



OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE

NEWSLETTER

December 2025



*"While Mary Sleeps--Morning" by
Lester Lee Yocum*

Additional artwork centered on the birth of Jesus Christ can be found in an online fine-art gallery created by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Click [here](#) to view.

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INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS

LightTheWorld

Giving Machine

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OMAHA
DECEMBER 2, 2025
6 - 8 PM
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WESTROADS MALL (NEAR FLAGSHIP COMMONS)
10000 CALIFORNIA ST, OMAHA



LightTheWorld Giving Machine CHALLENGE

- 1 Visit the Omaha Giving Machine at Westroads Mall (near Flagship Commons) on:
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND | 6-8 PM
- 2 Bring a friend you wouldn't normally see at church.
- 3 Post on your socials with the Giving Machine tagging @givingmachinene and #givingmachineomaha
- 4 Show your post to Sis. Gill or Sis. Perkes to claim a t-shirt for you and your friend!

**FREE T-SHIRT FOR
THE FIRST 50 PAIRS
TO COMPLETE THE
CHALLENGE!!!**



LightTheWorld
Giving Machine

2025

**OMAHA
EVENTS**

**25
NOV**

LAUNCH EVENT

**30
NOV**

**1
DEC**

League One Volleyball

**SACRED HEART
ALL SAINTS
HOLY NAME
CUES
SCHOOL SYSTEM**

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS: PAPILLION

**2
DEC**

**CATHOLIC
CHARITIES
of Omaha**

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS: OMAHA

**3
DEC**

**NEW VISIONS
HOMELESS SERVICES**

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS:
COUNCIL BLUFFS

**4
DEC**

**trivium
LIFE SERVICES™**

**5
DEC**

HETRA

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS: MILLARD

TBA

**CREIGHTON
BLUE JAYS**

YOUTH CALENDAR

Dec 14th at 3pm

- SYLC meeting
 - (2nd week of December)
 - Omaha Stake Center

December 27th 6-9 pm

- Multi-stake dance for youth turning 14+
 - 12009 S 84th St, Papillion
 - Dress: western casual

SEE FLYER
BELOW

January 24th 5-7 pm

- All youth activity
- Glow in the dark party with a special message from the stake presidency
- Omaha Stake Center

SEE FLYER
BELOW

Sundays

- Mission Prep for Juniors & Seniors, 4 pm @ the Stake Center

Looking Ahead

- June 3- 6: Youth conference for those turning 14+
- YW camp
 - June 22-25 at Bear Creek
 - (Please note the date correction for YW camp)



MULTI-STAKE DANCE

RODEO

COME ENJOY FAIR GAMES, A SODA
BAR AND COUNTRY DANCE!

DEC 27 | 6 – 9PM

12009 S 84th St, Papillion, NE 68046

DRESS: WESTERN CASUAL

Want a specific song use this QR code



Come support our cause! Bring a
can of beans as your entry fee.



OMAHA STAKE ACTIVITY
ALL YOUTH

GLOW IN THE DARK PARTY

SATURDAY
JANUARY 24TH
5:00-7:00PM

BINGO
VOLLEYBALL
FACE PAINTING
PHOTO BOOTH
SERVICE
FOOD & TREATS !!

FOR ALL YOUTH TURNING 12+

OMAHA STAKE CENTER
14680 CALIFORNIA ST

Key Dates for Young Men's Camps

January 2-3

- Young Men's Winter Campout

Ages 12-18

- Camp Fontenelle
- Anticipated Cost \$30 per attendee

May 8-9

- Aaronic Priesthood Commemoration
- Ages 12-18 with Fathers
- Place TBD

June 3-6

- Youth Conference
- Ages 14-18
- Seeking approval for Nauvoo

June 18-20

Young Men's Camp

- Deacons and Teaches below Junior in High School
- Place TBD
- Anticipated Cost \$250 per attendee

July 13-18

- Combined YM/YW High Adventure
- Juniors and Seniors (including recent graduates)
- Black Hills, SD
- 1 Youth and their parent needed from each ward for planning committee
- 1 Adult from each ward as Chaperone
- Activities: Hiking, Fishing, Exploring, Water activity, Firesides
- Anticipated Cost \$250 per attendee
- Prep Activities to be recommended by the Stake Youth Leaders

October 9-10

- Young Men's Fall Campout
- Ages 12-18
- Place TBD

We would like a point of contact for camps in each ward. (doesn't need to be a separate calling) We hope to have this group identified by the end of 2025.



