

● ● ● BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd- Darrell Smith
- 10th- Mont Deming, Natalie Nielson-Riep
- 12th- Manette Murri, Zander Olsen
- 14th- Kendon Riep, Zach Rigby
- 15th- Chyrrel Cook, Brenda Rodgers
- 16th- Lynn Hall
- 17th- Joyce Frederickson
- 18th- Kirk Arnold
- 20th- Warren Schmidt
- 22nd- Donna Strong
- 23rd- Kathleen Barnhardt, Kenneth Milne
- 24th- Chandler Glauser
- 26th- Spencer Bierman, Holly Miles
- 27th- Marie-France Arnold, Charity Hawkins

● ● ● MISSIONARIES

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● ● ● EMPTY NESTERS

A great time was had by all at our annual Christmas Potluck Dinner at Gary and Susan Johnson's home. Kila Lackey Mickelson and her husband, Jay, joined us and shared their missionary experiences at Martin's Cove, Wyoming. Our next meeting will be held at the home of Merrill and Ronee Scott on January 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

● ● ● STAKE INFORMATION

Sandy East Stake's "From Cummorah's Hill" practices will begin Sunday, January 8th, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Stake Center. There is no need to sign up, just come! All are welcome!! If you don't want to sing, you can help with dance, set, drama, and speaking parts. (The choir has a particular need for male voices.)

Questions? Contact Joanne Andrus, Stake Cultural Arts Director @ 801-576-9482 artsynews@gmail.com.

● ● ● RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Potato Leek Soup with Sausage

-6 T butter - 2 leeks, cut in half lengthwise and sliced thin - 2 mild Italian sausage links, sliced - salt and pepper to taste - 1 quart chicken broth, mixed with 1 T corn starch - 4 cups red potatoes, cut in bite sized chunks - 2 cups half and half

Melt butter, and sauté leeks and sausage over medium heat for 10-15 minutes, until leeks are soft and sausage is browned. Mix corn starch and broth, and add to pan. Add potatoes, salt, and pepper. Bring to a boil. Add the half and half, reduce heat to simmer, and cook 30 minutes, until potatoes are tender.

WILLOW CANYON 1ST WARD JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

● ● ● BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

Here are our themes for the coming year. As you can see, each theme is attached with a General Conference talk. This creates a good opportunity for us to re-visit the words of our Prophets and Apostles.

Also this year we are studying the Book of Mormon and encourage each member to not only read it but to try and study this holy book of scriptures in a new way. There are many great idea's to studying the Book of Mormon. You can study by topic. If you have a particular trial you can read it with that in mind while looking for answers. Read it with a goal to give away a copy this year. Study it by particular doctrine. Read all the cross references. Focus on the Savior. Focus on raising your children and what it tells you. Keep a journal of your thoughts while reading. Maybe this is the year you read it with your children rather than the picture book versions? Have a great 2012!

Willow Canyon 1st Ward 2012 Themes

- January – Family History – “The Hearts of the Children Shall Turn” David A. Bednar, October 2011**
- February – Family – “Children” Neil L. Andersen, October 2011, “Establishing a Christ-Centered Home” Richard J. Maynes, April 2011**
- March – Prayer – “The Privilege of Prayer” J. Devin Cornish, October 2011**
- April – Christ – Redemption/Repentance – “Redemption” LeGrand R. Curtis Jr., October 2011, “The Divine Gift of Repentance” D. Todd Christofferson, October 2011**
- May – Temple – “The Holy Temple—a Beacon to the World” Thomas S. Monson, April 2011, “The Eternal Blessings of Marriage” Richard G. Scott, April 2011**

June – *Prepare* – “A Time to Prepare” Ian S. Ardern, October 2011, “Face the Future with Faith” Russell M. Nelson, April 2011

July – *Hope* – “Hope” Steven E. Snow, April 2011

August – *Happiness/Joy* - “It Is Better to Look Up” Carl B. Cook, October 2011, “As Many as I Love, I Rebuke and Chasten” D. Todd Christofferson, April 2011

