

# Omaha Nebraska Stake

# NEWSLETTER

October 2025



I love the Savior, and my love  
for Him is my “why.”

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# OCTOBER

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

- GENERAL CONFERENCE, 11AM, 3PM, 7PM (BROADCAST ON CHURCHOFJESUSCHRIST.ORG)

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

- GENERAL CONFERENCE, 11 AM AND 3 PM (BROADCAST ON CHURCHOFJESUSCHRIST.ORG)

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

- MULTI-STAKE YOUTH FESTIVAL AND DANCE, SEE PAGE 15

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

- FAST SUNDAY
- MISSION PREP, 4 PM, STAKE CENTER
- WHY I BELIEVE FIRESIDE, TRAIL CENTER, 7 PM

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

- MISSION PREP, 4PM, STAKE CENTER

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

- MISSION PREP, 4PM, STAKE CENTER
- WORLDWIDE EVENT FOR YOUTH WITH PRESIDENT JEFFREY R. HOLLAND, SEE PAGE 15

# LOOKING AHEAD

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- DAY OF THE DEAD STAKE ACTIVITY, SEE PAGE 5
- GIVING MACHINES WILL BE IN OMAHA NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> TO DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AT WESTROADS MALL
- YOUTH CONFERENCE NEXT SUMMER WILL BE JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup>

## The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

## Omaha Nebraska Stake

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Omaha Nebraska Stake Conference will be held on September 27th and 28th, 2025. Elder Corbin E. Coombs of the Seventy will preside at all sessions of the conference.

The following sessions will be held at the Omaha Stake Center:

**Special Ward & Stake Leadership Meeting from 3:00 – 4:30 pm on Saturday, September 27th.**

- Those invited to attend are:
  - High Council
  - Bishoprics
  - Stake and ward clerks and executive secretaries
  - Elders quorum presidencies and secretaries
  - Relief society presidencies and secretaries
  - Young Women presidencies and secretaries
  - Sunday School presidencies and secretaries
  - Stake and ward primary presidencies and secretaries

**Saturday Evening Session from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.**

- All individuals eighteen years of age and older are invited to attend this session.

**General Session from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm on Sunday, September 28th.**

- All members are invited to attend. In addition to being held in person at the stake center, this session will also be broadcast to the Columbus and Blair buildings.

We anticipate that this will be a spiritually powerful and uplifting conference, and we encourage all members of the Omaha Nebraska Stake to participate. We likewise encourage members to invite friends and neighbors to participate in the Saturday Evening and Sunday General sessions. The General Handbook provides the following guidelines for all Church meetings:

“Church members should strive to attend meetings in person. There is a benefit in gathering that enhances worship and helps unify members. When this is not possible due to health or other reasons, streaming and holding virtual meetings make it possible to include those who are not able to attend.” (Chapter 29.7)

For those whose circumstances will not allow attendance in person, a Zoom link will be made available through ward Relief Society and Elders Quorum presidents. Please arrange your schedules to participate with us as together we seek the guidance and direction of the Holy Ghost.

Sincerely yours,

Paul D. McAllister, Barry W. Webber, Danny C. Leavitt

The Stake Presidency

**The following assignments have been given to each ward to assist with stake conference:**

Blair – Ushering (Saturday Evening Session). Need 8 at 5:15p p.m.

Winter Quarters YSA – Sunday Morning Parking. Need at least 8 by 9a. Can use Beth El Synagogue for overflow.

Fremont – Ushering (Sunday AM General Session)

Old Mill – Set up chairs at Stake Center - including bringing chairs from Maple Street building.

Bennington – Clean Stake Center after general session (10 individuals)

Eagle Run – Clean Stake Center after Saturday evening session (10 individuals)

Elkhorn – Take down chairs at Stake Center following stake conference

Pacific Ridges – Take down chairs **AND** return chairs to Maple Street building Sunday

NOW EXTENDED UNTIL OCT. 12TH!

