in the Messenger)

YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT IT . . .

(at Convention)

NOW COME EXPERIENCE IT!!!

(St. David's Church, Caldwell)

Saturday May 9, at 11 am. The Rt. Rev. Brian Thom will lead a service of dedication and blessing of St. David's Heliport/Labyrinth and Memorial Garden at St. David's Church, Caldwell. This marks the completion of a dream made public as one of St. David's provocative propositions made at the 2007 Diocesan Convention when every church was asked to describe itself in the year 2015.

"The labyrinth we constructed in our yard is getting lots of use," said senior warden Bill Kline as he described the future of St. David's, "both as a place of prayer, and as a helipad for the medical center next door." Everyone in the room laughed and one person was later heard to say, "Some church's ideas are really practical, but that helicopter labyrinth, that's really 'out there'!"

So, come and see what a dream can do! Join the people of St. David's as they celebrate and learn all about their labyrinth and the journey that brought them to this place.

St. David's is across from the main entrance of West Valley Medical Center. Directions at www.stdavidscaldwell.org.

OSL Healing Conference, June 11 and 12

Region Six of the Order of St. Luke is pleased to announce their summer conference, "The Healing Love of Christ". It will be held in Boise at the Best Western Vista Inn, June 11 and 12. The conference will begin Thursday evening with keynote speakers, Rev. Hugh Bromily and his wife, Khara Bromily who are on the ministry staff at St. George Episcopal Church, The Villages, Florida.

Rev. Bromily has his roots and education in the Church of England and he and his wife have both led international healing confer-

ences. They also authored a book from their experience, "In Search of a Miracle, *God's Path to Healing*". Both currently have active healing ministries. Rev. Bromily is a former president of the international board of directors for the Order of St. Luke.

On Friday, three workshops are scheduled. The first is, "Will I be Made Whole?" presented by Jan Barber, who has a Masters of Divinity from Ashbury Theological Seminary. The second, "May I have this Dance with You?" (Claiming Mary's Mind) will be presented by

Pat Dougherty, who received her Doctorate in the Science of Theology from San Francisco. "What is it?" (Relating to the Gifts of The Holy Spirit) is the third workshop. It will be presented by Nek'ka Eddy, who has been involved in healing prayer ministry since 2002 and is presently Convener of Boise's Fifth Healing Chapter of OSL.

The conference will conclude with a final message by the Bromily's with opportunity for prayer and healing. Both evening services are open to the public. Those interested in the Friday workshops should register by contacting Deacon Paula Egbert at 208-376-8655 or Illene Brown, at 208-322-8421. Registration fees are \$50 for a single person, \$75 for a couple,

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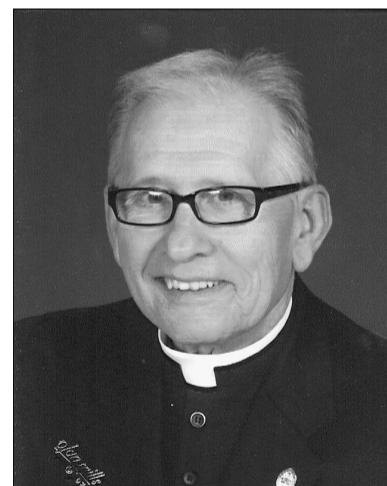
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Diocese Welcomes Priests



Three new priests are currently at work in the Diocese of Idaho. They are (pictured above from left to right), the Rev. Cliff Moore, the Rev. Susan Speir, and the Rev. Joseph Marek.

Rev. Moore is a retired priest from the Diocese of Wyoming who now serves at Church of the Ascension, Twin Falls as interim rector. Most recently he served as a ministry developer in Wyoming for five congregations, focusing on leadership training and team building. He says that he and his wife, Joanne, were "raised by four boys", who have been joined by 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He will be commuting from Twin Falls to Sundance, Wyoming where the Rev. Joanne Moore now serves as the local priest of Good Shepherd Church.

"Interim ministry," Moore says, "provides me with the opportunity to share the life of our Lord in new and transitional settings. Ascension is the place where this shared experience of Christ is happening!"

The Rev. Susan Speir is the rector of St. Luke's, Idaho Falls. She and her husband, Larry, came here this fall from Norris, Tennessee, where Speir was rector of St. Francis Church. She is a lifelong Episcopalian, a former art teacher and curriculum writer. She will be formally installed as rector in a *Celebration of New Ministry*, May 31.

