From: Niagara Frontier LYO
To: rick@nfclyo.org;
Subject: Whats-Up@NFCLYO - November 2008
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2008 1:55:38 PM

Niagara Frontier Conference Lutheran Youth Organization

Whats Up @ NFCLYO

The Monthly Newsletter of the NFCLYO
Issue No. 28
November 2008

NFCLYO 2008 Harvest Bash at Harvest House

RSVP ASAP!!!

Harvest Bash at Harvest House

Though the RSVP deadline for this event was yesterday (10/29), there is still some room to get your group in on a great event! **Call Rick at (716) 465-1321 or email at rick@nfclyo.org NOW (no RSVP's will be taken later than Monday 11/3!!!) to get in on Harvest Bash at Harvest House**, an overnight event for grades 6-12 on Friday-Saturday, November 7-8 from 8 pm to 8 am. $12 per youth (adult chaperones FREE!) gets you in the door for great games, activities, worship, food (including breakfast) and whatever else you make of the night! Bring sleeping gear, and any games you want to share.

Registration forms are required for this event, go to www.nfclyo.org for form downloads and more info.

This event is a fundraiser for Harvest House of Buffalo, a ministry for disadvantaged young families, children and those who have no access to health care. So keep on collecting change in the Harvest House baby bottles and bring them with. Need some bottles? Give Rick a call at (716) 465-1321. All proceeds from this event also go to Harvest House!

BREAKING NEWS

Synod Senior High Gathering postponed to 2010

The Upstate New York Synod Senior High Youth Gathering in Niagara Falls, originally scheduled for March 13-15, 2009 has been postponed to March 2010. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

The reasons for this are twofold: first, this will allow people who are planning on attending the ELCA national youth gathering (there are quite a few from Upstate New York going!) more of an opportunity to attend our local gathering, and vice versa; second this allows for us to plan and put forth an even higher quality event.

So stay tuned for new dates, and opportunities for you to leave your mark on the Niagara Falls event! Planning meetings will resume soon. If you have any questions feel free to contact Rick at (716) 465-1321 or at rick@nfclyo.org.

NFCLYO 2009 Volleyball Marathon: NEW DATES!

Rescheduled for March 13-14 at Daemen College, Amherst

Volleyball Marathon is coming back better than ever! Food, activities, sleep (?!), mixers, movies, and of course volleyball are all a part of it.

This time though the "trophy" will go to not only the team that wins the volleyball tournament but to the team that raises the most money for Lutheran Charities of Western New York! More to come in 2009!

2009 ELCA Youth Gathering

Be a part of the next ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA in the summer of 2009! Go to www.elca.org/gathering to find out more! Do you have youth interested in going to the ELCA Gathering but no adults? Call St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Eggertsville at (716) 835-0407. They have room to accommodate a limited number of youth.

The St. John's Lutheran Home for Children
Edward G. Kinkel Memorial Scholarship

Nomination deadline November 15

Attention seniors of the class of 2009! A $1,000 scholarship is being awarded to a high school senior that is active in the Lutheran church (read: involved in your youth group, NFCLYO, LCLC, etc.). Applicants must be: an active member of a Lutheran church in the Niagara Frontier Conference, attending a four-year degree program at a college or university in the fall of 2009, show academic excellence, and an interest in youth and community.
Anyone interested must be nominated through your home church council (read: tell your church council about this if you're interested pronto!), and that council must submit supporting rationale based on the above criteria giving examples of the student's involvement in activities such as but not limited to LYO, LCLC, or other youth groups. The St. John's Lutheran Home for Children Board of Directors will make the final decision of the awardee, and that person will be presented with the scholarship at a dinner on April 24, 2009.
All nominations must be submitted by your church council to Jeff Storch, Executive Director of Lutheran Charities of Western New York, no later than November 15, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff at 716-632-2623.

NFC Youth Ministry Network

Evening Table Talk November 20

Are you a youth worker (volunteer or paid), a pastor, or are interested in finding support for your church's youth ministry program? Come join us with the NFC Youth Ministry Network to pray, talk, get ideas and connect with others just like you!

Our next meeting is an Evening Table Talk at 7:30 pm on Thursday, November 20 at the Starbucks located on Walden Ave. in Cheektowaga (across from the Target plaza off Exit 52W of the Thruway).

Call Rick for more info and to RSVP (right up to 7:00 pm that evening) at (716) 465-1321 or email at rick@nfclyo.org.

NFCYMNet Evening Table Talk

Youth Worship Experiences coming soon

Will be tied in with Organic Faith

Rick Mollenkopf-Grill, Kristen Arends (youth director at Zion, Clarence Center), and Nate Preisinger (developer, Organic Faith) have been in discussion about ways we can facilitate a consistent worship experience for youth that will (1) be meaningful and relevant to youth right now, (2) be owned by youth, and (3) hopefully address a need that is real for youth to engage their faith in a safe, nourishing environment with their peers. So be on the lookout soon for announcements about this experience...our thoughts right now are for these experiences to take place twice a month and to be interwoven throughout with online experiences had on Organic Faith. So stay tuned...

