

The APOSTLE

Summer 2015

Transition

“Life is what happens when you’re busy making other plans,” as John Lennon said. Or, as the prophet Jeremiah said, “Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce.” You might remember the passage from scripture – the Hebrew people were in exile in Babylon, and Jeremiah tells them to make a life for themselves where they are right now (Jer 29:5).

By now many of you will have heard that I’ve accepted a call to serve as rector of St. Augustine of Canterbury in Omaha, Nebraska. St. Thomas was never a place of exile, nor am I going to another place of exile in my new call. In fact, I think of both as wonderful places. Rather, I think both John and Jeremiah are tuned in to the fact that whatever transitions may come, the present moment is something to tend and cherish.

One of the odd things about my perspective right now is that I can see two things – two “present moments.” While “Omaha” is just a word to some number of us, I’ve seen and met the people who are building houses and tending gardens there. I’ve started sharing some stories of mine with them, and hearing some of theirs. One of the powerful things about the Episcopal Church is that we are one church praying together in many places. They follow Christ; we follow Christ – and the same Christ calls us to discipleship, teaches us to love God and love neighbor, offers us the gifts of faith and salvation, and invites us to change the world. I remember feeling that same way when visiting Haiti on a mission trip a while ago – the same God is in relationship with us in these very different places.



I’m in a moment of changing my roots, but for those of us who aren’t, there’s a lesson as well. We build houses and plant gardens in the moment we’re in, but the houses and gardens are never just for us. There will be others coming who will

need a house where they can stay and where they can worship God. Some are coming who haven’t felt the secure walls of a caring spiritual home around them for some time. Others are coming who will be ready to move right in, turn around, and start welcoming others at the door.

Someone will be coming who is hungry for the things we plant here. They need to feast on opportunities to reach out to neighbors, or programs for their children, or groups where they can study and share their faith. Others are coming who have been builders of houses and planters of gardens in their lands, and they can help to build and plant here, and make this house greater, this garden, more abundant.

And it’s always worth remembering that the houses we build, the gardens we plant, and the people we have the good fortune to share them with, are all built up by the love of God, who celebrates those things we build in the seasons of our lives.

Father Ben

On taking a sabbatical....

“Sabbath” in the strictest sense is literally “to rest or cease.” In the Hebrew scriptures, the sabbath becomes a weekly observance primarily devoted to worshiping God and resting from the labors of life. In modern times some professions have expanded the idea of sabbath into the sabbatical. Often in the “thinking” professions such as academia and clerical (and sometimes in other professions as well), people are granted an extended leave from their regular duties for the purpose of resting from and reflecting on that work as well as devoting the time to other life-giving tasks.

In the Episcopal church, clergy are encouraged (and sometimes required) to take sabbatical time every five to seven years. It is considered one of the best practices of the church. This summer I will have been ordained for 18 years and this the beginning of my 10th year as Rector of St. Thomas. This is my first sabbatical in that time.

Over the last six months several colleagues have shared with me their work during their time on sabbatical. Part of the purpose is to rest but another is to do some life-giving work around areas of passion and interest. I wanted to outline some of the work I plan to do during my time away from July 25th to September 19th.

Study: There is a new field of study around positive psychology and shame research. Part of my work during this time will be reading much of Dr. Brene Brown’s work in this area. I plan to create several 4-8 week courses around this work connecting the spiritual life in this area. Another aspect of study is to visit other churches during this time. I’ve identified five congregations that I will visit “in cognito” to experience their welcome and greeter ministry. I will also be interviewing a number of Rectors who are leading churches in similar situations to St. Thomas.

Passion: During the time of rest, I am also going to spend some time returning to a love I have—music. Many of you may not know that I was a voice and music composition major in college before switching to psychology. I plan to take some time to begin learning an instrument, or I may even attempt to write some music again. This is a part of my life that I haven’t had time to pursue, but is something that I really love and is where my prayer life really connects.

Rest and recharge: I plan to get back into a regular rhythm of going to the gym. This is something I’ve missed the last few years as my body was recovering from surgery and a car accident. As a part of this, I also plan to take several short weekend trips with my family (something we don’t usually get to do).

Writing Project: One thing I have a passion for is engaging leadership education. I read books weekly on this topic and often it is hard to find good gems for leading mid-sized organizations. I’m beginning to think about a book around this topic with spiritual underpinnings.

