

OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE

# NEWSLETTER

February 2025



*Perfect Love, by Del Parson*

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 13: 34-35

Though we are incomplete,

*God loves us completely.*

Though we are imperfect,

*He loves us perfectly.*

Though we may feel  
lost and without compass,

*God's love encompasses us completely....*

He loves every one of us,  
even those who are  
flawed, rejected, awkward,  
sorrowful, or broken.

*Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf*

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### Saturday, February 1

- Untold Stories of Black Pioneers, Trail Center, 2-6 PM, see [page 8](#)

### Sunday, February 2

- Temple Prep Class, see [page 4](#)
- Young Adults Worldwide Devotional, click [here](#).
- Young Women Leadership Council, for young women presidencies, see details on [page 4](#)

### Sunday, February 9

- Elkhorn Ward Conference
- Temple Prep Class, see [page 4](#)
- YW Camp Leadership Meetings, see [page 5](#)
- Why I Believe Fireside, Trail Center, 7pm

### Tuesday, February 11

- North America Central Area Primary Instruction Meeting, 7pm, Virtual, see [page 3](#)

### Wednesday, February 12

- North America Central Area Relief Society Instruction Meeting, 7pm, Virtual, see [page 3](#)

### Thursday, February 13

- North America Central Area Youth Leader Instruction Meeting, 7 pm, Virtual, see [page 3](#)

### Saturday, February 15

- Primary Children Friend to Friend Broadcast, see [page 6](#)
- Youth Multi-Stake Dance, For youth turning 14+, Lincoln Stake Center, 6-9 pm, see [page 4](#)

### Sunday, February 16

- Columbus Branch Conference
- SLYC, Stake Center, 3 pm
- Temple Prep Class, see [page 4](#)

### Thursday, February 20

- Temple & Family History Meeting, FamilySearch Center, Stake Center, 7 pm. See [page 12](#)

### Saturday, February 22

- American Red Cross Blood Drive, Stake Center, 7:30 am

### Sunday, February 23

- Fremont Ward Conference
- YW Camp Leadership Meetings, see [page 5](#)
- Temple Prep Class, see [page 4](#)

### Thursday - Saturday, March 6-8

- RootsTech 2025, see [page 12](#)

## NORTH AMERICA CENTRAL AREA - VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION MEETINGS

## ZOOM LINK

Participants will participate in their own homes. This link takes you to a landing page where you select the meeting you want to attend: <https://mywebcast.churchofjesuschrist.org/nac>. The first 500 participants will be able to ask questions; all others will be in view-only mode.

## PRIMARY INSTRUCTION MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 7 - 9 PM

## Training for

- Stake Presidencies
- Stake Primary presidencies with secretaries
- Stake Primary Music Leader
- High council member with responsibility for Primary
- Ward Bishopricks/Branch Presidencies
- Ward/Branch Primary presidencies with secretaries
- Ward/Branch Primary Music Leaders
- Ward/Branch Primary Activity Leaders

## Preparation

In preparation for the virtual instruction, please review this "[2025 Primary Leadership Instruction RESOURCES](#)" pdf. This will allow us all to prepare, ponder, and have meaningful discussion during the session.

## Speakers

Sister Kathleen Kelly and Sister Kathleen Miner, members of the Primary General Advisory Council have accepted the assignment to present this instruction to the Primary leaders. Their biographies are available: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/learn/primary-general-advisory-council?lang=eng>.

## RELIEF SOCIETY INSTRUCTION MEETING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 7 - 9 PM

## Training for

- Stake Presidencies
- Stake Relief Society presidencies with secretaries
- High council members with responsibility to ward Elders quorums
- Ward Relief Society presidencies with secretaries
- Ward Bishopricks/Branch Presidencies

## Preparation

None Listed

## Speakers

Sister Hannah Miller, and likely another member of the Relief Society General Advisory Council have accepted the assignment to present this instruction to the Relief Society leaders. Their biographies are available: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/learn/relief-society-general-advisory-council?lang=eng>.

## YOUTH LEADERS INSTRUCTION MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 7 - 9 PM

## Training for


- Stake Presidencies
- High Council members responsible for Young Women and Young Men
- Stake Young Women and Young Men Presidencies with secretaries
- Ward Bishopricks/Branch Presidencies
- Ward/Branch Young Women Presidencies with secretaries
- Also welcome to attend are class and quorum presidencies from the oldest classes/quorums

## Preparation

1. Read [Acts 8: 26-39](#). What do you learn about discipleship from this verse?
2. Read or listen to President Russell M. Nelson's invitation to youth in his June 2018 devotional address, "[Hope of Israel](#)"
3. Become familiar with [@youngwomenworldwide](#) and with [@youngmenworldwide](#) on social media.

