

Garden Park Ward Newsletter



August 29, 2021

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Dear Garden Park Ward,

In a breakfast conversation this week with several ward members, we got to talking about Jesus's commandment to love everyone, including our enemies. "Ye have heard that it has been said, 'Thou shall love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy.' But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven." What a radical concept that must have been when he taught it, and it remains pretty radical today. How can you love everyone when most people are so hard to love?

Martin Luther King taught, "Certainly these are great words, words lifted to cosmic proportions. And over the centuries, many persons have argued that this is an extremely difficult command. Many would go so far as to say that it just isn't possible to move out into the actual practice of this glorious command. They would go on to say that this is just additional proof that Jesus was an impractical idealist who never quite came down to earth. So the arguments abound. But far from being an impractical idealist, Jesus has become the practical realist. The words of this text glitter in our eyes with a new urgency. Far from being the pious injunction of a utopian dreamer, this command is an absolute necessity for the survival of our civilization. Yes, it is love that will save our world and our civilization, love even for enemies."

During the breakfast conversation referenced above, we also talked about a fascinating social experiment conducted by psychologist Arthur Aron, in which he showed that perfect strangers could rapidly develop deep and lasting love for each other by asking and answering 36 questions. The questions work because they encourage sincere sharing of our beliefs and vulnerabilities. The study authors write, "One key pattern associated with the development of a close relationship among peers is sustained, escalating, reciprocal, personal self-disclosure." When we actually get to know people at more than a superficial level and see their vulnerabilities, it's hard not to see them in a different light and have newfound affection for them.

Sometimes, members of our family can be the hardest to love. This week, I found myself in a long conversation about vaccines with two family members who have different views than my own. Over the past year, I've felt distant from them. But it was amazing to me how a single conversation based on trying to really understand each other was able to bridge that distance. I don't think any of us changed our minds much, but through 'reciprocal, personal self-disclosure,' I think we all came to appreciate and love each other more.

Returning to the sermon of MLK: "So this morning, as I look into your eyes... I say to you, 'I love you. I would rather die than hate you.' And I'm foolish enough to believe that through the power of this love somewhere, men of the most recalcitrant bent will be transformed. And then we will be in God's kingdom. We will be able to matriculate into the university of eternal life because we had the power to love our enemies, to bless those persons that cursed us, to even decide to be good to those persons who hated us, and we even prayed for those persons who despitefully used us."

Wishing you a month full of happiness, and perhaps even some newfound understanding and love for someone who is difficult to love.

Warmly,
Randy Peterson and the Garden Park Ward Bishopric

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First Presidency Message on Covid-19



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We find ourselves fighting a war against the ravages of COVID-19 and its variants, an unrelenting pandemic. We want to do all we can to limit the spread of these viruses. We know that protection from the diseases they cause can only be achieved by immunizing a very high percentage of the population.

To limit exposure to these viruses, we urge the use of face masks in public meetings whenever social distancing is not possible. To provide personal protection from such severe infections, we urge individuals to be vaccinated. Available vaccines have proven to be both safe and effective.

We can win this war if everyone will follow the wise and thoughtful recommendations of medical experts and government leaders. Please know of our sincere love and great concern for all of God's children.

The First Presidency
Russell M. Nelson
Dallin H. Oaks
Henry B. Eyring

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Sacrament Meeting Program—August 29th

GARDEN PARK WARD

-Sacrament Meeting Program-

THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

August 29, 2021, 10am

Conducting.....	Randy Peterson
Pianist	Judianne Peterson
Chorister	Roger Thompson
Opening Hymn.....	You Can Make the Pathway Bright, No. 228
Invocation	Ian Gillette
Ward Business	Brother Peterson
Speaker	Craig Etherington
Piano Solo	Graham Patch
	"We'll Bring the World His Truth"
Speaker	Mori Paulsen
Speaker	Jeff Merchant
Closing Hymn.....	Dear to the Heart of the Shepherd, No. 221
Benediction.....	Karli Gillette

Zoom broadcast is concluded

Sacrament Hymn	Again, Our Dear Redeeming Lord, No. 179
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Administration of the Sacrament

*"Jesus Christ, who created the seas, can calm them;
He who gave sight to the blind can lift our sights to heaven;
He who cleansed the lepers can mend our infirmities;
He who healed the impotent man can call for us to rise up with 'Come, follow me.'"
—"Behold! I Am a God of Miracles", Elder Ronald A. Rasband
April General Conference 2021*

[Click here to join August 29th Sacrament Meeting](#)

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Relief Society

[Kathy Campbell](#) is getting settled in their new home in Burley ID but is homesick for Garden Park Ward! Please feel free to drop her a note and keep in touch! Their new address is 1833 Grandview Lane, Burley, ID 83318 .

