



Verse of the Week:

The Lord your God will bless you just as He promised you. — Deuteronomy 15:6

Born in a poor Russian Jewish ghetto, Irving Berlin immigrated to America with his parents when he was five, settling in New York's Lower East Side. He became one of the most prolific American songwriters in history.

In 1918 he originally wrote "God Bless America," and he revised it in 1938 as war and the Nazis were threatening Europe. The lyric takes the form of a prayer for God's blessing and peace for the nation.

Singer Kate Smith introduced the revised "God Bless America" during her radio broadcast on Armistice Day (now called Veteran's Day) 1938, and the song was an immediate hit. Even now it is considered an unofficial national anthem of the United States.

*While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.
God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home.*

*I pray, Almighty God that You will continue to bless America. May we also, Lord, be a blessing to You — and **let that blessing begin with me.***

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January 20, 2017 is Inauguration Day in the United States. As God's people, we are called to pray for those in leadership. Pray for wisdom and for the leading of the Holy Spirit in all branches of government.

Joanne

Faith Community Nurses News



People of Faith Working
Together for Healthier
Communities.

From HMA Today Newsletter regarding the draft 3rd Edition of the Faith Community Nursing Scope and Standards:

“The final edits are currently being made to the Scope and Standards of Practice for Faith Community Nursing, 3rd Edition, which will be submitted to the American Nurses Association on January 13, 2017. The time, talent and tenacity that the workgroup has put into this document show the strong commitment to provide professionalism, accountability and leadership to our nursing specialty. It has been a participatory process with hours of candid discussions, innovative ideas on practice issues and trends. We are sure that you will be seeing this as an impressive guide translating knowledge to practitioners to improve the practice and outcomes of the specialty.”

Blood donations to the American Red Cross have slumped recently, so donors are desperately needed, the organization says.

According to the American Red Cross, people as young as 17, or even 16 in some states, may be eligible to give blood. Eligible donors can schedule donations by going to redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767). Some donation sites have extended hours. Consider hosting a Blood Drive in your church!

Upcoming Foundations Courses:

Building a Strong Ministry: It's never too early to encourage other RNs from your community or congregation to attend the Faith Community Nurse Foundations course. Those who have attended the course likely will become interested in participating in your ministry in some capacity. This also provides you with the opportunity to begin strategic succession planning.

To reach Links for information and registration for the Foundations Courses below please check out our website [Elim Care FCN](http://www.elimcare.org): or copy and paste this in your browser: <http://www.elimcare.org/services/faith-community-nursing/>.

- **Foundations of Faith Community Nursing through Augustana University of Sioux Falls, SD -Online**

Offered online Monday, Feb. 6, through Monday, March 27, followed by two days Arthur L. Davis on-site April 27 – 28, 2017. There is an opening on-site date of Saturday, Feb. 4. Both parts are Publishing Agency required for completion. [Registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 16, 2017](#). Application has been made for continuing education contact hours. For more information, email Paula Lubeck, Director of the Parish Nursing Center at Paula.Lubeck@Avera.org

- **Foundations in Faith Community Nursing Course offered by FCNN of the Greater Twin Cities (attached)**

- Date: April 3rd - 7th, 2017; Monday – Friday
- Time: 9am - 5pm (closing convocation at 3pm on Friday)

Upcoming Events and Workshops:

- **Jayne Kane Life Coaching & Retreats**

- *R & R Retreat - Reset for 2017 and be Renewed*
- Saturday, January 21st (a few spots left)
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Back by popular demand! This is Jayne’s signature one day retreat for women who have the need to step away from the stress and chaos of life and be restored. Women are given the opportunity to reflect, rest and be pampered. Jayne’s book is used as the curriculum and each guest is given a personalized itinerary for the day. There is no group sharing time required during this retreat. It’s a day to just “be”.
- Contact Jayne at 612-644-6864 or at coachjaynekane@gmail.com

- **Stepping On Leader training opportunity-(see attached flyer)**

- **What am I being called to do?**
 - Become a *Stepping On* Leader (application attached)

- Spread the word that *Stepping On* has proven to reduce falls 30-50%
- Lead *Stepping On* workshops within your faith community and/or broader community

There are currently few educational opportunities to empower older adults to take steps that decrease the risk of falling. By providing Stepping On workshops in your faith community, you may actually SAVE A LIFE and you will PREVENT FALLS.

