

Indian Ridge Ward

July 2021 – Strengthening Our Families

In the Doctrine and Covenants the Lord teaches us that parents are to teach their children “to understand the doctrine of repentance, faith in Christ, the Son of the living God, and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands, when eight years old. And they shall also teach their children to pray, and to walk uprightly before the Lord” (D&C 68:25, 28)

As we strive to be obedient and do those things that provide a way for our families to be able to return to our loving Heavenly Father, we all play a role in strengthening our own family.

Parents are commanded to teach the gospel in the home, and as children, we should listen to our parents and follow the doctrine that is being taught. Elder Robert D. Hales taught in April 1999, “As we teach our children the gospel through word and example, our families are spiritually strengthened and fortified.” As we fortify our homes, we protect ourselves from the influences of Satan. We must do all we can to stop Satan from entering our homes. Do we need to turn off the show we are watching? Should we listen to different music? Are our computers or laptops in an area of the house that will prevent us from going to particular sites? Do we have pictures of the Savior and the temple in our homes? Are we staying busy and not being idle? We must make the decision now to strengthen and fortify our families.

In *The Family: A Proclamation to the World* we read, “The family is central to the Creator’s plan for the eternal destiny of His children. Husband and wife have a solemn responsibility to love and care for each other and for their children. Parents have a sacred duty to rear their children in love and righteousness, to provide for their physical and spiritual needs, to teach them to love and serve one another, and to observe the commandments of God.” We should give highest priority to family prayer, family home evening, gospel study and instruction, and wholesome family activities.

Elder Hales also taught, “With the help of the Lord and His doctrine, all the hurtful effects from challenges a family may meet can be understood and overcome. Whatever the needs of family members may be, we can strengthen our families as we follow the counsel given by prophets. The key to strengthening our families is having the Spirit of the Lord come into our homes. The goal of our families is to be on the strait and narrow path.” May we do all that we can to remain on the path that allows us to be able to live with our families for eternity.



Do you know the history of this special song? Frank Sinatra considered Kate Smith the best singer of her time, and said that when he and a million other guys first heard her sing "God Bless America" on the radio, they all pretended to have dust in their eyes as they wiped away a tear or two.

Here is the story behind the very first public singing of "GOD BLESS AMERICA". The time was 1940. America was still in a terrible economic depression. Hitler was taking over Europe and Americans were afraid we'd have to go to war. It was a time of hardship and worry for most Americans.

This was the era just before TV, when radio shows were HUGE, and American families sat around their radios in the evenings, listening to their favorite entertainers, and no entertainer of that era was bigger than Kate Smith.

Kate was also large; plus size, as we now say, and the popular phrase still used today is in deference to her, "It ain't over till the fat lady sings." Kate Smith might not have made it big in the age of TV, but with

her voice coming over the radio, she was the biggest star of her time.

Kate was also patriotic. It hurt her to see Americans so depressed and afraid of what the next day would bring. She had hope for America, and faith in her fellow Americans. She wanted to do something to cheer them up, so she went to the famous American song-writer, Irving Berlin (who also wrote "White Christmas") and asked him to write a song that would make Americans feel good again about their country. When she described what she was looking for, he said he had just the song for her.

He went to his files and found a song that he had written, but never published, 22 years before - way back in 1917. He gave it to her and she worked on it with her studio orchestra. She and Irving Berlin were not sure how the song would be received by the public, but both agreed they would not take any profits from "God Bless America". Any profits would go to the Boy Scouts of America. Over the years, the Boy Scouts have received millions of dollars in royalties from this song.

To this day, "God Bless America" stirs our patriotic feelings and pride in our country. Back in 1940, when Kate Smith went looking for a song to raise the spirits of her fellow Americans, we wonder whether she realized just how successful the results would be for her fellow Americans during those years of hardship and worry.....and for many generations of Americans to follow.

EMPTY NESTERS

After over a year of not getting together, we are going to start up Empty Nesters again. We will finish reading Tad Callister's "A Case for the Book of Mormon". On Tuesday, July 20th we will meet at Gary and Susan Johnson's. Any Empty Nesters are welcome to see if this might work for you.