Finally, it will be hard to be away from this community for a long period. I trust the staff and lay leadership to carry on for the short amount of time I’ll be away—but I want you to know that I take my ministry very seriously and really love the work at St. Thomas. I’m hoping when I return to have some new ideas, new classes, and to be rested and ready for the next several years.

Thank you to the vestry for making this possible and encouraging me to make this happen. I’m looking forward to how God can help me use this time for further ministry.



Blessings,
GRL

Summer—a time for personal growth

Youth activities encourage enrichment

Summers in Kansas always promise so many things: many thunderstorms, fun outdoor activities with family and friends, good baseball (well, recently anyway), and, of course, heat. Summers in the life of the church are the time when we are in the midst of the long season after Pentecost.

During this time, we hear many stories of the parables and teachings of Jesus. It is this season when the vestment and liturgical color is green. Green tells us that this season is an invitation to grow in our faith and to strengthen our relationship with God, and we are invited to learn about how we can live, move, and have our being as Christians in our day-to-day context.

The St. Thomas youth will find an opportunity for this growth in our many summer camps and ministries, whether it is a chance for fellowship and growth at Mega Camp at Camp Wood (an event over 20 St. Thomas youth and adults will attend) or through our Harry Potter VBS.

Moreover, this growth could happen when the youth celebrate and learn about their gifts at Arts Camp or through their service to our local community with ROTC.

In witnessing the faith formation of our youth this summer, may we all come to see an invitation to explore how we, too, might grow in our faith. We might find our faith renewed and an opportunity for growth in a new prayer practice we discover. Perhaps a time for growth in our faith might come through a new understanding of the parables and Gospel lessons we hear on Sundays.

Maybe this growth will be found in serving a neighbor in need or worshiping and coming together in fellowship with friends or sharing gifts with the world. Or, perhaps it will come in an entirely different way.

May we all take time to tend to the garden of our faith lives this summer, seeking to draw nearer to the God who loves us and knows us by name.

To register for any programs mentioned, or for more information, visit

www.stthomasop.org or call Father Steven at 451-0152.

King's Corner

*The Reverend
Steven King,
Assistant
Rector*



Stewardship

How much, Lord?

How Often?

“How much should I give, Lord?”

I don't know if you ever ask yourself that question, but I find myself asking it every time the annual pledge drive comes up in the fall. . . or whenever St. Thomas has a Capital Campaign. Maybe you ask yourself those same questions and find the answer just as difficult as I do.

I believe that everything we have is a result of the gifts God has bestowed on us: Creation. Intellect. Skill. Being. But if I give it all back to him like the very early Christians did in Acts chapter 4, who is going to take care of my family? I know the church might like to, but it isn't going to happen.

The **tithe** is a great standard—if you are in a position to pay your mortgage, save for your kids college, save for your own retirement, have money set aside for emergencies, pay your insurance and utilities. It was a great feeling when I was finally able to give that much to God's work. But it took years for me to get there.

So how much should I give? How much should you give?

I think *Charles Wesley* had the right answer: **All you possibly can.** If you pray, and budget, the answer becomes clearer. God will help you figure it out.

Wesley also knew the answer to the “How often?” **As long as you possibly can.**

One other thing can help you on your journey. Pledge. Fill out a pledge card. It really has nothing to do with St. Thomas. You may already be giving all you can. But if you fill out a pledge card, you are making a commitment about giving thanks for what God has given you.

It helped me when I read that the ancient Israelites gave the **FIRST** part of their harvest to God.

So years ago, I began writing my first check each month to the church, and it felt good. It was what I could afford and it was intentional. I believe that check is truly a form of prayerful thanks to God.

—John McNown

ROTC (Reaching Out to The Community)

is our annual youth outreach week when we go to a service organization in the mornings to do outreach work and spend our afternoons having fun at the pool, a movie, or doing some other activity.

ROTC for students in grades 3rd-5th is July 6th-10th and will be July 20th-24th for students in grades 6th-8th. The cost is \$140/student.

Father Gar's Sabbatical

Father Gar is finally planning a long overdue sabbatical beginning July 25th. It was in his contract to do a few years ago, but the time never seemed right with Capital Campaigns and a new building.

