

OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026



Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling--
Calling for you and for me.
Patiently Jesus is waiting and watching--
Watching for you and for me!
Come home! Come home! Ye who are weary, come home!
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling--
Calling, O sinner, come home!

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2026 Omaha Nebraska Stake Vision

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)

Omaha Nebraska Stake Presidency
Paul D. McAllister, Barry W. Webber, Danny C. Leavitt

AUGUST

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH

- Blood Drive, see page 7

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

- “Why I Believe” Fireside, 6 pm, Trail Center

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

- Seminary Kickoff and Youth Dance, see page 5 for details

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

- Eagle Run Ward Conference

looking ahead

SEPTEMBER

at a glance

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- Youth Ice Skating Activity, see details on page 4

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Elkhorn Ward Conference
- Omaha Stake Music Workshop, see page 16
- “Why I Believe” Fireside, Trail Center, 6 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- Stake Primary Activity, see page 9

PLEASE NOTE: **STAKE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2026**

YOUTH CALENDAR

See flyer
and more
info on the
next page

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who's Invited</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
AUG.	9 Aug	Mission Prep	High School YM/YW	4:00 PM	Omaha Stake Center
	15 Aug	Youth Sport Activity	All Youth	9:00 AM	Omaha Stake Center
	15 Aug	Seminary Kick-off & Dance	Youth turning 14+	5:00 PM	Papillion Stake Center
	16 Aug	SYLC	Stake youth on this committee	3:00 PM	Omaha Stake Center
	16 Aug	Mission Prep	High School YM/YW	4:00 PM	Omaha Stake Center
	23 Aug	Mission Prep	High School YM/YW	4:00 PM	Omaha Stake Center
	30 Aug	Mission Prep	High School YM/YW	4:00 PM	Omaha Stake Center
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
	19 Sept	Youth Sport Activity	All Youth	9:00 AM	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
	17 Oct	Youth Sport Activity	All Youth	9:00 AM	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

PAL LEAGUE CROSS COUNTRY: REGISTER BY AUGUST 10TH



We will have a Church Cross Country (XC) team again this fall. All middle-schoolers 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.

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

UNDER

THE

Stars

★ SEMINARY KICK-OFF ★



★ ADDRESS ★

Papillion Stake Center
12009 84th St.
Papillion, NE



★ DATE ★

Saturday
AUGUST 15



★ TIME ★

5:00-9:00 pm



★ THERE WILL BE ★
★ LIGHT DINNER ★
★ AND SNACKS ★

★ DRESS CODE ★
★ CHURCH DRESS + ★
★ BLACK AND WHITE ★

Dress up. Show up. Look up.

★ COME LEARN BALLROOM DANCING! ★

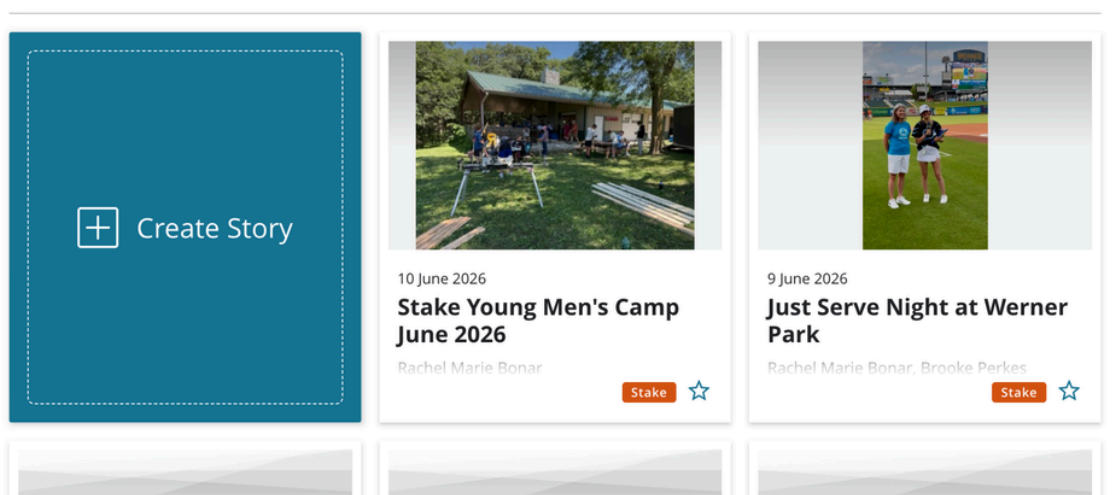


STAKE *HISTORY*

Read up about the youth events that happened this summer! Go to

<https://unithistory.churchofjesuschrist.org/>

and log-in with your Church account username and password. You can read stories from your ward or stake leaders about youth camps, youth conference, and high adventure.





