

March, April, May Spotlights

Mar. 4, 2017
Willow Creek 1st Ward
Kaitlyn Denise Larsen

Kaitlyn is the youngest of her family and brings such joy to their lives. She **is always happy and optimistic about life and loves to laugh. She's super** outgoing and is always looking for her next adventure. She has no fear making friends and would love nothing more than to have a 24/7 play-date. Kaitlyn loves to create, build and make things with lots of glue, markers, paper, stickers and Legos. One of her favorite things to do is make cute **cards or notes to give to friends and family. She's very thoughtful and** aware of others around her. Empathy is one of her greatest strengths. If someone is sick or sad, Kaitlyn is right there with a picture, card or hug to make them feel better. She is always willing to help and looks for opportunities to serve. Kaitlyn is grateful and quick to compliment and show appreciation. She is loving, selfless, forgiving, humble, and wants to help others. She is very excited about being baptized so she can follow the **example of Jesus. Kaitlyn's family loves her so much and knows she is a** blessing from Heavenly Father.

Mar. 4, 2017
Willow Creek 9th Ward
Rebekah Ashton Martin

Rebekah is the youngest of 4 children in her family. She is generous, kind and happy. She is very generous and would even give the shirt off her back if it would help someone. When Rebekah is given special treats, she will share with her siblings even if it means she will get very little. She is also happy and kind. She often writes little notes to give to her friends and sometimes even gets in trouble for being too chatty and friendly. She loves everything! Her hobbies are drawing, riding her bike and playing with her friends. She loves animals, too. Rebekah also loves clothes and is the **family's little fashionista. She picks out her own clothes expertly and** definitely has her own style. Rebekah is always willing and loves to help out **her mom and dad, even when others aren't so willing. She is named after** Rebekah in the Old Testament but she is most like Esther because she is brave and kind and LOVES her people. She is very excited to be baptized so that she can be like our Savior Jesus Christ.

Mar. 4, 2017
Willow Creek 2nd Ward
Jane Heidi Sadowski

Jane is always making her family laugh. She is funny and sassy and knows what she wants. She loves to help in the kitchen and hopes to open her

own bakery someday. She would love to serve a mission in Paris .. this may also help with her bakery. Jane is very kind and compassionate to those around her and is always looking for ways to help those in need. Jane also enjoys sports like soccer, basketball & swimming. She has done well and can hold her own against the boys. She loves music and never passes up a chance to go crazy on the dance floor. Jane knows how much her family loves her and that Jesus loves her too. She loves the way going to church makes her feel and enjoys reading the scriptures out loud with her family. Just like Esther, she stands for what is right and honors and protects the things she holds dear. Jane is amazing, talented and beautiful on the inside and out. Her smile can brighten even the grumpiest day. Her family loves their Bubba Jane!

Mar. 4, 2017
Willow Creek 9th Ward
Olivia Sue Vance

Olivia is a very kind and thoughtful girl. She is always thinking of ways to make others happy. She enjoys leaving kind notes, drawings or little treats for family members. She is especially sensitive towards those who are hurt or sad. She will quickly think of a little toy or treat to give to cheer them up. Olivia also has the spiritual strength of loving to teach. This is a quality she has possessed from an early age. Even as a 3 year old, she has loved to prepare and teach her family a Family Home Evening lesson. Olivia also enjoys giving talks & the scripture in Primary. She wrote and printed out pictures for her first talk in Primary with very little help from her mom when she was only a Sunbeam. Olivia is very helpful. Her family enjoys having her around to help with her younger siblings. She can encourage them to **do things that sometimes her dad and mom can't get them to do.** Olivia has watched each one of her older siblings and cousins get baptized. She has been anxiously waiting to turn 8 and now is so excited to be baptized

Mar. 4, 2017
Willow Creek 6th Ward
Samuel Lynden Wood

Sam is a sensitive boy and loves everyone. He has a big heart and is always looking out for others. He especially loves his family and regularly shows it with frequent hugs and telling them he loves them. Sam is very smart and has a passion for learning. His love of reading has helped him excell in school. Often times, he is found reading a book. He has a good memory and can recall things he has read. Sam is passionate about sports. He enjoyed playing football & baseball this year and learned a lot about these sports. He also has a love and knowledge of sport stats and trivia. He can regularly be found watching highlights so he can bring everyone up to speed on what is happening in sports .. he may even ask Siri about sports

trivia. When Sam isn't playing sports, he is busy being a great big brother to his sister Claire and brother William. He loves to play with them and looking out for them. He works hard to set a good example. Sam loves attending church and enjoys reading the scriptures. He also makes sure his family says prayers each night. He wants to follow the Savior and is excited about being baptized. His family is so proud of him and so thankful for his example.

