

## PRIMARY SPOTLIGHTS

July – December

Stake Baptism July 6, 2019

Willow Creek 6th Ward

### **Samantha Kelley Mano**

Samantha Kelley Mano is the oldest of 3 children. She has two younger brothers who she looks out for. She loves dance, tennis, softball, and golf. She is very creative and loves arts and crafts. She also loves listening to music and making up dances. She has a tender heart and loves everyone around her. She loves Jesus and has always wanted to follow him from a very young age. Jesus was one of her very first words. She is excited to follow in His footsteps and become a member of His church.

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### **Quincey Ann Egan**

Quincy was born on April Fool's Day. She has the same birthday as her Dad. Quincy got her name from a small town near Nauvoo, Illinois. When we saw the sign, we knew what we wanted to name her. Quincy also goes by the nick-name Quinn, Quinine, Binny, Q and the Cafe Rio burrito destroyer. She loves Cafe Rio burritos. She usually saves half to eat for breakfast the next morning. Quincy is always willing to share even if it means she doesn't get what she wanted. She is nice to everyone and never want's anyone to be left out. She is good at soccer, coloring and can talk more than anyone we know. We are so happy that she gets to share her baptism day with her new little sister who is getting blessed later today. We love Quincy and are so happy that she is getting baptized and that today can be all about her.

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Willow Creek 4th Ward

### **June Penny Woodward**

June Bug is the baby of our family, but let me tell you, she can hold her own. She is determined, smart and oh so funny! She keeps us laughing all the time. From the time June was born she was full of life. Everything she does, she does it big! She does happy big, sad big, mad big and has a BIG heart. June's smile lights up a room and she has multiple different laughs that makes all those around her smile. She works hard in school and loves math. She is also learning Chinese like her older brother and sister. She is competitive and complimentary all at the same time. She loves soccer and is always the first to high-five another teammate when they score a goal. Heavenly Father sent June to our family to keep us on our toes. We could not be more grateful to be June's parents. She is truly beautiful inside and out and has a

zest for life that is infectious. We love seeing the world through her eyes. Jake and I know that June loves Jesus and wants to be like Him. She loves to say our family prayers whenever she gets the chance and has been trying really hard to be thoughtful and thorough as she says them. June is our spicy little meatball and we are so proud of the decision she has made to be baptized.

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Willow Creek 2nd Ward

**Dax Michael Elzinga**

Dax is a very special part of our family. He is our only son and with three sisters he is always surrounded by girls! This makes him extra grateful for his dad—they love spending time together and have a very special bond. Dax works hard at things that interest him: playing basketball in the backyard, becoming a Pokemon trainer, and even teaching himself multiplication before he enters third grade! Dax has a very tender heart. He is kind to everyone around him, especially his little sister who follows him around all day. Dax is incredibly brave and does his best to choose the right, which is why I think of Captain Moroni when I think of Dax. Captain Moroni always knew right from wrong and stood up for his beliefs. Dax does the same—when he sees people doing things that Jesus would not do, Dax stands up for the right! He is excited to get baptized today and follow Jesus. He can't wait to receive the Holy Ghost and learn how to listen to His still, small voice. Dax—we love you so much and are so glad you are in our family!

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Willow Creek 3rd Ward

**Chloe Scarlet Morgan**

Chloe, our cute little coco bean, you bring so much sunshine and happiness wherever you go. You are such a sweet, caring, clever, funny and talented girl. You bring us so much joy! We love to watch you dance, do gymnastics and act in your brother's movies. It is so sweet to watch the loving relationship you have with Liam. We love to listen to your beautiful singing voice, especially in the car. We also love how you don't go anywhere without a 10-pound bag of make-up, stuffed animals and little treasures you can't live without. You have such an amazing ability to overcome any obstacle and you do it with a positive attitude. You manage to be sweet and spunky at the same time. You are empathetic and kind beyond your years. We love all the many "I love you's" we get from you every day. We love that you feel so happy about being baptized. You are a special daughter of our Father in Heaven and we are so excited for you today!

Stake Baptism August 24<sup>th</sup>

Willow Creek 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward

**Seth Gundry**

Stake Baptism September 7<sup>th</sup>

Willow Creek Ward

**Grace Cable**

Stake Baptism September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Willow Creek Ward

**JACKSON MATTHEW FRIDEN**

Jackson is a fun-loving kid who has a smile that can light up the room! Jackson is a very playful boy and loves playing with his friends and family. He also enjoys riding bikes, rollerblading, playing basketball, football, swimming and art. Jackson is very aware of others and loves to help and be friends with everyone. He is a very thoughtful boy that is sensitive to the spirit. He has a talent to be funny and make others laugh. We love having Jackson in our family for the joy, energy, and laughter that he brings to us! Jackson is excited to follow Jesus' example and be baptized and we are so excited for him! We love Jackson!

