

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021

Connections

Exploring the world with the FSB Connect Club

POLAND



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REFLECTIONS



Hello Connect Club Friends!

As we turn the corner into the New Year, I find myself naturally contemplating new beginnings. 2020 was truly a whirlwind of major changes in our lives.

Well... it's a New Year and it's time to take control of 2021!

Last year was full of stress and uncertainty, so I have decided that 2021 is the time to find the "calm in the chaos" by taking care of myself. No, it is not selfish to make yourself and your happiness a priority!

How will I achieve this goal? Simply by being mindful of my own needs, taking time for myself to "stop, breathe, relax and let go" and of course by doing the things that make me happy.

Let's make 2021 a year where we allow ourselves to enjoy each and every moment in our lives!

"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails. For maximum happiness, peace and contentment, may we choose a positive attitude." Thomas S. Monson

If you decide your happy place is traveling, take a look at the adventures I have put together for you in 2021. Please call me with any questions you may have or to sign up for one of the many upcoming tours I have to offer.

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

Let's

Explore **the** *World* *Together!*



Join me for our first-ever virtual FSB Connect Club Events!

- **January 4th:** How to Stop Fogging up your Glasses While Wearing a Mask
- **January 11th:** Cloche - Winter in a Jar
- **January 18th:** How to Make a Winter Wreath
- **January 25th:** How to Play Cribbage
- **February 1st:** Easy 12 Minute Video on How to Zoom
- **February 8th:** DIY Reversible Farmhouse Wood Sign
- **February 15th:** 11 Street Food Recipes
- **February 22nd:** How to Play Bridge
- **March 1st:** Packing Tips & Folding vs. Rolling vs. Packing Bags vs. Compression Bags
- **March 8th:** 14 Quick and Easy Recipes that Only Need 5 Ingredients
- **March 15th:** Lubben Vineyards & Wine - The Wonders of Wine
- **March 22nd:** DIY Braided Bracelet
- **March 29th:** How to Play Rummy

I would like to invite you to connect with me through our FSB Connect Club Facebook Page!

If you are not following us today, all you need to do is simply go to: <https://www.facebook.com/FSBConnectClub/> and click the "Like" button at the top of the page...and get even more connected with the Connect Club!

Invite your family and friends to join in on the fun while practicing social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic.

The world is your oyster. You are the pearl.

Ladies Day Out

because you know you need one...

Tentative Date: June 20, 2021 • \$125.00

Spend the day celebrating with your girlfriends for an unforgettable girl's day out in Muscatine - The Pearl Button Capital of the World!

- A Stroll through Old Muscantine: City tour by Coach.
- Pearl Button Museum Tour: Experience the Muscantine that was the "Pearl Button Capital of the World."
- Pearl Button Craft: Enjoy creating button art onto an picture frame easel.
- Oyster Opening: Open an oyster, find a gorgeous pearl and place it into a cage necklace.
- Enjoy a delicious lunch, fun specialty shopping and a sweet ice cream treat.
- Wine Tasting: We cannot have a ladies outing without wine!
- Drawings: One of the best activities is winning some prizes!



*If you are interested in joining me on this tour,
contact me at 319-294-2900 for a reservation form.*



ONE DAY MYSTERY TOUR

Tentative Dates: June 24 or 25, 2021 • \$85.00

***Join me for a wonderful summer day filled full of surprises to hmmm...
who knows where?!***

Everyone loves a good mystery! Your day, which will interest both our ladies and men, will be filled with new adventures! We will depart from the FSB Collins Road Square Office at 8:30 am, enjoy some amazing places, eat some awesome food, have lots of fun and return home around 6:00 pm.

Price includes motor coach transportation, gratuities, step-on guide, lunch, mystery entertainment and tours!

Once your payment of \$85.00 and your completed reservation form are received, your name will be added to the tour (reservations are made on a first come, first served basis for each day). Deadline to sign up and deadline to cancel with a full refund is at final payment (May 18th).

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contact me at 319-294-2900 for a reservation form.***

August 6 - 18, 2021

Discovering Poland

Let's embark on an in-depth journey through Poland!