He never thought the time was appropriate, but as a Vestry, we believe now the time is right and want him to take this time.

To be sure, there is a lot of great things going on at St. Thomas and things are busy, but we believe this sabbatical is something that will be beneficial to Father Gar and our congregation. In his absence, we are preparing for business as usual with services, programs, and pastoral care.

Many may not be familiar with a sabbatical, as it is not a part of most of our jobs. However, most of us do not have a job where we work weekends and most major holidays. Additionally, the position of Rector is generally on call for pastoral care, funerals, etc. and is routinely interrupted.

Through the many experiences of watching churches and rectors grow together, our Diocese believes taking a sabbatical is a best practice. I spoke with Bishop Wolfe who stated the best Sabbatical is the one that is taken.

The roughly eight weeks will give Gar time to recharge his batteries, study and concentrate on his own spirituality.

He has plans to attend a few conferences focusing on congregational development and leadership, work to improve his physical and emotional health, develop a prayer resource and spend some time expanding his creativity through music. Hopefully, he can manage to relax and have some fun with his family.

As a congregation, we've benefited from his tireless efforts to lead us through strong growth. After his sabbatical, we stand to benefit from fresh thoughts and ideas for us to take the next steps at St. Thomas.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

—Don McArthur, Senior Warden

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Warden's Writings

Don
McArthur,
Senior
Warden



The Good Neighbor

A modern telling of a classic story by parishioner and new confirmand **Steve Connelly**.

A political know-it-all asked the Teacher “How do I get the into heaven?” The Teacher replied, “Love God and Love your neighbor.” The know-it-all didn't really like people different from himself so he sought clarification. “So, in this globalized world, who exactly is my neighbor?”

The Teacher told a story:

A man was walking through the plaza in Kansas City one evening when suddenly he was attacked. He was beaten badly by a group of men who robbed him, stole his cell phone, shoes and jacket and left him for dead. He was leaning against a wall behind a dumpster, almost unconscious and bleeding. He could be seen, but also could be overlooked.

As he was laying there, a local pastor was out with his family, heading to dinner. Seeing the man, he feared for his family's safety, crossed the street to the other side, and shielded his wife and children's eyes as they headed to dinner.

Again a successful businessman was walking by and saw the man suffering but kept right on moving; this wasn't his problem. He considered a call to the police, but got distracted.

Then a retired, baby-boomer couple, on their way to a movie passed the man and found themselves afraid of him, and quickly crossed the street. “What if he attacks us? It's just not smart to get involved, you never know these days.”

As the man lay there, giving up hope, he saw a young Middle Eastern man with a long beard coming up to him and then he passed out. The young man was a Palestinian immigrant. He took water and cleaned his wounds and bandaged them the best he could then he physically picked the man up and put him in his own vehicle. Then the young man found a local hospital and took the man inside.

He explained that he did not know the man but gave them his credit card information to ensure the injured man was well cared for since he had a prior commitment to attend to that night. He said he'd be back to check on the stranger in a few days.

Tell me this, who was the beaten man's neighbor?

The one who showed mercy to him.



My modern take. Originally, The Good Samaritan parable Luke 10:25-37

Small Groups Ministry

Explorers learn a “Middle Eastern View” of Jesus, eat German, and head down to the farm

Dr. Kenneth Bailey’s “The Historical Jesus, A Middle Eastern View” has provided the St. Thomas Explorer’s plenty to contemplate about how the Gospels came into being. In this series Dr. Bailey makes a great case for the reliability of the special method of oral tradition that preserved the Gospel stories until they were written down.

At their meetings on the second and fourth Friday of each month in Parish Hall 3, the Explorers watched Dr. Bailey’s DVD presentation, then had some lively conversation about what he had to say.

Most of us thought of oral tradition as a form of the old school game “Gossip,” but after listening to Dr. Bailey tell about his experiences during his forty years of studying and teaching in Lebanon and Israel, we came away an appreciation for the accuracy of things passed down in a formal oral way as it is done in the small villages of the Middle East.

In April, the Explorers headed to Independence and enjoyed a great lunch of authentic German food at the Rhineland Restaurant before we toured the Truman Presidential Library. The Library’s special exhibit on Truman’s first year in office reminded us all of the momentous decisions HST had to make as soon as he was sworn in.

