

Saratoga Springs Utah Temple Fact Sheet



Location: 987 South Ensign Drive
Saratoga Springs, UT

Plans Announced: April 2, 2017

Groundbreaking: October 19, 2019

Construction Start: November 6, 2019

Public Open House: April 15 through
July 8, 2023

Dedication: August 13, 2023

Property Size: 22.71 acres

Building Size: 97,836 square feet

Building Height: 199 feet, 9 inches, including
the statue of the Book of Mormon prophet Moroni

Architect: Jacobsen Construction Company;
Church Architect: Josh Stewart

Interior Design: Naylor Wentworth Lund
Architects

Contractor: Jacobsen Construction Company

The Saratoga Springs Utah Temple is the 179th operating temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The temple presents a striking contrast to the surrounding farmland, mountains and Utah Lake. The beauty and uniqueness of the design reflect the calm and inspiration of the surrounding mountains and wetlands as well as the quiet peace that the temple represents.

EXTERIOR FEATURES

BUILDING: The exterior of the temple is eight-inch-thick beige concrete made in Salt Lake County by Forterra. The spire is glass fiber reinforced concrete by Unlimited Design in Salt Lake City. The structure of the building is steel with concrete shear walls and concrete floor slabs. A decorative band that wraps around the exterior of the temple includes a mountain design, and Utah Lake wetlands and snowy egrets are represented on the metal panels. The egret is a logo of Saratoga Springs City.

EXTERIOR ART GLASS: Holdman Studios, with the assistance of the architectural team, designed the art glass and manufactured it at their studio in Lehi, Utah. The art glass references the Arts and Crafts movement and features objects found in nature. The design includes colors and forms of Utah Lake and the Wasatch Mountains in purples, blues, greens and golds.

LANDSCAPING: The landscape architect is MGB+A. The temple site sits on a bluff overlooking Utah Lake and the Wasatch Front. Local plant species were selected for a natural landscape and sustainability. The elevated plaza facing east looks over the valley and is surrounded by evergreens and mountain shrubs.

INTERIOR FEATURES

FLOORING: The flooring is a combination of carpet, area rugs, porcelain tile, ceramic tile, glass tile and stone. The carpet patterns are carved on-site, and the carved patterns were designed by the architectural team and Gregg Johnson of Halfmoon Studio, located in Salt Lake City, Utah. Custom rugs in the bride's room, entry and patron waiting areas were manufactured by Rugs International, headquartered in the United States, and manufactured in Guangdong, China.

The restroom floors have “rug-like” patterns that consist of multiple sizes and shapes of tiles. A custom pattern on the floor in the baptismal font was created by the architectural team and the Church designer. The interior of the font has TREND Mosaic Brillante glass tiles in various colors of blues, whites, creams and purples. The custom pattern of the natural stone floor in the lower font area underneath the oxen was also designed by the architectural team.

DECORATIVE PAINTING: The decorative paint was designed by the architectural team and Church designer, with the assistance of Aaron Allen of Allen’s Commercial Arts LLC. Stylized flowers used throughout the temple represent various wildflowers found in the area including the iris, daisy and chrysanthemum. In the baptistry and other areas, stylized lines representing water and waves reference the nearby water in the Wasatch Mountain Range and Utah Lake.

INTERIOR ART GLASS: The interior art glass design includes colors and forms of the natural surroundings near the temple in purples, blues, greens and golds. The art glass on the main level at the baptistry depicts snowy egrets in wetlands and grasses, reflecting the Saratoga Springs City logo. Utah Lake is represented in the wave and water patterns at the bottom of the art glass panels. Stylized gold shapes above the water represent silhouettes of birds, and the stylized mountains represent the Wasatch Mountains.

DECORATIVE LIGHTING: The decorative light fixtures are manufactured and designed through HB Lighting in New York. The bride’s room has Schonbek light fixtures manufactured with Swarovski Crystal from Austria.

BAPTISMAL FONT RAILINGS AND GLASS: The font railings were designed by Naylor Wentworth Lund in Salt Lake City, Utah. The font railings are made of antique brass, Sapele African mahogany and glass. The simple linework detail etched around the perimeter of the glass panels was pulled from the decorative paint design.

