



Omaha Nebraska Stake

# NEWSLETTER

September 2026



The Lord also will be a  
refuge for the  
oppressed, a refuge in  
times of trouble.

And they that know  
thy name will put their  
trust in thee: for thou,

Lord, hast not  
forsaken them that  
seek thee.”

Psalm 9:9-10

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# SEPTEMBER

## Saturday, September 12

- Omaha Stake Youth Activity, All Youth, Grover Ice Rink, 4-6 PM, [See page 6](#)

## Sunday, September 13

- Elkhorn Ward Conference
- Stake Music Workshop, [see page 7](#)
- “Why I Believe” Fireside, Winter Quarters Trail Center, 6 pm

## Saturday, September 19

- Stake Primary Activity, 3 pm, see [page 4](#)

*Looking ahead...*

## Thursday, October 1

- Blood Drive, Information & sign-up link on [page 13](#)

## Saturday, October 3

- General Conference 11am - 1pm, 3pm - 5 PM, available at [churchofjesuschrist.org](http://churchofjesuschrist.org)

## Sunday, October 4

- General Conference, 11am - 1pm, 3Pm - 5PM, available at [churchofjesuschrist.org](http://churchofjesuschrist.org)

## Saturday, October 10

- Multi-stake Youth Dance 6-9pm, Omaha Stake Center

**\*[See page 5](#) for the youth calendar**

**\*\*[See page 9](#) for the single adult calendar**



# COME HOME TO THE LORD

CHOOSE HIM JOIN HIM REJOICE WITH HIM

We invite you to “Come Home to the Lord” in 2026. To do this we want to continue the pattern of **choosing Him** daily, **joining Him** in His work of salvation and exaltation, and **rejoicing with Him** as we experience the blessings of the gospel. In 2026, we emphasize the important role that your **home** and the **temple** play in that process.

## YOUR HOME

“Only the home can compare with the temple in sacredness.” (Bible Dictionary). Like the temple, your home can become a refuge from the world. This occurs when we “yield to the enticings of the Holy Spirit” (Mosiah 3:19) and choose to have daily experiences with the Lord, personally and as a family. We invite you to commit to join the Lord in His work in your home by:

- Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ - diligently learn, live, and teach the gospel in your home.
- Caring for Those in Need - minister to others in their homes and allow others to do the same for you.
- Invite All to Receive the Gospel - with the Lord’s Spirit in your home, it becomes a place where you can share the gospel with those not currently living with its blessings.

You can come home to the Lord as you invite His Spirit into your home daily and allow His work to occur there. (see Revelation 3:20, D&C 88:119, Hymn #1020 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling).

## THE TEMPLE

“The temple is literally a house of the Lord.” (Bible Dictionary). The Lord invites us to come home to Him in the temple as we strive to live His gospel and unite families for eternity. President Russell M. Nelson taught us that nothing will bless us more than the time we spend in the temple. We invite all youth and adult members to choose to work with their local church leaders to obtain a temple recommend, and then to worship there, joining the Lord in His work as often as your circumstances permit. (see Psalm 27:4)

## PROMISED BLESSINGS

As representatives of Jesus Christ, we promise that coming home to the Lord in our homes and in the temple will be a tremendous blessing. The Holy Spirit will teach each of us how to apply this vision to our individual lives, and as we act on those promptings, we will experience greater peace and happiness. We will have increased opportunities to rejoice with the Lord and with each other. (see Luke 15:6)

Please join us for our

# Omaha Stake Primary Activity!



**SPIRITUALLY**



**SOCIALLY**



**PHYSICALLY**



**INTELLECTUALLY**

on **SEPTEMBER 19, 2026**

from **3:00** to **5:00 PM**

at OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE CENTER

Come and showcase how you  
grew closer to **CHRIST** in 2026.

Join us by performing or displaying  
how you grew *Spiritually*, *Socially*,  
*Physically*, and *Intellectually*.



scan the QR code  
to sign up!

CLICK ANYWHERE ON THE FLYER ABOVE TO BE  
TAKEN TO THE SIGN-UP GENIUS.