Stake Baptism September 28<sup>th</sup>

Willow Creek Ward

**Allison Jane Tuttle**

Allison has such a wonderful and sweet spirit. She is so fun and has an amazing imagination. She is very caring towards others and especially towards animals of all kinds. She has a big, tender heart for her furry friends.

Allison is very social and outgoing. One of the things I love about her most is that when we go somewhere, she will always end up making a friend, and will remember them and ask to see them again for long, long after, even if they are from another state.

Allison was nervous about being baptized, but last week, at the primary program, she said she looked out at everyone and thought, They are just people, and then she wasn't nervous anymore. I told her this was a very grown up thought, and there are actually a lot of grown-ups who don't realize this, myself included.

We are so proud of Allison and can't wait to see her spiritual growth with her knowledge of Jesus Christ and our gospel, and with the guidance of her new companion, the Holy Ghost. We love you Allison!

Stake Baptism September 28<sup>th</sup>

Willow Creek Ward

**Lucy Ingebrigtsen**

Lucy is the oldest of four children in our family. She is very patient, kind, creative and fun, which makes her an amazing big sister. We are so grateful that her three younger siblings have her example to look up to. Lucy loves soccer, tumbling and making crafts. She is very sensitive to other's feelings and has a loving heart. There have been many occasions when she reminds us to look at both sides of the story and that we should be kind to everyone. We love her sweet spirit, happy personality and her desire to make good choices. Lucy has enjoyed watching friends and cousins be baptized and has been looking forward to the day that it would be her turn. We are so proud of her for taking this important step in her life and following the example of her Savior.

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**Ashlyn Victoria Allen**

Ashlyn is the youngest of five children. She is her parents and her older siblings "little princess". She loves to "hang out" with her family and especially loves to snuggle. She is shy and quiet in public, but at home she is spunky and has a hilarious sense of humor! She is such a light in our home!

Ashlyn is very obedient. She is a great example to those around her of someone who chooses the right. Her kind, sensitive heart helps her to be like Jesus. She is always willing to help others and she is a great friend. We love to hear Ashlyn pray. As she speaks to Heavenly Father, she is very mindful of thanking Him for her blessings, and then asking for Him to bless her and her family members.

Ashlyn loves to run, skateboard and mountain bike. She has a beautiful singing voice, she is an excellent artist and she is an amazing dancer. She spends most of her free time reading or sitting at her desk creating art (while humming or singing of course!).

We can always count on Ashlyn to be a good friend. She is a peacemaker and loves to make other people happy, especially her family members. She is lucky to have a large extended family with her grandparents and lots of aunts, uncles and cousins who adore Ashlyn, and she adores them.

Ashlyn is excited to get baptized. She knows that her sins will be wiped clean and that when she is confirmed, she will become a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Ashlyn, your family loves you so much and we are so proud of you today! We know that as you study about the life of Christ, follow Christ, keep the commandments, serve others and be kind, you will find joy and happiness.

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**COLTER JASON WATSON**

Colter has always been a very special child in our family. He has a very special spirit about him. Colter has the ability to include everyone and make everyone around him feel special. He has a very soft heart and wants everyone to feel loved.

He has a natural ability for sports and loves to play them all. He especially loves baseball, football, soccer and golf. He loves to play with his friends. Along with sports, he loves learning. You can often find Colter reading. Lately its books about why things are the way they are. So, if you're ever stumped, Colter might have the answer. Colter is a great example to his two younger brothers and loves his sister so much.

Colter has a blossoming testimony of Heavenly Fathers and Jesus Christ. He enjoys reading about the gospel and learning of the stories of Jesus.

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### **SARAH FOWLES**

Our family is so excited to be here to help celebrate Sarah's decision to be baptized today! There are so many things to love about Sarah. She is happy and kind and has a smile for everyone. She is also very loving and thoughtful.

She enjoys school and is an exceptionally good reader. Sarah has many talents: some of them are dancing, tumbling and playing soccer.

Another talent she has is that of being grateful. Sarah has told us more than once "I am happy with who I am and I am happy with what I have." Sarah is genuinely happy for others' successes. Sarah tries really hard to be obedient and do what is right and she keeps her 2 older brothers in check. Sarah is very beautiful inside and out. She has a tender heart and blesses our family with frequent acts of service. We know how much we love her and we know that her Heavenly Father loves her just as much. Heavenly Father is aware of what Sarah is doing today. We are so proud of her and we know Heavenly Father is very proud of her too.