DOORS AND MILLWORK: The millwork, doors and standard wood for the temple is a Sapele African Mahogany finished by Granite Mill. Some doors have interior art glass incorporated into their design. The style of the millwork is Art Deco.

HARDWARE: The design of the decorative door hardware, manufactured by Luna Bronze in Provo, Utah, replicates architectural detailing found in the temple. The grass/wetland design found in the center portion of the hardware and the water design found at the bottom of the hardware is taken from the art glass.

CEILINGS: The majority of the ceilings are painted gypsum. There are locations that have stepped ceilings to enhance the architecture in the space. Custom ceiling medallions featuring floral and foliage embellishments, manufactured with Allen’s Commercial Arts, are found throughout the temple.

ORIGINAL ARTWORK: The temple’s original artwork includes “Evening, Distant Mountain,” by Brad Aldridge; “Timpanogos from Across the Lake,” by Bruce Brainard; “Evening Flight,” by Adair Payne; “Timpanogos Sunrise,” by Ken Stockton; and “Jordan River Sunrise,” by Ken Stockton.



A Brief History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Northwestern Utah County



EARLY SETTLEMENT IN NORTHWESTERN UTAH COUNTY

Northwestern Utah County began effectively as a “bookend settlement.” In 1847, after John C. Fremont discovered the Utah Valley, Parley P. Pratt led a party to explore the northwestern shore of Utah Lake as a potential source of fish to supplement pioneer diets. In late July 1850, a party of seven explorers arrived at the site of an ancient American Indian encampment and named it Dry Creek. After exploring the area further, they returned to Salt Lake and reported their findings. The first permanent settlers established themselves south of Dry Creek shortly thereafter.

In October 1852, Alfred Bell, a settler from Lehi, traveled approximately 15 miles southwest of the Lehi area and discovered a beautiful valley with tall grass and plenty of water. Soon after, in November 1852, three families traveled there to start a settlement but were deterred by intermittent skirmishes with local natives. Almost a year later, in September 1853, the settlers were able to return permanently and began to construct a fort. They named the settlement Cedar Fort.

In the early 1850s several settlers arrived about five miles south of Cedar Fort and established a settlement they named Fairfield.

Many years later, the area between Fairfield and Lehi filled in as the city of Eagle Mountain incorporated in December 1996 with 250 residents and the city of Saratoga Springs incorporated in December 1997 with an initial population of 167.

The Saratoga Springs Utah Temple sits on farm ground the Lehi Utah Stake managed as a dry farm beginning in the 1950s. Eventually the Welfare Services department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints released the Lehi Utah Stake from its farming responsibilities and assumed control of the operation. The land produced wheat, feed corn, and alfalfa hay for use in the Church’s welfare efforts.

CHURCH GROWTH

The first ecclesiastical entity in northwestern Utah County was created in 1851, when the Dry Creek Ward was organized and David Evans was called as its first bishop. To the southwest, the Cedar Fort Ward was created on April 3, 1853, and Allen Weeks was called as its first bishop. The Lehi Utah Stake, the first stake in Lehi, was organized on July 1, 1928. The first stake in Eagle Mountain (which included Cedar Fort and Fairfield) was created on February 27, 2000, and the first stake in Saratoga Springs followed shortly thereafter on September 16, 2001. This area is responsible for some of the fastest growth of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in North America. Presently, in northwestern Utah County there are 20 stakes in Lehi, 9 stakes in Saratoga Springs, and 9 stakes in Eagle Mountain. Since 2000, an average of 1.2 stakes per year have been created in the area.

THE COMMUNITY AND CHURCH TODAY

What began as the bookend settlements of Lehi and Cedar Fort in 1851 and 1852 have blossomed into a thriving hive of growth. Eagle Mountain, Cedar Fort and Fairview together boast a population upwards of 50,000. Saratoga Springs has nearly 45,000 residents, and Lehi has more than 75,000 residents.

