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Exploring the world with the FSB Connect Club

December 9-13, 2019

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JULY/AUGUST 2019



REFLECTIONS



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Hello Connect Club Friends!

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There is something intoxicating about summer that opens up our five senses. Which include the **sound** of children playing outdoors, the **smell** of a newly mowed lawn, the **feel** of a cool breeze on your face, the **taste** of sweet lemonade, and the **look** of fireflies in the evening. Summer is the most loved season because we are able to enjoy outdoor summertime activities with family and friends.

I truly hope you are all able to get out there and get involved in something fun this summer! If you can't think of anything to do, take a look at the FSB Connect Club newsletter. I am sure you will find something that piques your interest. You can also enjoy the many local activities the Marion and Cedar Rapids area has to offer this summer!

Let's connect! Please call me or stop by with any questions you may have or to sign up for one of the many upcoming events in the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Kathy Leesekamp - Connect Club Director • 319-294-2900



COOKING WITH THE CONNECT CLUB

Creamy Key Lime Pudding



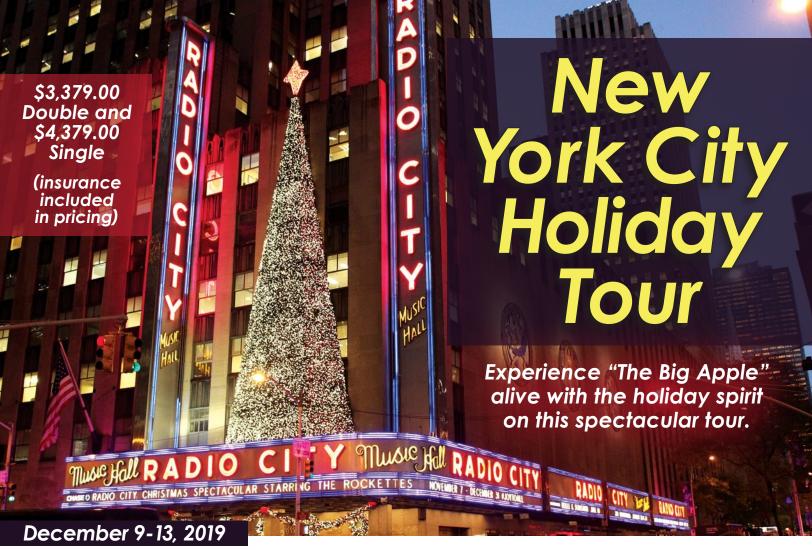
Thick and Creamy Key Lime Pudding A perfectly refreshing dessert for the warmer weather!

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon lime zest
- 3/4 cup fresh lime or key lime juice
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 4 large eggs, at room temperature
- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar

Instructions

- 1. Fit a medium sized bowl with a fine mesh sieve; set aside.
- 2. Combine the lime zest, lime juice, sugar, and eggs in medium saucepan. Add butter and bring mixture to a very controlled simmer - stirring almost constantly - over medium-low heat. Once the mixture has thickened - it should be able to coat the back of a metal spoon - remove from heat and pour through the sieve. Place bowl in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours.
- 3. Once the pudding has chilled, whip the cream and confectioners' sugar together in a stand mixer until stiff peaks begin to form. Fold the cream into the cooled pudding, stirring until completely combined.
- 4. Eat at once or refrigerate until needed. Pudding will last up to 48 hours. Yields 2 cups of pudding.



From Rockefeller Center to Greenwich Village, New York City shines even brighter during the holiday season. We will spend four nights in the heart of Midtown close to Central Park's skating rink and Times Square all dressed up for the holidays. We will take a seat and watch the curtain rise for an exciting Broadway show. See the Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall, featuring the world famous Rockettes! We will take a ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and see the Empire State Building and Central Park. We will visit the poignant



9/11 Museum and Memorial. We will enjoy plenty of free time on our own to shop and see the elaborate 5th Avenue holiday window displays and the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center. Get ready to "start spreading the news!"

Deadline to sign up for this tour is July 9, 2019. After this date you will be waitlisted. Final payment is due October 10, 2019.

Contact Kathy Leesekamp at 319-294-2900 for details of this outstanding tour!

