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2025 OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE VISION



JOIN 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



Savior Our Jesus Christ rejoices in His Не Father's plan. rejoices in our repentance, and in service. He our 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?



JULY

SUNDAYS

Mission Prep Class, 4pm,
 Stake Center Primary Room

JULY 12

 Stake Service Activity at Dana Village in Blair, <u>see page</u>
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JULY 13

 Why I Believe Fireside at the Trail Center at 7pm

JULY 16 - 19

• Stake YM High Adventure



Join us for a morning of service as we help revitalize the historic Dana Village campus! For ages 11+

Saturday, July 12 | 8 - 11am

Dana Village

2925 Angels Share Drive

Blair, Nebraska 68008

For more information and to register to serve visit JustServe.org "Lutheran Family Services Dana Village Clean Up Day"

How to Create a JustServe.org Account

- 1. Go to https://justserve.org/register
- 2. Enter your name, email address, language, location details and a password
- Select the Create Account button
- 4. Select the Continue button on the Thank You screen
- 5. Tell us a little about your interests and skills
- 6. Get serving!



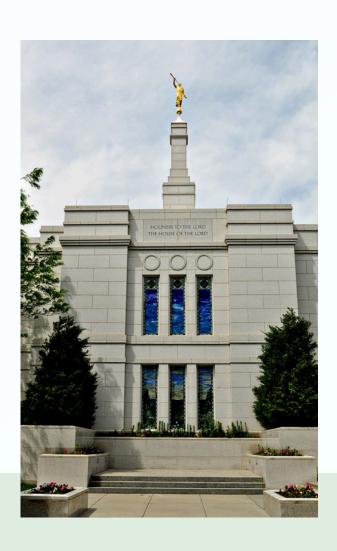






Manage Your Record of Service

- 1. Go to your dashboard in Just Serve
- 2. Choose Record of Service in the menu
- Select the pencil icon to update the hours served in past projects
- 4. Select the Update button



NEED A STAKE TEMPLE RECOMMEND INTERVIEW?

TEXT OR CALL OUR STAKE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES!

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



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!

TEMPLE & FAMILY HISTORY MESSAGE

Jeremiah 16:16 reads:

"Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks."

In the past I have applied this verse to missionary work, but the chapter summary expands the context for the metaphor, indicating "fishers and hunters will gather Israel again, and the people will serve the Lord" (emphasis added).

President Russell M. Nelson said:

"Anytime you do anything that helps anyone — on either side of the veil — take a step toward making covenants with God and receiving their essential baptismal and temple ordinances, you are helping to gather Israel. It is as simple as that." — "Hope of Israel," Worldwide Youth Devotional, June 3, 2018

We can apply Jeremiah 16:16 to both missionary work and temple and family history work as we strive to gather Israel. I'm confident that experienced genealogists will tell you that searching for ancestors can indeed be like fishing and hunting. Whether we spend the day casting or catch 'the big one', the fishing is worthwhile.

In the April 2025 General Conference, Elder Ronald A. Rasband reminded us of the words of our living prophet:

"Do you see what is happening right before our eyes? I pray that we will not miss the majesty of this moment! The Lord is indeed hastening His work." – "Right Before Our Eyes", April 2025 General Conference

Elder Rasband added: "Hastening His work. "Hastening" is a word that matters. It suggests moving quickly, accelerating, and even urgency. In the growth of the Church and the plan of Christ, hastening is happening. And we are all a part of it."

If you are unsure of how or where to start, contact your Ward Temple and Family History Leader, a Ward or Stake Temple and Family History Consultant, or visit the FamilySearch Center. Many are willing to help. Grab your rod and your tackle box, and let's go fishing!

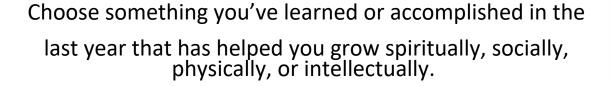
One more puzzle piece coming soon!
Cut out and save this flyer to complete the puzzle.



Valiant-aged children (7-11) can now register for our Stake Primary Goal Showcase!



Scan the QR code to sign-up to **DISPLAY** a goal or **PERFORM** a 1–2 minute goal in our talent show.