Then in May, the Explorers turned south and took in the Miami County Farms Days. Want to milk a goat? The Explorers know how. Want to shear an alpaca? Just ask. Want to dig iris, or taste wine? It’s all in a day’s work in Miami County.



Explorers enjoy the sauerbraten and wieners. Clockwise from front: Sue Strom, Ron & Margaret Walkenshaw, Dola McNown, Tom & Sara Meyers, Joe Bob & Nyakio Lake, Bill & Kathy Werner, Tracy & Steve Glasscock, & Leila Potts. Photo/ Herr Johann McNown

Thom’s Helpers Ministry



St. Thomas’ Thom’s Helpers are surprised in the kitchen by the crew of Fox 4’s “Pay It Forward”. Morgan Diaz shows her excitement as Michael Findling is being interviewed with Sawyer Stern, Donna Fye and Sue Elliott looking on. Photo & story/ John McNown

BUSY SPRING FOR THOM’S HELPERS

Spring has proven to be full of rewarding surprises and surprising rewards for St. Thomas’ **Thom’s Helpers**. This outreach ministry of St. Thomas is always finding new ways for its special needs young adults to help the parish and grow their social skills and abilities.

In late April, the Fox 4 “Pay it Forward” program crew set-up in the St. Thomas kitchen and surprised **Morgan Diaz, Michael Findling and Sawyer Stern** as they were coming in to start work. When the big camera lights came on, the young people really lit up. The \$300 prize was just part of the icing on the cake we all shared following the interview.

Even though **Sam Charpentier**, the fourth Thom’s Helper, wasn’t able to be in on the surprise, he is sharing in the reward.

A special thanks to **Donna Fye** who nominated Thom’s Helpers for the weekly “Pay It Forward” award. It is a day Morgan, Michael and Sawyer will always remember.

Of course when they are not on TV, Thom’s Helpers are making “Morgan’s Salsa,” shredding, cleaning, recycling, setting up the parish hall for meetings and events, baking cookies for Sunday coffee hour and a myriad of other things that need to be done.

In May they added wedding reception hosts to their list of accomplishments. Without being asked, Thom’s Helpers helped a young Marine private and his bride by making Parish Hall 1 into a beautiful space for the very small gathering after a Wednesday morning ceremony.

So order your salsa, bring your shredding, ask for a Thom’s wedding special! Thom’s Helpers are always ready to help.

Arts Camp 2015:

"Taste and See" held July 13-17

In the Old Testament the Psalmist says, "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man that trusts in him." Psalm 34:8.

The little verse has been set to music many, many times, and they will sing a variety of settings and compare styles. In addition, they will compose music to create their own settings of the verse. Our own **Barbara McCall** will lead the children in song. **Andrew Ouellette** and **Steve Lambert** will assist with rhythms and composition.

As in previous years, St. Thomas' own art instructor, **Jenne Weill** will provide excellent skill in shepherding the kids through a variety of visual art experiences. **Margaret Walkenshaw** is providing her assistance with the arts program in the Assembly Room.

By popular request, the camp is going to branch into the culinary arts. Clearly, the passage suggests that we should include culinary arts in our camp, and the kids have already voiced their enthusiasm for this offering. We will try foods that date to ancient Biblical days. We will dramatize the way that they enjoyed their meals.

Did you know that the Bible tells us that John the Baptist sustained himself in the wilderness by eating locusts and honey? For several years teachers argued about whether the text meant "locust," the insect, or "locust," the tree. Scholars now agree the text meant the bug. In fact, modern science suggests that the protein source of the future may well be locusts and other insects. To be sure, we will offer many types of Biblical food, and the kids will get a chance to help prepare and eat the food. Since this is Arts Camp, the adage, "It's all in the presentation" will be especially true.

Did you know that the Hebrews ate from a reclining position at tables that were set in a pattern called a triclinium? Hebrews ate with their hands, cleaning their fingers in small bowls of water. Manners? This social nicety developed much later. Do you remember hearing this little verse? "*Mable, Mable strong and able, Take your elbows off the table. I've told you once, I've told you twice. I shouldn't have to tell you thrice!*" It taught table manners and was the social norm.



and dance into the current age. We will sing and dance with Bobby Watson's *Gates Barbecue Suite*. We will taste and see how good the barbecue and other contemporary culinary fare really is. We will use the "May I Help You?" as a way of articulating the importance of kindness as we "Taste and See" the goodness of the Lord.

