

OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026



Jesus Christ knows all about best days and worst days: Suffering...The betrayal of a good friend. The cross on Calvary. But His story also has a garden, a stone rolled away and an empty tomb.

Sister Emily Belle Freeman
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JUNE

June 1-5

- 12/13 Year Old Youth Temple and Family History Class, registration was online, information on stake website

June 3-6

- Nauvoo Youth Conference, see page 4

June 9

- Storm Chasers/Just Serve game, see page 7

June 10-12

- Stake YM Camp, see stake website for gear lists and other information

June 14

- Why I Believe Fireside, Trail Center, 6pm

June 20

- Omaha Stake Youth Saturday Sports Activity, 9am, Stake Center

June 22-25

- Stake Young Womens Camp, see stake website for details

June 26

- Multi-Stake & Community Event: Tabernacle Choir Watch Party, see pages 8-13

OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE YOUTH CALENDAR

	Date	Event	Who's Invited	Time	Location
JUNE	1-5 Jun	Temple and Family History Class	Youth 11-13	mornings	Omaha Stake Center
	3-6 Jun	Youth Conference	Youth turning 14+		Nauvoo/Carthage
	10-12 Jun	YM Camp	Current freshman and younger YM		
	14 Jun	Mission Prep	High School YM/YW	4:00 PM	Omaha Stake Center
	21 Jun	Mission Prep	High School YM/YW	4:00 PM	Omaha Stake Center
	22-25 Jun	YW Camp	All YW		Bear Creek Camp
	28 Jun	Mission Prep	High School YM/YW	4:00 PM	Omaha Stake Center
JULY	12 Jul	Mission Prep	High School YM/YW	4:00 PM	Omaha Stake Center
	13-18 Jul	High Adventure	current sophomore, junior, and senior YM/YW		South Dakota
	19 Jul	Mission Prep	High School YM/YW	4:00 PM	Omaha Stake Center
	26 Jul	Mission Prep	High School YM/YW	4:00 PM	Omaha Stake Center
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+		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

**CHECK OUT ALL GEAR/PACKING LISTS,
CAMP ITINERARIES, & CAMP INFORMATION
ON THE STAKE WEBSITE UNDER
"2026 YOUTH CAMPS"**

June 3-6, 2026

Nauvoo & Carthage, Illinois

OMAHA STAKE YOUTH CONFERENCE



PREPARE FOR

NAUVOO

SEARCH

- Study Ephesians 5:8
- Read Our Heritage, Chapters 1-6



Find it here!

PONDER

- How can I walk as a Child of Light?
- How can I strengthen my own faith in Jesus Christ?
- How can I feel the Spirit and receive personal revelation?
- How can I treasure temple covenants as the pioneers did, looking forward to being endowed with power on high?
- How can I work through my own trials and learn to rely on my Savior Jesus Christ?

PRAY

- Pray for experiences that will strengthen your testimony of the Prophet Joseph Smith and of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

We Will Walk as Children of Light

YOUTH CONFERENCE PACKING LIST



Serving The Youth



**We invite you to take this survey
about sharing your skills and
experiences to bless and inspire our
Omaha Nebraska Stake Youth**



[Use this link](#)

Sharing Our Talents

“Walk with Me” Moses 6:34

Announcing COPE on Just Serve!



COPE IS IN ELKHORN AND HELPS OUR STAKE COMMUNITY.

HERE'S THEIR LINK:
[OUTREACH CENTER VOLUNTEER - JUSTSERVE](#)



June 9th, 2026
Game time: 7:05 p.m.

Just Serve Night at Storm Chaser's Ball game

Just Serve will have a booth at Werner Park and would like to share our discount tickets with anyone that would like to attend the game

\$16.00 per ticket.

Use this [LINK](#) for discount tickets.





THE O.C. TANNER GIFT OF MUSIC PRESENTS

THE TABERNACLE CHOIR

AT TEMPLE SQUARE

SONGS OF HOPE

CONCERT BENEFITTING WOMEN AND CHILDREN WORLDWIDE



TABERNACLE CHOIR WATCH PARTY



DATE: Friday, June 26, 2026

WHERE: Tom Hanafan Rivers Edge Park Council Bluffs, Iowa

5 to 7 pm: Food trucks, activities, service

7 to 9 pm: View Performance from the Hollywood Bowl

Donate Here:



<https://www.churchofjesuschristnebraska.org/tabernacle-choir-watch-party>

FUN FOR EVERYONE!

