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October 2017 Zipline

On Our Hearts - Three Doors Toward Sexual Hope & Freedom

Cultural pressure and technological opportunity continue to make the temptation and battle of pornography ever more widespread, intense, and damaging.

In the face of that reality, the EFCA and the North Central District seek to to cultivate a disciples-of-Jesus culture that is uncompromising in its biblical call to purity; practical in its offering of resources to help follow that call; and redemptive in its restoration of disciples who are sexually stumbling or addicted.



[Here are three current resources](#), any one or more of which may be helpful to you or those to whom you minister.

NCD Resources

Missions Mobilization Update - International Day of Prayer

Persecution of Christians is on the rise in many places around the world. [Read](#) about what you can do for the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on **November 5th, 2017**.

Pastoral Care - Rest..

The need to understand and practice rhythms of rest by a rest-resistant world has never been greater. [Read more](#)

Faith Community Nursing - EFCA-Elm Care Faith Community Nurse Workshop

November 8, 9:00 am at New Hope Church

4225 Gettysburg Ave N, New Hope MN

Theme: *Dark Night of the Soul-Depression in the Church*



Cost is \$25, which includes 3 CEU's and lunch. There will be no charge for pastors who register to attend.

[Brochure and registration information](#) or contact Joanne Hall
Joanne.hall@elimcare.org

EFCA Resources

CHALLENGE

July 2-6, 2018 • Kansas City, MO

Challenge is the EFCA's national gathering for students entering 7th through completion of 12th grade. It has proven to be a catalytic environment challenging students to live on mission with God every day, everywhere, forever. This 4-minute [video](#) captures the Challenge experience really well.

You can find more information about Challenge at www.experiencechallenge.org. There is also a [free leader planning guide](#) that has lots of helpful trip-planning details you can download.

Join us in Kansas City, July 2018, as we call students to see Jesus and walk in the steps of his bold moves.



As the church benefits provider of the EFCA, FCMM offers churches a 403(b)(9) Retirement Plan with unique benefits for clergy, Long Term Disability Insurance Plan, Long Term Care Insurance, Payroll Service, and access to Group Health Insurance. [For more information:](#)

Featured from *EFCA Now*

[Do You Suffer From the Bobble-Head Phenomenon?](#) By Bob Osborne
Team dynamics we don't usually talk about, Part 1, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017



It was another great summer! Thank you for your prayers for Shamaineau Ministries.

Here's a snap shot of the 2017 summer at Camp Shamaineau:

- 2700 campers,
- 1122 family campers,
- 130 summer staff,
- 232 first time decisions for Christ,
- hundreds of creative ways to learn memory verses,
- 1023 kids flying off the blob,
- 6000 caramel rolls eaten
- ... and innumerable stars counted by campers lying out in the ball field late at night.

Thank you for allowing us to minister to your church while they participated as campers, high school and collegian summer staff, and family campers. Thank you too, to the 25 pastors who served as camp speakers. Many churches scholarship part or full registration fee for kids to have a camp experience.

Thank you for your sacrifice. Rock Ridge and Shamineau International experienced the same this past summer. Rock Ridge was bursting at the seams with numerous adventure trips, outfitting and onsite groups. Shamineau International ran full camps in Austria and Montreal and ran the third annual Christian camp leader training in China with 250 young leaders. It is a privilege to come alongside your church ministry as we together shared Christ with campers, gave students who serve as staff an opportunity to grow in their faith and leadership skills, and helped families create shared memories. Together we are impacting generations to serve in transformational churches among all peoples.



Wait No More - Finding Families for MN's Waiting Kids

The **Wait No More** event is sponsored by Focus on the Family and Bethany Christian Services to encourage the church to answer to the call to care for the fatherless by helping providing loving homes for children in foster care.

November 11, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Shiloh Temple
1201 W Broadway Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55411**

[http://icareaboutorphans.org/minnesota/Wait No More Brochure](http://icareaboutorphans.org/minnesota/Wait%20No%20More%20Brochure)

Together we can find forever families for all the waiting kids in Minnesota!

Pure Desire Conference, November 10-11 Grace Church - Eden Prairie, MN

The PD-U is a two-day conference designed to equip men, women, and students with an understanding of the factors that create and reinforce addictive sexual behavior. It also provides a comprehensive understanding and the tools required to develop a ministry to men, women, and students.

For more information, [click here](#)



Grandparenting: Did You Know...

- that the average age at which a person becomes a grandparent for the first time is 47?
- that there are 80 million grandparents in the USA?
- that grandparents are very often the second biggest influence in a child's life?
- that ministry to and by grandparents is a mushrooming phenomenon today because of the aging Baby Boomer and Gen X populations?



With the significant and growing impact that grandparents have, there is much opportunity for gospel-proclaiming and disciple-making. Many helpful resources are available to both equip and minister to grandparents--organically, without having to start a new program at your church. Take a look at a few options:

- [Legacy Coalition](#)
- [Christian Grandparenting Network](#)
- [Biblical Grandparenting](#) by Josh Mulvihill

For personal interaction about ideas and resources with someone right here in our own district, reach out to Olin and Bev Phillips, members of Lakes EFC in Lindstrom, and grandparents of ten. Bev is also Director of Care Ministries for LEFC. Contact them at bevphillips@lakesfree.org.

Mark Your Calendars

- **EFCA Pastors' Wives Get-Away, October 22-24, Reeds Lake, Waterville.**
- **Worship Leader Network Gathering, October 23-25,**
Crosspoint Church, Bloomington
- **EFCA Elim Care Faith Community Nurse Workshop, November 8,**
9:00 am at New Hope Church, New Hope.
- **Sabbath Rest Retreat, February 4-6, 2018,** Timber Bay Retreat Center
- **Third Annual Church Security Summit, February 10, 2018,** Constance EFC, Andover, MN
- **EFCA History & Polity Class, March 12-13, 2018,** EFCA National office
- **2018 District Conference, April 9-10,** Constance EFC, Andover, MN
- **2018 NCD District Blitz, April 27-29,** Duluth, MN

District News and Updates

Senior Pastoral Transitions:

Moving from recent NCD ministry...

- Lanny Penwell, Hutchinson EFC

Beginning new NCD ministry...

- Randy Keeley, Hutchinson EFC (Interim)
- Ron Lewis, Swan Lake EFC, Cottonwood (Interim)

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