

OLYMPUS COVE CONNECTIONS

From the editor... -

This is a special double issue of the newsletter for both April and May. Mike and I will be gone most of May. We are looking forward to visiting areas in France where Mike served his mission. This is his first time returning to the area. I appreciate those who have sent me the information for both months to include in this issue.

I am so grateful Mike and I were able to drive to Indiana and be in the path of totality for the solar eclipse last week. This is one of the extraordinary photos Mike took as the Moon began to move away from eclipsing the Sun. It is my favorite image because it looks like the two are close enough to be one creation. And we were able to see this before we had to put our filter glasses on again. I am trying to look for ways to see where I have filters or barriers to God's love and grace. When I can see and acknowledge

them, I can choose to let them go, and be present to the incomprehensible and limitless love of God.

IN THIS ISSUE - Please check out the wonderful new service program created by Kathy and Stu Peterson.

Thank you to all who helped with this issue. **Please send me information for the ward newsletter and history.** My phone is 303-902-7062 and my email is hansen_home@comcast.net. Thank you for your help!-



Inspirational message for April - By Lynn Collins

Elder Gerrit W. Gong of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles has written a new book titled **The Shepherd and The Lamb**. At first blush one might presume that the Shepherd is, of course, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the “Good Shepherd” of the *New Testament*, and the Lamb is one of us who has gone astray. However, as you read further you discover that the Lamb is also the Savior, for He is in truth “The Lamb of God”.

Elder Gong observes:

“Jesus Christ as the Shepherd of Israel gathers His people in all places and circumstances into the safety of His fold on both sides of the veil.”

The Savior ministers and strengthens, and He asks us to join Him in ministering and strengthening one another. We do so in our various callings and by simply being good friends and neighbors, The Savior forgives, and commands us to forgive one another as He forgives us.

In the great Council in Heaven He was chosen by the Father to be our Redeemer. He told the Father “Send me and the glory be Thine forever.” As the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ left His throne above and came to earth to redeem all of us. During His atoning sacrifice, He suffered excruciating agony in the Garden of Gethsemane as He took upon Himself the sins, pains, illnesses, and infirmities of us all. He literally descended below all, as the Father reminded the Prophet Joseph Smith in Liberty Jail. (D & C 122)

As the Lamb of God, He allowed Himself to be crucified at Golgotha. According to Elder Bruce R. McConkie, as the Savior was in agony on the cross, all of the agonies and pains of the Garden of Gethsemane returned to Him. After being taken down from the cross, He was laid in a borrowed tomb. After three days He rose again.



April/May Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

April 1 - Jacob Boyden, George Fishler, Brad Romney
 2 - Melanie Decker, Sara Romney, Bart Warner
 5 - Isabelle Davis, Judy Hanks
 6 - Mimi Silverstein
 9 - James Goodwin, Rebecca Simmons
 10 - Nate Fredrick
 11 - Brittini Schoepf
 14 - Rocio Andrews, Gary Hart, Paul Rets
 15 - Tiffany Hardin, Matthew Murdock, Liz Smith, Liz Warner
 17 - Ruby Staggs
 18 - Cade White
 19 - Lynn Collins
 20 - Brooke Black
 23 - Mae Callister
 24 - Nathan Fredrick
 25 - Shirley Bailey
 26 - Reb Bennett
 27 - Sarah Bird, Britton Gardner, Marilyn Taft
 28 - Louise Zabriskie
 May 1 - Linda Olson
 3 - Adam Fredrick, Sarah Stephens
 4 - Tyler McComas
 6 - Stuart Larson
 7 - Hayden Wilde
 8 - Warren Bell, Scott Jones, Stewart Landau
 10 - William Black, Joseph DeNiro
 11 - Ann Johnson
 12 - Tamara Bell, William Richards
 13 - Chris Davidson
 14 - David Randle, Thomas Sunderland
 15 - Darwin Jepsen
 16 - Stephanie Bywater, Cynthia, Moffett, Allison Phillipps
 17 - Anton Rets
 21 - Giles Lamprecht
 22 - Benjamin Fredrick, Richard George, David Lundberg, Ramsey Moffett
 23 - Carrie Lamprecht, Jack Moffett
 24 - Andrew Olson
 29 - Chariece Hillery, Elizabeth Rets
 June 1 - Faun Marshall
 3 - Chanin Christensen
 4 - Kelly Landau
 6 - Cynthia Stallsberg

Please notify me of any preferred nicknames or proper names for the birthday list. I will try to update the official birthday list to honor that.

We were just blessed to celebrate Easter, commemorating His triumphal rise from the Tomb. I bear my humble but sure witness that He lives today and continues to bless us as we repent and seek after Him.