LOOKING AHEAD



August 16 | 5-9PM Seminary Kick-off

Dinner & Dance

August 17 | 3PM SYLC Meeting for new r eps at **Omaha Stake Center** (Every 3rd Sunday)

PAL LEAGUE CROSS COUNTRY

We will have a Church Cross Country (XC) team again this fall. All middleschoolers are welcome to join (5th - 8th grade), young men and young women.

We have 2 practices a week and there are 5-6 meets, all weekdays, about town.

We participate in the PAL league, which includes 25 schools in Omaha, Bellevue, and Papillion. It is an awesome organization.

Register here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4EA4A9 23A1F94-57391197-jrcougars

Reach out to Jon Poyer, Ashley Gower, or Jordyn any questions: Harris have you OmahaLDSXC@gmail.com



LIVING IN AN UNPRECEDENTED TIME

Elder Quentin L. Cook Seminar for New Mission Leaders 19 June 2025

Elder Cook said that in 2024, we witnessed over 308,000 of God's children enter the waters of baptism and receive the precious gift of the Holy Ghost. That equates to about 50,000 more convert baptisms than 2023. It is more convert baptisms than the Church has had in nearly 25 years.

"And as exciting as this increase in baptisms was in 2024, we were delighted to learn that the rate of increase for New Members Attending Sacrament Meeting was even higher. We thank the Lord for allowing us to witness His hand in these remarkable outcomes — He is the reason for the hastening," Elder Cook said.

He said this "spiritual momentum" has continued to increase in 2025. Comparing the first quarter of this year with the first quarter of 2024, every region of the world has seen at least a 20% increase in convert baptisms.



Elder Quentin L. Cook

"This is remarkable," he said. "In the last 12 months ending May 31st, the Lord's hastening of His work resulted in the largest number of convert baptisms in any 12-month period in this dispensation."

FRIENDS WHO JOINED THE CHURCH THROUGH BAPTISM IN JUNE

Teonna - Elkhorn Ward
Belina - Fremont Ward
Desirea - Fremont Ward
Noe - Old Mill Ward
Carlos - Winter Quarters Ward
Aliyah - Winter Quarters Ward

CALLED TO SERVE

RECENTLY CALLED!

- Dorius, L. 28 July, Brazil São Paulo South Mission (Portuguese)
- Haughawout, E. July 28, California Anaheim Mission (English)
- Whitely, S. August 4, Ecuador Guayaquil West Mission (Spanish)
- Urbano, B. August 18, Brazil Sao Paulo Mission (Portuguese)
- Dosset, C. August 18, Brazil Santos Mission (Portuguese)
- Glasgow. L. August 25, Korea Seoul Mission (Korean)
- McAllister, M. August 25, Utah Saratoga Mission (English)
- Coder, B. September 1, California Arcadia Mission (English)
- Roach, J. September 22, Alpine German-Speaking Mission (Russian)
- Franzluebbers, D. September 22, California Newport Beach Mission (English)

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 MISSIONARIES CURRENTLY SERVING

- Elder P. Omer, (Old Mill) Mexico, Torreon
- Elder L. Bartlett, (Elkhorn) Korea, Seoul
- Sister E. Call (Pac Ridges) Denver, CO
- Elder S. Jensen (Blair) Portland, Oregon
- Elder K. Hansen (Blair) London England
- Elder & Sister Card (Columbus) Vanuatu, Port Vila Elder S. Wang (Old Mill) Taipei Taiwan
- 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
- Elder D. Clark (Bennington) Pretoria South Africa Sister E. Kennington (Elkhorn) Brazil Campinas
 - Elder M. Alvarado (Old Mill) Spanish Fork, UT
 - Elder J. North (Old Mill) St George, UT

 - Sister J. Hueffner (Pac Rid) Honolulu, HI
 - Elder K. McLeod (WQ) Layton, UT
 - Elder M. Marten (Fremont) Omaha, NE

SERVICE MISSIONARY OPPORTUNITIES FIRESIDE

Save the Date: Sunday, September 28, 2025 **Quad Stake Service Missionary Fireside** Papillion Stake Center, 7 pm

If you have at least 4 hours that you could commit each week as a service missionary, please check out the opportunities currently available by clicking the link below.