- **Faith Community Nurse Network Twin Cities Symposium**

- Wednesday, January 18, 2016, 9:00am-1:00pm
- **“Falls Prevention”**, presentation by Jean Wyman, PhD, RN, APRN, GNP-BC, FAAN, FGSA, Professor at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing.
- Dr. Jean Wyman will present to us about how we can identify risk factors for falls and useful strategies for helping older adults reduce their risk of falling.
- Location: Centennial United Methodist Church, 1524 County Rd C2 W, Roseville, MN 55113

- **ELIM CARE FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING PRAYER AND CARE MINISTRY**

Wednesday, January, 25, 2017

11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Elim Care Corporate Office – 7485 Office Ridge Circle, Eden Prairie, MN. 55344

11:00 – 11:45 Lunch & sharing: Main Dish provided

If you are able, please bring something to share for lunch such as bread/ chips, dessert, fruit, veggies. If unable to bring something please come anyway!

11:45—12:30 Care, prayer, and thanksgiving

12:30 – Discussion Topic: How to Plan a “Service of Remembrance” Beth Moorhead is a pastoral counselor who has been on staff at Wayzata Free Church for 15 years. One of her responsibilities is to lead the grief support program. Each fall the church sponsors an Evening of Remembrance, a special dinner and

service, for those who have experienced the death of a loved one during the previous year or so. Beth and Dee Sandberg, the head of Caring Ministries at Wayzata Free, will share the process they go through to plan and carry out that special event each year.

1:25 Closing Comments and Prayer

No registration... No cost... Just come as you're able

RSVP to Joanne Hall at joanne.hall@elimcare.org or 952.259.4500 if you plan to attend!

- **2nd Annual North Central District Church Security Summit (flyer attached)**
 - Faith Community Nurses should consider attending this workshop!
 - Saturday, **February 18th, from 9 am to 4 pm** at Constance EFC, 16150 Crosstown Blvd, Andover, MN 55304.

- **Thursday, February 16 from 11:30 am -- 1:00 pm**
 - "Things You Have to Know About Stroke"
 - Dr. Haitham Hussein with the Regions Hospital Comprehensive Stroke Center
 - Lunch and Registration: 11:30 am -- Noon
 - Presentation: Noon -- 1:00 pm
 - New Perspective Senior Living Highland Park; 750 Mississippi River Blvd., St. Paul 55105
 - **RSVP by February 10** to Lyn Smasal at lsmasal@keystonecommunities.com or 651-698-1111

- **Tuesday, February 28 from 7:30 am -- 9:00 am**
 - "Healthy Brain Aging & Alzheimer's Research"
 - Dr. Bhavani Kashyap
 - Breakfast and Registration: 7:30 am -- 8:00 am
 - Presentation: 8:00 am -- 9:00 am
 - New Perspective Senior Living Waconia (formerly Lighthouse); 500 Cherry St., Waconia, MN 55387
 - **RSVP by February 23** to Rita Halloran at rhalloran@npseniorliving.com or 952-856-4700

Resources

The Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing now supports an online knowledge sharing platform called "Yammer". This Platform connects nurses globally on wide array of healthcare topics. There are specific groups, where questions, responses and resources are posted, and you may join any that are of interest to you. One group is Midwest FCNs with 48

current members. If you are interested in joining this group on Yammer, please send me an email (joanne.hall@elimcare.org) and I will send you an invitation to join. No obligations and you control the number of emails you receive!

GriefShare: Support for those Grieving

Find a support group in your area at: <http://www.griefshare.org/>

Program Planning Helps:

Cervical Cancer Awareness Month: www.nccc-online.org

Thyroid Awareness Month: www.thyroidawareness.com

National Birth Defects Prevention Month: www.marchofdimes.com OR nbdpn@nbdpn.org

National Blood Donor Month: www.aabb.org

NATIONAL GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH: WWW.GLAUCOMA.ORG

Jayne Kane Life Coaching & Retreats

<http://www.jaynekanec.com>

Thought for the Day:

Doing something in order to be loved is a trap, but doing something because I am loved is incredibly freeing.- Lysa TerKeurst

Helping You to Help Others

The **mission of parish nursing** is the intentional integration of the practice of faith with the practice of nursing so that people can achieve wholeness in, with, and through the community of faith in which parish nurses serve. (Developed at the 2000 Westberg Symposium).

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