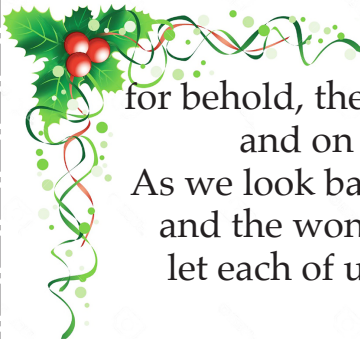




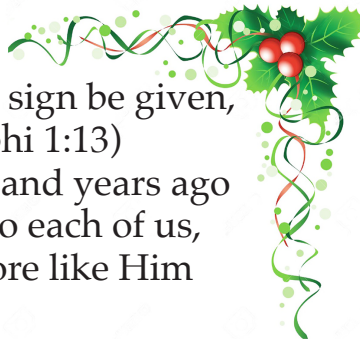
Indian Ridge Ward



December 2023 – Becoming Like the Savior



“Lift up your head and be of good cheer;
for behold, the time is at hand, and on this night shall the sign be given,
and on the morrow come I into the world.” (3 Nephi 1:13)



As we look back to the birth of the Savior over two thousand years ago
and the wonderful gift that our Heavenly Father gave to each of us,
let each of us reflect on Jesus Christ and strive to be more like Him
every day this Christmas season.

The Savior taught in John 13:34 how we can become more like Him,
“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another;
as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.”

In the Primary song, I’m Trying to Be like Jesus, we are instructed how we can
become like the Savior and bring Jesus Christ to those around us,
“I’m trying to be like Jesus; I’m following in his ways. I’m trying to love as he did,
in all that I do and say. At times I am tempted to make a wrong choice, But I try to
listen as the still small voice whispers, “Love one another as Jesus loves you.
Try to show kindness in all that you do. Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought,
For these are the things Jesus taught.”

I’m trying to love my neighbor; I’m learning to serve my friends. I watch for the day
of gladness when Jesus will come again. I try to remember the lessons he taught.
Then the Holy Spirit enters into my thoughts, saying: “Love one another
as Jesus loves you. Try to show kindness in all that you do.
Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought, For these are the things Jesus taught.”

May each of us strive to be more like our Savior each day and love one another
as He loves us. Not only during this Christmas season, but always,
look for the good in each other and see each other as Jesus Christ sees us.
Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ live.
They know each one of us personally.


We can turn to them whenever we need them and they will be there to lift us up.

Have a wonderful Christmas season
and may Heavenly Father bless each one of you and your families.

Indian Ridge Ward Bishopric

General Conference Message – Teach the Children,
President Thomas S. Monson, October 1997



A watercolor illustration of a Christmas tree on the left side, decorated with warm-toned lights and a gold star on top. The background is light and airy, with scattered gold dots and a branch of evergreen with gold ornaments in the upper right corner.

You are invited to our neighborhood

Christmas DINNER

December 9TH Saturday

6:00 PM

9636 South 1700 East

Bring your favorite holiday
side dish to share

OPTIONAL

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Relief Society



This has been an eventful year.
We are so happy to have so many wonderful
new sisters in our ward.

We greatly miss those who are in a new ward
but we know we will remain friends.

This time of year is a time to reflect on the gifts
that Heavenly father has given to us.

When we think about Heavenly Father giving
the Gift of the Son of God as a baby in the manger,
we should have great joy.

That babe in Bethlehem delivers us
from sin and death.

He can also deliver us from fear, pain,
sorrow and doubt, if we let him in!

We can be happier and a better people
if we try to be like him!

Life will be difficult sometimes,
but we can overcome if we have faith and do our best!

We can be closer to our Savior.

This season let's share our love of our savior
by helping others along their way.

The Sisters in our ward are amazing.

They help and pray for each other.

May we all have a great season and
make worthy new year's resolutions!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kristen, Margie, Deanna, and Marilyn



Young Men

Tuesday, December 5 - Combined YM/YW Activity - Widow's Baskets -
Meet at the church at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12 - Combined YM/YW Activity -
White Elephant Gift Exchange - 7 p.m. -
Bring a wrapped gift under \$5 to exchange.

No activities December 19 or 26 - Have a wonderful Christmas and
a Happy New Year!