* TRAVEL SHOW * SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 @ 2:00 PM • Elmcrest Country Club



* Deadline to sign up for this tour is February 14, 2020. After this date you will be waitlisted. **Pricing \$4,386 Double & \$5,086 Single - Travel Protection \$315.00**

Get a glimpse into the world's largest country and experience the distinctive allure of Russia, a land abundant with intrigue and history. Like an intricate matryoshka doll, Russia is a multilayered country with discoveries around every corner. We will begin our journey in Moscow, Russia's dynamic capital city. Enjoy a walking tour of Moscow's historic Kremlin and Red Square where we'll stand in awe of Saint Basil's Cathedral. We will get acquainted with Russia's epicurean roots on an immersive food tour. Enter the imposing Winter Palace and tour the Hermitage Museum, the second-largest museum in the world. Discover the lavish summer residence of Russian Tsars, the Catherine Palace. Next we will have an amazing time cruising the regal streets of St. Petersburg in a vintage Soviet car.

Full of energy, surprises, and grandeur - Russia awaits.

Pricing includes: Round trip airfare from O'Hare Int'l airport, transfer to/from Marion to Airport, air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel, transfers, gratuities and baggage handling.

A deposit of \$500 pp plus \$315 insurance and your completed reservation form is required to reserve your space. Final payment will be due on June 14, 2020.

Stop by or call me at 319-294-2900 to learn more about this tour!

January 15-26, 2020

12 Day • 10 Night Cruise/Tour

Southern Caribbean "Epic" Cruise

On the Norwegian Epic ≈ You're on a Floating All-Inclusive Resort!!

Enjoy 9 Destinations: Aruba & Curacao & Bonaire & St. Lucia & Barbados & St. Kitts & St. Maarten, San Juan, Puerto Rico & St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands

The incredible Norwegian Epic is a ship that's designed to dazzle! Recently awarded Best Cruise Ship Entertainment by Frommer's, the Epic features a Cirque extravaganza, the Headliners comedy club and two new Broadway shows: Ballroom Blitz and Priscilla, Queen of the Desert! When it's time to simply relax - there's the 180-degree indoor observation lounge with floor to ceiling windows providing spectacular vistas ... and, of course, a full-service bar so you can toast the colorful sunsets! The Epic is also packed with exciting activities in its lively casino, Bliss Ultra Lounge, bowling alley, and top-deck Aqua Park. While the Epic's dining options offer plenty of standard favorites, you'll also find exciting new choices. Authentic Brazilian steakhouse or Shanghai noodles, anyone?? With over 15 dining venues and more than a dozen lounges and bars, you'll surely find the perfect spot to relax and enjoy the warm breezes of the Atlantic Ocean as you sail from San Juan down through the unspoiled Southern Caribbean!

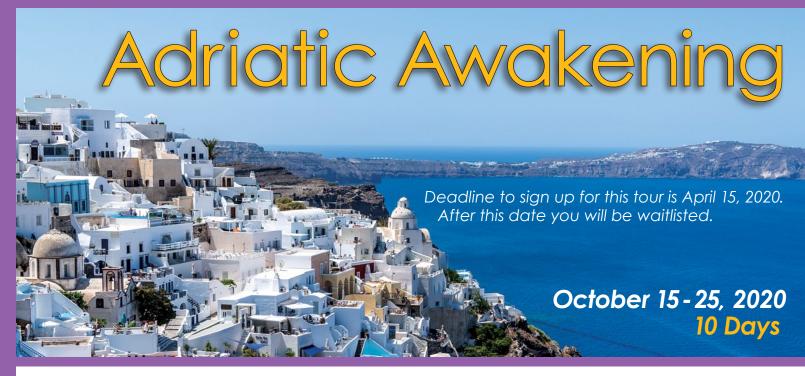
Pricing ranges from \$3,798 to \$4,698 pp double occupancy depending on which cabin you choose. Single Supplement is an additional 50% up charge in your selected cabin category.

Pricing includes: Round trip motor coach transfers from Marion to Chicago Airport, round trip airport, hotel, pier transfers, all gratuities, round trip airfare to San Juan (checked baggage fees are not included), pre-night lodging in San Juan, 10 nights onboard the Norwegian Epic in your selected stateroom, all meals while onboard the Norwegian Epic, all port charges and government taxes.

A deposit of \$500.00 and your completed reservation form is required to hold your space on this tour. Final payment is due September 17, 2020. Your deposit is fully refundable up to September 17, 2020, 50% non-refundable on September 18, 2019 and 100% non-refundable as of November 14, 2019. Passports are required for this trip.

Stop by or call Kathy today at 319-294-2900 to reserve your space!!!

