

Indian Ridge Ward

April 2017 – Observing the Sabbath Day

Today, we live in the perilous times prophesied by the early Apostles (see 2 Timothy 3:1). Those who try to walk the straight and narrow path see inviting detours on every hand. We can be distracted, degraded, downhearted, or depressed. How can we have the Spirit of the Lord to guide our choices and keep us on the narrow path?

A recent “Viewpoint” from the Church News provided the following suggestions: “An oft-quoted passage from the Book of James identifies two important characteristics of ‘pure religion’: ‘Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.’ (James 1:27)

“When this verse is cited, it seems the portion that gets the most frequent attention is the part about serving and blessing the fatherless and widows; the other half of James’s admonition, to keep oneself ‘unspotted from the world’ perhaps is not as often emphasized.

“Serving the needy and maintaining one’s personal purity—in the eyes of God, these things are indispensable.

“This might raise the question: How are we to keep ourselves ‘unspotted from the world’? As if in response, the Lord has said in latter-day revelation: ‘And that thou mayest more fully keep thyself unspotted from the world, thou shalt go to the house of prayer and offer up thy sacraments upon my holy day; For verily this is a day appointed unto you to rest from your labors, and to pay thy devotions unto the Most High; Nevertheless thy vows shall be offered up in righteousness on all days and at all times; But remember that on this, the Lord’s day, thou shalt offer thine oblations and thy sacraments unto the Most High, confessing thy sins unto thy brethren, and before the Lord.’ (D&C 59:9-12)

“In a recent family home evening lesson, a father posed the question: How does proper Sabbath day observance, in particular attending our Sunday worship services, help us to remain pure and ‘unspotted from the world’? The 10-year-old daughter immediately spoke up, saying, ‘We take the sacrament and renew the promises we made when we were baptized.’

“Through the partaking of the bread and water—the primary purpose for

which we assemble together on the Lord's day—we symbolically remember the atoning sacrifice of our Lord and Savior. We thus renew the sacred covenants we have made with the Lord. When done in the proper spirit, this can be a powerful motivating influence on our behavior throughout the week, helping us to remain pure.

“The 13-year-old son suggested that the things we hear, do and say during our Sabbath day worship services give us strength and protection to fend off the temptations we might encounter from Satan, what the scriptures refer to as ‘the fiery darts of the adversary.’ (see 1 Nephi 15:24; D&C 3:8)

“Not only does the wicked one entice us to commit wrongdoing, but it seems that in our day in particular, Satan, the father of lies, is busily engaged in deceiving the inhabitants of the earth, trying to make good appear evil and evil seem good. (see Isaiah 5:20)

“. . . [T]he 15-year-old son pointed out that when we go to the ‘house of prayer’ on the Sabbath, we are spiritually fed and nourished, and this promotes and preserves our personal purity.

“The mother in the family noted . . . that Sabbath day observance promotes and encourages service to God and His children. Fulfilling callings in the Church, teaching and giving talks, participating with comments during lessons, singing, praying with others, testifying of gospel truths, and generally helping in the organization and administration of the Church on a local level are all rendering service to our Heavenly Father and bless our brothers and sisters, thereby promoting personal purity.

“Moreover, assembling together on the Sabbath puts us in direct association with others and makes us aware of their needs and how we might help them. In a number of ways, it facilitates our service to them. In this, we emulate the loving ministry of the Master.

“Finally, all in the family agreed that Sabbath observance is physically, mentally, and spiritually rejuvenating, as it affords a time to rest from the strenuous physical and mental exertions of the workaday world and allows us to focus more fully on things of the Spirit.

“This year, as apostles and prophets have renewed the emphasis on keeping the Sabbath Day holy, may we heed their counsel and admonition, thereby more perfectly keeping ourselves ‘unspotted from the world.’” (Church News, 3 January 2016)

The Bishopric

Relief Society

Happy Spring to all! What a glorious General Conference we have just enjoyed. How blessed we are to hear and be taught from inspired leaders and prophets who love us and our Heavenly Father and Savior Jesus Christ as they bear testimony of the eternal truths of the gospel plan for all. How blessed we are to live in this beautiful valley as we witness the rebirth and new life all around us. We are truly blessed and loved.

We are excited for the safe and healthy arrival of Valarry Kershaw who was born on March 23rd. Her happy parents are Shane and Keila. She will be well loved.

