

OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025



As we diligently seek to have charity and virtue fill our lives, our confidence in approaching God will increase. I invite you to take intentional steps to grow in your confidence before the Lord. Then, as we go to our Heavenly Father with increasing confidence, we will be filled with more joy, and your faith in Jesus Christ will increase. We will begin to experience spiritual power that exceeds our greatest hopes.

President Russell M. Nelson
Confidence in the Presence of God
April 2025

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UTILIZATION OF STAKE CALENDAR UPDATE

Stake leaders have recommitted to utilizing the stake calendar to notify you of upcoming activities and events. You can access the stake calendar through the Gospel Tools app or by logging into your church account online at [ChurchofJesusChrist.org](https://www.ChurchofJesusChrist.org). To sync your ward and stake calendars with your digital calendar, log in to your Church account online (in a web browser), navigate to the calendar, click the settings icon (a gear symbol), and select "Sync." You will then have the option to receive notifications when events are scheduled or changed.

MAY AT A GLANCE

May 2

- Stake Priesthood Commemoration/Father & Sons Campout, see [page 5](#)

May 4

- YW Camp Meeting for YCL and Adult Leadership, 3 pm, @ Stake Center
- Worldwide Devotional for Young Adults in North and South America, 6 pm, View online at [churchofjesuschrist.org](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org)

May 11

- Why I Believe Fireside @ Trail Center, 7 pm

May 28 - 31

- Stake YM Camp at Camp Cedars, see [page 4](#)

**Find the link
to register
today on
[page 4](#)**

SUMMER CAMP DATES

Stake YW Summer Camp 2025

June 3 - 7, 2025

June 3 YCL's only,

June 4 - 7 All YW

Stake YW High Adventure

June 9-14

for current Juniors and Seniors

Youth 12 & 13 Summer Family

History Class

June 24-27, see page 15

FSY DATES

Summer 2025

For Youth turning 14+

1st Session:

Lincoln June 16-21

2nd Session:

Lincoln June 23-28



YW CAMP

Ahoy, Sailors, ahem I mean, Young Women of the Omaha Stake!

"All Hands on Deck" (your hands and hearts) are requested in just over a month! Camp is June 3-7 at Camp Catron in Nebraska City. If you have not registered yet, please do. We can no longer guarantee a t-shirt, but we can guarantee lots of fun. For packing lists and other important information, please visit omahastakekeywcamp.com. You may also contact your ward's camp director or the stake camp directors, Sharon Call and Brittney Foy. We are excited to begin this adventure together. Our Camp scripture is Doctrine and Covenants 123:16-17. Feel free to look it up! See you soon!



MISSION PREP

Sundays

Omaha Stake Center

4 pm



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Youth 12 & 13 Summer Family

History Class

June 24 - 27, see page 14

Stake YM High Adventure

July 15-19th

CAMP

STAKE YM CAMP

When: May 28th-31st

Who: This includes all YM age boys 11-18 (Current high school seniors may attend as well) who would like to participate.

Where: Camp Cedars

Please register the YM who would like to attend as soon as possible. A link for that registration along with more information is below.

https://blueq.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6DNXoVvtnVu_bxdA

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STAKE PRIESTHOOD COMMEMORATION/ FATHER & SONS CAMPOUT



Our Stake Priesthood Commemoration/Fathers and Sons campout is this Friday, beginning at 5 pm. Below is some information about the activity.

Date: Friday, May 2nd from 5 pm to May 3rd at 11 am (although you are welcome to stay until 2 pm)

Where: Two Rivers State Recreation Site, specifically Cottonwood Campground, sites will be posted with "Omaha Stake" signs. Campfire pits will be available for cooking your dinner on Friday evening. At 8 p.m., our stake president, Pres McAllister, will deliver a message. At 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning, the Stake Young Men will begin providing pancakes, sausages, and orange juice for breakfast.

If you don't want to camp overnight, you are welcome to come to cook a campfire dinner and leave without camping. If you would like to camp overnight, bring a tent, sleeping bag, etc. Pets are welcome on a leash. Below is a link to the Two Rivers Website with much more information, such as directions(bottom of the webpage), park amenities (fishing, biking, hiking, etc.), and other questions you may have.