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HOUSEHOLD

# SUPPLIES DRIVE

FOR &gt;&gt;&gt;

**CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES**  
of Omaha

## • Items Needed •

paper towels  
plastic silverware  
styrofoam cups  
styrofoam bowls  
lotion  
dishwasher pods  
deodorant  
kleenex  
towels  
wash cloths  
tide pods



Place items in the boxes located in the coat rooms of the church buildings during the month of September.





THE OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE PRESENTS


# DAY OF THE DEAD

A FAMILY HISTORY FAIR FOR  
FRIENDS & FAMILIES



SATURDAY  
NOV 1ST  
10AM - 12:30PM  
STAKE CENTER

COME CELEBRATE YOUR ANCESTORS WITH A MORNING OF ACTIVITIES, STORIES, PHOTOS, FOOD, AND MORE!  
BREAKOUT ROOMS INCLUDE LEARNING ABOUT THE NEW STORED LDS ACCOUNT, INTRODUCTION TO  
PALEOGRAPHY, REVERSE INDEXING, AI & FAMILY HISTORY, EASY WAYS TO START YOUR OWN HISTORY,  
JOURNALING, CREATING A TIME CAPSULE, & MORE! CLASSES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS,  
AS WELL AS ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN.



RSVP TODAY BY SCANNING THE QR CODE OR BY CLICKING [HERE](#).







## AN INVITATION TO VIEW AND CONTRIBUTE TO WARD AND STAKE HISTORIES

Ward and Stake Histories capture the important events and experiences in our congregations. These histories are stories of faith that help us remember the goodness of God, see the Restored Gospel in action, and strengthen our testimony of Jesus Christ. To read a Ward or Stake History, go to the website [unithistory.churchofjesuschrist.org](http://unithistory.churchofjesuschrist.org). Members sign in with their Church account information. They will be taken to the homepage of their ward history. There is a drop-down menu to select the Omaha stake history homepage for stories about stake events.

If anyone (parent, youth, young single adult, single adult) would like to share their experience attending a devotional with Elder Elder Gong or a General Authority, please email Rachel Bonar at [rachelbonar86@gmail.com](mailto:rachelbonar86@gmail.com). Members can write a short and simple paragraph of what they remember was taught and how their faith was strengthened. What stood out to them during these meetings? All these stories will be collected, edited, and then published on the stake history page for members to read and enjoy. Members can request their submission to be published anonymously.

Rachel Bonar  
Stake History Specialist





Omaha Stake Members serve a full day at Walt Hill and Macy Indian Reservation September 2, 2025. We plan to make this an annual event each September. BUT, Catholic Charities would love volunteers each 1st Tuesday of the month. Volunteer here:

[Mobile Food Pantry on Omaha Tribe Lands - JustServe](#)

## SERVICE FOR FAMILIES



[Trees for Tomorrow Tree Planting Event - JustServe](#)

In our backyard: Oct 18th meet at Aldridge Elementary for training and trees!



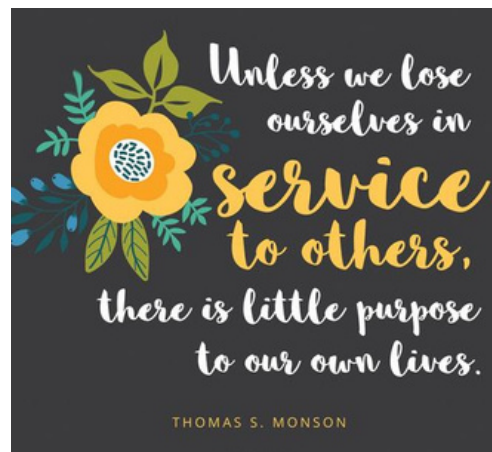
[Parking Lot Painting -](#)

Only on Oct 25th, 9:30-11:30 a.m.



[JustServeHost a drive! - JustServe](#)

Food, Food Food!  
Everyone needs food!  
Help stock our empty shelves!



[Hospice Companion Volunteers Wanted! - JustServe](#)

Add some spice to someone's life! Match your family with a patient and choose a location.



