

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Council Bluffs Iowa Stake

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Among many invitations and promises given in General Conference, Elder Anderson said:

"The temple is literally the House of the Lord. I promise you as you come worthily and prayerfully to his Holy House, you will be armed with His power, his name will be upon you, his angels will have charge over you and you will grow up in the blessing of the Holy Ghost."

The Lord has been hastening His work on both sides of the veil, and this has been evident in our stake. We have felt impressed by the Spirit to organize an opportunity for our new members to meet one another across the stake and serve and worship together in the Lord's Holy House.

Why?

1. The Lord has asked that we attend His house as often as circumstances allow.
2. We have been encouraged to bring the names of our own kindred dead to the temple.
3. We have been encouraged to help new converts qualify for a temple recommend and experience serving the Lord in His holy house.

Who?

Recent converts baptized in the year 2023 or 2024. We may also reach out to invite members of the Elders Quorum Presidency or Relief Society Presidency to come and join in ministering to our friends in the stake.

When?

We would like to invite our recent converts to join us at the trail center and temple on **JUNE 29th**. See schedule below.

What?

Here is a tentative schedule of how the day will play out:

1:15 pm- Arrive at Trail Center

1:45 pm- First group enters to do baptisms while second group does a tour of the trail center.

2:45 pm- Switch

4:00 pm- Testimony meeting in Trail Center theater downstairs

4:30 pm- Eat and mingle

How?

This will only be possible through the diligent efforts of our ward and branch councils. We would love for each of these new converts to be prepared with the following:

1. Current limited use recommend

2. At least one printed family name that they can do the baptism and confirmation for on **June 29**. We ask that you please begin to assist these new members with obtaining a recommend and preparing a name to bring. We wanted to give you the information months in advance to allow for arrangements to be made. Members of the High Council and Stake Relief Society Presidency will be following up with each unit to assist in any way possible. We will also be sending an official flyer/ announcement we would love to be included in your ward/ branch programs or bulletin. We will also be mailing letters to each new convert in the stake to invite them personally. Additionally, we will make sure the event is posted on the stake Facebook page.

Please help us spread the word now! We pray it will be a magnificent spiritual experience for each of our wonderful new members in the stake.

Thank you for all you do! Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or comments!

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