# YOUTH CALENDAR

See the flyer on next page

|      | Date     | Event                              | Who's Invited                 | Time    | Location              |
|------|----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| SEP. | 12 Sept  | Ice Skating at Grover Ice Rink     | All Youth                     | 4-6 PM  | Grover Ice Rink       |
|      | 13 Sept  | Mission Prep                       | High School YM/YW             | 4:00 PM | Omaha Stake Center    |
|      | 20 Sept  | SYLC                               | Stake youth on this committee | 3:00 PM | Omaha Stake Center    |
|      | 20 Sept  | Mission Prep                       | High School YM/YW             | 4:00 PM | Omaha Stake Center    |
|      | 27 Sept  | Mission Prep                       | High School YM/YW             | 4:00 PM | Omaha Stake Center    |
| OCT. | 9-10 Oct | Fall YM Campout                    | YM                            |         | TBD                   |
|      | 10 Oct   | Multi-Stake Dance                  | Youth turning 14+             | 6-9pm   | Omaha Stake Center    |
|      | 11 Oct   | Mission Prep                       | High School YM/YW             | 4:00 PM | Omaha Stake Center    |
|      | 18 Oct   | SYLC                               | Stake youth on this committee | 3:00 PM | Omaha Stake Center    |
|      | 18 Oct   | Mission Prep                       | High School YM/YW             | 4:00 PM | Omaha Stake Center    |
|      | 25 Oct   | Mission Prep                       | High School YM/YW             | 4:00 PM | Omaha Stake Center    |
| NOV. | 7 Nov    | Youth Activity                     | Youth 11-13                   | 3-5pm   | Omaha Stake Center    |
|      | 8 Nov    | Mission Prep                       | High School YM/YW             | 4:00 PM | Omaha Stake Center    |
|      | 15 Nov   | SYLC                               | Stake youth on this committee | 3:00 PM | Omaha Stake Center    |
|      | 15 Nov   | Mission Prep                       | High School YM/YW             | 4:00 PM | Omaha Stake Center    |
|      | 15 Nov   | Omaha Stake Youth Music Devotional | All Youth                     | 6:00 PM | Maple Street Building |
|      | 22 Nov   | Mission Prep                       | High School YM/YW             | 4:00 PM | Omaha Stake Center    |
|      | 29 Nov   | Mission Prep                       | High School YM/YW             | 4:00 PM | Omaha Stake Center    |

# Ice Skating



 **Grover Ice Rink**  
6171 Grover Street, Omaha

 **4:00–6:00pm**

 **Saturday,  
September 12th**

**Snacks will be  
provided**

**For All Youth  
Turning 12 and older**

**Omaha Stake Youth Activity**



# OMAHA STAKE MUSIC WORKSHOP



If you are a ward organist,  
music leader, or music  
coordinator, please join us  
for a hands-on workshop

**SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**4:00-5:00 PM**  
**OMAHA STAKE CENTER**

*Questions?*  
*Contact Allyson Rodriguez*  
*801-885-5738*

## SINGLE ADULTS



The Single Adults will be starting the Break the Fast firesides again in October. We will have The Break the fast/fireside each month on sacrament meeting Sunday. These will be hosted in the Martha Street Building.

The format of the Single Adults Family Home Evening/Come Follow Me meetings held twice a month will change slightly starting in September .

They will be more like a traditional Family Home Evening. These will be the second and fourth Monday each month at the Martha Street Building.



The Single Adults will have monthly temple trips on the second Saturday of each month.

Planned activities will be on the fourth Saturday each month. See the next page for the calendar.



## SEPTEMBER

12<sup>TH</sup> TEMPLE

14<sup>TH</sup> FHE

26<sup>TH</sup> ACTIVITY - HIKE WITH WEATHER ALTERNATE TO BE AN INDOOR SCAVENGER HUNT

28<sup>TH</sup> FHE

## OCTOBER

10<sup>TH</sup> TEMPLE TRIP

11<sup>TH</sup> BREAK THE FAST POTLUCK AND FIRESIDE (PLANNED AND CONDUCTED BY PAPILLION STAKE)

12<sup>TH</sup> FHE

24<sup>TH</sup> ACTIVITY - GAME (TBD)

26<sup>TH</sup> FHE

## NOVEMBER

8<sup>TH</sup> BREAK THE FAST POTLUCK AND FIRESIDE (PLANNED AND CONDUCTED BY COUNCIL BLUFFS STAKE)

9<sup>TH</sup> FHE

14<sup>TH</sup> TEMPLE TRIP

21<sup>ST</sup> ACTIVITY - THANKSGIVING DINNER

23<sup>RD</sup> FHE

## DECEMBER

6<sup>TH</sup> BREAK THE FAST POTLUCK AND FIRESIDE (PLANNED AND CONDUCTED BY OMAHA STAKE)