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### **MARSHALL ERICK CLARK**

We are so grateful to have Marshall as the fourth boy in our family! He has a thirst for knowledge and isn't satisfied until he has answers for all of his questions. He is also very determined and doesn't give up easily on what he really wants. Marshall is very desirous to have goodness in his life - he has had wonderful experiences with prayer and the Holy Ghost calming his heart and mind. He is also very kind, has a great sense of humor, and loves to help out his friends. Marshall enjoys sports, especially football, and is very talented at playing the piano. What we love most about Marshall is that he really wants to know Jesus Christ, by asking many great questions, reading scriptures, and saying his prayers.

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**AVA CHRISTINE LINSENMEYER**

Ava has truly completed our family. She came 13 years after her brothers and we were all so excited for her to come. We wondered what she would look like, what she would be like, and talked about all the things we would each teach her. For the last 8 years we have fallen more and more in love with her and who she has become. Ava has so many wonderful traits. She is kind, loving, and tries to help those around her by being friendly, dependable and well-mannered. She has a great, and at times, sarcastic sense of humor, that she has probably learned from her brother Nicholas. She loves to learn, and is sometimes obsessed about the things that matter to her, she gets that from her brother Michael. Ava also loves our Savior and His gospel. She has a special ability to remember and comprehend the things she has read and been taught from scripture study, family home evenings and from her primary teachers. It is a wonderful, spiritual gift and I hope you continue to strengthen it, thru prayer, the scriptures, and the wonderful examples you are surrounded by. You have aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, leaders and friends who love you and who love the Lord. Your dad and I are so pleased with your decisions and for the lovely girl you have become.

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**ZACHARY HANKS**

We are so proud of Zachary and his decision to be baptized today! Zach has been looking forward to this day for a long time & he is ready! Zach is the second of three boys in our family. Zachary is so much fun to have in our family! He makes us laugh every day. You can often find Zach outside exploring the world around him. He loves science, studying bugs, nature & anything else he comes across. Zach is a leader. He often gathers his brothers & neighbors & casts them in the latest movie he is directing. Zach is a wonderful brother & always entertaining his siblings with a new game he has made up for them to play. Zach likes playing sports with his buddies, riding his scooter through the neighborhood & playing with his friends. Zach has a kind heart & looks for the good in other people. He can be always counted on to play a joke or do something to make people laugh.

Zachary is excited to be baptized and said he is most looking forward to “getting the gift of the Holy Ghost”. Zachary has developed a strong testimony & understanding of the gospel principals for his age & asks insightful questions that even stump his parents! Zach can always be counted on to volunteer to say a prayer or give a talk because he loves the gospel. We are so grateful that Zach has made the decision to follow Jesus Christ and be baptized. We hope he will always remember this special day & that he will continue to strengthen his testimony throughout his life. Zachary’s Dad and I feel so blessed and grateful to have Zachary in our family and we love him more than words can express!

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## **TAD HALES**

We have learned at our house to tell Tad he is handsome or makes our heart happy, because as the youngest of four kids, he does not like being called cute. He does however think our two dogs, Dixie and Izzie, are cute. He starts and finishes each day sitting and playing on the floor with them. All of us, including the dogs, can't get enough loves from Tad.

Tad loves when someone will play legos, basketball, football, lacrosse, video games, or Uno with him. He even wins a lot of the time. Tad is so creative. This summer he invented all sorts of things from chocolate covered licorice to a lacrosse stick made out of PVC pipe and cardboard. He amazes us with what he comes up with.

We don't keep track, but it sure seems like Tad is asked to give the most prayers in our family. It just makes our heart happy to hear what he's thankful for. We love you, Tad, and know our Heavenly Father loves you too!

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## **SAMANTHA JOY SMITH**

Samantha Joy Smith has been a light in our family ever since she was born. Sam is a very affectionate and loving kid. There is nothing more that she loves in this world than to snuggle. It's her favorite thing to do when she wakes up and before she goes to bed. We love that she is such an amazing big sister to her siblings Isaac and Evie. She's always sensitive to their needs and wants them to be happy. She loves learning and trying new things and she is extremely brave. She's not afraid to go on any big rollercoaster her mom and dad talk her into. Sam is also a very creative kid. She loves being a leader and organizing fun things for others to do. She puts together dances, puppet shows, summer camps and parties for her friends to attend. She always wants everyone to have a good time. She also loves to play soccer and ride her bike. Sam loves the stories in the scriptures. Her favorite story from the Book of Mormon is about the brave Lamanite woman named Abish. I love that she looks up to strong, brave, independent woman in her life, and she is surrounded by many. I know that she is so excited to be baptized today and has looked forward to this day for a long time.