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!



POPCORN



COTTON CANDY



CORN HOLE



**BUTCHER PAPER
WITH CRAYONS AND CHALK**



**9 SQUARE
IN THE AIR**



**SPORTS GEAR
(FOOTBALLS, SOCCER BALLS,
FRISBEES ETC.)**



SACK RACES



STICK PULL



TUG-O-WAR

COME PLAY, LAUGH & MAKE MEMORIES!

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.CHURCHOFJESUSCHRISTNEBRASKA.ORG/TABERNACLE-CHOIR-WATCH-PARTY](https://www.churchofjesuschristnebraska.org/tabernacle-choir-watch-party)

FACEBOOK PAGE: [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PROFILE.PHP?ID=61568001290908](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61568001290908)

FACEBOOK EVENT: [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EVENTS/1257076256582361/?ACTIVE_TAB=DISCUSSION](https://www.facebook.com/events/1257076256582361/?active_tab=discussion)

Omaha, Millard, Papillion and Council Bluffs Stake’s Just Serve Specialist are pleased to host a donation and service drive on behalf of the Tabernacle Choir ‘Songs of Hope’ Watch Party. We are making hygiene and snack kits for Heartland Family Service and YES (Youth Emergency Service). Donate through QR code on poster, or donations can be dropped off in boxes identified for the service project in the church buildings. Go to Just Serve to volunteer to assist with unloading, setting up, assembling kits, loading boxes and more.

EXCITING NEWS

Council Bluffs, Millard, Omaha and Papillion Stakes are joining together to serve Women and Children in our communities by assembling hygiene kits for local charities.

ITEMS MUST BE PLACED IN BOX BY JUNE 21

to allow for time to gather from all of the buildings!

Please consider donating new full-size or travel size hygiene items like:

- Shampoo or Conditioner
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Shaving Cream
- Toothbrush and paste
- Mouthwash and floss
- Hairbrush and comb
- Feminine hygiene products
- Womens socks
- Body wash

If you prefer - scan the Amazon QR code. Your donation will be shipped directly to the coordinator of the service project!



Individually packaged snacks are also welcome:

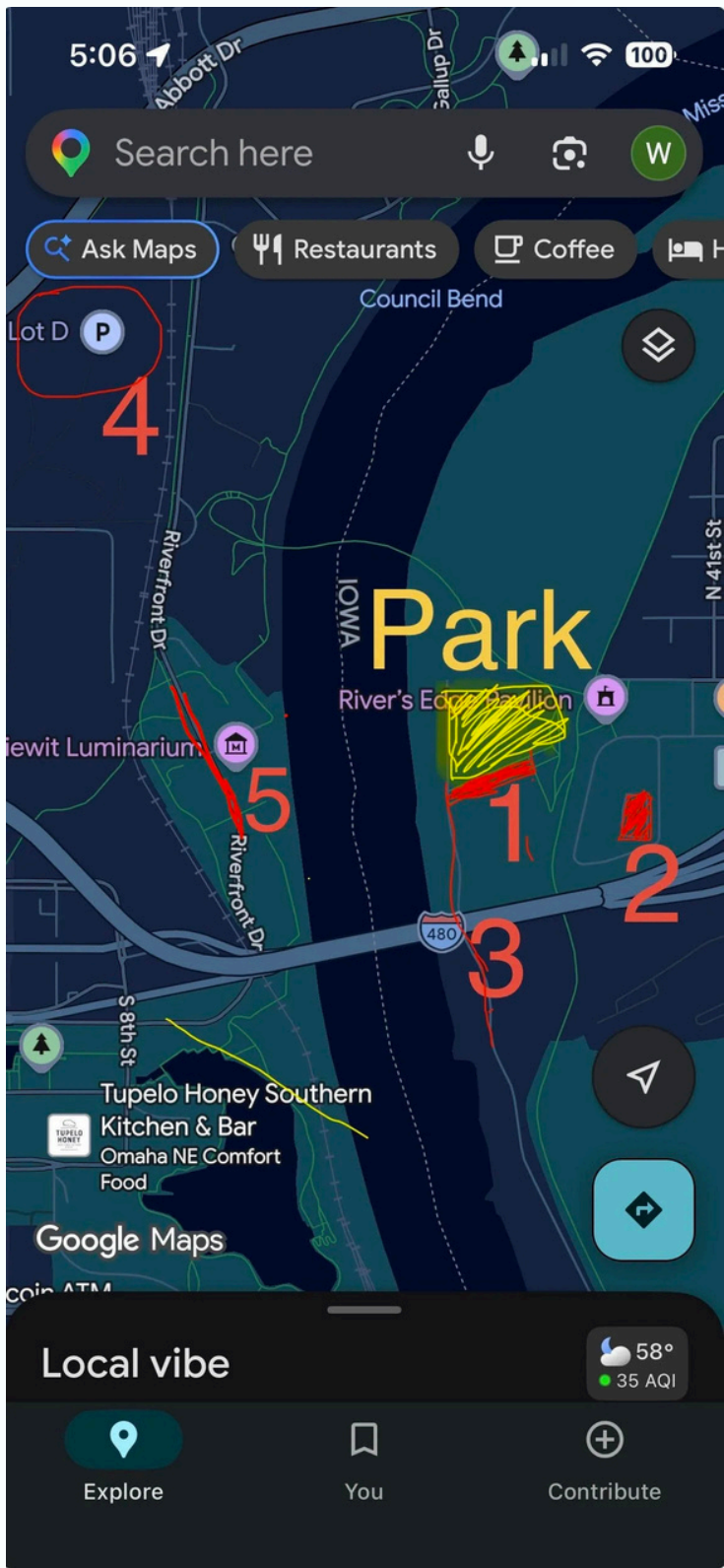
- Pretzels and Crackers
- Beef Sticks and Jerky
- Fruit Cups and Applesauce
- Protein bars and Trail Mix