April Lessons

April 9 Chapter 7: The Whisperings of the Spirit – Kara McLeskey

April 16 Chapter 8: We Look to Christ – Janis Kershaw

April 23 Gratitude on the Sabbath Day, President Eyring – Lori Hanson

Dates to Remember:

April 9 Fast Sunday

April 16 Easter

April 23 7:00 p.m. Stake Easter Concert "One Voice Children's Choir"

May 10 Days for Girls. 6:00 - 9:00 pm – all YW and RS are invited to serve

Shawna Zitzelsberger has opened a Facebook site for all the sisters in our ward called "IRS" or "Indian Ridge Sisters". This site will be used for an informational bulletin board. This is a closed site for only sisters in our ward to view and respond, and you will need to "friend" either Shawna Zitzelsberger or Kathi Roberts and they will add you to the site. They can also answer any questions you might have. We are hoping this will help us stay better connected to each other and to the different activities going on.

We love you and thank you for all your generous acts of kindness, service and love. You are the Lord's hands and heart here on earth.

Love from Kim, Kathi, Shelly, and Charlene

Young Men

Tuesday, April 11

Trek activity at Brother Glauser's house - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18

Combined Activity -
Hike to Donut Falls

Saturday, April 29

Top Golf Activity

Wednesday, May 3

Baptisms at the Draper Temple
7 p.m.
Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m.

The Teachers and Priests are working on reading the Book of Mormon in 90 days:

by Sunday, April 9

read to Page 228 (Alma 9)

by Sunday, April 16

read to Page 266 (Alma 23)

by Sunday, April 23

read to Page 304 (Alma 38)

by Sunday, April 30

read to Page 342 (Alma 53)

Save the dates for these fun things this Summer:

July 19 - 22 - The Teachers and Priests Camp

June 15-17 - Stake Handcart Trek

Young Women

Tuesday, April 11

Movie Night at the Weight's

Tuesday, April 18

Combined Activity -
Hike to Donut Falls

Tuesday, April 25

Camp Cooking at Ellis' -
Campfire Churros!

Save the dates for these fun things this Summer:

June 15-17 - Stake Handcart Trek

July 5-8 - Girl's Camp

July 31-August 4 - Brighton Beehive Camp



Our Ward Missionaries

Elder David Coleman Lloyd
Argentina Comodoro Rivadavia Mission
Av. Fray Luis Beltran 75
Comodoro Rivadavia
Chubut, 9000
Argentina

Gary and Susan Johnson
Inner City Mission, Columbus Branch

Chris and Kathy Machinski
Addiction Recovery Program
Missionaries

Robert and Andrea Marx
Guest Service Missionaries
at Temple Square

Bruce and Vivienne Sullivan
Helsinki Finland Temple Mission
Leppäsillantie 3,
FI-02620 Espoo, Finland
Check out their missionary blog at:
SullivansinFinland.blogspot.com

Bob and Marie Thompson
Service Missionaries
at the Bishops' Storehouse

Joshua Ellis
Dominican Republic
Santo Domingo West Mission

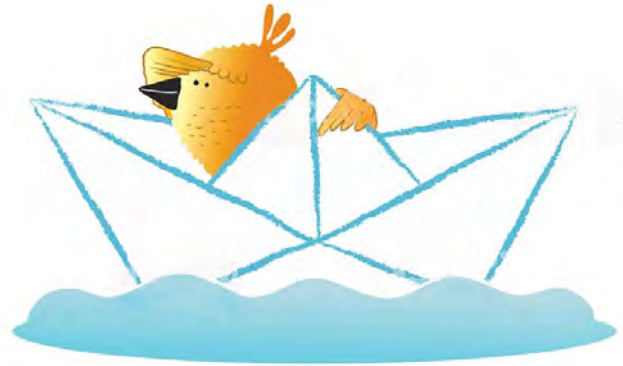
Ward Missionaries:
Robert and Carrie Burnett
Jim and Myrna Christensen
Richard and Linda Hackett
Ryan and Allison Terry

Cub Scouts

Raingutter Regatta on
April 26th at 6:30 p.m.
at the church.



Be working on your boats!



High Priests

Our Ward Temple Sealings time is
the second Friday of each month
at 7 p.m.

This month it will be on
April 14th.