Celebrate
MORE LIFE. GIVE BLOOD.



**American
Red Cross**

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

Cultural Hall

Thursday, August 6, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: OMAHALDStoschedule an appointment.

Question...

Contact Ben Bartlett at benjamin.bartlett29@gmail.com



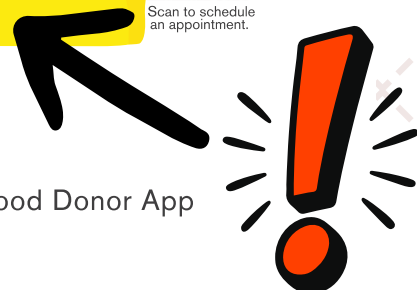
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Come to give blood in August for a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email. Terms: rcblood.org/August.



Scan to schedule
an appointment.



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A Different Angle

These testimonies are from friends who received help from one of our Just Serve Organizations. It's meaningful to see that our help, donations, time, and love help many within our circle.



I was offered some Counseling from Lutheran Family Services when my Mother had passed away from stage 4 breast cancer. I had been taking care of her the last 2 years of her life. I did not feel I needed it soon afterwards. My husband suggested I needed it. After going I realized then I wasn't getting enough sympathy or support from him. I did there. I am very thankful and grateful for the help I received during my time of grief.

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Lutheran Family Services helped me get therapy when I could not afford it on my own. I had just moved to a different state after graduating from college. I was a new member of the church, living in a new city with no family or established friends. My friend in a nearby city no longer wanted to hang out with me because I no longer drank or smoked. I was trying to learn not to swear. My new lifestyle made her uncomfortable, even though I let her know I didn't expect her to choose the same. Nor did I think less of her for continuing the lifestyle I led myself, just weeks before. I am thankful LFS helped me access therapy that supported me as I navigated the cooling-off and eventual loss of that friendship and all the other experiences that learning to navigate young adulthood brought. It was a blessing that LFS helped me even though I was not a member of their church.



DON'T FORGET!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO LOG ANY SERVICE HOURS ONTO THE AMERICA 250 WEBSITE. HERE'S THE LINK: [AMERICA GIVES - AMERICA250](https://www.americagives.org/AMERICA250)

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Save the Date!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

...STAKE PRIMARY ACTIVITY...



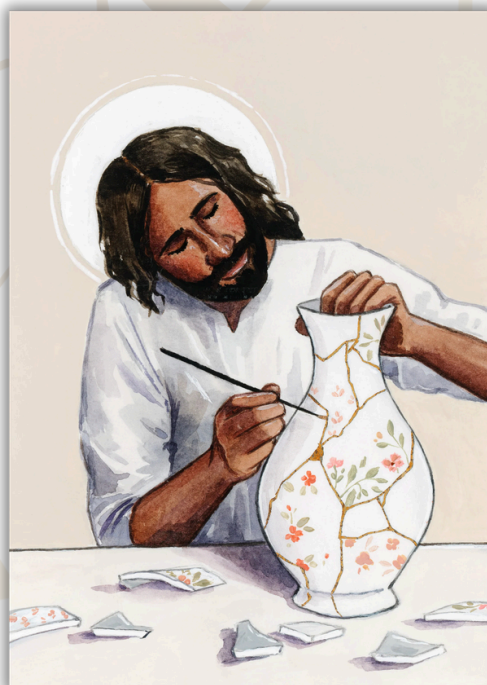
• SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 •

3:00 TO 5:00 PM



OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE CENTER

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.

Missionary Message

By Gus Checketts



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints set an all-time high missionary record of 88,500 active full-time missionaries worldwide in July 2026. This milestone surpasses the previous peak of 88,000 set in 2014, driven by the first wave of 18-year-old sister missionaries entering the field and the opening of 55 new missions. Elder Rasband noted, "This remarkable moment reflects the faith and devotion of a rising generation of disciples of Jesus Christ ... who are entering the mission field."