Inspirational message for May - by Rebecca Simmons

In his most recent conference address, our prophet encouraged us to enjoy the blessings of temples. He refers to the dedicatory prayer of the Kirtland Temple, which is recorded in Doctrine and Covenants section 109. He shares promises from that dedicatory prayer about what will happen to those who serve and worship in the house of the Lord. He states,

“They can expect to receive answers to prayer, personal revelation, greater faith, strength, comfort, increased knowledge, and increased power.

Time in the temple will help you to think celestial and to catch a vision of who you really are, who you can become, and the kind of life you can have forever. Regular temple worship will enhance the way you see yourself and how you fit into God’s magnificent plan. I promise you that.

We are also promised that in the temple we may ‘receive a fulness of the Holy Ghost.’ Imagine what that promise means in terms of having the heavens open for each earnest seeker of eternal truth.

We are instructed that all who worship in the temple will have the power of God and angels having ‘charge over them.’ How much does it increase your confidence to know that, as an endowed woman or man armed with the power of God, you do not have to face life alone? What courage does it give you to know that angels really will help you?

Finally, we are promised that ‘no combination of wickedness’ will prevail over those who worship in the house of the Lord.”

President Nelson then offers us a promise:

“My dear brothers and sisters, here is my promise. Nothing will help you more to hold fast to the iron rod than worshipping in the temple as regularly as your circumstances permit. Nothing will protect you more as you encounter the world’s mists of darkness. Nothing will bolster your testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Atonement or help you understand God’s magnificent plan more. Nothing will soothe your spirit more during times of pain. Nothing will open the heavens more. Nothing!”

“Rejoice in the Gift of Priesthood Keys”
 President Russell M. Nelson
 April 2024 General Conference

Imagine feeling the heavens open in your behalf. Imagine the confidence that no combination of wickedness will prevail over you and that angels will help you in the challenges of your life. Imagine your soul soothed in times of pain. We all need the blessings we can receive by being in the Lord's house. I don't have a spiritual "aha" moment every time I attend the temple, but I always feel peace. Reviewing the Kirtland Temple dedication and President Nelson's promises for worshipping in the temple help me appreciate the peace I have felt in the temple, but they also motivate me to recognize and seek so many additional blessings extended to me if I will worship there more. I challenge you to review these promises and seek to receive them as you worship in the temple.

New Service Program from Kathy and Stu Peterson

We are excited to engage with our ward in community service. For our first effort, we would like to work to serve the Refugee Community in Millcreek by partnering with the Utah Refugee Connection. April is a busy month with the worldwide and stake conferences, spring breaks, etc., but we can prepare our eyes and hearts this month to serve.

To prepare our eyes and our hearts during April for the service we will do in May, we encourage each of you to find ways to see, to learn about, and to engage with refugees in Millcreek. Stu and I have identified several ways to begin to soften and open our hearts to this wonderful community. Here are a few ideas:

- **Start with Prayer** - Join us in praying for the refugees in our community. Ask for your eyes to be opened and to recognize and better see God's children.
- **Learn about the refugees in Millcreek** - Read some of the stories about refugees on <https://serverefugees.org/real-stories/>
- **Attend a Refugee Cultural night** - Youth Refugee Night Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00pm at Granite District School offices
- **Enjoy one of these movies** - Cabrini (2024), Under the Same Moon (2007)
- **Visit Millcreek City art exhibit** - by immigrant children
- on the 2nd floor of Millcreek City Hall
- **Sign up at the Utah Refugee Connection Website** - <https://serverefugees.org>
- **Learn about Ramadan**
- **Enjoy some wonderful cuisine** - Some of our favorite restaurants are Afghan Kitchen, Shanasheel Grill, and there are many others .. share your favorites with us!
- **Rancho Market** - Grab your groceries for the week at Rancho Market (898 East 3300 South)

Let's reach out of our busy lives to discover new cultures and make new friends. Our hope is that through intentional prayer and interactions we can learn more about people in our community who have come from around the world. Let's share our experience when we see one another later in April.

Details for our May service effort are available now. Stu and I would be happy to visit with each of the ward auxiliaries when it is convenient for you. Please contact us to schedule a time we can share our plans with you.

Kathy and Stu Peterson

Stake Conference is coming up on April 20th and 21st -
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In conjunction with our upcoming stake conference, Stake Temple Day will be held on **Thursday, April 18, 2024**.

Members are invited to attend the **8:30 AM or 6:00 PM endowment sessions at the Jordan River Temple**. Youth are invited to attend baptism sessions at any time during the day. Remember to [make a reservation](#) as soon as you are able! (Update - The sessions are filling up. The 5:30 session has been added for the stake. Please make a reservation for that session if possible.)

If you cannot attend at the listed times, we encourage you attend any endowment, initiatory, sealing, or baptism session in the house of the Lord that day.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Young

Bryan L. Crockett

M. Brett Erskine

Stake Presidency

Salt Lake Mount Olympus Stake

Relief Society Temple Day for March-

We are looking forward to our Relief Society Temple Day on Thursday, April 18th.