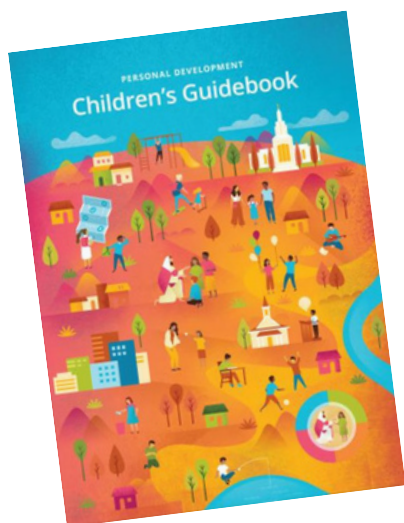
<https://nebraskastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/two-rivers-sra/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NE&parkId=230175>

As a reminder, the stake will pay for the camping fee, but each vehicle will need to pay an entrance fee of \$7/vehicle for Nebraska residents and \$14 for out-of-state vehicles.

If the weather becomes potentially dangerous, we will do our best to let everyone know well before if it is necessary to cancel the activity.

We look forward to seeing you there.

With love,
Stake Young Mens Presidency



SAVE THE DATE



SECOND ANNUAL

OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE PRIMARY

Goal Showcase

For children ages 8-11!

Saturday

September 6, 2025


3:00 – 5:00 PM

**Omaha Stake
Center**




More puzzle pieces coming soon!
Cut out and save this flyer to complete the puzzle.

GIVING SERVICE
LEADS TO A
LONGER LIFE




SERVICE
REDUCES STRESS




GIVING SERVICE MEANS
GIVING BACK


GIVING SERVICE
INCREASES
SELF-ESTEEM




COMMUNITY SERVICE HELPS DEVELOP
INTERPERSONAL
COMMUNICATION SKILLS




VOLUNTEERING DEVELOPS AN
INCREASED SENSE OF
**SOCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY**




PARTICIPATING IN SERVICE ALLOWS FOR
CAREER EXPLORATION



SERVICE PROVIDES
OPPORTUNITIES FOR
**MAKING
CONNECTIONS**



REGULARLY PARTICIPATING
IN SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
**COMBATS
DEPRESSION**



Benefits of Service

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Elkhorn Ward Relief Society sisters serve open door mission.

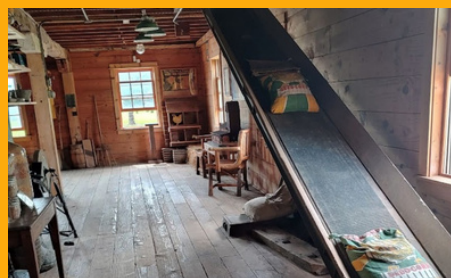
PARKING LOT PAINTING



MAY 3RD

Volunteers will be painting over the existing lines on the parking lot. Click [here](#) for more information.

SPRING CLEAN UP AT THE FLORENCE MILL



MAY 10TH

Lots of work to do! Discover more about this service project by clicking [here](#).

If you have a photo of service, we would love to share it on our Just Serve page. Please send it to our email address: dvdryden@justserve.org. Please include a short caption to go with your picture. OR if there is a great story behind the pic, please share it with us.



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Kansas City, Missouri

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Liked by rebeccamcmorgan and 39 others

efysakc GET EXCITED!! 🥳 We have the dates for the 2025 Kansas City EFYSA. Put it in your calendars now 📅 and watch for more info to come! 🎉 #efysakc #thinkcelestial

January 16



PICKLEBALL

Men and women are
invited to play pickleball
Friday mornings at 10:30
at the stake center. If you
have any questions,
contact Chelsea Clements
at (402) 639-2150.

Represent Black Pioneers in the Parades



We are looking for Black youth, adults, and families to
represent Black pioneers in the *Florence Days Parade* or
Celebrate CB Parade.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to
dress as a pioneer and walk in the parade.



Celebrate CB
SATURDAY MAY 10, 2025
10:30-12:30

Florence Days
SATURDAY MAY 17, 2025
1:00-3:00

Sign up for more information!