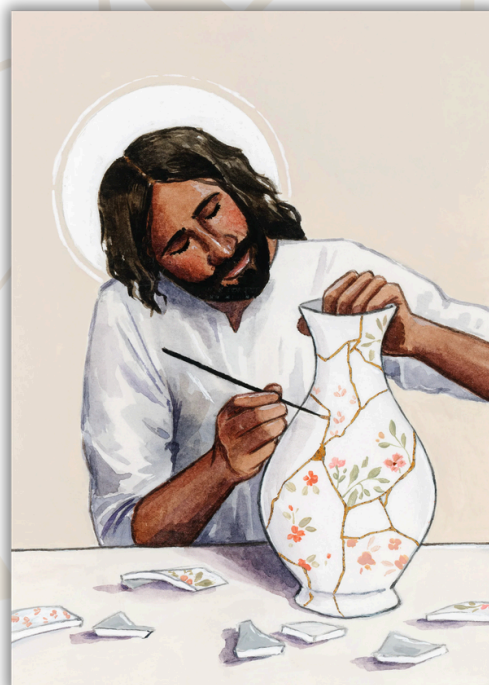
12<sup>TH</sup> TEMPLE TRIP

14<sup>TH</sup> FHE

19<sup>TH</sup> ACTIVITY - GINGERBREAD HOUSES AND COOKIE EXCHANGE OR PLASTIC WRAP BALLS



# 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.

# Attention YSAs:

Whether you are  
going to school,  
working,  
returning from missions,  
waiting for missions,  
or just hanging out while you are in transition

## INSTITUTE

is for **you**.

Click [HERE](#) to view institute class options and other details.





***Celebrate***  
**MORE LIFE. GIVE BLOOD.**



**American  
Red Cross**

**Blood Drive**  
**Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter Day Saints**  
**Cultural Hall**

**Thursday, October 1, 2026**  
**12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: OMAHALDS to schedule an appointment.

Questions...

Contact Ben Bartlett at [benjamin.bartlett29@gmail.com](mailto:benjamin.bartlett29@gmail.com)



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# Missionary Message

By Gus Checketts

## Friends in the Omaha Stake who Recently Joined the Church



**Jordan, Blair Ward**

**Cecielia Blair Ward**

**Harold Fremont Ward**

**James, Fremont Ward**

**Matthew YSA WQ Ward**

**Yaretzy YSA WQ Ward**

**Thomas YSA WQ Ward**

**Irving YSA WQ Ward**

**Koari YSA WQ Ward**

**Ricky YSA WQ Ward**

**Aaron, YSA WQ Ward**



On August 18, 2026 Primary General President Rosemary K. Chibota told the missionaries at the Provo MTC about four sources of power. The four key ways to stay connected to Jesus Christ every day are:

1. The Holy Ghost
2. Prayer
3. Scripture study
4. The sacrament and covenant keeping



# ONS CALLED TO SERVE

## RECENTLY CALLED

- Ben McAllister (Pacific Ridges) Brazil Santa Maria, Sept 2
- Afton Thompson (YSA) California Arcadia, Sept 16
- Ethan Lilly (Pac Ridges) Colorado Denver East, Nov 4
- Westlee Bird (Fremont) France Paris South, Feb 17



