



Garden Park Ward Newsletter July 19, 2020



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Dear Garden Park Ward,

In 2003 I was living in Boston and was a very avid Red Sox fan. They were such an exciting team to watch, and their rivalry with the Evil Empire, the hated New York Yankees, was the most intense (and fun) rivalry I had experienced in sports. I worked at Massachusetts General Hospital at the time and managed to secure through the hospital some tickets to a Red Sox-Yankees game at Fenway Park. It was a huge coup to get tickets to the game; Red Sox-Yankees tickets were like gold, and very hard to get. I was excited.

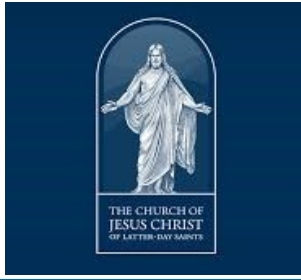
I decided to invite some friends from work to go to the game with me and was particularly keen to invite an impressive young cardiologist who I wanted to get to know better. I excitedly approached him and invited him to the game. With no hesitation, he replied that he would really love to, but he and his wife had adopted a practice they admired from the Mormon church called Family Home Evening, and because the game was on a Monday evening, he had a standing commitment to spend that evening with his family.

To this day, I cringe when I think about that experience. This man, who was not even a member of the church, had seen more value and was more committed to one of its teachings than I was. Although Judianne and I regularly held Family Home Evening, I had let one of my passions take on a higher priority than my family and my faith. My pursuit of fun had interfered with my effort to be an outstanding father and Latter-day Saint.

As members of the church, we have access to so many wonderful principles and practices. We also have access to an overabundance of entertainment and recreational activities that can be, at times, more attractive than family time or religious devotion. Ezra Taft Benson said, "When we put God first, all other things fall into their proper place or drop out of our lives. Our love of the Lord will govern the claims of our affection, the demands on our time, the interests we pursue, and the order of our priorities." (1988 General Conference).

As a bishopric, we miss seeing all of you and look forward to being able to meet together again. Meanwhile, we pray that each of you will have peace, good health, and success in prioritizing the most important things in your lives.

Warmly,
Randy Peterson and the Garden Park Bishopric



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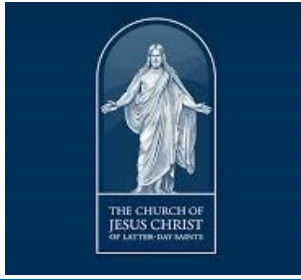


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Ward Council Message Update on Reopening our Sunday Worship Services

We miss meeting together. We feel lucky to live in our beautiful neighborhood among wonderful people. We look forward to the day when we can gather together again.

As described by Dr. Angela Dunn, our state epidemiologist, we seem to be in the middle of an acceleration phase of Covid-19 along the Wasatch Front. While other portions of the State have been moved to the Yellow or even Green designations, Salt Lake City remains in the Orange designation, as case numbers are daily rising. In response, our Ward Bishopric and Ward Council will continue monitoring the situation, and will discuss our current options when we meet next Sunday. For now we are staying the course. In the meantime, we encourage all to wear masks, and maintain at least the 6 feet social distancing practices in public spaces. Stay well.



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Relief Society

Dearest Sisters,

As always please let me express to you how much we miss seeing your beautiful faces each week and that we stand ready and eager to help in any way that you may need. Please reach out to us if there is anything we can do for you.

This week I finally got around to reading the transcripts from the BYU women's conference that aired a few weeks ago. I thoroughly enjoyed every single talk and would recommend going back and taking a look if you weren't able to watch. This excerpt from the talk "[Gather All Safely in Christ](#)" by Sandra Rogers really touched me so I felt moved to share it with you all.

She said, Joseph Smith taught, "A man filled with the love of God, is not content with blessing his family alone, but ranges through the whole world, anxious to bless the whole human race."
Through the gift of Christ's love and His power, and as He labors with us through the companionship of the Holy Ghost, we can follow the Savior's example in gathering others to Him. He was patient and forgiving with those who struggled. He welcomed those outside the acceptable social groups of that day. He listened to honest, seeking questions and taught saving doctrine with kindness. He had compassion for those who suffered. He reproved with loving gentleness. He gathered the people in the Americas to Him as He allowed them to feel the prints of the nails in His hands and His feet, one by one. We gather people to Christ when we have His image in our countenances; when their faith in Him can take root and grow because they feel His love, mercy and compassion through us. As he explained to Peter, "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."

I know that for me, these last few months have been a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the bonds within my family. We have had the precious commodity of time in abundance and what a gift it has been. We have grown in our relationships with each other and with our Heavenly Father through more consistent daily family scripture study and prayer. As I've experienced this shift and change in myself I've also felt my heart leading me to others. Feeling a greater desire to serve and to love and to sit with others in their pain and sufferings. Just as Peter was taught in the above excerpt "when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren" I know that living in this amazing ward and neighborhood I have been strengthened by so many of you and as I am converted, truly converted, I pray that I can strengthen others in those same ways. Thank you so much for you example and love.

