



# NFCLYO



## Niagara Frontier Conference Lutheran Youth Organization

### Whats Up @ NFCLYO

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### Get to LCLC this summer

Summer camp at LCLC is under way! A rainy but fantastic start to the season, it is certain to warm up with some great programs. You can still register for later programs (especially Senior High Week August 2-8!) but do so now! You can go to [www.lclcelca.org](http://www.lclcelca.org) for info and register for camp online!!!



### Apply to the NFCLYO CORE Team

Open applications due August 17

For the first time, the NFCLYO CORE Team - a group of senior high leaders and disciples - is holding open applications for the 2009-10 school year! Will you be in grades 10-12, and do you have the commitment, faith maturity, calling and desire to learn how to make a difference in the lives of your peers? If so, then go to the CORE Team page at [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org), learn more about CORE and download an application packet.

Applications will be accepted until August 17. Contact Rick at (716) 465-1321 or [rick@nfclyo.org](mailto:rick@nfclyo.org) for questions.

### End-of-Summer Field Day

Fun in the sun on August 23



The third annual NFCLYO End-of-Summer Field Day is coming on Sunday, August 23 in Marilla, NY. We'll have a great day of outdoor games (ultimate Frisbee, volleyball and more), a cookout dinner and sunset worship. A great chance to connect with friends one more time this summer! Cost is only \$6...event is from 2-7 pm. Go to [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org) for details. RSVP by August 20.

## 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering

Safe travels all heading to New Orleans

Several NFCLYO churches have groups that will soon be heading to the 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans on July 22-26. Among them are St. Pauls and St. John in Williamsville, St. Paul's in Eggertsville, Zion in Clarence Center, St. John's in West Seneca and Town Line in Alden (sorry if I missed your group). They will be joining over 36,000 others from around the country to worship, connect, learn, serve and so much more! Go to the ELCA Gathering website at [www.elca.org/gathering](http://www.elca.org/gathering)

to find out more about this once-in-a-lifetime experience, and join me in lifting those that are going up in prayer!



## Change the World: the 2009 Lutheran Youth Challenge

Will you help raise \$1 million to fight hunger?



In TV game shows like Deal or No Deal, the object is to win \$1 million dollars. But have you ever thought about what \$1 million dollars could do to help people who are hungry? Youth across the church are invited to do just that - raise \$1 million for ELCA World Hunger as part of the Change the World: 2009 Lutheran Youth Challenge. Go to [www.elca.org/changetheworld](http://www.elca.org/changetheworld) to learn how your church can make a difference. Going to New Orleans for the Gathering? Check out this page to find how to bring your donations with you!

## Fries at the Fair

Help Lutheran Charities at the Erie County Fair August 20

The NFCLYO CORE Team will be helping to serve up some delicious fries at the Mason's Fry Booth at the Erie County Fair! Stop by from 10 am - 5 pm on Thursday, August 20 and buy some great snacks from the CORE Team. Proceeds from the sales made go to Lutheran Charities, so while at the fair, get some eats and help support some great ministry!

## 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 Upstate NY Synod Youth Gathering

Website online, planning continues...



Plan on being at the 2010 Synod Youth Gathering at Niagara Falls, NY!!! Be there Friday-Sunday, March 12-14 for great speakers, great music, workshops, service opportunities, worship and so much more! This gathering is a 9-12 grade event, so if you're finishing up 8-11 grade be ready for next year!

The new gathering website is up and running! Check out [www.unsyyouthgathering.org](http://www.unsyyouthgathering.org) and check back often as more stuff is added.

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!

### Upcoming Planning Team meetings

Our summer planning meetings will be at St. John's Lutheran Church, 55 Pleasant Ave. in Lancaster at 7 pm on Tuesday July 14 and August 11. We'll meet, then walk for ice cream after.

### Niagara Falls Gathering update

We are excited to announce that our speakers for the gathering will be Pastor Chuck and John Schwartz! Pastor Chuck and John are from Ballston Lake, NY (north of Albany) and will share their faith journeys with us...John will also share his amazing musical talents.

## NFCYMnet Summer Cookout

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!

Mark your calendars for **Friday, July 17** (new date!) for a summer picinick at Rick MG's place! Come from 5-9 for great food, great friends, and great times! Can-jam will be out and who knows what other fun we'll get into. RSVP with Rick by July 15 if you can make it at [rick@nfclyo.org](mailto:rick@nfclyo.org), (716) 465-1321 or on Facebook. Bring a dish to pass as well.

## Mark your calendars for Fall 2009 events

Check out what's coming up in the NFCLYO this fall...

### **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! This year we'll be collecting food for the Resurrection Lutheran Church food pantry.

### **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!

Look for registration info and this year's forms online at [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org) in August!

## ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza

THE place to be for youth workers in February 2010

If you are a youth worker and wondered how you can connect with others out there from across the country, this is THE opportunity to do that! The ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza is an annual, four-day mega-gathering of youth workers from across the country. We're talking bands, speakers, tons of vendors, workshops, resources, people, and more...all in one place!

The 2010 Extravaganza is in Charlotte, North Carolina from February 4-8. Your NFCLYO Director of Youth Programming (that's me!) is planning on attending, and is looking for others to come along for an amazing experience. Check out [www.elcaymnet.org](http://www.elcaymnet.org) for more info, and if this sounds like something for you, let Rick know by August 31 and we can be sure to coordinate travel arrangements.

## The NFCLYO Master Registration Form

A new (and hopefully easier) registration process coming for 2009-10

We will be debuting a new (hopefully more understandable) registration form for next year's NFCLYO events. But what will make this really different is that it will cover ALL NFCLYO events! Once you fill out a registration form, you're set for the year! We'll keep your form on file for the year so all you will need is any admission money when you come to events! No more filling the same form out several times each year! Look for the new master form to debut in August. (Note: new form is only for NFCLYO programs, NOT for LCLC or Synod events.)

Have a great month and a safe summer! Hope to see many of you at camp!

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