



# NFCLYO



Niagara Frontier Conference Lutheran Youth Organization  
Upstate New York Synod, ELCA

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## Whats Up @ NFCLYO

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### 2009 NFCLYO Volleyball Marathon recap

**\$2,073.27 raised for Lutheran Charities!!**

What an amazing night of volleyball, games, movies, pizza, and pre-game antics! 143 youth and adults attended the 2009 installment of the great NFCLYO Volleyball Marathon at Daemen College in Amherst on March 13-14. 20 teams played for the top scoring team of the event, with Zion, Clarence Center taking the title and officially beginning a dynasty.

In addition, a new trophy was commissioned this year: that of the top-fundraising church. St. John's in Lancaster took home that first-ever award. But everyone contributed to a great night for a great cause. Thanks to everyone being there and helping to raise above and beyond the proceeds of the night - and a partial match from Erie County Thrivent Financial for Lutherans - a grand total of \$2,073.27 was raised for Lutheran Charities!!! Thank you to all who came and participated and all who helped to make for a fantastic year!!! Pictures we hope to have posted soon on [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org).



### 2010 Niagara Falls Gathering

**Dates set...and more to come! Be a part of the planning and leading!**

Mark your calendars now and plan on being at the 2010 Synod Youth Gathering at Niagara Falls, NY!!! Be there **Friday-Sunday, March 12-14** for great speakers, music by Daniels Window (last in WNY at the 2007 Youth Quake), workshops, service opportunities, worship and so much more! A website for the event will be online soon with more info...be there! This gathering is a 9-12 grade event, so if you're in 8-11 grade now be ready for next year!

We have an amazing leadership and planning team (youth and adult) in place creating this event right now. If you want to get in on this unique opportunity to help craft and put on this gathering, come on board 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](mailto:rick@nfclyo.org) if you have any questions or want to talk about getting involved!

#### **Our planning meeting schedule rolls on like this:**

Thursday, March 26, 7 pm: North Park Lutheran Church, Buffalo (310 Starin Ave.)

**Saturday, March 28, 2 pm: Site Visit to the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Niagara Falls Conference Center!** Come see where the event will take place! If you are planning on making this visit, call Rick at (716) 465-1321 now to RSVP.

Car pooling will assemble at 1 pm at Amherst Lutheran Church in Williamsville (Main St. just east of the 290) and return by 4 pm.

Saturday, April 4, 11:15 am: Zion Lutheran Church, Clarence Center (during 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

## NFCLYO 30-Hour Famime

### Weekend of April 3-4

The NFCLYO is designating the weekend of April 3-4 30-Hour Famine weekend. 30-Hour Famine is just that...an event designed to experience and learn about hunger-related issues in a 30-hour timespan. Go to [www.30hourfamine.org](http://www.30hourfamine.org) to learn about how your group can get involved and have your one 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 so 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](mailto:rick@nfclyo.org) or (716) 465-1321 or Kristen Arends at (716) 741-2656 or at [faithformation@roadrunner.com](mailto:faithformation@roadrunner.com).

## 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](http://www.lclcelca.org) to register now!



## 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!

## NFC Youth Ministry Network AM Fill-Up



### NFCYMnet AM Fill-Up

#### Taking it to Niagara County April 18

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!

This youth worker gathering will be a Niagara County edition! So if you are from a church in Niagara County and nearby this is for you (but all areas are welcome of course)! We will discuss what is going on in the northern areas of our conference and ways the NFCLYO may be able to help.

So be there for this AM Fill-Up at 8:30 am on Saturday, April 18 at Panera Bread on South Transit Rd. in Lockport. Call Rick for more info and to RSVP by April 17 at (716) 465-1321 or email at [rick@nfclyo.org](mailto:rick@nfclyo.org).

This closes out our NFC Youth Ministry gatherings for the spring. There is a training day for youth workers called YS One Day on May 9 (see below) and I am planning a summer cookout at my place...details next month. It's been a great year of connecting with youth workers in various places and I'm looking forward to getting it rolling again in the fall, alternating between weekday evening and Saturday morning gatherings.

## Web gremlins strike

### Website updates delayed

We have had some technical issues with our website [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org). Our apologies as we fix this problem and we hope to have it up and running again soon.

## NFCLYO Light the Fire overnight

### Worship-focused lock-in at Holy Trinity, Buffalo May 15-16

It'll be fun, spiritual and great times for sure! Plan on being at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Buffalo the night of Friday-Saturday, May 15-16 for a different kind of youth overnight.

We will be observing and keeping an early Vigil of Pentecost through readings, worship and times of prayer and meditation. Alongside this, we'll have a great night of games, movies, food (breakfast included) and more.

The event starts at 7 pm Friday evening and runs until 9 am Saturday morning. Cost is \$7 per person. Church groups must register by May 12. More info and registration forms will be available soon on [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org).

## Upstate New York Synod CONVO 2009

### Be in Rochester May 27-30

Mark your calendar for Wednesday-Saturday, May 27-30!!! Be at the Upstate New York Synod CONVO: an awesome youth event taking place in Rochester where you learn about your church, make lifetime friends, and learn how to make a difference in your church, and actually LOVE doing it! This is THE event to be at for many youth from across the Synod because of the relationships formed with Jesus and each other. CONVO is for youth in grades 9-12 that are willing to be an active part in their church. Registration forms will be coming soon to every church in the Synod, and will be made available here soon.

## YS One Day

### Adult 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](mailto:rick@nfclyo.org) by April 15.**

## Looking ahead: other events in 2009

### 2009 second-half events are scheduled

Start filling the back half of your 2009 calendars now! We've already booked events for summer and next fall:

#### NFCLYO End-of-Summer Field Day: Sunday, August 23

This is the third annual field day, featuring outdoor games (ultimate Frisbee, volleyball and more), a cookout dinner and sunset worship. Cost is only \$6...event is from 2-7 pm.

#### NFCLYO 08-09 Kickoff at Lasertron: Friday-Saturday, October 9-10

The ever-popular Lasertron overnight is back! Event runs from 12:30-7 am, with all-night Lasertron, Cybersport, arcade, and worship to boot!

#### NFCLYO Harvest Bash at Harvest House: Friday-Saturday, November 20-21

An overnight at Harvest House in south Buffalo that calls attention to the ministry to children and families Harvest House provides. We collect loose change for Harvest House, and we have a ton of fun too! Worship, games, mixers, basketball, foursquare, arcade games, movies, and more!

Get the info for these and other events as time progresses at [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org).

Have a great Easter and spring break!

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