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

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

Create a Family Temple and Family History Plan

In a recent training, the importance of Ward Temple and Family History Plans was emphasized. Developing and implementing the plan is accomplished through the ward council with help from the elders quorum and Relief Society presidents and the ward temple and family history leader. These ward-led efforts are undertaken to unite families for eternity. In our home-centered Church, each family has the opportunity to engage in temple and family history work in specific ways that they need and desire and that will help their family members grow. We can apply the instruction regarding ward plans to prepare our own **family temple and family history plan**. The General Handbook – applied to our families – provides this guidance:

Each [family] should have a simple temple and family history plan. This plan helps [family] members, including children and youth, prepare to worship in the house of the Lord and participate in family history work as often as their circumstances allow. The [father and mother] help the [family] council develop the plan...In developing the plan, they:

- Prayerfully consider [family] members' needs and the available resources.
- Identify actions to take during the year.
- Determine how to implement the plan and make assignments accordingly.

The handbook provides helpful examples of what might be included in the plan – see Section [25.2.6](#). Individuals and families – based on their unique makeup and needs – may be engaged in family history learning and research, preparing for and receiving own ordinances, and performing proxy ordinances for deceased ancestors – or some combination of these activities. There are opportunities to engage family members of all ages. FamilySearch's [Get Involved](#) and [Activities](#) pages are great resources – and these are just the tip of the iceberg!

I invite your family to create a Family Temple and Family History Plan. If you need help or ideas in developing or implementing your plan, please reach out to your ward temple and family history leader who can help you and/or engage others as appropriate. The FamilySearch Center and its staff are also resources that are here for you. It is my testimony that as you engage with your family in temple and family history work, your hearts will turn toward one another and to your fathers.

FIND WAYS TO SERVE
THIS CHRISTMAS
SEASON AT



JustServe.org



Behold the Field Is White

The Lord's work is hastening in the Omaha Stake and throughout the world. Last week 15 brand new missionaries arrived in the Omaha Nebraska Mission and the church announced that effective immediately, sisters can now begin missionary service as young as 18 and upon completion of high school or its equivalent. The total number of teaching and service missionaries has surpassed 84,000. Additionally there are over 31,000 Senior Missionaries serving throughout the world. In October, the Church announced the addition of 55 new missions to be created by July 1, 2026 bringing the total missions worldwide to 506. Elder Cook taught us that, "In the last 36 months, nearly 900,000 converts have joined the Church. These converts constitute approximately 5 percent of the total Church membership." We are living in a glorious time as we prepare for the Lord's Second Coming.

WE WELCOME THESE NEW FRIENDS WHO RECENTLY JOINED THE CHURCH THROUGH BAPTISM:

Kayden - Winter Quarters YSA Ward

Jason - Winter Quarters YSA Ward

Elvin - Winter Quarters YSA Ward

Javier - Winter Quarters YSA Ward

Sean - Winter Quarters YSA Ward

Ifeanyl - Winter Quarters YSA Ward

Hortencia - Fremont Ward

Kelsey - Pacific Ridges Ward



ALLED 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!

