

Indian Ridge Ward

April 2020 – Faith Not Fear

Hericlitus, a Grecian philosopher said, “No man ever steps in the same river twice.” In other words, “life is flux” or perhaps the more common, “The only constant in life is change.” This made me think of 7th grade biology, where I was taught that one characteristic of living things is that they respond to external stimuli. So, the only constant in life is change, and living things are constantly reacting to that change. What a time to be alive!

Oh how things have changed in the last few weeks. We’ve gone from life as usual to working from home if possible, and being encouraged to stay at home otherwise. Date night has gone from a night out at a restaurant to an hour in line at a drive through... if that. Socializing has become time on the computer in a video chat, or on a phone call. Handshakes and hugs have become waves from at least six feet away. Missionaries are coming home for reassignment or being released early. We each have a greater responsibility for our own spirituality, especially on the Sabbath as we study the gospel in our homes.

We have been well prepared for the current conditions of the world as we have adapted to changes in church policies and programs by participating in the ongoing restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We had a year of study in our home-centered, church-supported curriculum before being required to stay home rather than attend sacrament meetings. It has been two years since Home Teachers were converted to the higher law of ministering, and now we have the opportunity to practice the pure love of Christ as we care for our neighbors in unique and personal ways.

Thankfully, the April 2020 edition of the Ensign contains a message of hope from President Nelson as we prepare for the turbulent times preceding the second coming of the Savior:

Meanwhile, here and now, we live in a time of turmoil. Earthquakes and tsunamis wreak devastation, governments collapse, economic stresses are severe, the family is under attack, and divorce rates are rising. We have great cause for concern. But we do not need to let our fears displace our faith.

We can combat those fears by strengthening our faith...

How you deal with life's trials is part of the development of your faith. Strength comes when you remember that you have a divine nature, an inheritance of infinite worth. The Lord has reminded you, your children, and your grandchildren that you are lawful heirs, that you have been reserved in heaven for your specific time and place to be born, to grow and become His standard bearers and covenant people. As you walk in the Lord's path of righteousness, you will be blessed to continue in His goodness and be a light and a savior unto His people.

Do whatever it takes to strengthen your faith in Jesus Christ by increasing your understanding of the doctrine taught in His restored Church and by relentlessly seeking truth. Anchored in pure doctrine, you will be able to step forward with faith and dogged persistence and cheerfully do all that lies in your power to fulfill the purposes of the Lord.

You will have days when you will be discouraged. So pray for courage not to give up! Sadly, some who you thought were your friends will betray you. And some things will simply seem unfair.

However, I promise you that as you follow Jesus Christ, you will find sustained peace and true joy. As you keep your covenants with increasing precision, and as you defend the Church and kingdom of God on the earth today, the Lord will bless you with strength and wisdom to accomplish what only members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints can accomplish.

We can face the future with faith in the promise of "sustained peace and true joy" as we follow the counsel of the Prophet during this time of change in world affairs and conditions, as well as the continuing restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Love,
The Indian Ridge Ward Bishopric



Relief Society

As I was studying my “Come Follow Me” manual, The book of Enos, I thought how this related to us right now in these trying and uncertain times.

I quote from the first paragraph in The Come Follow Me manual;

“Enos went to the forest to hunt beasts, but he ended up staying there to pray “all the day long”. That’s what sincere prayer is: not so much asking for anything we want but a sincere effort to commune with God and align our will to His. When you pray in this way, when your voice has “reached the heavens,” you discover as Enos did that God Hears you, and He truly cares about you, your loved ones, and even your enemies (see Enos 1:4-17). In those moments, God can make His will known to you and you’ll be more willing and able to do His will because you are in harmony with Him. Like Mormon, you may “not know all things; but the Lord knoweth all things ... (and) he worketh in (you) to do according to his will.” (Words of Mormon 1:7).”

Sisters, we invite you all to join with President Russell M. Nelson in worldwide fasting and prayer this Sunday for relief from COVID-19. We miss you, express our deep love and gratitude for each of you, and pray daily for each of you.

Please continue to call, text, or send a note to those whom you minister. Let them know that they are in your thoughts and prayers. Contact Susan, Chyrrel, Natalie, or Marilynn with any concerns.