We are praying for you and we love you,
Amy Furstenau and GP Relief Society



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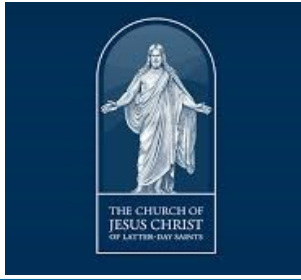


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Relief Society Announcements

David Rishton has a 1940's style dining room set with 12 chairs and extensions that he's giving away to anyone that needs or wants it. Please contact David at 801.467.4012 for more information.





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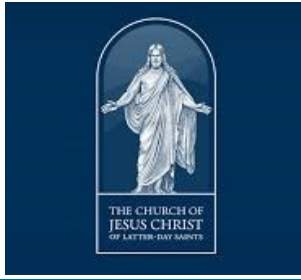
Young Men

Reminder to continue working in your individual Personal Development Guide Book, which contains the following topics:

1. You Have a Purpose
2. You Are a Precious Child of God
3. You Can Follow the Savior
4. A Pattern for Growth by:
 - Discover what you need to work on.
 - Plan how you will do it.
 - Act on your plan in faith.
 - Reflect on what you have learned.
 - Consider creating goals in each of the four areas to keep your life balanced.
 - Spiritual
 - Social
 - Physical
 - Intellectual

With love,

Quorum Advisors Jess and Samuel, and Activity Specialists Hunter and Sean



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Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting will be led by the full time missionaries, Elder Ellingson & Elder Haddock.

July 19, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Read: [Sharing the Message of the Restoration and the Resurrection](#)
by Elder D. Todd Christofferson

Join Zoom Meeting

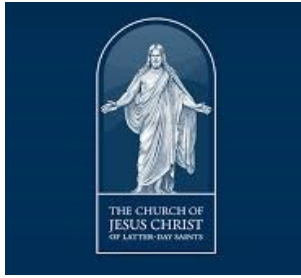
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Meeting ID: 983 1927 8898

Password: 063893

We'd love to see you on Sunday! If you're having challenges connecting to Zoom or not quite sure how to make it work, please reach out so we can help.



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Ward Announcements

- ◆ We have two newly assigned missionaries, Elder Haddock and Elder Ellingson who can be reached at (801) 414-4152 and for meal deliveries at 2042 Hollywood Avenue 84108. Welcome!
- ◆ **Sacrament Administration** from our Area President, Elder Holzapfel: "The sacrament can be offered to families who have not had the opportunity in their homes . . . The First Presidency has authorized the administration of the sacrament at least monthly." The sacrament may still be blessed and passed by your own family members that are able to do so. If you would like the sacrament brought to your home, please contact Relief Society President Kathy Younker (801.971.1504) or Elders' Quorum President Doug Bunker (801.910.7128), and they will help make arrangements for your to receive it.
- ◆ The Bountiful Temple has been reopened for live sealing temple ordinances for those previously endowed, by appointment only. See churchofjesuschrist.org for additional information.
- ◆ Temple recommends continue to be available. Even though temples are currently closed, our Stake Presidency is encouraging all to keep their recommends current. Recommend interviews are being held by phone at this time, both at the ward and stake level. If yours is expired, please contact Mark Hindley at (801) 599-8175 to set up a phone interview with the Bishop.
- ◆ Although Garden Park Ward building is closed for ward activities, we understand that families occasionally use the gym for their family activities of fewer than 10 people. The bathroom under the stage may be used if necessary. Please wipe down all door knobs, and surfaces that you touch with the wipes on the kitchen counter, before and after use. Thank you for keeping each other safe.
- ◆ Reminder for all ministering brothers and sisters to continue weekly contact and prompt reporting to Relief Society President, Kathy Younker and Elders Quorum President, Doug Bunker.
- ◆ There are many great resources available at churchofjesuschrist.org for enlightenment and studying the gospel.



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★ Happy Birthday ★

July 1—Grace Lund	July 15—Cassie Crotchett
July 5—Simone Furstenau	July 15—Marci Eggett
July 6—Becky Hailes	July 15—Judith Jarrow
July 6—Aubrey Parkinson	July 16—Robert Evans
July 7—Gabrielle Linam	July 18—Dorian Crozer
July 7—Elliot Mattsson	July 18—Cheryl Fuller
July 8—Annabelle Nicoli	July 20—John Miller
July 9—Spencer Christiansen	July 22—Isabelle Lund
July 9—Peter Hardy	July 22—Wendy Williams
July 10—Andrew Lechtenberg	July 25—Meghan Donohoe
July 10—Jonathan Penman	July 25—Norm Younker
July 12—Emily Hardy	July 26—Cary Chapman
July 12—Brooke Pederson	July 29—Olivia Curtis
July 12—Mark Stevens	July 29—Faye Walch
July 12—Jerry Winkler	July 31—Kara Hargrove
July 13—Joseph Hatch	July 31—Susie Hindley
July 14—Spencer Ashby	July 31—Don Thorpe
July 14—Julie Morriss	July 31—Claire Wilson