Stake Baptism - November

Willow Creek Ward

## **Beau Olsen**

Beau has been waiting a long time for this special day! He is the oldest of two siblings and is the best big brother and example to them. Like his favorite Book of Mormon character Nephi, Beau strives to follow Jesus Christ and has a desire to follow his commandments. Beau loves life! I honestly cannot remember a time when he was grumpy. Each day he wakes up, way to early, and marches in our bedroom with a

smile on his face ready to begin his incessant questions. He usually begins with “Mom, who won the basketball game last night, what was the score? How many points did Donovan Mitchell score? What are we doing after school? What’s for dinner?”

Beau is wise beyond his years and has a special gift to be inclusive and attentive to the needs of others. Beau is thoughtful, inquisitive, dependable, smart, a hard-worker, kind to his core, always happy, and is a good friend. One of the things we love the most about him is his sense of humor. He is so good at making us laugh!

He is athletic and loves all sports, but his favorites are basketball, baseball, golf, football and soccer — in that order.

He often dreams about his mission, playing in the NBA, and buying his dad his dream house on Wasatch blvd. We love him, his example, and can’t wait to see the man he becomes.

Stake Baptism - November

Willow Creek

### **Luca Soffe**

We are so excited for Luca’s special day today. We are very proud of him for choosing to be baptized. Luca has a strong desire to learn at church, at home and especially at school. Luca is an avid reader. His favorite books make him laugh but he also loves to read about animals, and the outdoors. Luca is our adventurer. When we go on hikes he never complains. He loves to find insects and wild animals. He loves to go to lava hot springs and ride the river, he also loves to camp. His very favorite thing is to go fishing. He asks us to take him almost every weekend and he still loves it even though we are rarely successful. I think this tells you a lot about Luca’s personality. If he wants to do something he is endlessly patient and enjoys the whole process, not just the end reward. Putting a worm on the hook, casting, and reeling it in are all just as fun to him as catching the fish! Luca brings so much joy into our lives. He loves to make us laugh and he is good at it. He is so happy to stay home and play with his brother and sister. He is a loyal and loving brother and we are so happy to support him today. We love you Luca.

Stake Baptism – December

Willow Creek

### **Luke Bowden**

It’s great to be eight!! Luke has been looking forward to being eight and getting baptized for a long time. Luke is the youngest of our family and we love him and his fun, enthusiastic personality. He loves beyblades, playing with his friends, playing video games with his brother, wrestling with his dad and McDonalds. Luke has a great smile and a loving heart. Luke is very friendly, he is kind, a good helper around the house, and always a happy kid. He has a great sense of humor and also likes to tease his sisters.



Another one of Luke's greatest qualities is that he is sensitive to others feelings. One day he saw that his mom was feeling sad and he went up and said, "You look sad I think you need a hug." And he gave her a great big hug. Luke is also learning about feeling the spirit and being sensitive to it. Over fall break we were traveling back from a trip and it was a blizzard and very scary road conditions traveling through Spanish Fork Canyon. Luke was nervous and said a prayer to himself and he felt the spirit and it comforted him and he knew that it was the spirit.

Luke also has a desire to learn and loves to learn. He especially loves math. He is always asking everyone if they know what  $2+2$ ,  $4+4$ ,  $8+8$ , is and keeps building up the numbers. Luke is a special part of our family and we love Luke so much We are excited to celebrate this special day with him

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### **Jude Joseph Olsen**

Jude is the oldest in our family and is a mindful example and leader to his little siblings. Everyone loves Jude. He is helpful, a hard worker, considerate of others, thoughtful, and responsible. Jude is a good student, has an excellent memory, and loves school - especially for the social part! Friendships are very important to Jude, as he has many friends of all ages! He is a very kind, loyal, and good friend. He is very athletic and has a passion for all sports. He can pretty much pick up any sport he tries and is naturally good at it! His favorites are soccer, basketball, and football in that order. He is also a talented little artist and loves to draw.

We have always admired the inner confidence he has, and his strong sense for what is right and wrong. He's a kind-hearted, obedient, rule follower and has always had a strong desire to do what's right and follow the Savior. Jude is always living life to the fullest and we love that about him! We are so grateful to have him in our family and are excited for him to be baptized.

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### **Makenzi Lucia Sheeran**

We are so grateful to have Makenzi in our family! She is such an incredible joy to have around. Makenzi is a great example of compassion, cheerfulness, kindness and love. Makenzi is very excited to be following in the Savior's steps and getting baptized today. She has been looking forward to this for a long time. We admire her strong testimony and knowledge of the Lord. She loves Him and it truly shows.