ONS CALLED TO SERVE

RECENTLY CALLED

- Kade Foy (Blair) Bolivia Santa Cruz North, August 5
- Kaitlyn Ferguson (Old Mill) Florida Tampa, August 12
- 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



FULL-TIME MISSIONARIES CURRENTLY SERVING

- Elder S. Jensen (Blair) Oregon Portland
- Elder J. Haughwout (Pac Ridges) Brazil Teresina
- 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. Dorrius (Pac Ridges) Brazil São Paulo South
- Elder E. Haughwout (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) Nebraska Omaha
- 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
- 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

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.



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 his October 2025 General Conference address, The Family-Centered Gospel of Jesus Christ, President Dallin H. Oaks taught:

“Families unite when they do meaningful things together. Family gardens build family relationships. Happy family experiences strengthen family ties. Camping, sports activities, and other recreation are especially valuable to bond families. Families should organize family reunions to remember ancestors, which lead to the temple.”

In July my family and I participated in a family reunion (parents, siblings, and their families) inspired by President Oaks’ counsel to “organize family reunions to remember ancestors” and strengthen our ties. The reunion included brief presentations by each family on an ancestor family, putting together a large family tree so all could see ancestors and family relationships, games to help the living family get to know one another, traditional family meals, and more. It was a wonderful experience.



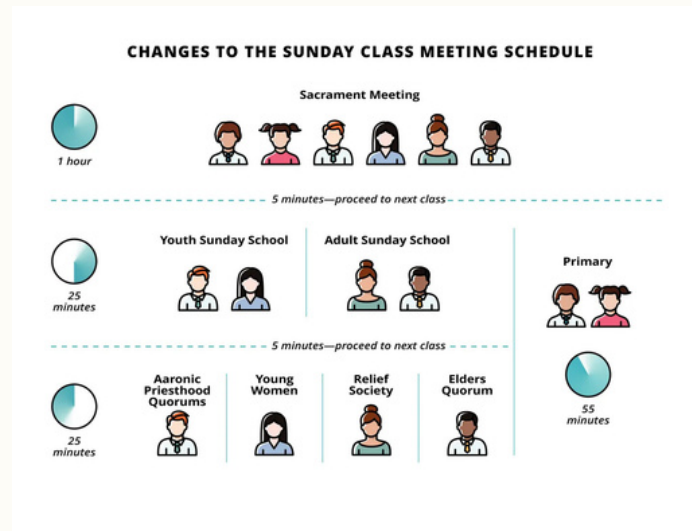
One of my takeaways from the reunion was to incorporate temple and family history into things we are already doing as a family. Of course, temple and family history is worth making time for. That said, I know firsthand how busy families are! My invitation is for each of us to find and implement ways to incorporate temple and family history into things we are already doing. My family was going to hold a reunion anyway. We added to that experience, creating meaning and memories through family history. In weekly family home evening, add in temple and family history. Calling Dad or Mom (Grandpa or Grandma)? Ask a family history question and invite a son or daughter to join you on the call, even if just for a few minutes. Talking around the dinner table? Share a brief family story. Going to the temple? Add to the experience by identifying an ancestor through Ordinances Ready.

I bear my testimony and echo President Oaks in saying “Happy family experiences strengthen family ties.” As we take small, intentional steps to incorporate temple and family history into our regular family activities, we will be blessed.



teaching MOMENTS

Coming in September, our Sunday meeting schedule will transition to 25 minute lessons, with this adjustment "intended to help members focus more on the teachings of Jesus Christ, strengthen gospel learning at home, and increase fellowship, belonging, and community at church." Additionally, a new Sunday School course called "Gospel Foundations" will be available for friends and new and returning members.



Undoubtedly, these adjustments will take some personal adaptations to best fulfill their intent. Helpful to teachers will be inspired counseling together during Teacher Council meetings which are ideally held monthly. Members can seek additional opportunities to increase fellowship and belonging beyond the passing period. And parents can look to these 25 minute lessons as possible examples of how gospel learning at home can take place in digestible periods amidst busy family schedules.

In addition to the schedule adjustment, updated study materials will be a focus in youth classes. From these materials, we are reminded that "Heavenly Father wants His daughters and sons to always be learning... All truth comes from Him and leads to Him."

Ultimately, we may find that this new schedule allows us to identify those teachings and truths that are most meaningful; then, to ponder and to share them. "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul...and ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." (Deuteronomy 11:18)

Paul Davis
Stake Sunday School President

OMAHA STAKE MUSIC WORKSHOP



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

SEPTEMBER 13TH
4:00-5:00 PM
OMAHA STAKE CENTER

Questions?
Contact Allyson Rodriguez
801-885-5738