We will meet at 8:30 in the church parking lot to ride together to the Draper Temple for the 10:00 session.

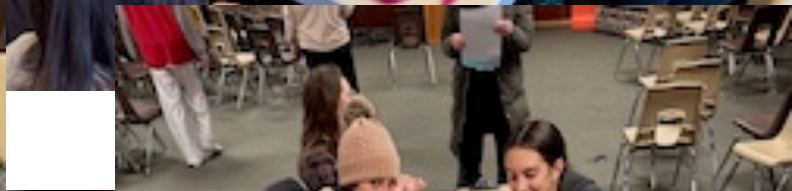
And for next month, RS temple day will be May 9th. Please meet in the parking lot at 8:30 to head to the Jordan River Temple for the 10 am session.

If you have any questions about registering for the session, please contact Susan Smith.

jStake Young Women's Camp - Thank you, Rebecca Simmons, for sharing information and photos about this activity.

Our Stake Young Women's Camp was held on March 14-16, 2024 at Camp Zarahemla in Morgan, Utah. We thank Natalie Fredrick and her team of Stake leaders for organizing such a fun event! The days were filled with scripture study, activities, crafts, and yummy food. The evenings included firesides with President Young and Dr. Christine Holding followed by games before bundling up in cold cabins or the warm lodge. Elle Callister and Elizabeth Rets even participated in a "polar plunge" with other brave youth. Thank you to all who attended and made it an event to remember.









Please raise your voices and sing!- from Chorister Jody Hansen

Did you know you can play a recording of the hymns on the LDS app under the sacred music tab?

Here are the hymn selections for the rest of April and May. I invite you to look at them, maybe familiarize yourself so that you might feel more prepared to sing during this important part of our sacrament meetings. Your voices are all a wonderful part of worship. I greatly appreciate each of you.

April 28 - 241, 182, 134, 223

May 5 - 229 183, 239

May 12 - 87, 185, Music Number, 92

May 19 - 264, 188, 129, 140

May 26 - 243, 174, 83, 80

June 2 - 7, 193, 165

Pot Luck Dinner and Activity Night at Amy Sunderland's House on April 11 -

Amy Sunderland hosted a wonderful potluck dinner at her home, and space for a pop-out book and card making class led by Jody Hansen. There will be a second class with more book and card designs coming up in June. Please join us!

Thank you, Robyn Roberts for the the pictures.



Temple and Family History resources

We are here to help you. Temple & Family History Leader Lynn Collins 385-272-5969. Consultants: Karen Collins 385-272-4094, Gail McComas 801-580- 5468, or Alison Wilde.

Mt. Olympus Stake Family Search Center

3510 S. 3610 E. on the south east corner of bldg.
(not at the Stake Center)
Sunday: 11:30-12:30, 1-2. Monday: 11-1, 1-3
Wednesday: 10 am - Noon (Gail & Robyn)
Thursday: 7 pm - 9 pm.



Want a 17X24 fan chart printed? They do this at

The Midvale Union Fort Multi-Stake F.S. Center

540 East 7155 South, Midvale, UT 84047
<https://unionfortfhc.org/about>

Family History Center 2023 Hours HOURS

Sundays - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Mondays - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesdays - 10:00 a.m. – noon (Gail McComas and Karen Collins)
Thursdays - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Missionaries... We really appreciate the service of our full time missionaries. Please send any messages or news from them so I can include a few things in the newsletter.

Ward Building cleaning assignments for April -

Thank you, Brother Warren Wadsworth, for organizing this and making sure our building is clean. The following is the list of families scheduled to help clean the church in April. We will begin cleaning every Saturday morning at 9:00 am, except as noted below. If the building is scheduled to be used for a funeral or some other event on the Saturday mornings indicated below, we will start cleaning at 4:00 pm. If you cannot fulfill this assignment for any reason, please arrange for someone to take your place.

6th— General Conference (No Cleaning).

13th— Jeremy & Cynthia Grant; Todd & Alisa Hamblin; Mike & Jody Hansen.

20th— Stake Conference (No Cleaning).

27th— Gary & Kristin Hart; Tyler & Carrie Lamprecht; Stewart & Kelly Landau.

Dear Stake Family,

The Adult Religion class with Armand Johansen will continue on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the stake center chapel.

Brother Johansen will teach from [*Come, Follow Me—For Home and Church: Book of Mormon 2024*](#).

We hope you will join us in person or online! And please feel free to pass this information on to anyone else who would be interested in being uplifted and learning with us.

[Click here for the YouTube Live stream.](#)

[FYI: Those who are unable to watch the class during the live broadcast can view it later at the same link as above.](#)

-**Temple Recommends** - Contact a member of the Bishopric for a phone interview. The stake interview can be arranged with one of the Stake Executive Secretary's (Andrew Olson)

Stake Temple Recommend Interviews: Standing time on Sundays from 1:30 to 2:30pm (the 4th Sunday is skipped)