- E. Perkes (Elkhorn) Brazil Belo Horizonte Mission (Portuguese) 12 Jan 26
- M. Huefner (Pac Ridges) Guatemala City Central Mission (Spanish) 5 Jan 26

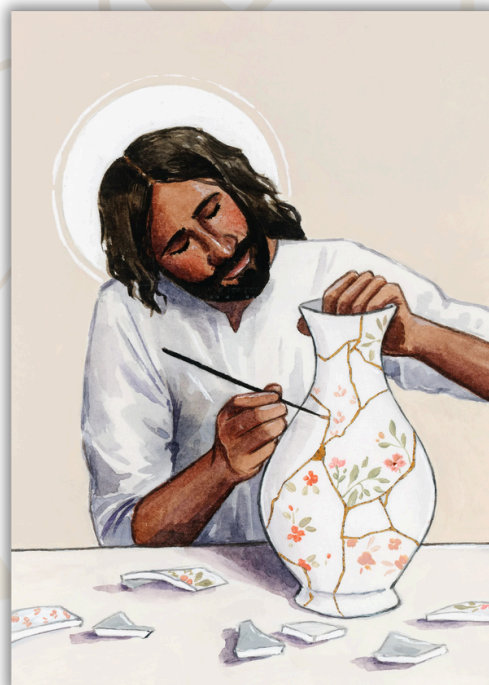
FULL-TIME MISSIONARIES CURRENTLY SERVING

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| • Sister E. Lilly (Pac Ridges) Michigan Lansing | • Elder D. Clark (Bennington) Pretoria S Africa |
| • Elder C. Eckstein (Winter Qtrs YSA) Ogden Utah | • Elder S. Jensen (Blair) Portland, Oregon |
| • Sister O. Pincock (Pac Ridges) Ohio Cincinatti | • Elder T. Hyde (Columbus) Argentina Buenos Aires |
| • Elder D. Franzluebbbers (Blair) California Newport | • Elder and Sister Carr (Columbus) Vanuatu, Port Vila |
| • Elder J. Roach, (Old Mill) Alpine German Speaking | • Sister S. Jacobson (Elkhorn) Modesto, CA |
| • Elder B. Codr (Bennington) California Arcadia | • Elder L. Bailey (Elkhorn) Arcadia, CA |
| • Elder S. Whiteley, (Pac Ridges) Ecuador Guayaquil | • Sister E. Miller (Elkhorn) Riverside, CA |
| • Elder B. Urbano, (Elkhorn) Brazil Sao Paulo Mission | • Elder C. Eichman (Old Mill) Alpine German |
| • Elder C. Dosset, (Fremont) Brazil Santos | • Elder J. Haughwout (Pac Ridges) Teresina, Brazil |
| • Elder L. Glasgow (Bennington) Korea Seoul | • Elder M. Blad (Pac Ridges) Kennewick, WA |
| • Sister M. McAllister, (Pac Ridges) Utah Saratoga Mission | • Sister E. Kennington (Elkhorn) Brazil Campinas |
| • Elder E. Haughwout (Pac Ridges) Anaheim CA | • Elder J. North (Old Mill) St George, UT |
| • Elder L. Dorrius (Pac Ridges) São Paulo Brazil South | • Elder K. McLeod (Winter Qtrs YSA) Layton, UT |
| • Elder P. Omer, (Old Mill) Mexico, Torreon | • Elder M. Marten (Fremont) Omaha, NE |
| • Elder L. Bartlett, (Elkhorn) Korea, Seoul | |
| • Sister E. Call (Pac Ridges) Denver, CO | |

SERVICE MISSIONARIES

Additionally, we have 13 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.

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

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2025 OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE VISION

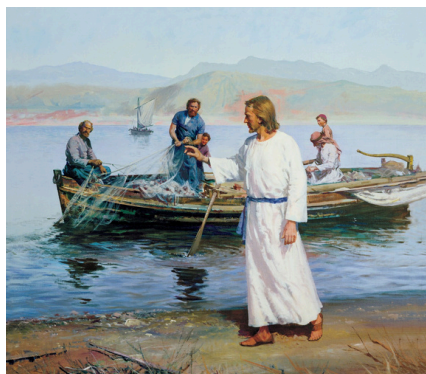
CHOOSE *Him*

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?