

OLYMPUS COVE CONNECTIONS

From the editor...

I hope for your patience as I share some more thoughts about Carol Lynn Pearson as I continue to think of her amazing life after her recent passing.

She walked with me, she talked with me. That's how she showed her love for me.

I took this picture of Carol Lynn Pearson the last time she stayed with us when she was in town to speak at an event. I have been thinking of the impact she has had not only on my life, but especially on the church.

She wrote best selling books of poetry, and her poems have been quoted in lessons and over the pulpit (including at General Conference) for decades. She wrote plays that have been performed by church groups all over the world. I lost track of how many times I have seen "My Turn On Earth" performed by wards and stakes. Her book "Good-bye, I Love You" received international coverage, and was praised by LDS church leaders, as well as faith leaders around the world. She wrote a wonderful primary song that has been performed not only in primary programs, but also by musicians of all ages, even in large concert venues. People who grew up singing "I'll Walk With You" love it so much, they create arrangements to perform in their band concerts. Her Stake President said he considered her to be his fourth counselor.

But, most of all, she made each person who met her feel like they were her favorite. As I mentioned in my testimony last week, I felt like her favorite because she would reach out to me, call me, listen to me, pray with me, sing to me, during some of the most difficult times of my life. I learned that she did this to countless others, seeming to sense when people were in need of this kind of ministry. We all felt like her favorite. This is one way she helped me see that this is how our Heavenly Parents are with us. We are each Their favorite. She helped me, and generations of people see that being a pioneer, being a church member, being a part of God's family, is a greater, kinder, more loving, more expansive and fulfilling life than many had imagined. She did this by being this kind of person. She always told me this is what God led her to be, and she placed that direction above all else. When I think of the blessings that come from being a part of the church, and how that has made such a difference for me, I think of the great blessing of knowing someone like Carol Lynn. She is an example of someone who was shaped by her love of the church, and who dedicated her life to loving and making a difference to her gospel family.

When I think of the great Christ-like people who have blessed me and taught me, I will think of Carol Lynn. Her journals are being published by Signature Books. In her final entry, she wrote a poem to all of us. Here is her final poem to us.

To Those Who Have Loved Me

When I am gone
let me lie in state
in your heart
for a day or two
or more.
Then plant me

Deep in the soil
of your best work
and let me help
toward harvest.

- Carol Lynn Pearson





August Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

August 9 - Josie Larson
 11 - Reed Nelson
 12 - Darren Bolingbroke
 14 - Craig Christensen, Steve Scott
 15 - Edith Murdock
 16 - Brian Smith
 17 - Justin Johnsen
 18 - William Harker, Oliver Randle
 20 - Karen Rose Johnson, Dean Sapp
 21 - Riley Davis
 22 - Aksel Lamprecht
 23 - Aiden Phillipps
 26 - Torr Hardin
 27 - Stephen Black
 29 - Aaron Daybell, Brett Mann, John Markosian, Nyah Young
 30 - Henry Randle
 September 1 - Dave Black, Doris Memmott
 3 - Linda Schoepf
 5 - Meg Madsen
 6 - Phil Johnson, Jacob Morris
 9 - Todd Johnson
 10 - Ann Benton
 12 - Tate Cannon, Jeremy Grant
 13 - Chloe Morris

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.

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

Inspirational Thought for August - by Nathan Callister

They're Listening More than You Think

Years ago my parents attended a stake conference in Hawaii where a young mother spoke. She told a story about her three-year-old son that has stayed with me ever since. She had been reading him stories from the scriptures but had become somewhat discouraged. Her son always wanted the same story - over and over again - the story of Abinadi in front of King Noah (Mosiah 13: 3). While that young boy loved that story, it seemed as though he was not listening. He ran around the room, or jumped up and down on the bed while she read. One day she walked into the family room and was horrified to see him standing on the top of the tall bookshelves. Not knowing what to do to prevent him from falling, and not wanting to frighten him, she walked carefully into the room. When he saw her he declared, "Touch me not, for God shall smite you if ye lay your hands on me."

He had been listening the whole time.

There is a powerful lesson in that story for all of us. Sometimes we wonder whether our efforts to teach, testify, or lead are making any difference. Whether we are parents, grandparents, leaders, or friends, the seeds we plant through consistent gospel teaching and example often take root long before we can see the results.

