

Omaha Nebraska Stake Newsletter

November 2024

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Saturday, November 2

- Stake Relief Society Activity, 10am, Stake Center, see page 3 for details

Saturday, November 9

- Omaha Stake Youth Activity, see page 4 for more details

Sunday, November 10

- Why I Believe Fireside, 7pm, Trail Center

Thursday, November 14

- Senior Missionary Broadcast, 7-8:30 pm, Stake Center

Friday, November 15

- Stake Activity: Cultural Celebration Evening, for all stake members, see page 2 for more details

Saturday, November 23

- Omaha Stake Youth Volleyball, see page 4 for details

EVERY SUNDAY

- Mission/Temple Prep, 4pm, Stake Center

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“...every sincere seeker of Jesus Christ will find Him in the temple. You will feel His mercy. You will find answers to your most vexing questions. You will better comprehend the joy of His gospel.”

President Russell M. Nelson

THE CENTER FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE ADVANCEMENT
& THE OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE PRESENT

MEET YOUR Neighbors

Bring the family!
Invite neighbors & friends!

A CULTURAL CELEBRATION NIGHT



15 NOVEMBER 2024 • 7:00 - 8:00 PM
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
14680 CALIFORNIA STREET

A NIGHT FEATURING CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS
BY REFUGEES IN OUR COMMUNITY

HORS D'OEUVRE'S & CULTURAL FOOD SAMPLES WILL BE SERVED

Wailin' and Waffles

*Please join us November 2nd
from 10 am – Noon
for a Stake Relief Society Activity at
the Stake Center*

Casual Dress

*Breakfast will be served
(If you have an allergy or food concern, please text or
call Sis. Orchard at 541-761-8829)*

NOVEMBER

Mission/Temple Prep

Every Sunday, 4pm,
Stake Center

November 9th: Stake
Youth Activity for
youth turning 12-13,
Elkhorn Building,
3 pm - 5 pm

November 23
Stake Youth Volleyball
& Donuts



NOVEMBER 23, 9 - 10:30 AM

**STAKE YOUTH
VOLLEYBALL +
DONUTS**

Come play volleyball and enjoy
donuts!

NOVEMBER 23, 9 - 10:30 AM
STAKE CENTER
14680 CALIFORNIA ST, OMAHA

LOOKING AHEAD

December 28: Multi Stake Youth
Dance, Papillion

2024 Summer Camps (see page 9)
Don't forget to register for FSU!!

GIVING MACHINES

December 20 - 31
Westroads Mall



WANT TO BE IN THE LOOP ABOUT THE GIVING MACHINES?

Join the Ambassador email list! The latest news and updates on events will come through the Ambassador email list. This is for our most excited followers who want to be in the loop. We have some great things coming with Creighton University and their basketball team, and when we have final details, this email list will be the first to know. Please sign up here to get on this list. <https://givingmachineomaha.org/ambassador-program/>

WANT A POSTER TO DISPLAY AT YOUR WORKPLACE?

Email Brooke at bperkes@comm.churchofjesuschrist.org to request posters to display at your business or workplace. We'd love to spread the word and invite all members of our community to participate.

YOUTH & YSA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Light the World Giving Machines are coming to Omaha for their second year! We are looking for volunteers ages 16 to 35 to help staff the Giving Machines. If you are interested, fill out a form [here](#). Shift details will come in September. Volunteer assignments will be confirmed with you beforehand.

Contact Caleb Anderson with questions at calebander@gmail.com



LOOKING AHEAD: CALL FOR ARTISTS

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*.





BE MY EYES: VIRTUAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY



be my eyes

Be My Eyes is a free mobile app with one main goal: to make the world more accessible for blind and low-vision people. The app connects blind and low-vision individuals with sighted volunteers and companies from all over the world through a live video call.

To learn more, click [here](#).

HELP NEEDED: TRICK OR TREAT



This week

Help residents living at Hillcrest Silver Ridge in Gretna hand out candy to little ghosts and goblins on Halloween.

Sign up today! Click [here](#) for more details.

HOW TO CREATE A FREE JUSTSERVE ACCOUNT

1. Go to <https://justserve.org/register>
2. Enter your name, email address, language, location details and a password
3. 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!



FAMILYSEARCH CENTER HOURS

Open every Tuesday
noon-2pm and
7pm-9pm,
or by special
appointment

(402) 252-5131

Stake Center
14680 California St.,
Omaha

Get free help from a
Familysearch consultant,
or bring a friend!



TEMPLE & FAMILY HISTORY MESSAGE

A few weeks ago, I went to my dentist for a six-month checkup. After a thorough exam, I left the chair with a clean bill of health—no cavities! At the receptionist's desk, she gave me a thumbs-up and asked, "Shall we schedule your next appointment?" Naturally, I said yes.

We make appointments to reserve time in advance for things we prioritize: doctor visits, exams, lunch dates, car maintenance, youth sports, and parent-teacher meetings. Here's a question: are you also making a regular appointment with the Lord in His house?

In October 2018 General Conference, President Nelson urged, "If you have reasonable access to a temple, I urge you to find a way to make an appointment regularly with the Lord—to be in His holy house—then keep that appointment with exactness and joy."

While Church leaders don't set quotas for temple attendance, we can set personal goals. Many years ago, a ward leader challenged me to set a personal goal for temple visits throughout the year. I prayed about it and chose a goal that felt both achievable and spiritually meaningful.

To reach my goal, I had to be intentional about scheduling time to go. This meant making an appointment with my Heavenly Father to visit His house - and putting it on my calendar! The more regular my visits became, the more I thought about the temple, and it soon felt like much more than a duty. Despite travel and other commitments, I found creative ways to keep my appointments in the temple. Over time, each visit became a spiritual investment in my relationship with my Heavenly Father.

