



## **ELIM FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE CONNECTION MARCH 2017**

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*"Helping you to help others"*

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### **The Power of a Godly Touch**

"Oh, the power of a godly touch. Have you known it? The doctor who treated you, or the teacher who dried your tears? Haven't we known the power of a godly touch? Can't we offer the same? Perhaps you already do. You can use your hands to pray over the sick and minister to the weak. If you aren't touching them personally, your hands are writing notes, making calls, or baking pies. And you have learned the power of a godly touch.

But others of us forget how significant one touch can be. Or we fear saying the wrong thing, so we say nothing at all. Aren't we glad Jesus didn't make the same mistake? Keep in mind the perspective of the lepers in the world. They aren't picky or finicky. They're just lonely—yearning for a godly touch. Jesus touched the untouchables of the world. Will you do the same?"

From *Just Like Jesus* by Max Lucado

**And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. - Colossians 3:17**

## **UPCOMING DATES**

March 21-April 25: *Powerful Tools for Caregivers* – Cannon Falls, MN

March 27-28: EFCA North Central District Conference

April 3-7: Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Monday –Friday, 9am-5pm [registration@fcnntc.org](mailto:registration@fcnntc.org)

April 22: Nurses Christian Fellowship Brunch-Hosanna Church, Lakeville

April 26: Elim FCN Network –a representative from Joni and Friends will share with us at our monthly gathering. All FCNs are invited!

May 12: Elim Super Summit –FCNs are invited

## **Prayer Focus**

**Prayer for a persecuted FCN in Pakistan-from Pam D'Andre:**

Pray for Javed Khurshid, a persecuted FCN in Pakistan.

“Oh Father in heaven, we stand before you begging for those who are being persecuted for doing right. Oh Lord, we lift Javed and others to you...strength, courage, quiet resolve, safety . Dear Father, Your word and Holy Spirit be theirs in full measure to comfort and guide. Be mighty, powerful and their defender. In Jesus conquering name, Amen”

**Pray for those that have Faith Community Nursing on their hearts; to serve their faith community**

**Preparation of our hearts for Easter.**

**For Mary Van Der Werf, FCN at Brooklyn Park EFC, as she rehabs from knee replacement surgery .**

**For Arvilla Felten, FCN, Lakewood EFC in Baxter, as she seeks God’s guidance as she leaves her position at her church.**

## **RESOURCES:**

### **April**

Alcohol Awareness Month: [www.ncaadd.org](http://www.ncaadd.org)

National Distracted Driving Awareness Month: [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org)

National Autism Awareness Month: [www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org)

National Minority Health Month: [www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov](http://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov)

April 7: World Health Day [www.who.int/world-health-day/en](http://www.who.int/world-health-day/en)

April 7: National Alcohol Screening Day: [smhinfo@mentalhealthscreening.org](mailto:smhinfo@mentalhealthscreening.org)

April 23- 29: World Immunization Week: [www.who.int/campaigns/immunization-week](http://www.who.int/campaigns/immunization-week)

**FREE online self-study program:** “Beyond the 50%: It starts with Blood Pressure Measurement”. This is a one-CEU program (free up to June 2017) that you can access by going to [www.wisconsinurses.org/beyond-the-50/](http://www.wisconsinurses.org/beyond-the-50/)

## **Baby Boomers Get an 'F' for Hep C Testing**

### **Screening rates for the dangerous virus remain low despite recommendations, study finds**

The report was published March 8 in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.

SOURCE: American Cancer Society, news release, March 8, 2017

HealthDay

Despite recommendations, too few American baby boomers are tested for hepatitis C, a new study reveals.

In 2013, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) advised all Americans born between 1945 and 1965 to get a one-time test for hepatitis C virus. Of the estimated 3.5 million Americans who have the virus, 80 percent are baby boomers. And most don't know they are infected with the contagious liver disease, the researchers explained. Treatment is needed to reduce the risk of related diseases, such as chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis and liver cancer, the study authors added. These findings underscore the need for increased awareness for [hepatitis C virus] testing among health care providers and baby boomers, and other innovative strategies such as state-mandated [hepatitis C] testing," the researchers said in an American Cancer Society news release.

Hepatitis C is spread primarily through contact with the blood of an infected person. Before widespread screening of the U.S. blood supply began in 1992, blood transfusions were a common source of hepatitis C infection, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Today, infection likely occurs from sharing injection needles, being born to an infected mother or, in some cases, through sexual contact.

## ATTACHMENTS

### Button Battery Injuries in Children

### Reaching People with Arthritis: Strategies and Tools

#### “Button Battery Injuries in Children”



Button batteries are found everywhere in our homes. They are in games & toys, TV remote controls, watches, calculators, hearing aids, flashlights, and key fobs. As technology advances, so does the number of devices we use every day with button batteries, increasing the risk of exposing our little ones to danger. In many items designated for adult use, the battery is easily accessible or can fall out when the product is dropped. When this is combined with little kids, who are curious by nature, you may find that before you know it, they have put it in their mouth. **Read and share the attached article!**

### Reaching People with Arthritis: Strategies and Tools

Arthritis is a leading cause of disability among adults in the US, with over 50 million individuals managing challenging symptoms like pain, stiffness, and inflammation. This condition may increase an individual's risk of falls and injuries and limit physical activity. **Join this webinar** for a discussion about the prevalence and impact of arthritis in America and strategies to connect people with arthritis to evidence-based programs to manage symptoms and remain active. This event will highlight resources from NCOA and the Arthritis Foundation and successful practices from the Utah Arthritis Program. **See that attached article to register.**

## **ELIM/EFCA FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING ON THE WEB**

1. Elim Faith Community Nursing <http://www.elimcare.org/services/faith-community-nursing/>
2. EFCA North Central District web site <http://ncdefca.org/partnering-ministries/>
3. EFCA Faith Community Nursing Facebook page:  
<http://www.facebook.com/EFCANurseNetwork> 'Like' this page!