

AKRON STAKE NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025



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5 - Worldwide Youth Event
7 pm Broadcast

11 - YM Basketball 10 AM

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2 - Young Adult Devotional 8 PM

15 - Primary Friend to Friend 12 PM

22 - YM/YM Ice Skating 10 AM

28 - YW YCL Activity

MARCH

1 - YW YCL Activity

2 - YM/YW Missionary Fireside

6-8 RootsTech

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/registration-on-open-rootstech-2025>

15 - Family History Fair

15 - YM/YW Pre-FSY Activity

16 - Worldwide Relief Society Devotional

[Click here for detailed information on calendar events](#)

Service Opportunities:

[Crisis Cleanup Phone Volunteer](#)

[Donate to a local Food Bank](#)

See more at:

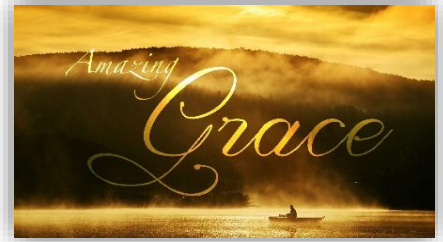
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Feed Medina County Sewing Project
(See attached flyer)

*To submit Stake or Area events to the Newsletter Calendar please contact
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MESSAGE FROM THE STAKE PRESIDENCY GRACE



Moroni didn't just say, may the grace of God be bestowed on us. Or may it be with us. He said, may the grace of God be IN us (Ether 12:41). What Moroni wished for us in the last days was a passing down of divine grace and a reaching up for that which is God's, for:

- ~ Divine Grace can forgive 10000-talent debts. But Human Grace can still forgive at least 100-pence debts.
- ~ Divine Grace can keep covenants across worlds and through the generations. Human Grace can keep our own Sacramental promises, a week at a time.
- ~ Divine Grace gives us the abundant life. Human Grace determines if we see the abundances in life.
- ~ Divine Grace comprehends and resolves all things. Human Grace doesn't understand many things but can still find a resting place.
- ~ Divine Grace is the sun. Human Grace reflects the sun, but in a dark world, its light can still solve a lot of the world's problems.
- ~ Divine Grace is Christ. Human Grace is a disciple of Christ.

Maybe we can delve a little deeper yet, by contrasting Human Grace with its opposite:

- ~ Human Grace accommodates uncertainties. For even God who operates the orderly macro universe makes room for the random, chaotic quantum world. Human gracelessness, on the other hand, demands certainties and sure knowledge—now.

~ Human Grace has an easygoingness toward God and man, like Christ strolling through the cornfield with His disciples on the Sabbath. Human gracelessness trips over many things and makes frequent stops to take offense—from man and God.

~ Human Grace shines the brightest in times of gracelessness. Human gracelessness entertains grace, or at least a cocktail party kind of grace, only when everything is good and calm.

~ When the steel bow breaks, Human Grace builds a wood bow, knowing that God will make it sufficient. Human gracelessness accurately calculated that 5 loaves of bread can't possibly feed 500, let alone 5000, and didn't stay around to see the 12 basketfuls of leftover.

Brothers and Sisters, gracelessness operates from scarcity; gracefulness operates from abundance. Gracelessness, until completely void of grace, is not by itself a gross abomination, but it bars us from the good and pushes us toward its opposite. Gracefulness, on the other hand, might not be the most indispensable virtue, but its presence is a marker of the finished God and man, and its absence is a sign that divine grace may have been just waiting at the front porch, and not invited into the house.

President Tony Wen

Excerpt from his October 2024 Stake Conference Talk

MISSIONARY MOMENTS

Elder Blake Renninger

Provo, Utah Mission October 2022 - October 2024



My mission was the greatest thing for me. A perfectly tailored experience that allowed the Lord to show me my strengths and weaknesses. I have learned that when you trust Christ and all He asks, any trial or hardship will be beneficial and made easier. When you find yourself staring at a difficult mountain, smile because you are about to witness the Atonement of Jesus Christ.

Sister Leah Tefteller

Salt Lake City Temple Square Mission November 2023 - April 2025

Temple Square truly is the place where "all nations flow unto it!" (2nd Nephi 12:2) I am so grateful and blessed to serve alongside sisters from all over the world, as well as teach individuals from all over the world. Temple Square is living proof that the gospel of Jesus Christ is for all of God's children. ♥



Elder Spencer Fry

Xalapa, Mexico July 2023 - June 2025



My mission has truly been an experience I will never forget! Each day I have been able to see just how much our Heavenly Father loves each one of us. I know that Jesus Christ is the savior of the world and that he is always inviting us to repent and come unto him. I have seen how the spirit guides and protects us as we strive to always be worthy of its presence. And I know that the Book of Mormon was written for our day and that as we study it we will be able to find the answers to our questions.

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UNTIL THEN....VISIT

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PITTSBURGH



I'M GOING THERE SOMEDAY!



SAVE THE DATE



**THE AKRON OHIO FAMILY SEARCH CENTER
IS HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL FAIR
ON MARCH 15, 2025**

Germany

Czech Republic

Hungary

Poland

Great Britain

And Much Much More

More Details Coming



**Calling All who
love to sew and serve!**



*The Akron Stake Relief Society
has done several projects with:*

Feeding Medina County

*They have invited us to help them prepare for their
upcoming fundraiser by sewing curtain panels.*

All materials provided.

*Materials can be picked up from Susan Jackson or at the Medina/Wadsworth
Chapel.*

*For more information please email Susan Jackson
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