Call Kevin Pasker
for additional information
at 801-414-0338.

Newsletter Submissions

Please submit your contributions
for the May newsletter
preferably no later than **April 25th**
to dbmahler@velvetshadow.com

**Many thanks to each person who takes the
time to contribute their information
for this newsletter every month!**

Primary

Yearly Theme:

Choose the Right

April Theme:

Jesus Christ teaches me
to choose the right.

April Scripture:

For I have given you an
example, that ye should do
as I have done to you."
(John 13:15)

The Primary Presidency



The newly-created

<http://www.indianridgewardhistory.com>
can now be accessed.

Please be aware that it is a work in progress
(the "old dog trying to learn
new tricks" problem is also in effect!).
Much of the information found will likely
predate many current ward members,
but might still be interesting to them.

More information will be added
as it becomes available.

Any additional photos or corrected
information will be welcomed.

Attention please.

A request has been made
to all people who drive
on 1335 East
(also called Indian Ridge Drive)
to please remember
and respect the
25 mph speed limit.
The people who visit
the veterinarian are often
the worst offenders,
but not the only ones.



Family History

**Need help
finding ancestors
to take to
the temple?**

Our Stake Presidency and Bishop are giving us a challenge to have **Family History** as a goal for this year.

Do you want to get started on Family History but don't know where to start?

Just visit our stake's
FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

Location: Buttercup Building
(1600 East Buttercup Drive)
NW entrance

Open:

Tuesdays 1-4 p.m.

Wednesdays 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. & 7-9 p.m.

**Indian Ridge Ward
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Happy Birthday!

April 2017

- 1 Spencer Ellis
Jim Hanson
Isabelle Hauber
David Jones
- 3 Dresden Curtis
Doug Jensen
- 4 Vivienne Taylor
- 5 Taylee Johnson
- 9 Brian Olsen
- 13 Tim Pickett
- 14 Bill Allen
- 15 Matthew Miles
- 16 Tamara Olsen
- 17 Rose Terry
- 18 Logan Curtis
Craig Maxwell
Ronee Scott
- 19 Steve Edmonds
- 21 Min Yang
- 22 David Glauser
- 23 Nina Hauber
- 24 Lance Eby
Bryton Mirci
- 27 Sallie Schmitt
Jana Tucker
- 28 Debra Bierman
Alyssa Johnson
Eric Schmidt
- 29 Virginia Timmons

May 2017

- 2 Ron Hansen
Joshua Zitzelsberger
- 3 Russ Messerly
Terri Williams
- 4 Rick Morris
Steve Riep
- 5 Dave Ellis
Todd Evans
Kaylin Nydegger
Ellen Strong
Stefan Wells
- 6 Jennifer Mitchell

Relative Finder

Discover how you are related to prophets, presidents and friends.

The BYU Computer Center and Family History Technology Labs have developed a source for members to learn who they are related to and how. Here is a list of groups that are available to show you if and how you are related to famous people:

Authors and poets	LDS - Current Apostles
Business Leaders	LDS - Prophets
Catholic Saints and Popes	LDS - Prophets' Wives
Composers	LDS - Women Auxiliary Leaders
Constitution Signers	Mayflower Immigrants
Declaration Signers	Movie Stars
Entertainers	Reformers
European Royalty	Science and Technology
Famous Americans	Sports Figures
Famous Europeans	US Presidents and their wives

A Relative Finder group has been set up for the The Indian Ridge Ward members to find out who in the ward they are related to and how. This technology will find common ancestors and show each person's connection to those common ancestors. They provide excellently clear charts to show, and easily print, your relationships to these people.

To join our Ward Group, register by doing the following:

1. Go to **www.RelativeFinder.org**
2. Find and click on the LOGIN TO FAMILY SEARCH link
3. Sign in to your FAMILY SEARCH account with your USER NAME and PASSWORD
4. Click on SIGN IN
5. At the top of the page, on the tool bar, click on GROUPS
6. Drop down from GROUPS and click on JOIN A GROUP
7. Click the box named SEARCH BY GROUP NAME
8. Type in **Indian Ridge Ward**
9. Click on the SEARCH bar to right and put in our password: **Indian**
10. You should now be registered and ready to explore Relative Finder and your relationships to ancestors, both famous and in our ward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lane Clark at **801-808-3085**.