PARKING

PARKING LOCATIONS:

1. PARKING LOT NEXT TO THE PARK. ACCESSIBLE THROUGH RIVER EDGE SERVICE RD. FREE PARKING.
2. FIVE STORY PARKING GARAGE CLOSE TO THE PARK. FREE PARKING.
3. UNDER THE HWY 480 BRIDGE. FREE PARKING.
4. LOT D PARKING LOT OF CHI CENTER. YOU'LL THEN HAVE TO WALK ACROSS THE BOB KERREY PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE. \$10/VEHICLE.
5. PARKING SPACE NEXT TO THE KIEWIT LUMINARIUM. AGAIN, WOULD NEED TO WALK ACROSS THE BOB KERREY BRIDGE. FREE PARKING.



FOOD TRUCKS

Come grab food & desserts with us at the
**Tabernacle Choir
Watch party
June 26, 2026**

5 - 9 pm

Tom Hanafan's River's Edge
Park, Council Bluffs, Iowa



Josh's Mac N Cheese
Josh's Homemade \$11.5
Mac N Cheese just like his mom made, ! Topped with Pulled Pork & BBQ ! Make it Brisket \$2+

**Pulled Pork, Brisket or Pulled
Chicken Meal \$16***

Pulled Pork/Brisket/or Chicken Slider, with sides of Chips. Homemade Mac N Cheese & a drink ****Brisket \$2 more

Desserts:

- *Peach Cobbler
- *Brownies
- *Bread Pudding
- *Cookies

ALL BAKERY ITEMS ARE MADE BY US IN OUR BAKERY IN WEEPING WATER, NE UNLESS SPECIFICALLY STATED

**WE ACCEPT CASH
CARDS
& TAP TO PAY!!!**

**Shortcakes
FOOD SERVICES**
BAKERY | FOOD TRUCK | CATERING | CAFE
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1995llc.sst@gmail.com



Texas Sized Nachos

Come topped with pulled pork, seasoned ground beef Sour cream, salsa, jalapenos, & black olives! Customizable & big! ***Brisket \$2 more
Small \$14, Large \$17
Dyno-Mite Nachos
Texas Sized Nachos with Pico de Gallo & Chalua Hot Sauce additional. Add \$2.50 to Nachos



Boss Hogg Nachos

Nacho chips N Cheese topped with our homemade mac n cheese, pulled pork, bbq sauce & jalapenos!
Small \$15, Large \$19.00

Chips N Cheese Nachos

Chips & Cheese, Add Meat extra \$ Small \$9.50, Large \$13.25

Walking Tacos \$8.50

Doritos, topped with shredded cheese, taco seasoned ground beef, lettuce, pico, black olives and jalapenos.