## Speakers

Sister Courtney Rich and Sister Jordan Murray, members of the Young Women General Advisory Council, have been assigned to participate in the YW&YM instruction meeting. Their biographies are available: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/learn/young-women-general-advisory-council?lang=eng>.



# YOUNG WOMEN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

*For all Ward/Branch YW  
Presidencies and Secretaries*

SUN FEB 2, 2025 | 4:00-5:30PM  
OMAHA STAKE CENTER RELIEF SOCIETY ROOM

LIGHT DINNER SERVED



# MULTI-STAKE DANCE 14+

*night in paris*

**FEBRUARY 15TH 6-9**  
3000 OLD CHENEY RD, LINCOLN NE  
THERE WILL BE LINE DANCE INSTRUCTION FROM 6 TO 6:30 THEN THE DANCE WITH THE LIVE BAND  
**DOWNTOWN COLLECTIVE** FROM 6:30 TO 9  
NICE CASUAL DRESS (I.E. SHIRT WITH SLACKS OR JEANS)  
THERE WILL ALSO BE, SNACKS, A GAME ROOM, AND A PHOTO BOOTH!  
**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!**



## FEBRUARY 16TH SYLC MEETING

For all ward youth  
representatives

3:00 pm



Omaha Stake Center  
14680 California Street

## SUNDAYS

### TEMPLE PREPARATION CLASS

4:00 PM  
Primary Room  
Stake Center



## LOOKING AHEAD

### MARCH 5TH

YW Camp Kick-off  
Stake Center  
7:00 PM

### MARCH 8TH

Omaha Stake Pre-FSY  
Activity for ALL YOUTH  
Stake Center  
3:00-5:00 PM



## SUMMER CAMP DATES

### Stake YM Summer Camp 2025

May 28 - 31 at Camp Eagle

### Stake YM High Adventure

July 15-19th

**NEW!**

### Stake YW Summer Camp 2025

June 3 - 7, 2025

June 3 YCL's only

June 4 - 7 All YW

## FSY DATES

### Summer 2025

For Youth turning 14+

1st Session:

Lincoln June 16-21

2nd Session:

Lincoln June 23-28



# YW CAMP

**REGISTER NOW**



Are you turning 12 this year, a rising senior, or anywhere in between? You are invited to attend young women camp this year! It will be June 3-7 for YCL-age young women and June 4-7 for young women under age 15. **Please register today!**

### REGISTRATION

Camp registration is now open. To register, go to [omahastakeywcamp.com](http://omahastakeywcamp.com) to find the registration form, see when and where we are going, find your packing list, and answers to your questions. Please note that registration will not be complete without a current and baby picture for a special activity that is being planned for camp. Please reach out to your ward camp director if you have any concerns. The deadline for registration is April 15 to guarantee a t-shirt.

**CAMP KICK OFF:** Stake Young Women Camp Kickoff: Wednesday, March 5 from 7-8:15 P.M. at the Omaha Stake Building. See Flyer for more details!

### FEBRUARY IMPORTANT DATES

All meetings are held in the young women's room at the Omaha Stake Center

**Feb. 9, 2:30 P.M. All adult camp leaders (level and ward camp directors)**

**Feb. 9, 3-4 P.M. All adult leaders and YCL's (young women turning 16-18) who will not have graduated from high school.**

**Feb. 23, 3-4 P.M. All YCL's and adult camp leaders.**

# FEBRUARY 11, 2025

## North America Central Area Primary Training Meeting

See [Page 3](#) for details

### FRIEND TO FRIEND

#### FEBRUARY 15TH

The February 2025 episode of Friend to Friend features Elder David A. Bednar and his wife, Susan. Hosted by the Primary General Presidency, this 15-minute episode includes children's stories about sharing Jesus' love through service, along with music, inspirational messages, and a visit from Louie the Toucan. It's designed for kids and can be used at home or in Primary.

For more information and links to access the February Friend to Friend, click [here](#).



Hey, parents and leaders of primary activity age children  
we are doing it again!

## 2ND ANNUAL GOAL SHOWCASE

coming to you in the Fall of 2025!



