



Bishopric Message—Bishop Tim Richardson

When a lawyer asked Jesus which of the commandments was the greatest, He could have chosen any of the many commandments from the Old Testament, from the law of Moses, or from the Ten Commandments. Instead, He summarized all of the commandments in these two:

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

“This is the first and great commandment.

“And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself”
(Matthew 22:37–39).

President Thomas S. Monson said “We cannot truly love God if we do not love our fellow travelers on this mortal journey. Likewise, we cannot fully love our fellowmen if we do not love God, the Father of us all.”

Having charity—Christlike love for others—will improve our relationships, help us serve God and others willingly. Charity is a spiritual gift that we can pray for and is “bestowed upon all who are true followers of ... Jesus Christ” (Moroni 7:48). It is the “more excellent way” (1 Corinthians 12:31) spoken of by the Apostle Paul and includes being kind, patient, humble, meek, hopeful, and generous (see 1 Corinthians 13).

Life is the reason we are here to develop charity. The Savior’s teaching called the Golden Rule can guide our actions: “All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them” (Matthew 7:12).



What's Happening in April

Callings

Tammy Ralph	Relief Society instructor	Randy Mendenhall	Deacons' quorum advisor
Holly Anderton	Relief Society activities committee	Mike Fisher	Deacons' quorum specialist

Happy Birthday

4	Manwaring, Emily	15	Poch, Austin
5	Horne, Wynne	18	Heibel, Lauren
6	Bowen, Hailey	18	Horne, Jarom
6	Child, Jeff	19	Ashcroft, Keaton
6	Knight, Heidi	19	Snarr, Jeff
6	Searle, Trevor	21	Sparks, Katherin
6	Sloan, Molly	22	Rummler, David
8	LaFortune, Alyssa	26	Elliott, Cohen
9	Child, Sophie	26	Larsen, Callahan
10	Hansen, Mckenzie	28	Bullough, Sarah
12	Fedderson, Brian	29	LaFortune, Adam
12	Fedderson, Tiffany	29	Sloan, Abe
13	Bowen, Samuel	30	Abeyta, Lu Ann

Relief Society

Save These Dates:

Saturday and Sunday, April 6–7

General Conference

Church meetings will not held in the building. Instead, watch the inspiring conference sessions from our general church leaders.

Tuesday, April 16

Ward Relief Society Temple Day

8:45 a.m., carpool for 10 a.m. session

5:45 p.m., carpool for 7 p.m. session

Meet at the church to carpool for the session of your choice. Please make a reservation ASAP online for your place in one of the sessions.

Tuesday, April 23, at 6 p.m.

Pickleball at the Stake Center

For women only. Drop in and play a game. Bring your own paddle.

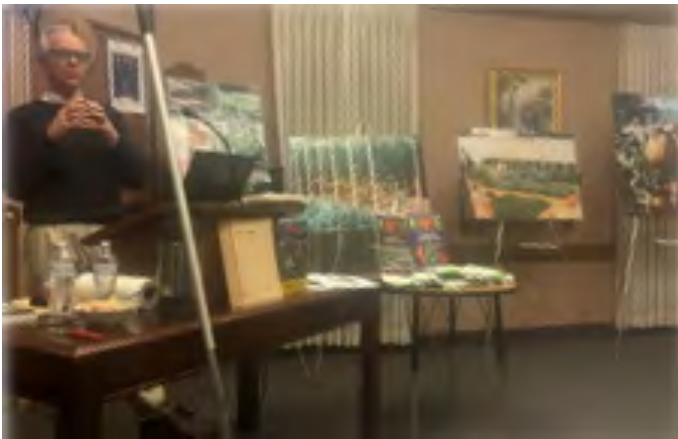


More Relief Society

Home and Emergency Gardening

Brother Stewart Martinsen of the 6th Ward presented at our Relief Society Home and Emergency Gardening activity in March.

We appreciate that he gave his time and shared his feelings about gardening.



Elders

Prepare to Receive the Holy Ghost

I've been reviewing some inspirational messages that I receive periodically from the Church. As I've considered what to include in this month's ward newsletter I came across some advice recently offered by President Henry B. Eyring. I found this advice to be very appropriate as I prepare myself for the upcoming General Conference.