The camp runs from 9 am to 3 pm,
Monday through Friday.

The cost is \$150, and the kids need to bring
a sack lunch every day.

Hope to see you there! Bring a friend.



Nevertheless, we will all have a chance to lie down for a meal at the triclinium. The children (with parents' permission) will be given the opportunity to try ancient foods dating from Biblical times, even locusts or chocolate covered grasshoppers. We will spend time discussing modern mealtimes: eating on the run, interruptions from cell phones, fitting meals into the hectic schedule of the modern family, and the fast food vs. fresh food conundrum.

As in the previous camps, the kids will be invited to participate in drama, song, dance, and outdoor games. The week will culminate with an afternoon of sharing song, dance, drama, art, and food.

Of course we will bring our topics of food, drama



Youth and Children ministries

Vacation Bible School 2015 St. Thomas School of Bible and Wizardry

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone—many of us have read this book and others in the wildly popular reading series by J.K. Rowling and/or seen the movie/movies. It is a tale of a hero's journey; a boy's adventure of self-discovery and ultimate triumph of good over evil. While the books have had their share of controversy, many fans often found God and Christian themes woven among the pages, connecting Harry's story to biblical truths.

Our VBS students will join Harry and other characters from **Hogwarts School** as they join us at St. Thomas School of Bible and Wizardry for an awesome week of learning and discerning. Our building will be transformed into a grand and dramatic school, and our week will be full of games (**Quidditch!**), crafts, Bible stories, music, yummy and mysterious treats, and more.

Diagon Alley—the shopping district Harry and fellow students frequented in the nearby town of **Hogsmeade**—will have some vendors on hand for an indulgent shopping spree. All kids in preschool through 5th grade are welcome to attend, and all youth and adults are welcome to sign up as teachers, leaders, and helpers. Nursery will be provided for infants and toddlers of our staff members.

Our weekly themes will be based on the baptismal covenant; in a nutshell, who does God call us to be? Can we love our neighbors as ourselves? What are our gifts and talents and how can we use them as members of the Body of Christ? We'll explore our own faith, respecting differences in others, resisting temptations and evil—all things Harry experienced and discovered in himself.

VBS 2015—ST. THOMAS SCHOOL OF BIBLE AND WIZARDRY
SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST – THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH
6:00 – 8:30 PM—SUPPER INCLUDED
AGES: PRESCHOOL THROUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Nursery provided for volunteers
Cost: \$35 per student; \$100 max per family

The VBS team is rolling full steam ahead in preparation for an amazing week, but we still need adult and youth volunteers for behind the scenes, in the kitchen, and during VBS evenings. Please let me know if you are interested. More information can be found at St. Thomas on Sunday mornings, in **Tower Talk**, and on the website.

Don't forget our Sunday morning summer offerings for kids!

Church school—each week at 9:45 in June and July (preschool and elementary)

Children's Church—during both services on Sundays (preschool-3rd grade)

Have a fantastic summer and we hope you can join us. Friends are always welcome! Register now online (www.stthomasop.org) or fill out a paper form at church and drop it off in the office. Adults and youth who want to help can call me at 481-6749 or email me at aclements@stthomasop.org.

*Ann
Clements,
Director
of
Childrens'
Ministries*



Parents' Day Out

Michelle Beeler, Director



We have had a wonderful year full of laughter and smiles. It is hard to believe summer is here.

We are preparing for the 2015-2016 school year and enrollment is under way.

Space is currently available in the 12 month to 2 ½ year old room. The 2 ½ to under 4 year old class is full and a wait list has begun. A registration form and fee are required to enroll. This information is available at www.stthomasop.org under the childrens tab, as well as in the file cabinet across from the nursery.

Children 12 months and walking to under 4 years old by September 1st are eligible to attend one, two or three days a week. Our hours of operation are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The daily schedule consists of activities including craft, story time, outdoor play, music, and movement.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Beeler at mbeeler@stthomasop.org or 626-1492.

Nursery News

Kelly Lillis, Director

What an amazing school year we've had! We've worked hard in Sunday School learning the Lord's Prayer and learning to be grateful for all of the wonderful people and things God has given us. We're also trying to sing each week with the other kids at Children's Church during the service times, which has been great fun. They've loved singing the songs and learning about our faith.