...but what is Organic Faith? It is a community searching, exploring, and learning together what it means to be disciples of Jesus. It's our attempt at being the church Jesus set out to create- a pursuit of faith without the additives of religion. It is Christians in online community (from all ages and backgrounds) supporting and ministering to one another, while tackling exploration of true discipleship. Post a blog, add to a discussion, create your own personal Organic Faith page, and more.

Check it out at http://organicfaith.ning.com.

Youth Encounter Junior High Quake

Friday-Sunday, November 21-23

An event geared for up to 300 6-9th graders from various churches (Lutheran and not so much but still good) across WNY at the Holiday Inn Resort on Grand Island. Go to www.youthencounter.org for details. ELCA churches made up a large portion of those at last year's Quake!

WNY Christian Basketball League 2008 Tip Off Clinic

Featuring Bay Forrest, NBA Center/Forward
November 22, 2008

One Team, One Priority: Changed Lives

This day-long event opens with registration at 7:30 am, and features a scrimmage between Depew and Orchard Park, a basketball clinic, lunch, a talk with Bay Forrest, beakout sessions and a tournament for participants.

The cost is only $10 and includes a t-shirt, food, basketball and life-changing insight. The clinic takes place at the HUB at Hamburg Wesleyan Church. Questions? Call Mark Jentsch at (716) 553-4346

LCLC 2009 Winter Retreats

Senior High Winter Retreat January 2-4

LCLC

Winter Retreats at LCLC are a great way to stay connected to camp friends, camp and Jesus in the snow! Weekend winter retreats geared for both senior high (9th-12th grades - January 2-4) and upper elementary-junior high (5th-8th grades - March 6-8) are offered during the winter. Stay tuned for details (registration forms coming soon), and check out www.lclcelca.org for more.

NFCLYO 2009 Winter Day Out

Sunday, February 8

Did you miss last year's Winter Day Out at Colden Tubing Company...49 people came through blinding snow to snow tube in near-zero temperatures (not to mention wind chill) and shiver through some great pizza and wings for dinner and a worship experience? We thought we'd do it again! Be ready after next year's Bills triumph in the Super Bowl (it's starting to look more and more like a reality huh?!) for some more winter fun, food and worship! Details coming soon!

Maybe you can "hire" the NFCLYO CORE Team

The 2008-09 CORE Team

Have us come make a difference at your church!

In 2003, a crack team of dedicated youth banded together to spread the Word and ministry of the NFCLYO to churches and youth that otherwise would not get it. These youth promptly expanded the ministry to include service and advocacy. Today, still committed to their faith, they thrive as children of God witnessing that faith to everyone. If you belong to a church with youth-if you are looking for a spirit-centered group of youth to witness their faith to their peers-if no one else is getting through-and if you can host them-maybe you can call on: THE CORE TEAM...
Christians out reaching everyone

CORE is an excited, faith-centered team of youth that reaches out to youth and others in need, bringing God's love and word to everyone.

What core can do for your church
· Visit during Sunday worship times, giving temple talks about youth ministry in the NFCLYO, CORE and LCLC and making a connection to your church's Lutheran Charities campaign
· Visit youth groups and confirmation classes, witnessing their faith to their peers, showing them that their faith matters! We do this through games, mixers, discussions, worship, Bible devotions, and more.
· Give your church a look at youth ministry and get them fired up about it to support not only the NFCLYO and LCLC but YOUR CHURCH...from a YOUTH perspective!

CORE does this and more! If your church or youth group is interested in a CORE visit, call Rick Mollenkopf-Grill, the CORE advisor at (716) 683-8972, or email at rick@nfclyo.org!

Change in NFCLYO event registration process in 2009

Switch from RSVP policy to ticketing system coming soon

The NFCLYO is beginning a ticketing system starting with the 2009 Winter Day Out (February 8). Groups planning on going to this and all future events can buy tickets for their group much the same way you would buy tickets for a sporting event.

There will no longer be RSVP's taken for attendance estimates, and all tickets will have to be purchased in advance and in full by the deadline given for an event. There will also be no refunds given for purchased tickets.

Thank you for understanding the switch to this system...it will ensure that no one is unnecessarily turned away from events in the future.

Lots of things happening...as always, if your church is hosting a youth event that you want to open up to everyone to come, the NFCLYO is a great way to promote it. Just give us the details and we'll get the word out!

See you at Harvest Bash!
Have a great and safe Halloween, and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Rick Mollenkopf-Grill
Niagara Frontier Conference Lutheran Youth Organization

Pass this on to a friend

Safe Unsubscribe

This email was sent to rick@nfclyo.org by rick@nfclyo.org.
Update Profile/Email Address | Instant removal with SafeUnsubscribe™ | Privacy Policy.

Email Marketing by

Niagara Frontier Conference Lutheran Youth Organization | 55 Pleasant Ave. | Lancaster | NY | 14086