April 8, 2017
Willow Creek 6th Ward
Spencer Joseph Johnsen

Spencer is the youngest of 5 siblings and often is referred to as the caboose. He was born in Colorado and moved to Utah when he was almost four. He is a fun loving, energetic little boy that always wants to play. He is a very happy child and loves his family and never wants to be left out of anything. Spencer is very smart and has an incredible memory. There are many times where he can recall detailed and specific information from when he was 2 and 3, and speaks as if it happened yesterday. Spencer is very smart and sweet, yet he is also very persistent and will push his siblings until they give in and he gets his way. Spencer has a strong testimony of the Gospel and loves to read and pray. Every night at family prayer he somehow thinks it is his turn to pray ,, as he says he loves to talk to Heavenly Father. He has been looking forward to being baptized for a very long time. His family is excited for him and love him

April 8, 2017
Willow Creek 3rd Ward
Ethan Karl Merkley

Ethan is the second of four brothers. He is a happy, energetic and sweet boy and a joy to his family. He loves playing sports of all kinds. His current favorites are basketball and baseball. You can often find him with his brothers or alone shooting hoops in his driveway. Ethan is loyal, kind and easy going .. the kind of boy anyone would love to have as a friend. He is a **peacemaker at home and at school. He's helpful to anyone who needs him.** He excels in school and especially loves math. Ethan also loves music. He loves playing it, singing it and listening to it. He is a great piano player and loves to sing in the choir at school. He is a natural performer and fun to watch in his school programs. Ethan is like Nephi in the Book of Mormon. He has a strong desire to do what is right and follow the Savior, even when **it is hard. He's a good example to his brothers. Ethan is so excited to be** baptized. His family is proud of his decision to follow the Savior.

April 8, 2017
Willow Creek 4th Ward

Reese Gregory Romney

Reese has always been a leader. From a very young age he was rallying the neighborhood boys together to form **"his crew"**. He is a good friend to all that meet him and outgoing enough to make new friends wherever he goes. He is not afraid to talk to people. Once, he introduced himself to twenty different adults in one day. Reese is very adventurous and eager to try and learn new things. Some of his favorite things to do are: exploring outside, building things, going anywhere new, reading a good book, skiing, baseball, soccer, basketball, and swimming. He is a wonderful example to his younger brothers Clark and Talmage. He loves them and they truly are best friends. Reese is very sensitive to the spirit. Happy tears are not uncommon for him when he feels the spirit. He knows who his Savior is and has taken the decision to be baptized very seriously. His family loves him and knows Heavenly Father does, too.

May 6, 2017
Willow Creek 7th Ward
Daniel Wilder Preece

Wilder is a kind boy. He looks for things on which to compliment others and build them up. He is thoughtful and always finds ways to make his parents **smile, even if it's just with his mischievous grin. He loves tickling, wrestling,** and snuggling and is always ready with a hug for anybody who might need one. He helps others feel better when they are sad or hurt and has a sensitive spirit. Wilder also likes to tease and joke and he keeps his family laughing. He enjoys soccer, playing catch with his mom or dad, and riding his skateboard. He loves the story of Daniel in the Old Testament because they share the same name. Like Daniel, he is learning how to be brave and **stand up for what is right even when it's scary. He has been looking forward to being** baptized and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost. His family is proud of him and love him very much.

May 6, 2017
Willow Creek 1st Ward
Eli Cruz Martinez

Eli was born in Arizona which is fitting because ever since he was born, he has brought sunshine and joy to his family. Eli is a spirited and energetic boy. He excels athletically and loves playing soccer, football and basketball. He is a good student, too. He loves to cook and help make dinner and hopes to be a chef someday. He also, someday, would like to be a scientist and a rock climber. Eli has been blessed with many wonderful qualities and abilities. He has a gentle and caring heart. He is loyal and knows just what to say to make someone feel extra special. He has a soft-spot for his baby sister and is always attentive to her needs. Eli has been looking forward to getting baptized for a really long time. Even at this young age, Eli has a testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He is

firm in his convictions to obey the commandments .. especially to always obey the Word of Wisdom. Eli has been courageous in sharing his beliefs and standing **up for what is right. Eli's family is so proud of him and his decision and desire to get baptized.**

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