Grace Lillis and **Sammy McCormick** will be back this summer and will be working at VBS and on Sunday mornings. Both are thrilled to be back at St. Thomas, even if they're missing their friends at college.

We're also looking forward to a great summer. **Michelle Beeler** will work this summer with the 3- and 4-year olds in VBS to make Hogwarts come alive for the little ones. She'll be doing crafts, preparing yummy snacks, and learning about Jesus through music and play.

Mark your calendars for the evenings of June 21st-25th from 6:00 to 8:30. **Ann Clements** and Michelle have big plans for the little ones.

We are honored to be able to continue to serve St. Thomas by working with the littlest parish members.

Love and blessings to all of you.

Kelly, Ashley, Katie, Grace, and Sammy

Aren't these the cutest kids? They are all enrolled in our Parents' Day Out program that is successfully run by director Michelle Beeler.

Photo/Michelle Beeler



*Memorial Day is a perfect time to remind you of our
Apostle Garden Brick program.*

*Take a moment and read the info below.
Use this form or pick one up at church.*

Apostle's Garden BRICK information

We are offering you the opportunity to personalize our 5" X 8" brick pavers "In thanksgiving for," "In memory of," or "In honor of," (or other appropriate wording) to honor some special person(s) or event in your life.

Each brick will hold 3 lines of 15 characters each (these characters include spaces and punctuation marks). More forms are available in the narthex on the shelves.

The **cost per brick** is **\$40**, payable to *St. Thomas Church*. On the memo line, please write "Apostle Garden brick."

Paver #1

Paver #2

Your name _____

Your phone number _____

Your email address _____

This form may be put into the designated **Thom's Green Thumb's** mailbox in the office, or you may also place the form with your check attached in the Offertory plate. The entire engraving process takes about 3-4 weeks to complete.

Any questions? Call **Marge Dellinger** at 492-3305.

Parish Notes

BAPTISMS

We welcomed into the household of God, **Margaret Elizabeth Sullivan**, daughter of *Matt & Allison Sullivan*, and granddaughter of *Richard & Suzie Bowden* on April 4th; and

Hunter Christopher Hudson, son of *Chris & Katie Hudson*, on April 25th.

DEATHS

The sympathy of the St. Thomas family is extended to the following:

Ron Weil
on the passing of his mother
Lorraine Weil;

and to *Father Steven King*
on the death of his uncle,
Michael Moeller.

Congratulations to our 2015 Confirmands:

Adults

- Stacy Adams
- Jan Dittmore
- George Fairhurst
- Emily Connelly
- Steven Connelly
- Taryn Layne-Mulhern
- Emily McKinzie
- Sonya Muller
- Kristie Weichel
- Shannon Weichel, Received

Youth

- Riley Demo
- Emma Gordon
- Griffin Hardeman
- Joey Hillenbrand
- Madison Hillenbrand
- Sofia Muller
- Christian Parker
- Anthony Yakre



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Our Services
Saturdays

5:30 Holy Communion

Sundays

8:45 Holy Communion
with praise music & band

9:45 *Sunday School/Adult
 Christian Formation*

10:45 Holy Communion
with traditional music

Return Service Requested

**Deadline for the next issue of
 the APOSTLE is
 August 2, 2015**

**Two all-parish
 events for this
 summer!**

June 20th: Royals game

KC vs. Boston Red Sox

and

July 25th: Starlight

Mary Poppins

Check with the office for
 details on joining the fun!

Your SUMMER Calendar

MAY:

31 to June 5: Diocesan MEGA Youth Camp

JUNE:

11: EFM graduation

20: STA to Royals game

21-25: **VBS** -- **St. Thomas School of Bible and Wizardry**

25 to July 2: General Convention will be held in Salt Lake City.

28 to July 4: Youth Mission trip

JULY:

6-10: ROTC for younger youth—9 to 5 daily.

13-17: ARTS CAMP-- "Taste and See," 9 to 3 daily.

20-24: ROTC for older youth—9 to 5 daily.

25: **STA to Starlight**

Father Gar's sabbatical begins.

AUGUST:

2: Apostle deadline for Fall/Back to school issue.