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## Whats Up @ NFCLYO

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### 2010 NFCLYO volleyball Marathon recap

\$2,225 raised for Lutheran Charities



What an awesome Volleyball Marathon again this year! 184 youth and adults (40 more than last year!) came out for some volleyball fun and a number of activities on the side. We also gave away 8 trophies this year ranging from the first-place and last-shall-be-first teams to best t-shirts, best effort at sportsmanship, and others. We also logged a total of 2,524 volunteer hours. And News 4 was paid us a visit too. Best of all, and thanks to a partial match by the Erie County chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, we raised a total of \$2,225.09 for Lutheran Charities!!!

Stop on by [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org) for a look at this year's pictures, the News 4 video montage of their coverage, and a listing of this year's trophy winners. Thanks to all who came out and made this year's Volleyball Marathon the best yet!

### CONVO 2010

Synod senior high leadership gathering is back from June 4-8

CONVO is back! It's a unique and committed gathering of senior high youth from across Upstate New York at the Radisson Hotel in Rochester (parallel to Synod Assembly). This event gives youth an intense and amazing experience learning about their greater church through small groups, worship, activities, and much more! It happens from Friday-Tuesday, June 4-8. The cost if you register by April 23 is \$250, \$275 if you register from April 24 to the final deadline of May 15. Some financial aid is available. Get the details and registration forms at [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org) now!

### NFCLYO Built Up to Build Up event

The event formerly known as the Pentecost Overnight goes to a new level

This year's NFCLYO Pentecost Overnight is going a step further...in fact many steps further. Join us on Friday night-Saturday, May 14-15, for what we are calling "Built Up to Build Up." We will have an overnight lock-in at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Downtown Buffalo, where there will be games, mixers, activities and a spirit-filled worship experience where we will discover how we are "Built Up" by the Holy



Spirit. The next day, we take those many steps out into the community in service at various projects to "Build Up" our neighbor. Check back with [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org) for more info coming soon! We'll also send out an email update in the coming days!

## NFCLYO North

### New youth ministry program continues in Niagara-Orleans counties

With the leadership of Chris George as our NFCLYO youth ministry assistant for 2009-10, the NFCLYO has started a new youth ministry program to better meet the needs of churches the northern areas of our conference. All churches in the Niagara-Orleans County area are invited to join in!



This is an effort to connect youth in this area that otherwise may not be able to do so. If those up north can't make NFCLYO events (for whatever reason), then this is our effort to bring some of that ministry to you! We are in contact with churches in this area to invite you personally, but if we haven't contacted you yet, feel free to email [info@nfclyo.org](mailto:info@nfclyo.org) or call (716) 380-0330 or (716) 465-1321 and let us know you want in!

### NFCLYO North Spring Field Day

Come to St. John's Lutheran Church in Lyndonville on Sunday, April 25 from 1-5 pm for an afternoon of outdoor fun with some great games, snacks and a devotion led by the CORE Team! More info coming soon, look for an email update soon!

### NFCYMnet gatherings

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!

There are only two more gatherings this school year! This month we gather on Saturday morning, April 10 at 8:30 am at the Panera Bread on South Transit Rd. in Lockport (in the Home Depot plaza). While the NFCLYO North will be our focus, all are welcome to come.

Our final 2009-10 gathering will be Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 pm, but we're looking for an outdoor location...if you've got a great place in mind where we can get some refreshment in food, drink and the great outdoors please let us know at [info@nfclyo.org](mailto:info@nfclyo.org).

### Congrats Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Andrea LaBounty of Prince of Peace, Depew and Colleen Wiechec of Grace, North Tonawanda! They are the winners of a \$1,000 scholarship from the St. John's Board Ed Kinkel Scholarship. They will be presented with their awards at a dinner later this month.

### The NFCLYO is on Facebook

#### Become a fan!

The NFCLYO is on Facebook...and we are making our presence there bigger this year! Go to [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org) and click on the Become a Fan button to get connected with the NFCLYO on Facebook. Post to the wall, upload pictures, RSVP to events, connect with other fans, and receive automatic event reminders and updates right to your FB profile! "Fan-up" today!

## LCLC News

Get on on the excitement at LCLC!

Spring is here, and LCLC is preparing for another fantastic summer camp season! Mark these dates down and get involved at a great place for outdoor faith and fun:



### Spring Work Day: May 1

Help get camp ready for the summer! Please call ahead at (716) 386-4125 so camp best plan to use your help...remember any youth attending must have an adult chaperone.

### "Come to the Water" Youth Day: June 5

Come get a taste of summer at camp and get a preview of the summer camp season to come!

### 2010 Summer Camp: June 27-August 13

Summer Camp is here! Many varied programs for grades 1-12!