Relief Society

This month's thought comes from Elder McCune's talk from the April 2020 General Conference. In it he says:

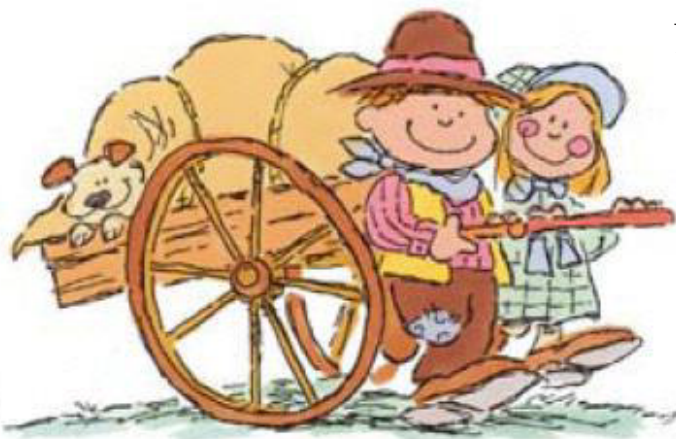
"As followers of Christ, we are not spared challenges and trials in our lives. We are often required to do difficult things that, if attempted alone, would be overwhelming and maybe impossible. As we accept the Savior's invitation to "come unto me," He will provide the support, comfort, and peace that are necessary, just as He did for Nephi and Joseph. Even in our deepest trials, we can feel the warm embrace of His love as we trust Him and accept His will. We can experience the joy reserved for His faithful disciples, for Christ is joy."

It is always important to remember that as we navigate through all that life throws our way if we turn to Christ he will always be there ready to listen and help. It is also important to note in this quote that we also must trust him and his will. Sometimes it is not how we would want things to go, but He knows the bigger picture so we must trust him.

A HUGE shoutout to our committee for putting on the Summer Social. It was so well done and a lot of effort went into it that did not go unnoticed. Thank you!! It was so good to see all of you and enjoy being in each other's company again!

We love you all and are so grateful to be able to serve with and for you.

Love, The Relief Society Presidency



Happy Pioneer Day!

Young Men

We are holding Young Men's activities every week.
For ward members who would like any help
from our awesome Young Men,
please contact Greg Miles at gregmiles192@gmail.com



Don't miss the **Days of '47 Float Preview Party**
at the Expo Center from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on July 19 and 20



Young Women

Thank you to everyone who helped make Girls Camp a success!

Tuesday, July 6th - No YW due to July 4th Holiday

Tuesday, July 13th - at 6 p.m. - Carnival in the Church Gym hosted by
the YM and YW - Drop all Primary kids off for a night of fun!
Parents are welcome to go on a date! Pick up at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, July 20th - at 7 p.m. - Baby shower for Elana Olson -
combined with the Relief Society

Tuesday, July 27th - at 7 p.m. - Class Activities

Tuesday, August 3rd - No YW due to Youth Conference that weekend

Tuesday August 10th - at 7 p.m. - Mia Metcalf will teach us how to paint
shoes, shorts, pants!

Save the Date! August 6-7th Ward Youth Conference!

Primary

A Message from the Primary:

We are so happy to have you all back in Primary with us! We are learning songs for our Primary Program in October and learning a lot about the Gospel teachings in the Doctrine and Covenants. **On July 13, 2021, the Young Women will be doing a special activity with the Primary Children.** Mark your calendars. It will be in the evening, and we invite all Primary children to attend. There will be more information to follow. We love you and hope you have a great and safe summer!

Linda, Kathleen, Kim and Barbara

Activity Suggestion: The Mystery of the Heirloom

An heirloom is a special object that a family can pass down for generations. Find an heirloom in your house. Then ask a parent to help you learn your heirloom's story. Who did it belong to? How did it get passed down? Write down what you find out in a diary or journal.

July Birthdays:

Ducks in the pond quack a happy song.
Mother hens cackle the whole day long.
Birds in their nests and wind in the tree tops
All join in singing a happy birthday song. (#264)

Eliza Hatton	July 13	Jude Harris	July 16
Thea Smith	July 16	Soraya Mouti	July 22
Eli Phillips	July 27	Halle Higginson	July 31



Happy 4th of July!