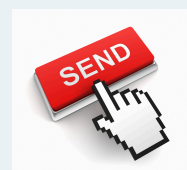
[Food Pantry Volunteer - St. Teresa of Calcutta Cam - JustServe](#)

(Wednesday early out school day, 3-6 pm opportunity)



[Thank You Letters to Military & First Responder Heroes - JustServe](#)

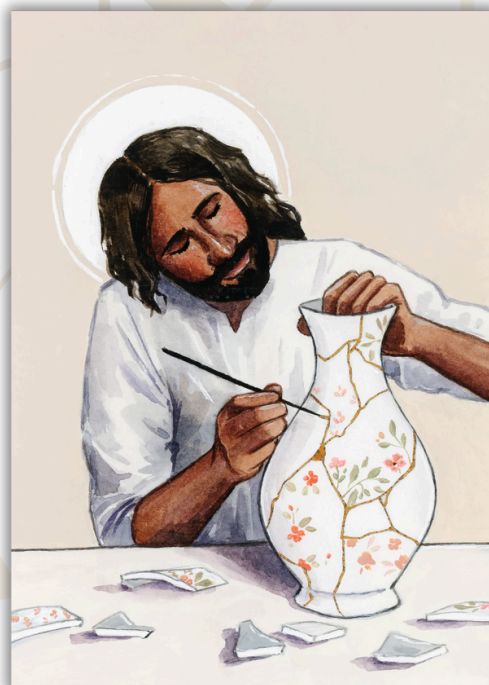
(This is a remote project that can touch a heart!)



If you serve, send Drydens a pic of your service. We'd love to share your service with the stake.

**Catch the Service Bug!**

# Addiction Recovery Program



"HE HEALS WHAT IS BROKEN" BY PAIGE PAYNE

The Omaha Nebraska Stake offers an addiction recovery program for anyone struggling with addiction. Friends and family members of those struggling with addiction are also invited to attend. Attendees can meet in person or join virtually through Zoom. The Zoom link can be found by visiting the addiction recovery website, [HERE](#).

**Tuesday Evenings**

**7:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Stake Center**

Attendees can enter through the stake doors on the east side of the building.





### **BYU-Pathway Worldwide: Affordable, Spiritually Based Education**

Earn a certificate or degree completely online through BYU-Pathway Worldwide—a flexible, affordable, and spiritually based education. Most bachelor's degrees cost less than \$7,000, can be completed in as little as three years, and every student qualifies for a scholarship. With a certificate-first approach, students can gain valuable job skills early while progressing toward their degree. Enrollment is now open—apply by September 1 or October 27. Visit [Your paragraph text](#) to learn more or start your application. Click [here](#) to hear from previous students.

### **BYU-Pathway Worldwide: Educación Asequible y con Base Espiritual**

Obtén un certificado o título completamente en línea a través de BYU-Pathway Worldwide—una educación flexible, económica y con base espiritual. La mayoría de los títulos de licenciatura cuestan menos de \$7,000 y se pueden completar en tan solo tres años. Con un enfoque que prioriza los certificados, los estudiantes pueden adquirir habilidades laborales valiosas desde el principio mientras avanzan hacia su título. La inscripción ya está abierta: solicita antes del 1 de septiembre o el 27 de octubre. Visita [byupathway.edu](http://byupathway.edu) para obtener más información o comenzar tu solicitud.





## October – Fire Safety & Evacuation Drills

### Why Fire Safety is Critical?

- House fires can spread in minutes. Having a plan saves lives.

### Fire Safety Checklist

- Test smoke alarms every month
- Have two exits from every room
- Keep fire extinguishers in key locations

### Practice Makes Perfect

- Hold a home fire drill so everyone knows what to do.

**Preparedness Tip of the Month:** Teach children how to stop, drop, and roll.

**Family Challenge:** Practice your home fire escape plan.

# FAMILY SEARCH CENTER

Open every Tuesday  
noon-2pm and 7pm-9pm,  
or by special appointment

(402) 252-5131  
Stake Center

Get free help from a FamilySearch  
consultant, or bring a friend!