**Now through January 4, 2024 youth that will be 14 or older in 2024 may
pre-register for FSY and select their preferred sessions at
fsy.ChurchofJesusChrist.org. Youth may also choose to link together with friends,
cousins, siblings, and so on and select the same FSY session preference.
Please reach out to your youth leaders if you have any questions.**

young women

ACTIVITIES:

Dec 5: Combined YM/YW - Widow's Baskets
Meet at the church at 6:00 pm

Sat, Dec 9: Ward Christmas Party, 5:00 pm

Dec 12: Combine YM/YW -
White Elephant Gift Exchange (\$5 Limit)

Sun, Dec 17: Brunch at Jenn Johnson's House, 11:30 am

Dec 19: Christmas Movie + Treats
Meet at Keesha Wilson's house at 6:30 pm

Dec 26: - no activity - Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

LESSONS:

Dec 10: Combined YM/YW
For the Strength of Youth

*send your question to one of the YW Presidency

Dec 24: No 2nd hour - Sacrament Only

Dec 31: 5th Sunday Lesson TBA

HE IS THE GIFT

The first gift of Christmas was a simple gift given by a father to
all his children, to us. He gave us His Son, the Christ. He is the gift.
This Christmas season, how will you share the gift?



Primary

We want to thank everyone
who has served in Primary,
especially those that have been released.
Your love for the children shined through.
We welcome in our new Presidency: Buffy Swensen,
Kim Leshner, Anna Hirschi, and Karissa Hatton.

Sunday December 3 we will be holding our
Temple and Priesthood preview meeting for all the
Primary children turning 12 next year.
Parents are welcome to join their child
in the Primary Room at 10:25 a.m. to learn more about
the Young Men and Young Women programs.

The Primary children are working on the song
"When We Seek Him" for the December 24
Sacrament Meeting.

If you would like to help your child
practice the song at home you can find it on YouTube
by searching: When We Seek Him official Lyric Video.

Christ's Birth is evidence that our Heavenly Father
loves His children so much that He sent His son
to show us the way to true happiness.
We are so grateful we can celebrate this occasion
with the children throughout the month.

Love, the Primary Presidency



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.

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**Be a part of our Indian Ridge
Instant Choir and join us
from the audience when we
sing, usually the 3rd Sunday.
If you know the hymn, you
should be able to sing with us.**

**We meet at 8:40 the morning we sing to warm up our voices.
Attendance recommended, but not required.**

Request to receive email notifications at rscott4952@gmail.com



And Santa whispered, "Teach the children the true meaning of Christmas."

The Star: A heavenly sign of prophesy fulfilled long, long ages ago
— the shining hope of mankind.

Red: The first color of Christmas symbolizing the Savior's sacrifice for all.

The Fir Tree (Evergreen): The second color of Christmas shows
everlasting life. The needles point heavenward.

White: The third color of Christmas represents the pureness of Jesus.

The Bell: Rings out to guide lost sheep back to the fold —
signifying that all are precious in the eyes of the Lord.

The Candle: A mirror of starlight reflecting our thanks
for the Star of Bethlehem.

The Gift Bow: Tied as we should all be tied together
in bonds of goodwill forever.

Presents: A remembrance of the gifts of the Wisemen to the infant Jesus.

The Candy Cane: The shepherd's crook used to bring lambs back into the fold
— a reminder that we are all our brother's keeper.
The shape is also a "J" to represent Jesus' name.

The Wreath: A symbol of the never-ending eternal nature of Christ's love . . .
having no beginning and no end.

Happy Birthday!



December 2023

- 1 Joel Weight
- 4 Mackenzie Glauser
Matthew Miller
- 5 Porter Allred
Jeanene Clayton
Richard Cruser
Allyn Thompson
- 6 Jack Bradburn
- 7 Emma Higginson
- 9 Kate Thorley
- 10 Amanda Messerly
Hannah North
Matthew Swensen
- 11 Scarlett North
- 12 Levi Taylor
- 16 Alan Harris
Archer Hess
- 18 Betsy Allred
Dorothy Mahler
- 22 Charlie Hess
- 23 Amber Williams
- 24 Liam Ellis
- 26 Lynn Jensen
- 27 Tara Diddins
- 28 Emerson Werrett
- 30 Scott Wiliams

January 2024

- 1 Clare Zitzelsberger
- 4 Nancy Fletcher
John Slauson
- 6 Jada Lewis



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Have a
Merry Christmas
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This Christmas Day,
Remember His way.
It's Jesus' day,
For He has come.

How He spoke,
The Words of God,
And deliver the message,
Sent from above.

To love each other,
And care for each other,
This is a command,
Bestowed on us all.

We will be blessed,
If we do what He says,
Not only today,
But each and every day.