Get more info at [www.lclcelca.org](http://www.lclcelca.org) or calling LCLC at (716) 386-4125.

## CORE Team for 2010-11?!

Let us know if you or someone you know is interested in CORE 2010-11



Are you (or do you know any leaders in your church) currently in 9-11th grade?! Then the CORE Team - a dynamic group of leaders that gather their faith and talents to create real ministry for their peers and service to the disadvantaged - wants YOU! This year-long commitment trains youth leaders and gives them experiences to DO and BE their faith. If you are looking to be a part of the CORE team next year, contact Rick MG at [rick@nfclyo.org](mailto:rick@nfclyo.org).

Applications for next year's team are now online on the CORE Team page at [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org)!

Our May meetings (May 11 & 25) are open for prospective peeps to check the CORE team out...give it some thought and prayer to see if you could make a difference with your faith in CORE! Find out more at [www.nfclyo/core](http://www.nfclyo/core).

### NOW BOOKING LUTHERAN CHARITIES TEMPLE TALKS!

If your church is looking for a temple talk connecting to Lutheran Charities, the NFCLYO CORE Team does that! Call Rick at (716) 465-1321 to arrange a date we can visit. Book soon...dates fill up fast!

## 2010 Zion/CORE Team Mission Trip

Each year, the NFCLYO CORE Team ventures out (at least we try to) on a mission trip of service to our "neighbors" in need. Our last trip in 2008 took us to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to help with Hurricane Katrina relief. This year, we head back to the place of a previous trip in 2005. We are teaming up with Zion, Clarence Center and heading - by train...overnight - to Chicago to serve our neighbors there that are disadvantaged. We'll be the hands and feet of Jesus: serving at a food pantry, helping at an immigrant ministry, hitting the streets offering services at night, and we'll also be connecting with the ELCA seminary and headquarters in Chicago.

Please keep all 16 youth and adult advisors in prayer on our journey from April 16-21, in addition to prayers for all that we will encounter along the way.

We will try to post pictures and reflections online while we are there. Go to the **Niagara Frontier Conference Lutheran Youth Organization** page on Facebook, become a fan (or say you like the page...becoming a fan is going away soon on Facebook), and follow along on our trip!

Also, if you wish to contribute a donation to our trip, feel free to call us at (716) 465-1321.

## 2010 Northeast Region Youth Gathering

Been to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans and want another experience like that this summer? Or just want to be a part of a larger youth gathering? The Northeast Region (New England, New York, New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania) of the ELCA is having a Youth Gathering this summer, July 22-25 in the Philadelphia area! For those currently in grades 9-12, this event has bands, worship, activities and so much more! Find out more at [www.youthgathering2010.org](http://www.youthgathering2010.org)! And if your group is planning on going, let us know at [info@nfclyo.org](mailto:info@nfclyo.org). If there is enough interest in our area we could look into coordinating transportation!



## Summer & Fall 2010 Event Dates

We're already looking forward to this summer and fall, and have set dates for events happening then! Be sure you mark your calendars and check back at [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org) for more info coming soon:

### **NFCLYO End-of-Summer Picinick!: August 22**

A great way to send off summer: outdoors! Games, field activities, great food and great worship at the picnic shelter of St. Nicodemus Lutheran Church in Marilla.

### **NFCLYO 2010-11 Kick-off at Lasertron: Saturday morning, October 9 12:30-7:30 am**

The popular overnight of Lasertron and other assorted games and fun returns at the same cost as 2009! Fun with friends old and new, devotions, did we say fun?!, and a can food drive as well. (Note that the times for this event had to be adjusted a half-hour later per changes at Lasertron.)

### **NFCLYO 2010 Harvest Bash at Harvest House: November 19-20**

This event was taken to a new level last year with the addition of Captive Free, the travelling rock band ministry group from Youth Encounter...and they will return this year! Great games, activities, food and more as well as we support Harvest House.

## NFCLYO Event changes coming this fall

Just wanted to give you a preview of some exciting changes coming this fall with NFCLYO events:

First, one thing that will stay the same is the registration process. Registration forms that lasted for the year (once they were completed entirely, which we had some issue with but no biggie) will be back...meaning that once you turn in a completed form, you're good for the year. 2009-10 forms are good through August 31, after which we start with the new program year in September.

The other more exciting change is sibling discounts! We'll be introducing sibling discounts to our NFCLYO events. So, if you and your brother/sister both come to an event, one of you will get a 10% discount on that event, and each sibling beyond that gets 25% off each! An example using Lasertron: a sibling group of 3 would pay \$40, \$36 and \$30...saving \$14! Discount will be for brothers and sisters only. Of course, adult chaperones will be free where we can control that (exceptions are Lasertron players and Winter Day Out participants...sibling discount applies to youth only).

Have a great month...live in the promise of Christ's resurrection!

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