The Rev. Joe Marek is the new vicar of Church of the Redeemer, Salmon, and will be resident with his wife, Penny, on May 1. He says that his is a "later in life" ordination. In his "earlier life" he worked in the corporate sector with management positions at Atlantic Richfield, Merrill Lynch and Strategic Properties. He is a U.S. Air Force veteran, a graduate of St. Bonaventure Minor Seminary, and has a degree in law. Marek also served in the Diocese of Tennessee before coming to Idaho, as vicar and resident priest at St. Andrew's and St. Matthew's churches. His wife, Penny, is also an Air Force veteran and a licensed pilot. Her career was in Industrial Development. She is very active in *Daughters of the King*. They have two grown children, Dawn and Wade, and three grandchildren.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Buhl celebrated 100 years of ministry, Sunday, March 29, with a celebration of the Eucharist that was standing room only! 84 people filled the “little church on the corner” that everyone thought only accommodated 50! Bishop Thom presided, assisted by the Revs. Tom Kennedy and Marilyn Butler. The Bishop gave a great sermon, “according to those in attendance!” and the little church resounded with more singing voices than it had heard since 1909 when the Twin Falls choir came to give a concert. After the service a brunch was enjoyed by all, along with introductions and a brief history of the church. Becky Dwyer lead everyone in singing *Happy Birthday* to conclude the festivities.

Holy Trinity will continue the celebration with an open house during Sagebrush Days, the big annual local celebration in July. Plans are even being made to have an entry in the Sagebrush Days parade – probably a horse drawn wagon carrying as many of the parishioners as possible.

March 15, 1909, was the date of the first service held at Holy Trinity. It was Evening Prayer with 18 in attendance and an offering of \$1.65. The second service was to be held July 4, but it was cancelled because of a “very heavy storm”. Subsequent services in July, August, and September of 1909 were Evening Prayer. The first Holy Eucharist was celebrated on October 17, with 12 in attendance. A choir from Twin Falls came over for a musical service in the afternoon. 95 people squeezed into the church for this concert. No services were held in January or February of 1910



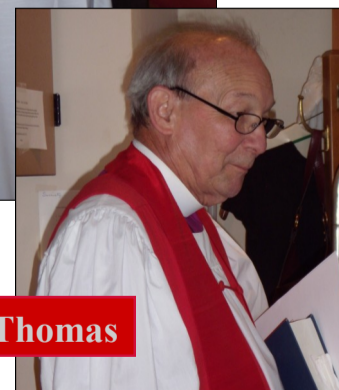
HOLY TRINITY, BUHL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

because there was “no coal to be had”. A scarlet fever epidemic in April of 1910 prevented any church services at all because public gatherings were prohibited. The Rev Alward Chamberlaine from Church of the Ascension in Twin Falls officiated during these first years.

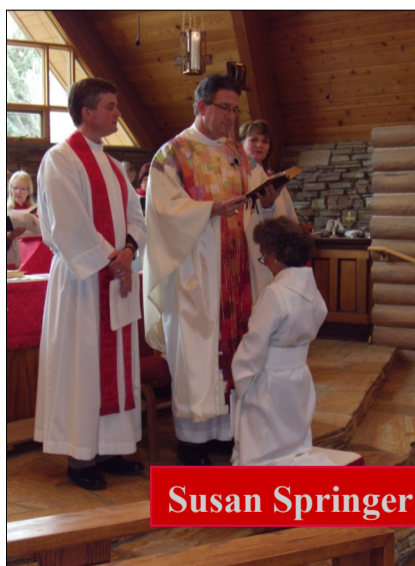
At its beginning, the church was called Trinity Church. Sometime in the 1950’s or 1960’s the name was changed to Holy Trinity, to alleviate confusion with Trinity Church in Gooding and Trinity Memorial, (now St. Matthew’s) in Rupert.

During the decades following, a variety of clergy and laypeople, mostly from the Twin Falls church, came to Buhl to hold services. In 1973 the Rev Art Latta was called to serve the Buhl and Jerome churches, ending the congregation’s dependence on Twin Falls. He served until 1978. The Rev. Marilyn Butler now serves the congregation as their local priest.

The current parish hall was dedicated on November 25, 1962. In the fall of 1975 the church was remodeled and refurbished. Some current parishioners can remember spending many hours sanding, staining, and varnishing the pews and wainscoting.



Susan Springer Ordained at St. Thomas



Susan Woodward Springer was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday, March 21, at St. Thomas Church, Sun Valley. The Rt. Rev. Brian Thom presided assisted by the Rev. Ken Brannon, rector, and the Rt. Rev. Harry Bainbridge preached. A highlight of the service was the presentation of gifts by friends and ministers from the congregation. Before attending seminary at Sewanee, Tennessee, Springer served St. Thomas as parish administrator.