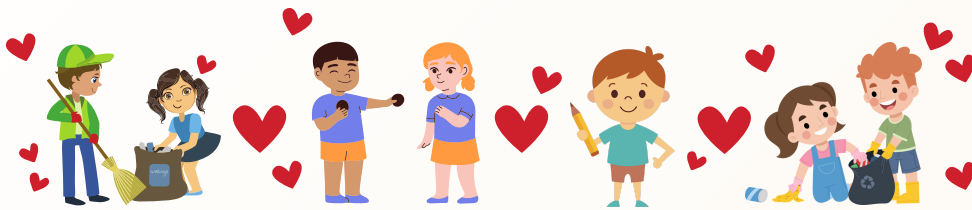
We had such a great response to the goal showcase this year that we are gearing up for another amazing opportunity for the kids to show what they are capable of.

To start this year, please work with your children and their leaders so they can display what they have accomplished.





# JustServe.org



The General Primary Leaders have invited primaries to do service in 2025. This project can be done as a ward or stake or as a family. Here are some ideas:

- Valentines for the Elderly (see below UNO distributes these cards to assisted living homes) and Lifecare Center in Elkhorn would love to share Valentines with their residents.
- Older Children make fleece blankets (skill learned: tying knots) JoAnn's Fabrics collects fleece blankets for Linus Project or see below 'My Very Own Blanket
- Thank you cards to Veterans for Veterans Day
- Planting plants
- Clean up trash on trails and parks



Take a look at these opportunities at Just Serve! Click on the links below

[Make a Valentine for an Older Adult!](#)

[Ladies Let's Talk English Conversation Sessions for Immigrant and Refugee Women](#)

[LA County Fire Relief 2025](#)

[Make a Blanket for a Child in Foster Care - My Very Own Blanket \(US\)](#)

# OMAHA-AREA SINGLE ADULT NEWS



Single 36+

Pre-Super Bowl Party

Come play "Fowling"  
Valentine Party

When: February 8, 2025  
Where: Martha Street Building  
11027 Martha Street  
Time: 5:00- done

Bring Valentines to  
exchange and a Super  
Bowl treat!



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

February 2nd: Millard Stake  
Representing, Location TBA,  
Time TBA

February 8th: Super Bowl &  
Valentine's Party, 5:00,  
11027 Martha Street,  
Omaha, NE

February 10th: Come Follow  
Me, 7pm, (Missy), 11027  
Martha Street, Omaha, NE

February 22nd: Pay for  
Yourself Activity, Meet at  
Addie's Sports FOOD @  
4PM, Fat Putter/Arcade  
(Non-sponsored church  
event but church standards  
do apply)

February 24th: Come Follow  
Me, 7:00 (Pam)

March 2nd: Fireside TBA

March 8th: Pay for Yourself  
Activity, TBA

March 10th: Come Follow  
Me, 7pm, 11027 Martha  
Street, Omaha, NE

March 22nd: Activity TBD

March 25th: Come Follow  
Me, 7pm (Pam), 11027  
Martha Street, Omaha, NE

April 5 & 6: General  
Conference, Gather at  
Missy's house if interested



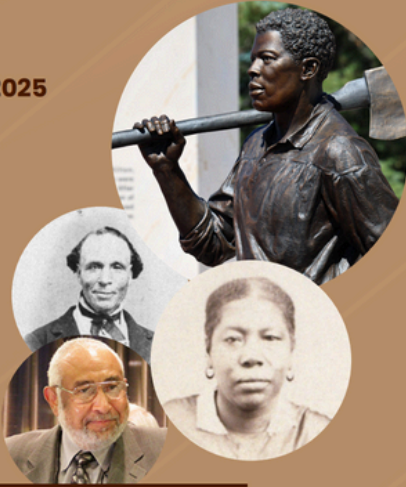
## TRAIL CENTER EVENT

### Untold Stories of the Black Pioneers at Winter Quarters

OPEN HOUSE  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2025  
2:00–6:00

Mormon Trail Center  
3215 State Street  
Omaha, NE 68112

Free entry  
Refreshments served



OUR ANCESTORS AFFIRM US.

They encourage us that we can overcome and pass hope forward.  
We want to share and learn stories of inspiration about Black pioneers.

# Saturday

Did you know there were  
black pioneers at Winter  
Quarters? Yes, many! The

Mormon Trail Center  
invites you to a special  
celebration honoring their  
contributions. Come hear  
their untold stories!