\$4,429 Double Occupancy PP,
\$5,279 Single Occupancy PP, \$329 PP Insurance



We will tour the thriving capital city of Warsaw. Reborn after World War II, it is again one of Europe's great cultural centers. We will walk the meandering lanes of historical Krakow where we will see the Wawel Castle, once home to the kings of Imperial Poland. The somber history and tragic reality of Auschwitz is unveiled during a moving visit. Behold the Black Madonna while visiting the Jasna Góra Monastery. Discover Polish culture at a folklore dinner and show in Krakow. Make tasty gingerbread in Torun. Stand on the dock where union workers formed the Solidarity Anti-Communist movement in 1989 in Gdansk. Explore the ancient city squares and UNESCO World Heritage sites of Torun, Wroclaw, Warsaw, Gdansk and Krakow. Join me on this unique once-in-a-lifetime tour!

Pricing includes: Round trip air from Cedar Rapids, sightseeing, baggage handling, deluxe motor coach, 1st class deluxe hotel accommodations, gratuities and all air taxes/fees/surcharges. A deposit of \$500 per person, plus Insurance of \$329 and your completed reservation form are required to reserve your space. Final payment will be due by June 8, 2021.

Contact me at 319-294-2900 for a complete itinerary of this tour.



September 19 - 27, 2021

Railroads of Colorado & New Mexico

This Railroad Adventure steams across Colorado and New Mexico.

Double PP \$3,195 • Single PP \$3,995

We will travel on five scenic trains on some of the highest altitude railroads in America during the day and enjoy comfortable rooms and fine dining at night. We will ride on the Georgetown Scenic Railroad, the Silverton-Durango Railroad, the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad, the Royal Gorge Route Railroad and the Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad. We will also enjoy some amazing tours each day. We will go 500 feet into a mine tunnel bored in the 1870's at the Lebanon Silver Mine and take a 3-hour jeep tour over 12,000 foot Corkscrew Pass into the Red Mountains with a picnic lunch. We'll then travel to the Garden of the Gods Park, visit the Great Platte River Road Archway, and enjoy views of the Gold Spike Tower and tour the Pony Express Museum. This is an all-fun, all-natural Rocky Mountain High, combining adventure, history and romance into one great tour.

Pricing includes: Sightseeing, baggage handling, deluxe motor coach, and deluxe hotel accommodations, gratuities, and Travel Protection. A deposit of \$300 per person and your completed reservation form are required to reserve your space. A second deposit of \$350 per person is due by June 18, 2021 and final payment will be due by August 13, 2021. Your deposit is fully refundable up to June 18, 2021.

Contact me at 319-294-2900 for a complete itinerary of this tour.



August 23 - 27, 2021

Johnny Cash Prison Concert

"Folsom Prison Blues" was recorded in 1955 and was an instant hit. It was very popular among inmates who wrote to Johnny and perhaps that is why he became a very vocal advocate for Prison Reform. His first Prison Concert was at Huntsville State Prison in 1957, a full 10 years before his famous live albums at Folsom Prison (1968) and San Quentin (1969). Most people don't know those were just two of many prison concerts Johnny Cash played. Show us your conviction, and come party in the Big House.

Double PP \$1,249 • Single PP \$1,499

We will begin our tour with a visit to the National Museum of the US Airforce, the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. We will enjoy a Rock N' Roll party with dinner and a show by BackTraxx. Next up is a special 3-hour Independence & Incarceration Tour featuring Wheeling's Independence Hall and a visit to WV's Gothic-looking prison. We will tour the Old West Virginia Penitentiary. Here is where things get really exciting! Our coach will drive through a high arched entrance under the North Guard Tower and into The Yard. We will start the evening with a Jailbird Feast and participate in a costumed Convict & Cop Competition! The excitement continues as we are presented with a re-creation of Johnny's "Outlaw Prison Concert" featuring Gray Sartin and the Tennessee Three. Did you know Johnny Cash is a member of the Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame? We will visit the Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame, located on the shore of Lake Erie in downtown Cleveland where we will see the archives and learn the history of the best-known and most influential artists, producers, engineers, and other notable figures who have had some major influences on the development of rock and roll.

Pricing includes: Sightseeing, baggage handling, deluxe motor coach, and deluxe hotel accommodations, gratuities, and Travel Protection. A deposit of \$150 per person and your completed reservation form are required to reserve your space. Final payment will be due by July 13, 2021. Your deposit is fully refundable up to July 13, 2021.

Contact me at 319-294-2900 for a complete itinerary of this tour.

A North American natural wonder, Niagara Falls flows with scenic might through Niagara Falls State Park. And just beyond its waterfall vistas, Niagara is filled with splendid discoveries and fantastic attractions.