President Eyring stated, "We need the constant companionship of the Holy Ghost. We desire it, yet we know from experience that it is not easy to achieve...We may be tempted to feel we are alone. It is important to remember the sure promise we receive each week as we repent and partake of the Sacrament: 'That they may always have His Spirit to be with them.'"

1. Ponder whether there is anything for which you need to repent and receive forgiveness.
2. If you want the companionship of the Holy Ghost, you must want it for the right reasons. Our purposes must be the Lord's purposes.
3. Remember the Savior's sacrifice and His love for you.

It's been my experience that the more I prepare for conference, the more I get out of it and enjoy it. Following the steps given by President Eyring is a great way to prepare for conference by having the Holy Ghost with us as we listen to the messages. May we all seek to have the Holy Ghost with us as we prepare for conference to be truly open and receptive to the messages we will receive.



Primary

March was a great month in Primary! Jackson LaFortune turned 8 and was baptized. It was a special day.

We had a primary activity where we watched the churchwide Friend to Friend and did the craft. It was a lot of fun.

We worked on memorizing the third Article of Faith. Many of the children memorized and passed it in March. We will be working on the fourth Article of Faith in April. To pass off an Article of Faith, the children can come to the Primary room after the second hour and recite it for any member of the Primary presidency.

For parents of children in Activity Days, mark your calendars for a day camp at Camp Tracy on June 20 from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Young Women

The young women have had a beautiful start to spring. We are beyond excited and thrilled to welcome Annika Jeppsen to our young women! We are so grateful she is here.

We had some fun activities in March. We had a blast making homemade cards with Sister Hillock and loved her fun card designs. We also got to spend the night getting the entertainment ready and learning some dances for our upcoming VIM dinner, .

We are helping our senior girls get ready to move out and live on their own, and we had an activity where we brought favorite recipes to share and to taste.

We are looking forward to another cook-off with the young men as well as our upcoming Taylorsville, Utah Temple open house. Each of these great young women are so very loved!



Young Men

In March, the Young Men created and competed in a Nerf obstacle course.



They built game kits as part of the JustServe initiative.



They also joined with the Young Women in a Bishop's Mingle, where the theme was 2 Nephi 25: "Wherefore, (the Lord) will proceed to do a marvelous work and a wonder among the children of men."



Spotlight on the Paul and Kirsti Jeppsen Family

The Jeppsen family recently moved to our ward from Holladay, where they lived for thirteen years. Paul grew up in Bountiful, and after high school he served a mission in Chile. When he returned, he attended BYU. Kirsti grew up in Taylorsville, and after high school she went to BYU. And this is where they met.

Paul and Kirsti were married in 1998, after Kirsti graduated. They then moved to Wisconsin while Paul attended med school and where their first two children were born. They were in Wisconsin eight years and loved their time there. After med school, they



moved back to Utah to be near family. Her parents live in Riverton and Paul's parents live in Bountiful.

Their seven children are—

- Marlee who graduated from BYU in editing and publishing; works in Salt Lake in digital marketing.
- Barrett is a tennis player and will attend BYU after his mission.
- Annika likes ballet dancing and swimming.
- Griffin plays competitive soccer and likes science class.
- Cooper also plays soccer and loves to read.
- Briggs loves Pokémon and Ninja Warrior obstacle courses.
- Harris enjoys solving puzzles and playing video games with his brothers.



The family loves to travel to new places including the National Parks, and they also include service opportunities for their family as part of their vacations. Paul is an ophthalmologist and Kirsti taught elementary school for a couple of years after college, but is currently a full-time busy mother of seven. She is also currently teaching in an LDS regional special needs Primary program.

We are so glad to have this wonderful family in our ward and in our neighborhood!



LC 18th Ward Relief Society Temple Day

APRIL
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MORNING OPTION

10:00AM SESSION | CARPOOL MEETS @ 8:45AM

EVENING OPTION

7:00PM SESSION | CARPOOL MEETS @ 5:45PM

Sisters wishing to attend should individually reserve the time online as soon as possible. Carpool groups will meet and coordinate at the church building.