## NEED A STAKE TEMPLE RECOMMEND RENEWAL INTERVIEW?

*TEXT or CALL our stake assistant executive secretaries!*

Matthew Nielsen

**719-464-8456**

**Schedules for members of  
Bennington, Elkhorn, Fremont, Blair, Columbus**

Tanner Bosworth

**208-221-4650**

**Schedules for members of  
Old Mill, Eagle Run, Winter Quarters YSA, and Pacific Ridges**



# TEMPLE & FAMILY HISTORY MESSAGE



In autumn, the trees' turning of colors draws our attention with varied shades of yellow, orange, and red leaves. The trees have been in our surroundings all summer, and we have enjoyed the beauty and shade they have provided, yet our appreciation is heightened as we watch them more closely. Similarly, as we turn our attention to our family tree, the black and white past becomes filled with the color of stories and memories. As we enter October – designated nationally as Family History Month – I invite you to explore your tree and spend time as a family in family history. If you are looking for ideas, the FamilySearch blog includes 31 Ways to Celebrate. To continue the celebration, please come with your family and enjoy our Stake Activity on the Day of the Dead, Saturday, November 1. We invite you to bring a photo and story of one of your ancestors as we gather to learn about the cultural traditions of the holiday and how we can engage in family history and temple work!

Creighton Omer







## PLEASE WELCOME OUR FRIENDS WHO JOINED THE CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER

**Kevin** - Eagle Run Ward

**Bruno** - Bennington Ward

**Jose** - Winter Quarters

YSA Ward

**Angel** - Winter Quarters

YSA Ward

**Rafael** - Winter Quarters

YSA Ward

## THANK YOU, MISSIONARIES, FOR SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITY!



# ONS CALLED TO SERVE

**Behold, I am a disciple of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I have been called of Him to declare His word among His people, that they might have everlasting life.**  
**3 Nephi 5:13**

## RECENTLY CALLED!

- Emma Perks (Elkhorn) Brazil Belo Horizonte Mission (Portuguese) 12 Jan 26
- Emma Lilly (Pac Ridges) Michigan Lansing Mission (English) 24 Nov 25

## FULL-TIME MISSIONARIES CURRENTLY SERVING

- Olivia Pincock (Pac Ridges) Ohio Cincinnati
- Elder Franzluebbbers (Blair) California Newport
- Elder Roach, (Old Mill) Alpine German Speaking
- Elder Codr (Bennington) California Arcadia
- Elder Whiteley, (Pac Ridges) Ecuador Guayaquil
- Elder Urbano, (Elkhorn) Brazil Sao Paulo Mission
- Elder Dosset, (Fremont) Brazil Santos Mission
- Elder Glasgow (Bennington) (Korea Seoul Mission (Korean)
- Sister McAllister, (Pac Ridges) Utah Saratoga Mission
- Elder Haughwout (Pac Ridges) Anaheim CA
- Elder Dorrius (Pac Ridges) São Paulo Brazil South
- Elder Omer, (Old Mill) Mexico, Torreon
- Elder Bartlett, (Elkhorn) Korea, Seoul
- Sister Call (Pac Ridges) Denver, CO
- Elder Clark (Bennington) Pretoria S Africa
- Elder Jensen (Blair) Portland, Oregon
- Elder Hyde (Columbus) Argentina Buenos Aires
- Elder Sister Card (Columbus) Vanuatu, Port Vila
- Sister Jacobson (Elkhorn) Modesto, CA
- Elder Spencer (Elkhorn) Santa Fe, Argentina
- Elder Hansen (Blair) London England
- Elder Bailey (Elkhorn) Arcadia, CA
- Sister Miller (Elkhorn) Riverside, CA
- Elder Eichman (Old Mill) Alpine German
- Elder Haughwout (Pac Rid) Teresina, Brazil
- Elder Blad (Pac Ridges) Kennewick, WA
- Sister Kennington (Elkhorn) Brazil Campinas
- Elder Alvarado (Old Mill) Spanish Fork, UT
- Elder North (Old Mill) St George, UT
- Elder Wang (Old Mill) Taipei Taiwan
- Sister Hueffner (Pac Rid) Honolulu, HI
- Elder McLeod (WQ) Layton, UT
- Elder Marten (Fremont) Omaha, NE