DRINKS TOO!
Square logo

TIKKA TALK

Samosa Crispy pastry filled with potato & vegetable stuffing, served with tangy mint & tamarind chutney. \$6.00	Masala Fries (M) Crispy french cut potato fries tossed with irresistible blend of spices. \$5.00
Chicken Kabab (GF) This breezy dish with small pieces of boneless chicken is rich in marinating with special Indian herbs, yogurt, house-made masala paste, & lime juice. \$12.00	Samosa Chat Crispy samosa topped with spicy chickpeas, tangy chutney, yogurt, onion, & chaat masala bursting with sweet, spicy & tangy flavors in every bite. \$10.00
Panner Tikka Wrap Grilled panner (Indian cottage cheese) marinated in spices, wrapped in a freshly made naan bread with vegetables & in-house chutney. \$12.00	Panner Tikka over Rice or Naan Soft, marinated panner cubes grilled to perfection & simmered in a rich, creamy tomato-based sauce infused with aromatic Indian spices. \$14.00
Chicken Tikka Wrap Tender chicken tikka pieces wrapped in a freshly made naan bread with fresh vegetables & in-house chutney. \$14.00	Chicken Tikka over Rice or Naan Tender, marinated chicken pieces grilled to perfection & simmered in a rich, creamy tomato-based sauce infused with aromatic spices. \$16.00
VEG COMBO SAMOSA PANNER TIKKA MASASLA RICE \$18.00	NON-VEG COMBO CHICKEN KEBAB CHICKEN TIKKA MASASLA RICE \$20.00

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Peach Cobbler or Blackberry Cobbler \$5

HOMEMADE PEACH OR BLACKBERRY COBBLER
ADD A SCOOP OF ICE CREAM \$1 MORE

Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce \$5

HEATHER'S HOMEMADE BREAD PUDDING TOPPED WITH RICH CARAMEL SAUCE.
ADD A SCOOP OF ICE CREAM \$1 MORE

Variety of Cookies \$3

Brownies \$5

HEATHER'S HOMEMADE BROWNIES

Turtle Brownie Sundae \$9

HEATHER'S HOMEMADE BROWNIE, TOPPED WITH PECANS, CARAMEL & HOT FUDGE PLUS A SCOOP OF HARD ICE CREAM!

German Chocolate Brownie Sundae \$9

HEATHER'S HOMEMADE BROWNIE, TOPPED WITH PECANS, CARAMEL & HOT FUDGE PLUS A SCOOP OF HARD ICE CREAM!

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Rice Krispies Treats \$5

HOMEMADE RICE KRISPIE TREATS
GLUTEN FREE
(MARSHMALLOW, BUTTER, RICE KRISPIE CEREAL)

Aunt Irene's Scotcheroos \$7

HOMEMADE SCOTCHEROOS
GLUTEN FREE
(CORN SYRUP, SUGAR, BUTTER, RICE KRISPIE CEREAL, BUTTERSOTCH AND MILK CHOCOLATE)

**ICE CREAM FACTORY
ICE CREAM FLAVORS AVAILABLE:**

- *Oreo
- *Brownie Blast
- *White Chocolate Raspberry
- *Cookie Monster
- *Goopy Butter Cake
- *Caramel Praline Pecan
- *Birthday Cake
- & More

TAXES NOT INCLUDED IN PRICES

FLAVORWAVE

KLASSIC \$4.00	KING \$5.00	COLOR CHANGING \$6.00	KOLLECTABLE \$7.00
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TIGER'S BLOOD **LUCKY LIME** **BLUE RASP BERRY** **WATER MELON WAVE** **GROOVY GRAPE** **STRAW BERRY'D TREASURE** **ISLAND RUSH** **NINJA CHERRY** **MONSTER MANGO** **PINA COLADA**

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VOLUNTEER AT THE TABERNACLE CHOIR WATCH PARTY!

<https://www.justserve.org/projects/e93188dd-03c4-4783-93bf-dfe1222a2a1f/song-of-hope-watch-party-service-project?shiftId=df548601-3bc8-4318-bb18-146406021ee1>

LEARN MORE

WEBSITE: <https://www.churchofjesuschristnebraska.org/tabernacle-choir-watch-party>

FACEBOOK PAGE: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61568001290908>

FACEBOOK EVENT: https://www.facebook.com/events/1257076256582361/?active_tab=discussion

YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS: COME JOIN US!

Mondays: YSA Family Home Evening (FHE) at 7pm

Wednesdays: YSA Institute class at 6:30 pm at Institute Building. Dinner is served at 6pm.