Love from Susan, Chyrrel, Natalie and Marilynn

Come Follow Me weekly study:

April 4-5	General Conference and celebration of the Restoration
March 30 – Apr. 12	Easter
April 13-19	Mosiah 1-3
April 20-26	Mosiah 4-6

Young Men

The Deacons Quorum had a great online activity this week. Randy Robbins showed the boys how monster masks are used in movies, and he showed the boys his monster mask collection. Super fun. The Teachers and Priests had an awesome online trivia game while video chatting at the same time. A few of the questions: How many Star Wars movies are there? How many temples do not have an angel Moroni on top? And how many angel Moroni's are missing their trumpet? Our Young Men are awesome. We will continue holding online YMs activities going forward.

Young Women

To all our Young Women, we love and miss you deeply. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this difficult time. President Hinckley was known for his sense of humor and also his positive attitude, He'd say: "Don't get discouraged. Things will work out. The Lord is at the helm! God be thanked for the matchless gift of His Beloved Son." President Hinckley was so successful in being positive because he saw God's hand in both the joys and disasters of life. When we immerse ourselves in the Gospel and the beauty of the best times and the most difficult moments of this mortal experience, our mindset changes and we can see and recognize the positives in our situation. We encourage you to put your trust in the Lord and know that things will work out! We look forward to seeing you soon!!

Much Love, The Young Women's Presidency



Primary

Yearly Theme:

Come, Follow Me for Primary:
Book of Mormon 2020



April Scriptures:

Mosiah 1 - 6

Easter - "He Shall Risewith Healing in His Wings"

"Yea, behold, this death bringeth to pass the resurrection, and redeemeth all mankind from the first death — that spiritual death; for all mankind, by the fall of Adam being cut off from the presence of the Lord, are considered as dead, both as to things temporal and to things spiritual.

But behold, the resurrection of Christ redeemeth mankind, yea, even all mankind, and bringeth them back into the presence of the Lord." — Helaman 14:16-17

"When I serve others, I am also serving God."

"When we're helping, we're happy,
And we sing as we go;
And we like to help mother,
For we all love her so." — Children's Songbook #198

"A Mighty Change"

"And they all cried with one voice, saying: Yea, we believe all the words which thou hast spoken unto us; and also, we know of their surety and truth, because of the spirit of the Lord Omnipotent, which has wrought a mighty change in us, or in our hearts, that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually" — Mosiah 5:2

Ask your children to name some examples of service they can do that shows their desire to do good continually.

Happy Birthday:

We all miss wishing the Primary kids Happy Birthday, and singing a special song to them. When the need to stay home from church is over, we will celebrate the birthdays that we have missed, Until then, here are the March birthdays that we missed and the April birthdays.

Landon Mirci - March 22

Valarry Kershaw - March 23

Eliana Riep - March 26

Alyssa Johnson - April 28

Weslie Austin - April 9

Bryton Mirci - April 24

Linkin Kennedy - April 26

Songs We can Work on in April:

"Easter Hosanna," Children's Songbook, 68-69

"When We're Helping," Children's Songbook, 198

"Love One Another" Children's Songbook, 136-37

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Happy Birthday!

April 2020

- 1 Jim Hanson
- Isabelle Hauber
- David Jones
- 3 Dresden Curtis
- Doug Jensen
- 4 Vivienne Taylor
- 5 Taylee Johnson
- 8 Kristen Austin
- 9 Weslie Austin
- 13 Tim Pickett
- 14 Bill Allen
- 18 Logan Curtis
- Craig Maxwell
- Ronee Scott
- 19 Steven Edmonds
- 22 David Glauser
- 23 Nina Hauber
- 24 Bryton Mirci
- 26 Brian Hone
- Linkin Kennedy
- 27 Sallie Schmitt
- Jana Tucker
- 28 Debbie Bierman
- Alyssa Johnson
- Eric Schmidt
- 29 Virginia Timmons

May 2020

- 1 Chad Austin
- 2 Ron Hansen
- Joshua Zitzelsberger
- 3 Russ Messerly
- Terri Williams