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



FULL-TIME MISSIONARIE CURRENTLY SERVING

Elder D. Clark (Bennington) Pretoria S Africa

Elder S. Jensen (Blair) Portland, Oregon

Elder K. Hansen (Blair) London England

Elder T. Hyde (Columbus) Argentina Buenos Aires

Elder & Sister Card (Columbus) Vanuatu, Port Vila

Elder & Sister King (Eagle Run) Columbia, SC

Sister S. Jacobson (Elkhorn) Modesto, CA

Elder J. Spencer (Elkhorn) Santa Fe, Argentina

Elder L. Bailey (Elkhorn) Arcadia, CA

Sister E. Miller (Elkhorn) Riverside, CA

Elder C. Eichman (Old Mill) Alpine German

Elder J. Haughwout (Pac Rid) Teresina, Brazil

Elder M. Blad (Pac Ridges) Kennewick, WA

Sister E. Kennington (Elkhorn) Brazil Campinas

Elder J. North (Old Mill) St George, UT

Elder S. Wang (Old Mill) Taipei Taiwan

Elder B. Davis (Pac Ridges) Denver, CO

Sister J. Hueffner (Pac Rid) Honolulu, HI

Elder K. McLeod (WQ) Layton, UT

Elder M. Marten (Fremont) Omaha, NE

PART-TIME SENIOR SERVICE MISSIONARIES IN THE OMAHA METRO AREA



We currently have 14 members of our stake servicing part time missionary assignments within the Omaha Metro area. These missionaries serve from 4 - 24 hours per week. We are pleased to announce that Dwaine and Norinda Lee from the Pacific Ridges Ward have accepted the assignment to serve as manager of the Omaha Area Bishops Storehouse. There are currently over 80 senior service missionary opportunities within the Omaha area and nearly 100 pathway opportunities that can be fulfilled from your home. If you have at least 4 hours for which you could be available each week, please check out the opportunities currently available by clicking the link below.

Check it out here:

<https://seniormissionary.churchofjesuschrist.org/srsite/cs/search?lang=eng>

OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE MISSIONARY WORK

The Lord is hastening His work of gathering in the Omaha Mission. The following 5 individuals were baptized and confirmed members of the church in the Omaha Stake in March and *we welcome them with open arms and hearts:*

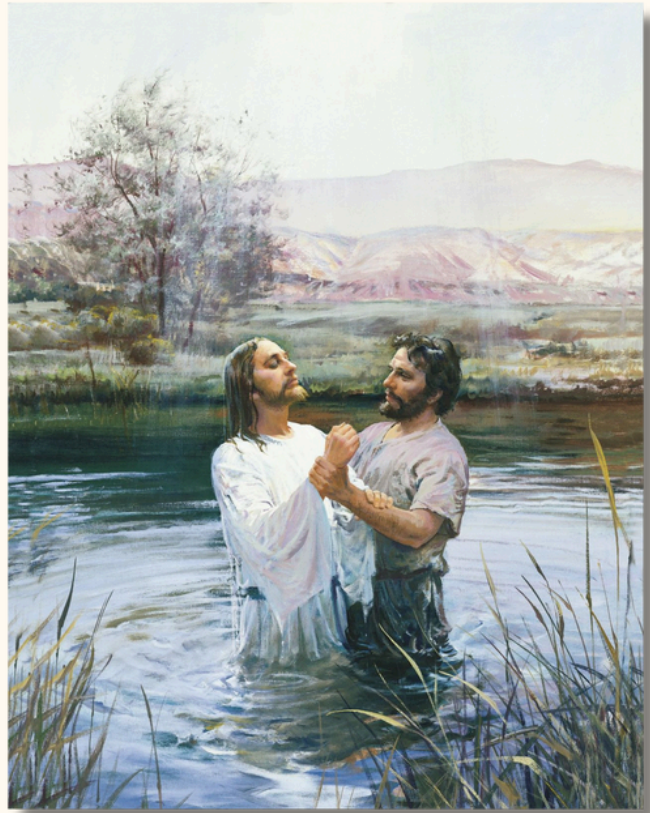
Josh - Pac Ridges Ward

Josh- Winter Quarters Ward

Margarita - Fremont Ward

Bahati - Winter Quarters Ward

Maria - Winter Quarters Ward



Recently Called Missionaries From our Stake

L. Bartlett (Elkhorn) - Start Date 02 Jun 2025 Korea Seoul Mission (Korean)

P. Omer (Old Mill) - Start Date 16 Jun 2025 México Torreón Mission (Spanish)

J. Roach (Old Mill) - Start Date 22 Sep 2025 Alpine German-Speaking Mission (Russian)

L. Dorius (Pacific Ridges) - Start Date 28 Jul 2025 Brazil São Paulo South Mission (Portuguese)

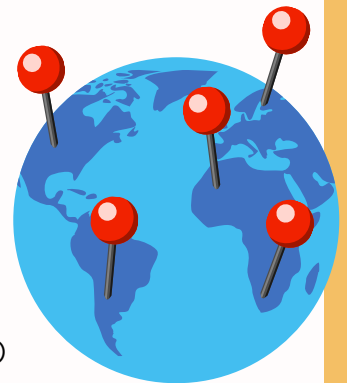
E. Haughawout (Pacific Ridges)- Start Date 28 Jul 2025 California Anaheim Mission (English)

E. Call (Pacific Ridges) - Start Date 26 May 2025 Colorado Denver North Mission (English)

B. Codr (Bennington) - Start Date 1 Sept 2025 California Arcadia Mission

C. Dossett (Fremont) - Start Date 18 Aug 2025 Brasil Santos Mission (Portuguese)

S. Whitely (Pacific Ridges) - Start Date 4 Aug 2025 Ecuador Guayaquil West Mission (Spanish)





FAMILY SEARCH CENTER HOURS

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!