Thursdays: YSA Institute Class at 6 pm at Papillion Stake Center

Thursdays: Volleyball at Papillion Stake Center at 7 pm (Teens/Adults)

We post all of our activities on our ward Facebook page (linked [here](#)) which helps when we have cancellations and location changes for FHE, etc. Additionally the institute has a website with all their class information, locations, and instructors (linked [here](#)).



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*

Temple and Family History Onboarding

Are you new in your temple and family history calling or need instruction to more effectively serve? Temple and Family History Onboarding is underway! The onboarding sessions are intended for new stake and ward temple and family history consultants, ward temple and family history leaders, presidency councilors with responsibility for temple and family history work - including youth - and other interested leaders. They are being held at the Stake Center and online on a combination of Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Each of the twelve sessions is approximately 45 minutes. It is not too late to participate! Please reach out to Creighton Omer or Jessica Sattler (info in Tools) to request schedule details.

Temple & Family History Message

By Creighton Omer

As we treasure and celebrate our freedoms this year, we have the special opportunity to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. FamilySearch has partnered with America250 to help honor the people, families, and stories that have shaped our nation.

[FamilySearch & America 250: Discover your family's place in American History](#)

I invite you to participate by remembering and sharing your family's story. Consider the following activities (and others at the link above) and choose what is best for you and your family:

- Download the Family Tree app
- Sign up for a free FamilySearch account (or dig up your username and password!)
- Explore your family tree
- Record your family's story
- Honor the American heroes in your family
- Take the 250 Challenge (see image at right)

As always, volunteers are available at the FamilySearch Center to help you make discoveries!

Take the 250 Challenge
Honor your family's place in American history

How to start:

1. Download the Family Tree app

2. Sign up for a free FamilySearch account

3. Start adding names, events, and memories

Tip: Visit the Memories Gallery to see what others have added. Then tap the "+" icon to add your own stories or record a relative. Always state full names and family relationships.

2 Names
5 Events
10 Memories

Add **two** people to your family tree ☆☆☆

Add **five** life events (births, marriage, etc.) ☆☆☆☆☆

Add **ten** memories ☆☆☆☆☆

Finished the Challenge?
Scan to continue your journey of discovery.

Missionary Message

By Gus Checketts

In the 2016 October General Conference, Elder Dallan Oaks taught, "Sharing the gospel is not a burden but a joy. What we call "member missionary work" is not a program but an attitude of love and outreach to help those around us. It is also an opportunity to witness how we feel about the restored gospel of our Savior." On June 26th we have a wonderful opportunity to invite our friends and neighbors to the 2026 Tabernacle Choir Watch Party. The event will include lots of fun activities, service projects, food and an opportunity to listen and watch world recognized artists participating with the choir. The missionaries will be passing out over 10,000 invitations. Each ward will receive over 100 invitations to pass along to friends, families we minister to as well as acquaintances. Invitations to this event will be communicated on radio, television, social media, and community calendars. We expect over 4,000 people including the Mayor of Council Bluffs to attend. Please join us on June 26th at 5:00 pm for a wonderful evening event. See details pages 8-13 of this newsletter.



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WE WELCOME THESE NEW FRIENDS WHO RECENTLY JOINED THE CHURCH

THROUGH BAPTISM:

- Alaisya - WQ YSA
- Jacob - WQ YSA
- Isaiah - WQ YSA
- Carson - WQ YSA
- Josh - Old Mill
- Galileo - Elkhorn
- Maurice - Columbus

SONS CALLED TO SERVE

RECENTLY CALLED

- Katelyn Dossett (Fremont) San Juan Puerto Rico, June 3
- Noah Davis (Pac Ridges) Nebraska Omaha, June 8
- Dallin McCune (Elkhorn) Uruguay Montevideo West, July 8
- Melissa Spangler (Blair) Lima Limatambo Peru, July 15
- Evan Himes (Blair) Arizona Tucson, July 22
- Derick Bishop (Columbus) Brazil São Paulo North, July 29
- 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



FULL-TIME MISSIONARIES CURRENTLY SERVING

- Elder L. Bailey (Elkhorn) California Arcadia
- Elder S. Jensen (Blair) Oregon Portland
- Elder J. Haughawout (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
- Sister S. Jacobson (Elkhorn) California Modesto
- 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. 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) 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 West
- 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

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.

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