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

EASTER ART SHOW  
2025 THEME

*We shall*  
**SEE HIM**  
*as He is*

1 JOHN 3:1-3

Behold, what manner of love the Father  
hath bestowed upon us, that we should  
be called the sons of God: therefore the  
world knoweth us not, because it knew  
him not.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God,  
and it doth not yet appear what we shall  
be: but we know that, when he shall  
appear, we shall be like him; for we shall  
see him as he is.

And every man that hath this hope in  
him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Those interested in submitting work for the Easter Art Show can learn more by clicking [here](#). This year's art show theme is *We Shall See Him as He Is*.



## MISSIONARY MOMENT

The missionary efforts of the Omaha Mission are being greatly blessed. The Omaha Mission is on track to welcome 100 newly baptized members into the church this month. We have welcomed 10 new members into the Omaha Stake so far in January and expect one more baptism on Tuesday. We now have trainer sisters as well as Zone Leaders assigned to our stake which is one of the 8 zones in the mission. The Omaha Zone

has a goal of 70 baptisms this year. The number of lessons being taught with members has dramatically increased and the new members are attending the temple within a few weeks of being baptized. I would like to see a missionary section in the stake newsletter highlighting our successes and areas of emphasis. What are your thoughts? I love sharing the "Good News" and believe it helps us maintain our enthusiasm for the work.

Gus Checketts

High Counselor  
Omaha Nebraska Stake



## SUNDAYS

### TEMPLE PREPARATION CLASS

4:00 PM

Primary Room  
Stake Center



# STAKE TEMPLE & FAMILY HISTORY MESSAGE

A wonderful Temple and Family History devotional was held on January 23, with messages shared by President and Sister Calaway (Nebraska Omaha Mission), President and Sister Pincock (Winter Quarters Temple), and Elder Rodney A. Ames (Area Seventy North America). Elder Ames shared three invitations:

1. Do what God has written on your heart.
2. Hold regular Temple and Family History Coordination Meetings.
3. Worship in the temple at your level of sacrifice.

Let's explore each of these further:

1.) As we have recently learned in our Come, Follow Me study, God has a work for each of us to do in the ongoing Restoration of the Savior's gospel. As we seek the Lord's will, we will be prompted and guided to act.

2.) Elder Ames' second invitation is for the ward temple and family history leader, assigned members of the Relief Society and elders quorum presidencies, an assistant in the priests quorum, a presidency member of the oldest Young Women class, and temple and family history consultants. These individuals meet and counsel together to:

- Coordinate efforts to implement the ward temple and family history plan.
- Plan how to help specific ward members prepare to receive temple ordinances.
- Plan how to help specific ward members with their temple and family history work. (See General Handbook 25.2.7)

3.) Each member determines when and how often to worship in the temple. Review the temple schedule. Prayerfully consider what would be an appropriate level of sacrifice. President Russell M. Nelson counseled:

"Please schedule regular time to worship and serve in the temple. Every minute of that time will bless you and your family in ways nothing else can. Take time to ponder what you hear and feel when you are there. Ask the Lord to teach you how to open the heavens to bless your life and the lives of those you love and serve. ... I promise that as you increase your time in temple and family history work, you will increase and improve your ability to hear Him."

Read More:

- [Hear Him](#), April 2020
- [15 Promises from President Nelson](#)

I know we will be blessed as we seek to participate more fully in temple and family history work and follow the inspired counsel of our leaders.

Creighton Omer  
FamilySearch Center Coordinator





# ROOTSTECH 2025

We invite individuals and families to plan now to participate in RootsTech 2025 which will be held March 6-8. Online registration is free. Visit <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/>. There is something for everyone! The following are just a few of the scores of possibilities:

- What's New at FamilySearch for Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Family Discovery Day Live Session, featuring Elder Neil L. Andersen
- It's Your Story, presented by Scott and Angelle Anderson and John and Kimberly Bytheway

## TEMPLE & FAMILY HISTORY MEETING FOR PEOPLE WITH WARD T&FH CALLINGS

For those with ward temple and family history callings and FamilySearch Center volunteers, a Temple and Family History meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20 at 7 PM in the Omaha FamilySearch Center (Stake Center). Contact Creighton Omer for Zoom information.

## 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



### David Robles

*Please find his 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 his phone number in the LDS tools app. Matt schedules appointments for members of the Bennington, Blair, Columbus, Elkhorn, and Fremont Wards*



# 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?