In his opening remarks during the Sunday morning session of the Church's 187th Annual General Conference on April 2, 2017, President Thomas S. Monson announced the future construction of the Saratoga Springs Utah Temple. The groundbreaking and site dedication occurred Saturday, October 19, 2019.

The public open house will begin Saturday, April 15, 2023, and run until July 8, 2023. President Henry B. Eyring will dedicate the temple on Sunday, August 13, 2023. It is one of 24 temples either operating or under construction in Utah and one in 315 operating, under construction, or announced across the world.



Temples throughout the World

More facts and statistics can be found at [Newsroom.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](https://www.newsroom.churchofjesuschrist.org)

315 TEMPLES: DEDICATED, UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND ANNOUNCED

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Albuquerque New Mexico

Anchorage Alaska

Atlanta Georgia

Austin Texas

Bakersfield California

Baton Rouge Louisiana

Bentonville Arkansas

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Boston Massachusetts

Bountiful Utah

Brigham City Utah

Burley Idaho

Calgary Alberta

Cardston Alberta

Casper Wyoming

Cedar City Utah

Charlotte North Carolina

Chicago Illinois

Cleveland Ohio

Cody Wyoming

Columbia River Washington

Columbia South Carolina

Columbus Ohio

Dallas Texas

Denver Colorado

Deseret Peak Utah

Detroit Michigan

Draper Utah

Edmonton Alberta

Elko Nevada

Ephraim Utah

Farmington New Mexico

Feather River California

Fort Collins Colorado

Fort Lauderdale Florida

Fort Worth Texas

Fresno California

Gilbert Arizona

Grand Junction Colorado

Grand Rapids Michigan

Halifax Nova Scotia

Harrisburg Pennsylvania

Hartford Connecticut

Heber Valley Utah

Helena Montana

Houston Texas

Idaho Falls Idaho

Indianapolis Indiana

Jacksonville Florida

Jordan River Utah

Kansas City Missouri

Knoxville Tennessee

Kona Hawaii

Laie Hawaii

Las Vegas Nevada

Layton Utah

Lethbridge Alberta

Lindon Utah

Logan Utah

Lone Mountain Nevada

Los Angeles California

Louisville Kentucky

Lubbock Texas

Manhattan New York

Manti Utah

McAllen Texas

Medford Oregon

Memphis Tennessee

Meridian Idaho

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Montpelier Idaho

Montreal Quebec

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Rexburg Idaho North
Rexburg Idaho
Richmond Virginia
Sacramento California
Salt Lake
San Antonio Texas
San Diego California
San Jose California
Saratoga Springs Utah
Seattle Washington
Smithfield Utah
Snowflake Arizona
Spokane Washington
Springfield Missouri
St. George Utah
St. Louis Missouri
St. Paul Minnesota
Star Valley Wyoming
Syracuse Utah
Tacoma Washington
Tallahassee Florida
Tampa Florida
Taylorsville Utah
The Gila Valley Arizona
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Harare Zimbabwe
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Kananga Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Kinshasa Democratic Republic
of the Congo
Kumasi Ghana
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Nairobi Kenya
Praia Cape Verde

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Davao Philippines
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Hong Kong China
Iloilo Philippines
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Nuku'alofa Tonga
Pago Pago American Samoa
Papeete Tahiti
Perth Australia
Port Moresby Papua New Guinea
Port Vila Vanuatu
Suva Fiji
Sydney Australia
Tarawa Kiribati
Wellington New Zealand

SOUTH AMERICA

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Arequipa Peru
Asunción Paraguay
Bahía Blanca Argentina
Barranquilla Colombia
Belém Brazil
Belo Horizonte Brazil
Bogotá Colombia
Brasília Brazil
Buenos Aires Argentina
Buenos Aires City Center Argentina
Cali Colombia
Campinas Brazil
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Porto Alegre Brazil
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Recife Brazil
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Rio de Janeiro Brazil
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Salvador Brazil
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Santiago Chile West
Santos Brazil
São Paulo Brazil
São Paulo East Brazil
Teresina Brazil
Trujillo Peru
Vitória Brazi



CHAD R. WILKINSON

Twelfth Quorum of the Seventy



CHURCH SERVICE

Elder Chad R. Wilkinson serves as an Area Seventy in the Twelfth Quorum of the Seventy in the Utah Area.