***Important Date & Tour Changes ► September 7-12, 2021**

Niagara Falls

Castles, Flowers & Falls

We will tour the Butterfly Conservatory & Floral Show House, brave the raging waters as IMAX takes us over Niagara Falls and visit the Daredevil Exhibit. We will stand at the heart of Niagara and feel the thunderous vibrations of the Horseshoe Falls. This tour also features a voyage boat tour of the magnificent Great Gorge, American Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and, of course, the mighty Horseshoe Falls. We will meet up with a local guide for a tour to scenic Niagara-on-the-Lake. We will also make a stop at the Whirlpool Aero Car, the Floral Clock and enjoy an English Afternoon Tea at the Prince of Wales Hotel. We will visit the George Eastman Museum, tour the Sonneberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park, and climb aboard the Canandaigua Lady Steamboat to cruise the enchanting Thousand Islands with a stop at Boldt Castle.

Pricing includes: Round trip air from Cedar Rapids, sightseeing, baggage handling, deluxe motor coach, and deluxe hotel accommodations, gratuities, all air taxes/fees/surcharges and Travel Protection.

Contact me at 319-294-2900 for an updated and complete itinerary of this tour.



***Important Date Change ► October 1-15, 2021**

Exploring Britain & Ireland

Let's travel to some of the world's most magnificent cities and magical countryside's of Britain and Ireland.

Double Occupancy PP \$4,749, Single Occupancy PP \$5,749, Insurance \$399 PP

This breathtaking journey takes us through rolling farmlands and across the Irish Sea, through England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We will marvel at the mystery of Stonehenge. Experience Ireland's culinary renaissance during a cooking class at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutes. Walk in the footsteps of William Shakespeare at his birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon. Be mesmerized by the breathtaking landscapes in the English Lake District, Ireland's Ring of Kerry and the valleys, mountains and imposing castles of North Wales. Admire the ancient Roman ruins in elegant Bath and at Hadrian's Wall. Get acquainted with Britain's pageantry in the royal cities of Edinburgh and London. This is a tour you will not want to miss!

Pricing includes: Round trip air from Cedar Rapids, sightseeing, baggage handling, deluxe motor coach, 1st class deluxe hotel accommodations, gratuities and all air taxes/fees/surcharges. A deposit of \$500 per person, plus insurance of \$399 and your completed reservation form are required to reserve your space. Final payment will be due by August 2, 2021.

Contact me at 319-294-2900 for a complete itinerary of this tour.

Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria with Oberammergau Passion Play

SOLD OUT
WAITLIST ONLY

June 24 - July 3, 2022



The distinct cultures of Switzerland, Austria, and Bavaria await you!

Explore delightful Lucerne, "Swiss Paradise on the Lake," and enjoy a walking tour featuring the Altstadt (Old Town), Chapel Bridge, and Jesuit church. While in Innsbruck, enjoy a panoramic visit to this city's Olympic landmarks. In beautiful Salzburg, stroll through Mirabell Gardens and along the quaint Getreidegasse (site of Mozart's birthplace). Have dinner in Austria's oldest restaurant, St. Peter's. Fairy tales come to life with a picture stop at Bavaria's most famous castle, Neuschwanstein. Your amazing journey concludes in the charming village of Oberammergau. Here you'll witness a spectacular performance of the Oberammergau Passion Play, whose origins date back to 1634. Watch as the entire village comes together to present you with their rendition of this Biblical story.

Pricing includes: Round trip air from Cedar Rapids, sightseeing, baggage handling, deluxe motor coach, 1st class deluxe hotel accommodations, gratuities and all air taxes/fees/surcharges. A deposit of \$500 per person, plus Insurance of \$329 and your completed reservation form are required to reserve your space. Final payment will be due by June 8, 2021.

Contact me at 319-294-2900 for a complete itinerary of this tour.



All-Inclusive

Who's ready to relax and enjoy the sun, beach and fresh air with an all-inclusive FSB Connect Club Tour?!

**TOUR PLANNING
IS IN PROGRESS**

Details to come once
2022 tours are released.

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Alaska

August 8 - 18, 2022

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Eastern Mediterranean

Italy, Croatia, Montenegro,
Greece, Turkey

September 3 - 14, 2022

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Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana

October 2022

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Domestic and
International Travel
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Choose
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Mediterranean East (Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, Greece, Turkey)

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October 2022

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*Enjoy your
winter!*

Due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, all tours are subject to change.
FSB will continue to monitor the situation and adjust or cancel tours as needed.



Enjoy the Journey ...
no matter
where it takes you.