During the pandemic, I got into the bad habit of watching TV every night. After dealing with the pandemic, politics, and social unrest, I couldn't wait to escape into some kind of entertainment & distraction in our dark basement. Thanks to live streaming and a myriad of networks, we watched some important and informative, fun and entertaining shows. But recently, I have realized that I have been watching TV, instead of reading, writing, and reaching out.

I have been discovering some excellent reading resources from our fellow ward members; for example, in a testimony meeting, Roger Thompson recommended *Faith Is Not Blind*; Catherine Thorpe talked about how inspired she had been by *The Chosen*; and Diane Etherington referenced several books from her lesson, including *Restoration* which was mentioned again by Judianne in last week's Sunday school class. Amy shared a remarkable podcast with me, "All In". These books & DVDs are available in our new loaning library in the Relief Society room on the table on the west side. You are welcome to borrow from or donate to the library.

For our first post-Covid activity, we would like to meet for a **Book Bonanza**, on **Thursday, September 16th at 6 pm**. Please come prepared to...

- Review a great book you have recently read
- Use this as an excuse to read something you have wanted to read and share with us
- Grab a book from our little library
- Or just come and enjoy some book reviews

(Books need not be church books, just books that have inspired you. President Kimball was inspired by *Les Miserables* and spoke about it.)

A warm welcome home to our beloved Gallis! Lark is one of the precious and few current members who grew up in this ward (along with Ralph, Bishop Rick, Lois, and Sheila). Those of you who attended the record-breaking Sacrament Meeting heard their sound, strong testimonies, capacity to love, good humor, and story-telling skills.

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I'm excited to introduce our newest Relief Society teacher, Kelly Morgan Watson. She was raised in California and lived next-door to a great church member, whose grandchildren visited often. Kelly played with the kids and was annoyed when they couldn't swim on Sundays. She was reintroduced to the church as a college student when a friend invited her to go swing dancing at a stake house. Mistaking the word 'stake' for 'steak', she dressed up to the nines and readied her appetite for a delicious dinner. She had a lovely evening, in spite of the miscommunication.

Later, she met her husband in law school in Phoenix and researched the church more seriously. Kelly has a degree in Philosophy & Law and works full-time for a real estate company. She is the mother of two cute girls, Savanna (5) & Evie (2). Kelly loves her family, her work, crafts, food and *Gone With The Wind* (perhaps another book for your consideration). She has amazing capacity and energy. We are going to love her perspective & lessons.

Women's Singing Opportunity

Roger Thompson has invited the sisters to sing a musical number on **October 17th** in Sacrament Meeting. Please contact him (385.226.3317) or me (801.971.1504) if you're interested in participating.

Halloween Open House

We are hoping that we can host a Halloween open house at the carriage house again this year, but Covid has more power than we do (even when we are witches). We will keep you posted.

Floral Arranging & Decorations

Our November activity will be floral arranging and decorating ideas for Thanksgiving, tentatively on **November 23rd**.

Randy & Ronalee Baker, Carolyn Sherman, and Greg & Ann Robison are returning to their assignments at the VA ward. We have been blessed by their testimonies & camaraderie and we will miss seeing them each week. Thankfully they are not moving out of the ward...just yet.

Love to you all,
Kathy & the Relief Society Presidency

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2nd Hour Ward Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting will be led by our Stake High Councilor, Wayne Hull, on member missionary work and our stake initiative for September Missionary Month.

Brother Hull will present live in the Relief Society room. If you're not attending in person, you are invited to join the meeting via Zoom through the link below:

August 29, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.

[Click here to join the August 29th Ward Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 992 8557 5419

Passcode: 378937

Click <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting> if you need help connecting to the Zoom meeting.

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Happy Birthday!

August 29–Jim Barclay

August 29–Richard McKelvie

August 29–Travis Vought

August 31–David Browning

August 31–Gay Carlson

August 31–Clyde Gottfredson

September Birthdays

September 1–Ben Loomis

September 2–Kelly Morgan Watson

September 4–Joan Liong

September 4–Rick Waltman

September 4–Savannah Watson

September 5–Heather Feil

September 5–Gabriel Goorman

September 5–Casey Gunnell

September 6–Kai Jensen

September 8– Anna Christiansen

September 8– Rafael Mena

September 8– Ronald Miller

September 9–Daniel Guertler

September 10–Lisa Paulsen

September 12–Kristine Orton

September 15–Catherine Thorpe

September 16–Gabriel Drinkwater Johnson

September 16–Lynne Van Dam

September 18–Cynthia Levinthal

September 18–Rachel Romano

September 20–Patrick Donohoe

September 20–Jessica Patch

September 20–Missy Taylor

September 22–Grayden Gaykowski

September 25–Rachel Orton

September 27–Tammy Castleforte

September 27–Nicholas Hammond

September 29–Brittany Hailes

September 29– Malissa Levesque

September 30–Brandon Bennett

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Ward Announcements

Sacrament Meeting will continue to be held in person and will also be broadcast through Zoom.