* TRAVEL SHOW * OCTOBER 15, 2019 @ 2:00 PM • Elmcrest Country Club



Pricing ranges from \$3,955 to \$7,588 pp double occupancy depending on which cabin you choose.

Together, let's explore the coastal cities of the eastern Mediterranean (Greece, Turkey, Montenegro, Croatia and Italy) aboard Oceania Cruises' Marina.

We will begin our cruise in Athens, one of the world's oldest cities, and travel to Rhodes to spend the day admiring the idyllic scenery of the largest of the Dodecanese. In Kuşadasi, you could visit the Temple of Artemis or escape to the nearby ruins of the city of Ephesus. We'll discover the dramatic seascapes of Santorini before cruising to Katakolon, a peaceful town with seaside cafés and galleries. We'll relax along the coastline of Corfu, a unique coastal city with a colonial-style old town, and then discover the walled medieval city of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage site that showcases narrow streets and a twelfth-century cathedral. Our journey will end with two days in the timeless city of Venice, but before that, we'll stop in Zadar to tour its majestic churches and stroll down its seaside promenade.

This tour includes your choice of 4 free shore excursions, free beverage package or \$400 shipboard credit (per stateroom, based on double occupancy).

Pricing includes: Round trip airfare from O'Hare Int'l airport, transfer to/from Marion to Airport, air taxes and fees/surcharges, cruise, transfers, gratuities and baggage handling.

A deposit of \$950 pp (includes deposit and insurance) and your completed reservation form is required to reserve your space.

Stop by or call me at 319-294-2900 to learn more about this spectacular tour!



September 23-26, 2019

An Ethnic & Culinary Journey

Hurry! Only 6 seats left!

\$1,299 Single • \$1,055 Double

Deadline date to sign up for this tour is June 17, 2019. After this date you will be waitlisted.

In Omaha, we will travel the world in four days without a passport while experiencing the culture, food and entertainment of 10 different countries!

We begin our journey exploring the historic Old Market Neighborhood before heading to Mexico for dinner and a folkloric performance. We will visit France to enjoy a French lunch presentation by Chef Cedric Fichepain. We will then travel to Ireland to visit Father Flanagan's Boys Town, and in the evening we will enjoy an Irish dinner cruise while listening to the folk music of an Irish singer. Our next stop will be the Czech Republic where we will watch a kolach-making demonstration and visit the Slovak museum. We cannot make a trip to Omaha without going to the Henry Doorly Zoo. It is home to the world's largest indoor rainforest and desert under a geodesic dome. Then it is on to India where we will see the elaborate and striking Hindu Temple. Later we will visit Spain and explore their beautiful St. Cecillia Spanish Cathedral and, for dinner, we will head to Greece to have dinner and learn about the Greek culture and dancing. Next we will visit Lithuania where we will enjoy tortes and coffee and hear about the Machevicius family and how they escaped Germany in WWII. We will journey to Scotland to visit Joslyn Castle. Before our journey homeward, we will travel to Poland to enjoy a Polish prepared meal while watching a dance performance.

This tour will be filled with great memories and amazing food from 10 wonderful countries we will have visited without a passport!

Pricing includes: Transportation by deluxe motor coach, three nights deluxe hotel accommodations, baggage handling, all activities listed on itinerary, Travel Protection Plan, Cruises and Tours Worldwide Tour Director.

A deposit of \$100.00 per person and your completed reservation form is required to reserve your space. Final payment will be due on June 17, 2019.

Stop by or call me at 319-294-2900 to learn more about this culinary journey.

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION ···· PICNIC ····

Veterans Memorial Stadium Sunday, August 18, 2019 | Noon - 2:30 PM

We have reserved the entire stadium for an enjoyable afternoon at the ballpark, so come on out and join in on the fun. The gates will open at Noon and the FSB employees and officers will be serving burgers, hotdogs, beans, chips, lemonade and an ice cream treat.

There will be activities for the kids as well as a seniors' baseball game (weather permitting) for everyone to enjoy! And even if it rains, there is plenty of covered seating just in case.

This year we are excited to announce that the Hovick Family Farm will be set up with their amazing petting Zoo! You will have a chance to see a camel, llama, alpaca, rabbits, potbellied pig, chickens, different types of goats and sheep, miniature donkey, horse and cow. **Get ready to have some fun!**

This is a FREE event for all of our FSB customers – just our way of saying **"Thank You"** for banking with us and showing you how much we appreciate each of you!



Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019



Tap your toes and sing along in this splashy adaptation of the celebrated and beloved film. The "Greatest Movie Musical of All Time" is faithfully and lovingly adapted by Broadway legends, Betty Comden and Adolph Green, from their original award-winning screenplay in Singin' in the Rain. Each unforgettable

scene, song and dance is accounted for, including the show-stopping title number, complete with an on stage rainstorm! Hilarious situations, snappy dialogue and a hit-parade score of Hollywood standards make Singin' in the Rain the perfect entertainment for any fan of the golden age of movie musicals.

Singin' in the Rain has all the makings of a Tinsel town tabloid headline - the starlet, the leading man and a love affair that could change lives and make or break careers! In silent movies, Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont are a hot item but, behind the scenes, things aren't always as they appear on the big screen! Meanwhile, Lina's squeaky voice might be the end of her career in "talking pictures" without the help of a talented young actress to do the talking and singing for her.

Filled with every memorable moment from the film and a downpour of unforgettable songs, Singin' in the Rain, can't be missed!

\$95.00 per person. Once payment is received, your name will go on the list.

Deadline to sign up and deadline to cancel with a full refund is September 16, 2019.

Please call Kathy to reserve your spot!



SEMINAR - THE GRILL WORKS

Tuesday, July 16, 2019 | 2:00 PM | 763 8th Avenue, Marion

This seminar will be held outdoors with the cooperation of Mother Nature.

Join us at The Grill Works to learn how to impress your friends and family with several unique and easy grilling methods. Whether you are a novice or grill pro, tips and techniques will be offered for all! Plus, we will learn how to "cold smoke" cheese! Samples will be provided! The Grill Works is your LOCAL grilling and smoking headquarters!

The Grill Works, owned by Brian and Lisa Gilliatt, opened their store in 2010 and is truly a family business offering grills and smokers, sauces and rubs, accessories and so much more! The Grill Works is the only grilling specialty store in Iowa, and has become involved with the Iowa BBQ Society and Kansas City BBQ Society. They sponsor a competition BBQ team who

proudly placed in the top 25 of over 600 teams at the world's largest BBQ competition last year. Lisa will be conducting our seminar and is very passionate about their business! She is always there, and will help you find the perfect flavor from over 200 sauces and rubs, which they have samples of so you can be sure to find the perfect flavor you are looking for! Whether sweet, spicy, savory, or smoky - The Grill Works has it all! **Bring your own lawn chair and enjoy this presentation!**



GRILLS & SMOKERS • ACCESSORIES • SAUCES & RUBS

Call Kathy at 319-294-2900 to reserve your spot by June 12, 2019.



2019-2020 Sneak Peek
Domestic and International Travel

Five-Day Mystery Tour = August 5-9, 2019

Cubs vs. Cardinals
September 19-20, 2019
SOLD OUT

An Ethnic & Culinary Journey
September 23-27, 2019

Spotlight on New York City Holiday December 9-13, 2019

Southern Caribbean Cruise January 15-26, 2020

 Switzerland - Austria - Bavaria - Oberammergau = June 26 - July 5, 2020 Waitlist Only

Imperial Russia

August 13-21, 2020 * TRAVEL SHOW - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 *

Adriatic Awakening

Oceania Cruise to Greece, Turkey, Montenegro, Croatia, and Italy October 15-25, 2020 * TRAVEL SHOW - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019 *

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<u>JULY</u>

- 3rd Cookie Day
- 12th Ladies Outing
- 16th Seminar Grill Works

AUGUST

- 2nd Cookie Day
- 5th-9th Five-Day Mystery Tour
- 18th Customer Appreciation Picnic
- 27th Movie Day

SEPTEMBER

- 3rd Cookie Day
- 3rd Travel Show: Russia Elmcrest @ 2 PM
- 17th Movie Day
- 19th-20th Cubs vs. Cardinals Game
- 23rd-27th Foody Tour to Omaha

The Journey

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OCTOBER

- 3rd Cookie Day
- 9th Circa 21 Singin' in the Rain
- 15th Travel Show Adriatic Elmcrest @ 2 PM
- 16th Seminar

NOVEMBER

- 1st Cookie Day
- 19th Movie Day

DECEMBER

- 3rd Cookie Day
- 9th-13th Spotlight on New York Holiday

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Dates and events are subject to change. This announcement does not include all Connect Club events. Check your future newsletters for further updates.

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