During the same October 2018 General Conference, Elder Renlund described blessings that come from participating in temple and family history work. Here's a reminder of what those blessings include:

- Assistance to mend troubled, broken or anxious hearts
- The ability to no longer feel alone
- Increased love for others, especially your family members living and dead
- Power to discern
- Greater influence of the Holy Ghost to feel direction in life
- Increased ability to repent and protection from temptation
- Refinement and sanctification of one's heart
- Increased family blessings, no matter one's current, past, or future family situation or how imperfect one's family tree may be
- Deep and abiding conversion to the Savior through increased faith in Him and a better understanding of His atonement
- And, increased joy through an increased ability to feel the love of the Lord

These blessings are real, available to each of us as children of Heavenly Father, and come as we prioritize our appointments with the Lord in His house.

Thad Call



TEMPLE RECOMMEND STAKE INTERVIEWS

To schedule a temple recommend interview with a member of the stake presidency, please contact the following individuals. If you haven't heard back from them in a week, please reach out again. They are doing their best to respond in a timely manner!

David Robles

(801) 971-5194

- Old Mill, Pacific Ridges, Eagle Run & YSA Wards

Matthew Nielsen

(719) 464 - 8456

- Bennington, Blair, Columbus, Elkhorn & Fremont Wards

FAMILY HISTORY EVENTS & CLASSES

Nov 3: 3:00-4:00pm, Zoom. Familysearch Basics for Latter-day Saints Session 4: Basic Research Skills. Presented by Kathryn Grant (Thad Call: "she's great!"). No registration required. Link at familyhistory.lib.byu.edu.

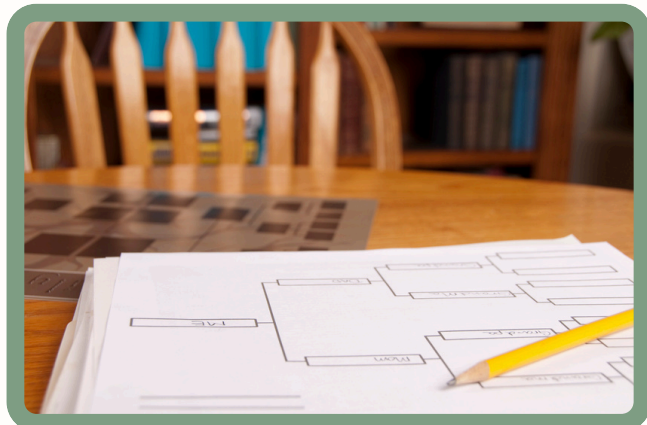
Nov 10: 3:00-4:00pm, Zoom. Familysearch Basics for Latter-day Saints Session 5: Preparing Names for Temple Ordinances. Presented by Kathryn Grant (Thad Call: "she's great!"). No registration required. Link at familyhistory.lib.byu.edu.

Nov 12: 8:00-8:45pm, Zoom. Ward temple and family history consultant training. Topic: helping 11 year-old Primary children prepare to take an ancestor name to the temple. Meeting ID: 4028850309, passcode "Temple".

Nov 14: 5:00-6:00pm, Zoom. Italian Genealogy Workshop. Omaha Public Library: An Italian genealogy specialist will give a virtual tour of the principal resources for tracing Italian ancestors, including FamilySearch, the Portale Antenati, and several others. Methods to identify the Italian town of origin in U.S. and home records will be explained. Register at the Omaha Public Library webpage.

Nov 14: 6:00-7:00pm, Zoom. BYU Family History Library: "Can You Trace Your Lineage Back to Adam?" Presented by James Tanner. No registration required. Link at familyhistory.lib.byu.edu.

Nov 17: 3:00-4:00pm, Zoom. Family History for Latter-day Saints: Common Mistakes and How to Avoid Them. Presented by Kathryn Grant (Thad Call: "she's great!"). No registration required. Link at familyhistory.lib.byu.edu.



Save the Date

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GIVING MACHINES IN OMAHA

December 20-31 at Westroads Mall

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YOUTH CAMPS *SUMMER 2025*

For the Strength of Youth (FSY) Summer 2025

- (For Youth turning 14+)
- 1st Session: Lincoln June 16-21
- 2nd Session: Lincoln June 23-28
- *Pre-registration begins October 22 - January 14*

Stake YM Summer Camp 2025

- May 28 - 31 at Camp Eagle

Stake YW Summer Camp 2025

- June 3 - 7, 2025
- June 3 YCL's only
- June 4 - 7 All YW

NEW!

HANDEL'S MESSIAH



A few members of the stake are singing Handel's Messiah with the Voices of Omaha. They thought you might be interested in attending. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

VOICES OF OMAHA'S
55TH ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OF

HANDEL'S MESSIAH



HOLLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
11.24.2024 @ 3PM

FREE ADMISSION



VOICES of OMAHA

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: WWW.VOICESOFOMAHA.ORG

If you would like to include something in the stake newsletter that you think stake members would enjoy being informed of, please email shannonmccune@gmail.com

YOUTH BASKETBALL CYO LEAGUE: REGISTER BY 11/10

Sign up for one of our Stake Basketball teams! We have teams for boys and girls, 6th grade through high school. Teams compete in the Omaha CYO league with other parochial, Christian, and Catholic organizations. 8-12 games depending on the grade with a postseason tournament. This is our 3rd year playing and it is a great way to participate with other like-minded youth in Omaha and compete together. The Junior Cougars are a lot of fun. Sign up:

<https://form.jotform.com/242579176782168>. Contact Marissa Leavitt with any questions (mleavitt10@gmail.com)