The Lord's word has a remarkable way of shaping hearts and minds. As we fill our homes and our lives with the scriptures, we help those around us discover true heroes - men and women of faith like Abinadi, Mary, Moroni, and Esther. More importantly, we help them come to know the greatest hero of all, Jesus Christ. We may not always see immediate results from our efforts to teach the gospel, but our efforts are never wasted. Every scripture read, every testimony shared, and every act of faithful teaching leaves an impression that the Lord can magnify in His own time. - by Nathan Callister

Relief Society Temple Trip at the Jordan Draper Temple - Thank you, Susan Smith for this information.

Please make an online reservation for the August 20, 10 am endowment session, or 10 am initiatory session, in the Draper Temple. Please make an appointment online.

All are welcome to meet at the church at 8:30 to carpool. Thank you, sisters, for the love you feel for service in the temple. All are enthusiastically welcomed!

Stake Presidency Back to School Bash for All Youth -

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 6:30 pm. at the Stake Recreation Center, for all youth in the stake.

Worship through Sacred Music -

Hymns for this month.

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

Please take a moment to look at the gospel app or church website, and listen to the new hymns. They are excellent, and we can look forward to adding a wonderful spirit to our meetings.

For now, there will not be any presentation about the new hymns during sacrament meeting. I will try to include some information in the program. But I encourage you to go to the home page of the gospel app, and click on the music link. If you select the hymn number, and scroll to the bottom of the page for that music, there will be an option that says "About this hymn." I encourage you to take a moment and learn a bit about the hymns we are singing.

For this coming month, I especially mention hymn 1045, Jesus Is The Way. This was written in 1916 by Tevita Tuliakiono, one of the first to join the church in Tonga. When the tongan hymnbook was first published in 1920, it contained six hymns by this good brother. This one is based on the parable of the sheep found in John 10. The call and response format responds to the question "How do we come into the fold of God?" The answer is found in the Saviors invitation to "come unto me" (Matthew 11:28). this is a lovely Tongan spiritual.

On Labor Day weekend we will be singing an African American spiritual "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me". It has a similar tradition as "This Little Light of Mine", coming from oral traditions passed down from slavery. This song invites us to live each day helping in God's work of salvation and exaltation. The recurring words "I'm gonna live," "I'm gonna work," "I'm gonna pray," and "I'm gonna sing" powerfully encourage active belief.

I am very grateful for the hymns that help us appreciate the great variety of experiences in countless faith journeys that shape our communities all over the world.

I really appreciate the willingness of so many to sing new and not yet familiar hymns. It is wonderful to hear old favorites we have not sung in a while, as well as learn the new, beautiful additions.

I invite you to please take a look, and possibly play the recording of any that are unfamiliar to you. You can pull the recordings up on the Gospel App under Sacred Music/Hymns for Home and Church. I love to hear you participate when we worship through song.

August 16 - 1045, 172, 29 (vs 1-3), 29 (vs 5-7)

August 23 - 1051, 1008, 49, 161

August 30 - 162, 1016, 1042, 158

September 6 - 1037, 182, 165

Ward Assignment for Church Building Cleaning - Thank you Warren Wadsworth!

The following families are scheduled to help clean the church in August. We will begin each Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., unless the church is scheduled for another activity such as a funeral or a family gathering. The alternate time for cleaning will be 4:00 p.m. If you cannot attend on your scheduled Saturday, please arrange to have someone take your place.

August 15: Nate & Natalie Fredrick and Jeremy & Cynthia Grant

August 22: Mike & Jody Hansen and Justin & Laura Johnson

August 29: Tyler & Carrie Lamprecht and Stewart & Kelly Landau

Missionary Updates -

From Sister Charlie Hillery, currently serving in France...

Please follow news from Sister Hillery at charliecehillery.blogspot.com. My email is charliece@gmail.com. Please reach out to say "Hello" or if you have family history questions I might be able to help with.

Link to the livestreams for Sunday Meetings -

SacramentMeeting.OlympusCoveWard.org

ReliefSociety.OlympusCoveWard.org

EldersQuorum.OlympusCoveWard.org

SundaySchool.OlympusCoveWard.org

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 - located at the Millstream (north) building

Family History Center 2026 Hours

HOURS

Mondays - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesdays - 10 am - 12 noon

1st and 2nd Thursday 7:00 to 9:00 pm

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.

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 - The Old Testament 2026.

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)