Elder Cannen Hall



Elder Carlos Johnson

Full-time Missionaries in our area

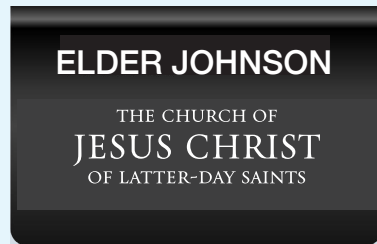
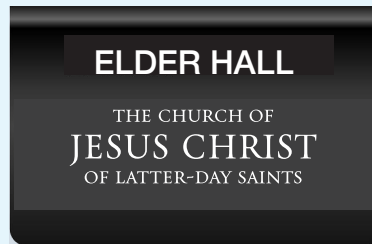
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A message from our Missionaries:

We found a quote from President M. Russell Ballard from October 2013 General Conference that we felt inspired to share with the ward:

"Trust the Lord. He is the Good Shepherd. He knows His sheep, and His sheep know His voice; and today the voice of the Good Shepherd is your voice and my voice. And if we are not engaged, many who would hear the message of the Restoration will be passed by. Simply stated, it's a matter of faith and action on our part. The principles are pretty simple – pray, personally and in your family, for missionary opportunities. The Lord has said in the Doctrine and Covenants that many people have been kept from the truth only 'because they know not where to find it' (D&C 123:12).

You don't have to be an outgoing person or an eloquent, persuasive teacher. If you have an abiding love and hope within you, the Lord has promised if you 'lift up your voices unto this people [and] speak the thoughts that [He] shall put into your hearts, ... you shall not be confounded before men;'"



Back Together Celebration - Neighborhood Breakfast

Sponsored by the Indian Ridge Ward

August 21, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Buttercup Park Pavilion (limited parking)

1501 East Buttercup Drive, Sandy, UT

Members, friends and family of the Indian Ridge Ward and all of our neighbors are encouraged to attend.



Election information: Sandy City has contracted with Salt Lake County to conduct the 2021 Municipal Elections

Week of 7/19 - Vote-by-mail ballots mailed out

7/27 to 8/6 - In-office early voting

7/30 - Voter registration deadline

8/10 - Primary election

11/2 - General election



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For Family History help please contact any of the Temple and Family History Consultants. We would be willing to come to your home or have you at ours to help you learn how to find your ancestors, and do the sacred temple work for them.

They are waiting for your efforts to help them progress.

Missionaries



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comes home
this month!**

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Happy Birthday!

July 2021

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- 2 Sawyer Glauser
 - 7 Laura Bartholomew
 - 9 Mia Metcalf
 - 11 Nancy Williams
 - 13 Eliza Hatton
Kathi Roberts
 - 15 Robert Henline
Robbie Morris
 - 16 Jude Harris
Kent Nunley
 - 17 Marilyn Crapo
Greta Phillips
David Zitzelsberger
 - 18 Matthew Mangum
 - 19 Margie Guest
Tonnie Killpack
 - 21 Justin Metcalf
 - 22 Soraya Mouti
 - 25 Robert Rawlings
 - 26 Jerry Farr
 - 27 Brent Gardner
Ellinor Phillips
 - 29 Monica Jensen
Steven Rich
Gerry Visser
 - 31 Shauna Rieff

August 2021

- 1 Kristine Mouti
- 2 Chris Frakes
- 3 Russell Anderson
Greg Miles
Maria North

The Sandy East Stake cordially invites you to a

Sneak Peak Party!

Come check out our float for the

Days of '47 parade



Buttercup Chapel Parking Lot
(1600 E Buttercup Dr.)

July 16th 7:00-8:30

It's a float celebration so come get a root beer float and take a look at the float!

We appreciate the many people who have taken part in helping to build and decorate this float. Since we had all been distanced for so long due to Covid-19, this has been a very welcome group activity and a chance to work closely together on a fun project.

Questions: Call Shelley Edwards-- (801) 651- 8974