TEMPLE RECOMMEND STAKE INTERVIEWS



David Robles

*Please find David's phone number in the
LDS tools app. David schedules
appointments for members of the Old
Mill, Pacific Ridges, Eagle Run, and YSA
Wards*

Matthew Nielsen

*Please find Matthew's phone number in
the LDS tools app. Matt schedules
appointments for members of the
Bennington, Blair, Columbus, Elkhorn, and
Fremont Wards*

TEMPLE & FAMILY HISTORY MESSAGE

I recently had a phone call with a senior missionary who supports temple and family history work. In the course of our conversation, she noted the Church's significant efforts to respond to the prophet's direction to construct temples. This caused me to reflect on President Russell M. Nelson's counsel and how I can personally reallocate and dedicate time to the Lord, particularly in temple and family history work. I invite you to ponder on the prophet's teachings and promised blessings and to act as you feel inspired.

- "Our need to be in the temple on a regular basis has never been greater. I plead with you to take a prayerful look at how you spend your time. Invest time in your future and in that of your family. If you have reasonable access to a temple, I urge you to find a way to make an appointment regularly with the Lord – to be in His holy house – then keep that appointment with exactness and joy. I promise you that the Lord will bring the miracles He knows you need as you make sacrifices to serve and worship in His temples." (See Reference 1 for this, subsequent, and additional quotes.)
- "Establish a pattern of regular temple attendance. This may require a little more sacrifice in your life. More regular time in the temple will allow the Lord to teach you how to draw upon His priesthood power with which you have been endowed in His temple."
- "Please schedule regular time to worship and serve in the temple. Every minute of that time will bless you and your family in ways nothing else can. Take time to ponder what you hear and feel when you are there. Ask the Lord to teach you how to open the heavens to bless your life and the lives of those you love and serve. ... I promise that as you increase your time in temple and family history work, you will increase and improve your ability to hear Him."
- "Spending more time in the temple builds faith. And your service and worship in the temple will help you to think celestial. The temple is a place of revelation. There you are shown how to progress toward a celestial life. There you are drawn closer to the Savior and given greater access to His power. There you are guided in solving the problems in your life, even your most perplexing problems."
- "Nothing opens the heavens quite like the combination of increased purity, exact obedience, earnest seeking, daily feasting on the words of Christ in the Book of Mormon, and regular time committed to temple and family history work."
- "Your prayers, fasting, time in the scriptures, service in the temple and family history work will open the heavens to you."

References:

1. Church News, [15 promises from President Nelson about time in the temple](#), December 8, 2024.



A Temple and Family History Class for younger youth (turning 12 or 13 in 2025) will be held at the Omaha FamilySearch Center on June 24-27! Please see the details below:

- **When is the class?** Classes will be held Tuesday through Friday, June 24-27. The classes will be held each day in the morning and will be 1 hour in length. Exact times will be determined based on the number of registrants and classes needed; up to three class times will be held each day.
- **Who is invited to attend?** Young men and young women turning 12 or 13 in 2025 (birth years 2013 and 2012) are invited to attend the class. See [Learn More](#).
- **What will be covered?** This is a class for beginners and will include instruction and activities in the areas of FamilySearch navigation and use, writing journals and personal histories, research basics, preparing for temple work, and ways to be involved in family history this summer and beyond!
- **Where will class be held?** The class will be held at the Omaha FamilySearch Center which is located on the north side of the Stake Center.
- **How can I register?** Click [REGISTRATION](#). Parents are encouraged to help their youth through the registration form. Registration will close May 25 (or when classes are full).
- **Prerequisites:** Participants need a FamilySearch account and need to know or bring their login and password! Youth are able to create accounts with parental permission. Parents, please assist your youth with account setup. See [Learn More](#).
- **Where can I find more information?** Several questions and answers are found at [Learn More](#). Contact Creighton Omer (Old Mill Ward – see info in Tools) with additional inquiries.

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?