*Look Unto Christ*



# 2025 YOUTH MULTI-STAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL & DANCE

**Date:** October 11, 2025

**Time:** 6pm-9:30pm



**Where:** Davies Amphitheater @ Glenwood Lake  
Park

207 E. Sharp St. Glenwood, Iowa

**Who:** Youth ages 14-18 years old from Council  
Bluffs, Omaha, Millard, Papillion, Lincoln and Sioux  
City Stakes

*Come & enjoy uplifting music, dancing, delicious food,  
exciting games, and the chance to meet new friends!*

## "LINK YOURSELF TO CHRIST"



JUST AS A CHAIN  
LINKS TO AN  
ANCHOR, HOW CAN  
YOU LINK YOURSELF  
TO CHRIST?  
HOW CAN YOU  
FOLLOW HIM, BE  
CLOSER TO HIM,  
CHOOSE HIM?

HERE ARE SOME  
SUGGESTIONS  
FROM CAMP BY THE  
YOUNG WOMEN OF  
THE OMAHA STAKE:



"WHEREFORE, WHOSO BELIEVETH IN GOD, MAKETH AN ANCHOR TO THE  
SOULS OF MEN, WHICH WOULD MAKE THEM SURE AND STEADFAST,  
ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN GOOD WORKS,  
BEING LED TO GLORIFY GOD."  
ETHER 12:4

**Sunday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 3pm**

SYLC meeting  
Omaha Stake Center  
(every 3rd Sunday)

## SAVE THE DATE Youth Conference 2026

June 3-6

For youth turning 14  
and older

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH**

Worldwide Event with  
President Jeffrey R.  
Holland for youth and  
leaders, will be on a  
ward level.



# 2025 OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE VISION

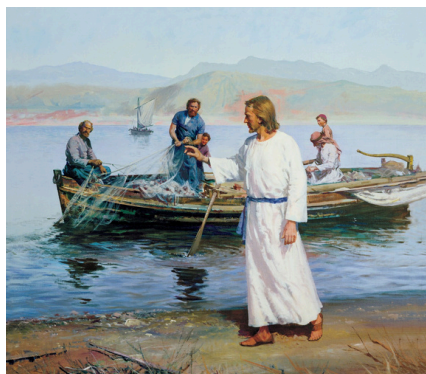
CHOOSE *Him*

JOIN *Him*

REJOICE WITH *Him*

I gave unto them their knowledge...[and] agency. And unto thy brethren have I said, and also given commandment, that they should love one another, and that they should choose me, their father.

Moses 7: 32-33



Choosing to follow Jesus Christ and live as His disciple is not a one-time choice. Every day we choose to let God prevail in our lives as we choose Him over competing choices or distractions.

What choices can you make today that will show increased love towards God, His Son Jesus Christ, and others?

Follow me, and do the things which ye have seen me do.

2 Nephi 31:12



As disciples of Jesus Christ, He encourages us to follow Him and labor with Him in His vineyard. When we do so, we become more like Him, and we help others come unto Him. We can abide in His presence more fully and join Him in God's work of salvation and exaltation.

We invite all stake members to

- Have daily experiences worshipping the Lord and studying His gospel.
- "[Worship] in the temple as regularly as your circumstances permit."
- Commit yourself to 1) pray for your ministering families by name every day and 2) have a ministering interview with your RS or EQ presidency quarterly.

And blessed art thou; for because ye have been diligent in laboring with me in my vineyard... behold ye shall have joy with me.

Jacob 5:75



Our Savior Jesus Christ rejoices in His Father's plan. He rejoices in our repentance, and in our service. He rejoices in our sacrifice and consecration. We can share in that same joy *with* Him.

What can you do that would allow you to feel more powerfully this joy that is available to you?