We will now be singing in Sacrament meeting and Primary. We will continue to social distance, and continue to invite all congregants, including children, meeting indoors to mask if not vaccinated. For those who choose not to mask, we welcome you. For all those who join in the singing, please wear a mask, or please refrain from singing and just enjoy listening.

COVID Diligence Due to the large increase in Covid 19 in cases in Salt Lake City, please be extra diligent in our Sunday meetings to observe seating distancing and wearing of masks during all singing.

National Day of Service— Service projects have been arranged for the National Day of Service on **September 11th, or #911Day**. Information about the service projects are detailed below and included in the flyers on the last pages of this week's newsletter.

(1) Meal Kit Projects will take place at the Granite Education Foundation Donation & Distribution Center, located at 3099 S. 1030 West, in West Valley City. It is located west of the Utah Food Bank building. Volunteers can sign up using the following link: [Granite Education Foundation—National Day of Service Meal Kits](#) We encourage groups or individuals to sign up for one slot, to allow as many as possible the opportunity to serve. If there are unfilled slots, volunteers can certainly stay on for the next shift.

(2) Blanket-making Project. One of the locations will be our stake center which will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be bolts of fabric available, along with other supplies needed to make the blankets. Blankets can also be made by individuals in their homes, and do not need to be made only on September 11. The blankets will be included in Santa Sacks for needy children at Christmas time.

Church Magazines The First Presidency encourages all members to access church magazines either by print or digital delivery. Church magazines help members learn the gospel of Jesus Christ, study the teachings of the living prophets, feel connected to the global Church family, face challenges with faith, and draw closer to God. Subscriptions for print magazines are available [HERE](#). Magazine content can be accessed digitally for free [HERE](#).

Missionary Month—September 2021 Bonneville Stake Missionary Month begins on September 1st! Here are the first inspirational scriptures to kick off the month.

September 1—[John 6:66-69](#)

September 2—[Alma 37:37](#)

September 3—[Mormon 9:15](#)

September 4—[Ephesians 1:2](#)

East High Seminary Enrollment for the upcoming year is open. All 9th-12th graders are invited to enroll and participate.

Parents: Please visit with your students and encourage them to sign up as soon as they can to take advantage of this opportunity and to help the Seminary folks organize classes appropriately.

Temple recommends - We encourage all members to keep their recommends current. Recommend interviews at the ward level are being held by phone. If your temple recommend is expired, please contact Mark Hindley, Garden Park Ward Executive Secretary (801.599.8175) to set up a phone interview with the Bishop. For those that are fully vaccinated, Stake Presidency interviews are being held in person at the Stake Center each Sunday from 12:30–2:00 p.m. All others please contact President Parker (801.916.1951) or President Patch (801.455.0181) to arrange a virtual interview.

TEMPLE UPDATE: The Bountiful Temple is now conducting live and proxy ordinances by appointment only. For operating hours and to schedule appointments, please contact our assigned Bountiful temple at (801) 296-2100.

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National Day of Service - **Meal Kits**



Join us on the National Day of Service & Remembrance to assemble food kits for pantries in the Granite School District.

OUR GOAL

In just one day, we want to assemble enough kits to last more than two months! (7,000 Student Weekend Kits, 5,000 Dinner Kits, and 3,600 Snack Kits)

DATE & TIME

Saturday, September 11, 2021

LOCATION

Donation & Distribution Center
3099 S. 1030 W, West Valley City, 84119

Sign-up for one-hour shifts by clicking here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4CA5AA29A3F94-september>



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National Day of Service– **Fleece Blankets**



Join us on the National Day of Service & Remembrance to produce fleece blankets for children in need in the Granite School District.

DATE & TIME

Saturday, September 11, 2021 · 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
(or until fabric runs out)

LOCATIONS

**The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints**
1535 East Bonneview Drive
Salt Lake City, 84105

United Methodist Church
203 South 200 East
Salt Lake City, 84111

**Columbus Adult Education
Center**
1860 South 300 East
Salt Lake City, 84111

Utah Islamic Center
984 West 9000 South
West Jordan, 84088

Fabric will be available for free at each location, but we also encourage volunteers to purchase their own fabric and drop blankets off at the locations listed above.

(Please see reverse for instructions.)

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FLEECE BLANKET INSTRUCTIONS

Width of the blankets is the width off the bolts. Length should be 54"-58"

Cut selvage off fleece and save.

Cut fringe only on 2 sides, the non-stretchy sides (the 2 sides that you cut the selvage off of the fleece). Each strip should be approximately 1-1/2" wide and 4-1/2" long.

Tie simple knots close to the blanket, not on the ends of the fringe.

Roll the blankets tightly when finished and tie with the saved selvage pieces. Cut the selvage pieces about 18" long to use to tie up the blankets.

Bag in 33 gallon garbage sacks and mark how many blankets per bag. Please separate girls from boys and put gender neutral with boys. We always need more boy than girl blankets.

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