September – *Plan of Salvation* – “Desire” Dallin H. Oaks, April 2011

October – *Scriptures* – “A Witness” Henry B. Eyring, October 2011, “The Book of Mormon—a Book from God” Tad R. Callister, October 2011, “The Power of Scripture” Richard G. Scott, October 2011

November – *Covenants* – “Covenants” Russell M. Nelson, October 2011, “Teachings of Jesus” Dallin H. Oaks, October 2011,

December – *Grace* – “Waiting upon the Lord: Thy Will Be Done” Robert D. Hales, October 2011, “You Matter to Him” Dieter F. Uchtdorf, October

RELIEF SOCIETY

Last Sunday, the Relief Society Presidency wanted to spend some quality time with the sisters, so after the lesson they provided some refreshments for the sisters. It was so nice to take a few minutes and enjoy each other's company. We will have to do that again some time! The Presidency didn't want to leave the Primary or Young Women leaders out so they gave them a little treat also. Our activity for the month is Freezer Meals. This will be demonstrated on January 19th, @ 7:00pm. You husbands who like dinner at night when you get home from work please take care of the family on January 19th so you wife can learn how to have a months worth of meals in the freezer ready to pop in the oven on demand! Sisters interested in attending the temple are welcome to join us on the first Saturday of the month. We will carpool over to Draper at 9:15 am. to be there for the 10:00am session. If interested please let one of the Presidency know so you can be picked up.

PRIMARY

Yearly Theme: Choose the Right

January Theme: Agency is the gift to choose for ourselves

January Scripture: "Wherefore, men are free... to choose liberty and eternal life, through the great Mediator of all men" (2 Nephi 2:27)

Primary gained quite a few teachers in the past month. We are so grateful for those who have agreed to serve in Primary. Thanks to Rod & Clarice Sagebin, Richard Clegg, Emilie Wright and Alynn Thompson. Also, Tiffany Pasker has accepted a call as an Achievement Day leader. We are so lucky to have some many new people to serve in primary.

It's a New Year and we have a new theme for Primary. Even though we won't have our Scripture Jar and chain, please continue to bring your scriptures to church and read your scriptures at home. The scriptures help us in so many ways, as we learned last year. This year we will be focusing on Choosing the Right. Let's make this a year of great choices and really focus on what our Savior would have us do. Just a notice this year we will be doing Closing Exercises instead of Opening Exercises.

Senior Primary will go straight to class after Sacrament meeting, while Junior Primary comes to the primary room for Singing/Sharing Time. If your child has a Talk, Scripture or Article of Faith it will happen the last 15 minutes of our block around 1:45.

YOUNG WOMEN

Jan. 1 Happy New Year's
Jan. 4 Share Favorite Things
Jan. 11 YW Planning Meeting
Jan. 15 BYC at 2:10
Jan. 18 Combined YMYW
Jan. 25 Service Project
Jan. 29 Combined YMYW
Jan. 31 Stake New Beginnings

Wishing everyone a Blessed New Year and so thankful to serve with your amazing daughters.
What a wonderful example for all.

CHOIR

In 2012 Choir practice will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:45am beginning January 8th. We will start in the Relief Society Room and move to the chapel. We especially thank Sister Mary Bye for the use of her home over the last two years.

We welcome all who love to sing, including our young men and women, to join us.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

If you haven't got your 72 hour kits yet, have you thought of giving these items as a gift? Start small! Give a new or gently used back pack to your kids or hubby for their birthday or Christmas and include one or two items in it. Build from there each birthday and Christmas. Emergency Essentials is having some sales right now on first aid kits, radios and radio/flashlight combos, and almost all of their 72 hour emergency kits. The sale prices end January 31st. Our first Dry Pack cannery day will start in February. We only have 7 stake days this year because of lack of interest. This is a great way to get your food storage at a decent price and the facility is so easy to use. Let me (Charlene) know if you want to go and we'll see if we can get a group together.