## FULL-TIME MISSIONARIES CURRENTLY SERVING

- Elder C. Eichmann (Old Mill) Alpine German
- Elder K. McLeod (Winter Qtrs YSA) Layton, UT
- Elder M. Blad (Pac Ridges) Washington Kennewick
- Elder M. Marten (Fremont) Nebraska Omaha
- Sister E. Call (Pac Ridges) Colorado Denver North
- Elder L. Bartlett, (Elkhorn) Korea Seoul
- Elder P. Omer, (Old Mill) México Torreón
- Elder L. Dorius (Pac Ridges) Brazil São Paulo South
- Elder E. Haughawout (Pac Ridges) California Anaheim
- Elder S. Whiteley, (Pac Ridges) Ecuador Guayaquil West
- Elder B. Urbano, (Elkhorn) Brazil São Paulo East
- Elder C. Dossett, (Fremont) Brazil Santos
- Sister M. McAllister, (Pac Ridges) Utah Saratoga
- Elder L. Glasgow (Bennington) Korea Seoul
- Elder & Sister Jenkins (Bennington) Nebraska Omaha
- Elder B. Codr (Bennington) California Arcadia
- Sister O. Pincock (Pac Ridges) Ohio Cincinnati
- Elder J. Roach (Old Mill) Alpine German Speaking
- Elder D. Franzluebbbers (Blair) California Newport Beach
- Sister E. Lilly (Pac Ridges), Michigan Lansing
- Elder C. Eckstein (Winter Qtrs YSA) Utah Ogden
- Elder A. Allen (Elkhorn) Uruguay Montevideo East
- Sister M. Huefner (Pac Ridges) Guatemala City Central
- Sister E. Perkes (Elkhorn) Brazil Belo Horizonte
- Roy & Thelma King (Eagle Run) Utah Salt Lake City Headquarters Mission
- Sister M. Beck (Old Mill) Japan Tokyo North
- Sister F. Munoz (Columbus) Guatemala Retalhuleu
- Sister S. Peterson (Pac Ridges) New Jersey Morristown
- Sister K. Dossett (Fremont) San Juan Puerto Rico
- Elder N. Davis (Pac Ridges) Nebraska Omaha
- Elder D. McCune (Elkhorn) Uruguay Montevideo West
- Sister M. Spangler (Blair) Lima Limatambo Peru
- Elder E. Himes (Blair) Arizona Tucson
- Elder D. Bishop (Columbus) Brazil São Paulo North
- Elder K. Foy (Blair) Bolivia Santa Cruz North
- Sister K. Ferguson (Old Mill) Florida Tampa
- Sister V. Marten (Fremont) Nebraska Omaha

## SERVICE MISSIONARIES

Additionally, we have 13 Senior Service Missionaries called from the Omaha Stake serving from 4 to 24 hours per week in the temple, the bishop's storehouse, and family services. If you would like to serve as a service missionary, please contact your bishop or branch president for available opportunities.





FRIDAY, AUG 7, 2026 YSA'S  
ATTENDING A REGIONAL  
CONFERENCE HELPED TO CLEAN UP  
THE DANA VILLAGE LIBRARY AND  
FINE ARTS BUILDINGS IN BLAIR, NE.  
THE YSA'S EFFORTS HELPED  
IMPROVE THE CAMPUS FOR MORE  
INDIVIDUALS AGING OUT OF THE  
FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAM.



ELKHORN YOUTH AND PARENTS HELP RAPID RESPONSE CLEAN THEIR  
SITE IN BLAIR, NEBRASKA. RAPID RESPONSE HELPS WHEN DISASTER  
STRIKES ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD!







## FAMILY SEARCH CENTER HOURS

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

(402) 252-5130  
Stake Center

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

## TEMPLE RECOMMEND STAKE INTERVIEWS

**Matthew Nielsen**

**719-464-8456**

Schedules for members from:  
*Bennington, Elkhorn, Fremont, Blair,  
Columbus*

**Tanner Bosworth**

**208-221-4650**

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

## A N N O U N C E M E N T S

**Temple and Family History Onboarding will resume in August. Creighton Omer will email those who have been participating. Please contact him (info in Tools) if you would like to be added to the distribution list!**

# Temple & Family History Message

By Creighton Omer

In last month's newsletter, I wrote about a family reunion that we enjoyed earlier this summer. In contemplating the opportunity to share a message with you this month, my thoughts turned to another "happy reunion":

"In many a temple the Saints will assemble  
 And labor as saviors of dear ones away.  
 Then happy reunion and sweetest communion  
 We'll have with our friends in the beautiful day."  
 (Hymn No. 52, The Day Dawn is Breaking)

Many truths are succinctly packaged in that verse! Numerous temples dot the Earth, allowing us to labor on behalf of ancestors who are dear to us and dear to the heart of the Shepherd. Our love for them grows as we seek them, learn about them, and perform sacred ordinances on their behalf. This love will bring happy reunions when we meet or are reunited with ancestors who we will call friends.

The Savior taught:

"What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

"And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

"And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost." (Luke 15:4-6)

The gathering of sheep – the gathering of Israel – is one work, a work among both the living and the dead. Who is the one among your ancestors that needs your help next? "Go after that which is lost, until [you] find it"! Then, a happy reunion will await you, for truly "joy shall be in heaven over one" (Luke 15:7).