



NFCLYO



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Whats Up @ NFCLYO

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2009 NFCLYO Volleyball Marathon

It's back! March 13-14!

VOLLEYBALL

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MARATHON

An overnight of volleyball insanity! Be sure your church group is there and has a team for this popular annual event. **The NFCLYO 2009 Volleyball Marathon is on Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 from 8 pm to 8 am at Daemen College in Amherst.** A volleyball tournament, worship, movies, games, food and more will be a part of it. Tickets are \$15 per person (same cost as 2008...adult chaperones are FREE!) and any and all donations you can gather. **Help make a difference and raise money for Lutheran Charities of WNY!** This year we introduce a new "trophy": for the top fund-raising team, in addition to the top-scoring team!

This event is for grades 6-12. Go to the [Volleyball Marathon page](#) now to download the ticket order and registration forms, the player donation collection form, get more info and see last year's pictures. **The deadline for ordering tickets is extended to Monday, March 9...**so start collecting money for Lutheran Charities, get your teams formed, start practicing, and be there for what promises to be another great event!!!

NFCLYO 30-Hour Famime Weekend of April 3-4

The weekend of April 3-4 is NFCLYO's 30-Hour Famine weekend. 30-Hour Famine is just that...an event designed for your group to experience and learn about hunger-related issues in a 30-hour timespan. Go to www.30hourfamine.org to learn about how your group can get involved and have your own 30-hour famine event at your church this weekend.

OR...Zion Lutheran Church in Clarence Center is opening their doors to host this event for any one or any group interested in joining the NFCLYO and Zion all in one place. You can come join us at Zion from 8 am to 2 pm Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 for activities, games, sleep (believe us, you'll need it!), and learning about all of the serious issues surrounding hunger...and what you can do about it. We'll end with a feast at noon Saturday.

While there is no cost for this event, we ask that any group attending send along enough adult chaperones to supervise your youth (1 adult for every 9 youth). Find out more by contacting either Rick at rick@nfclyo.org or (716) 465-1321 or Kristen Arends at (716) 741-2656 or at faithformation@roadrunner.com.

"Light the Fire" Vigil & Overnight May 15-16

Pentecost-themed event at Holy Trinity, Buffalo

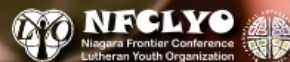
An overnight deep in faith, worship and fun! Look for more info and registration forms after Volleyball Marathon on www.nfclyo.org.

LCLC 2009 Summer Camp Starts June 28

Get ready for another great summer at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center! Camps for anyone grades 1-12 await you: from classic youth camp, to sailing, confirmation camp, LIT's, RATS, DOGS, senior high week and much more! Call LCLC at (716) 386-4125 or go to www.lclcelca.org to register now!



NFC Youth Ministry Network Evening Table Talk



NFCYMnet PM Table Talk

Monthly gatherings continue

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 a PM Temple Talk at 7:30 pm on Thursday, March 19 at Tim Horton's on Union Rd. in West Seneca just south of the Route 400 Exit.

Call Rick for more info and to RSVP by March 18 at (716) 465-1321 or email at rick@nfclyo.org.

Can't make this NFC Youth Ministry Network gathering? Here's our remaining dates for Spring 2009:

- Saturday, April 18, 8:30 am: Panera Bread, South Transit Rd., Lockport
- Saturday, May 9: Attend Youth Specialties One Day seminar in Hamburg (see below for details)
- Summer picnic at Rick's house coming in July!!!

The NFCLYO is on Facebook

Become a fan!

Yes indeed, the NFCLYO is on Facebook! Search for the **Niagara Frontier Conference Lutheran Youth Organization** and become a fan of our page! Get event invites, post wall messages, photos, blogs and all of that good Facebook fun stuff! Check it out, become a fan and spread the word about the NFCLYO on Facebook!

2010 Niagara Falls Gathering

The planning continues! Be a part of it!

We are rolling along with planning for the 2010 Niagara Falls Youth Gathering (March 12-14, 2010)! Look for a major announcement regarding this event coming later this month!!!

We still could use your gifts, time and input to make this event one for the ages! If you want to get involved - youth or adult - join our planning team. Everyone from across the Synod is welcome to take part. Call Rick Mollenkopf-Grill (716) 465-1321 or email at rick@nfclyo.org if you have any questions or want to talk about getting involved!

Our planning meeting schedule rolls on like this:

Friday, March 13: during Volleyball Marathon

Thursday, March 26, 7 pm: location TBD

Saturday, March 28, 2 pm: Site visit to the Conference Center at Niagara Falls and the Crowne Plaza Hotel! Come see where the event will take place!

Saturday, April 4, 11 am: Zion Lutheran Church, Clarence Center (during the NFCLYO 30-Hour Famine)

Tuesday, April 21, 7 pm: Amherst Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 2, 10 am: North Park Lutheran Church, Buffalo

Tuesday, May 19, 7 pm: Amherst Lutheran Church

The CORE Team

Slots still open through May!

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 (we even do Confirmation retreats!).
- 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!



YS One Day

Youth worker training seminar May 9

One of the most intimidating parts of leading students towards Jesus is the responsibility of helping them understand and interact with the Bible. But it doesn't have to be that way. At YS One Day you'll get the tools, insight, and resources to help you make the Bible more accessible for your students while helping you to experience the Bible for yourself in new ways as well. During YS One Day, you will receive tangible takeaways you can implement tomorrow. Come on Saturday, use it on Sunday.

YS One Day is a seminar by Youth Specialties, and it comes to our area on Saturday, May 9 from 8:15 am to 2:30 pm at the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg (McKinley Pkwy., south of the Big Tree intersection with routes 20 and 20A). The cost is \$45 per person if we register as a NFCLYO group. If you are interested, contact Rick at (716) 465-1321 or rick@nfclyo.org by April 15.

Looking ahead: other events in 2009

Most 2009 second-half events are scheduled...more dates to come

Can't get enough of that NFCLYO cowbell of exciting, faith-filled events?! Mark your calendars now and be at these NFCLYO and other events:

Upstate New York Synod CONVO 2009: May 27-30

A gathering of youth leaders from all across Upstate New York from here clear to Albany! Come connect and build friendships with others from across the state just like you, grow in your faith, learn about your church and how to make a difference within that church! Registration info coming soon...as soon as we get it we'll let you know!

NFCLYO End-of-Summer Field Day: August 23

Come back together after camp for one more time this summer for an afternoon of outdoor games and activities, a cookout dinner, and worship.

NFCLYO 09-10 Kick-off at Lasertron: Coming this fall!

What a way to kick off a new school year NFCLYO style! All night Lasertron, Cybersport, food, drink, arcade, devos and more! Dates coming later this month.

NFCLYO 2009 Harvest Bash at Harvest House: November 20-21

Great times at a great place that gives back to so many! Come support Harvest House and be ready for great games, worship, basketball, movies, retro arcade and more!

Get the info for these and other events as time progresses at www.nfclyo.org.

REMINDER: New NFCLYO Registration Policy now in effect

All events now on an advance group-ticket system

The NFCLYO has begun initiating a ticketing system for people attending events. 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 (except in emergencies).

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

Have a great month!

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