Previously he served on the Young Men general board and has served as a mission president in Costa Rica, as a stake president and as a bishop.

PROFESSIONAL LIFE

He is employed with Seminaries and Institutes of Religion and has had assignments as area director, institute director of the Orem Institute of Religion (UVU), institute teacher, and seminary teacher and is currently serving as an associate administrator.

He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah and a master's degree from Brigham Young University.

PERSONAL LIFE

Elder Wilkinson was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah, and served a mission in the Dominican Republic. He and his wife, Allison, met on a blind date on Friday the 13th. They are the parents of three daughters and one son.



KEVIN R. DUNCAN

General Authority Seventy



Elder Kevin R. Duncan was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 3, 2010. At the time of his call, he had been serving as a member of the Fifth Quorum of the Seventy in the Utah South Area. He is currently serving at Church headquarters as Executive

Director in the Temple Department. He previously served as President of the Central America Area.

CHURCH SERVICE

Elder Duncan has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in Chile, temple ordinance worker, service missionary as the associate international legal counsel in South America, president of the Chile Santiago North Mission, and Area Seventy.

PROFESSIONAL LIFE

Elder Duncan received a bachelor's degree in accounting, a master's degree in taxation, and a juris doctor from Brigham Young University in 1991. He began his career as a tax attorney in Seattle, Washington. In 1996 he founded CaseData Corporation, from which he retired in 2005.

PERSONAL LIFE

Kevin Read Duncan was born in Ogden, Utah, on October 6, 1960. He married Nancy Elizabeth Smart in June 1986. They are the parents of five children.



KRISTIN M. YEE

Relief Society General Presidency



CHURCH SERVICE

Sister Kristin M. Yee was sustained as Second Counselor in the Relief Society General Presidency for

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 2, 2022. At the time of her call, she had been serving on the Primary general advisory council.

PROFESSIONAL LIFE

Sister Yee holds undergraduate degrees in fine arts from Brigham Young University–Idaho and Brigham Young University. She earned a master of public administration from BYU.

She worked as an artist and producer at Disney Interactive Studios and now works for the Church as a manager of special projects for the Publishing Services Department. Her gospel-themed paintings include portraits of the Savior’s mortal ministry.

PERSONAL LIFE

Kristin Mae Yee was born May 5, 1981, in Sacramento, California, in the United States. She later moved to Idaho and Utah.



EVAN A. SCHMUTZ

General Authority Seventy



Elder Evan A. Schmutz was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 2, 2016. At the time of his call, he had been serving in the Fifth Quorum of the Seventy in the Utah South Area.

CHURCH SERVICE

From 2016 to 2020, Elder Schmutz served as counselor and then President of the Philippines Area. He is currently serving as First Counselor in the Utah Area

Presidency and as area committee chair, and he has concurrent assignments in the Correlation and international coordinating departments.

Elder Schmutz has served in many Church callings, including full-time missionary in the North Carolina Greensboro Mission, bishop, counselor in a stake presidency, and president of the Philippines Cebu Mission from July 2011 until July 2014.

PROFESSIONAL LIFE

Elder Schmutz received a bachelor's degree in English in 1979 and a juris doctor in 1982, both from Brigham Young University. During his professional career, he worked with several prominent law firms in Provo and Salt Lake City, Utah. At the time of his call as a General Authority, Elder Schmutz was managing partner in the Lehi office of Durham Jones & Pinegar.

PERSONAL LIFE

Evan Antone Schmutz was born in St. George, Utah, on June 6, 1954, the son of Richard Antone Schmutz and Miriam (Christensen) Schmutz. He met Cindy Lee Sims while attending Brigham Young University, and they were married in the Provo Utah Temple in 1978. Elder and Sister Schmutz are the parents of five children and love their role as grandparents.

