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Whats Up @ NFCLYO

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Happy May!

Lots to see and take in this month! You'll begin to notice these  symbols seemingly popping up at random in these newsletters. These are Facebook icons that link to a page, group or event of whatever is the topic of that particular article. So go ahead and feel free to check these links out when they appear. Enjoy!

Built Up to Build Up is now Hunger-Thon 2010

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

For some time now, we've been telling you about the NFCLYO's annual Pentecost-themed overnight and service day called "Built Up to Build Up" at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Buffalo on May 14-15.

Thanks to some incredible initiative and hard work on the part of Holy Trinity, this event has recently taken a whole new scope and feel! It is now called "Hunger-Thon 2010: Taste Hunger, Nourish your Faith, Feed the City!" Thanks to Holy Trinity for all the hard work in making this event and potential for some amazing ministry to happen possible!



So read on in the "You're invited" section below as we've re-classified this event as a church event that the NFCLYO is whole-heartedly supporting...spread the word about this event and be there!!!

You're invited: church events all are welcome to!

Every now and then, a church will have a youth ministry event that they just can't keep to themselves...they want everyone in on it! The NFCLYO is more than happy to help out churches that open their events to all by promoting what they've got. So if your church is having one of these events, head to www.nfclyo.org and see our guidelines on how to get promoted...just like these events:

Hunger-Thon 2010: May 14-15 
Taste Hunger, Nourish your Faith, Feed the City

Who: Any and all youth who have open hearts and minds are

welcome!

What: An overnight lock-in at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Downtown Buffalo.

Friday May 14th: We will begin a 24-Hour Famine to raise money for Loaves and Fishes and 10% of what each church fundraises will go to a food assistance program of their choice.

Fun Games and Mixers, Indoor Kanjam, Prayer Labyrinth, Bible Study and a spirit-filled worship experience where we will discover how we are "Built Up" by the Holy Spirit.

Saturday May 15th: In the morning we take our Christian passion to the streets where we will build up to our neighbors by cleaning the streets of Buffalo. We are also looking to plant fruit-bearing trees at churches throughout the city. After that we will host a huge cookout to feed the hungry both physically and spiritually. After serving the hungry we will then break our fast and join in the festivities of the cook out. The entire city will be invited to join us for this cookout.

When: 7:00 p.m. Friday May 14th - 4:00 Saturday May 15th

Where: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1080 Main Street (right across the street from the Anchor Bar)

Why: To act on the words of God and help our fellow man

How: Come and be one of hundreds making a difference in our city of Buffalo

Questions or comments email Jeremiah Smith at jpsmith4@buffalo.edu; to register your group call Holy Trinity at (716)-886-2400

Informational meeting on May 6th at 5:30 p.m. (Dinner provided)

WE ASK THAT EVERYONE TRY TO RAISE AT LEAST 24 DOLLARS (one dollar for each hour we will go without food)

We also will accept canned good donations.

Summer Tailgate Parties at Zion, Clarence Center

Come join in on the fun in the parking lot at Zion Lutheran Church in Clarence Center (9535 Clarence Ctr. Rd.) Wednesday evenings in June and July from 6:30-8:30 pm! There will be some hangin', eatin', Talkin' and bein' time, some form of activity funin', and it wraps up each week with devos by the campfire. All are welcome! Call Zion at (716) 741-2656 for more info. Summer Tailgate Parties start June 2!

(NOTE: these are not NFCLYO-led events...please refer all questions and get any registration details at the numbers above.)

CONVO 2010

Synod senior high leadership gathering is back from June 4-8...register by May 15!!!

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 to register is \$275...and you must do so by the deadline of May 15. Some financial aid is available. Get the details and registration forms at www.nfclyo.org now!

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.

Applications for next year's team are now online on the CORE Team page at 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.org/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!

LCLC 2010 Summer Camp

Spring is here, and LCLC is preparing for another fantastic summer camp season! 2010



Summer Camp runs from June 27-August 13 with confirmation camps, youth, sailing, "night owls," LIT's, RATS, Senior High Week and more! Get more info and register now at www.lclcelca.org or calling LCLC at (716) 386-4125.

NFCLYO North

New youth ministry program in Niagara-Orleans counties coming back in 2010-11

NFCLYO North, the new program that began NFCLYO-style youth ministry in Niagara and Orleans counties, has wrapped up for the 2009-10 school year. It was a good start-up year, and thanks to a grant from the St. John's Home for Children Board, NFCLYO North is now funded for the 2010-11 school year! We start work on plans for another great year of youth ministry in the North soon...look for a listing of Fall NFCLYO North events coming this summer! Hope to see you there!

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!

Our final gathering (for adults that work with youth) for 2009-10 is still in the planning stages...but either way it will be good! Here's what is set to go right now: it is on Thursday, May 20 and will take place either in downtown Buffalo or the closest Anderson's. You'll only need food and drink money if you want some. And be ready to block out from 6:45-10 pm to attend (at least be there for the beginning of it and leave when you need to). We'll send out an email and Facebook update once plans are

2010 Zion/CORE Team Mission Trip

On April 16-21, the CORE Team and Zion, Clarence Center joined together for a mission trip to Chicago. It was an urban immersion, where those that went worked at and helped out a number of inner-city ministry programs, met needs of the disadvantaged, and walked with those we served. We literally took donations we collected before we went and turned it into food, blankets, coffee, and whatever the hundreds of people we served needed. This trip opened the eyes of all to the great need that exists everywhere and ways we can begin to meet that need, even right here at home.

Thanks to all of our contributors for this trip, those that prayed for us, and all that organized and went on this trip. Pictures from our experiences are now online at www.nfclyo.org.

finalized...so be ready to come! (Hint: if downtown works out, I hope they won't need to roll out the tarp!)

You'll "Like" the NFCLYO on Facebook!

The NFCLYO is on Facebook...and we've made our presence there bigger this year! Go to www.nfclyo.org and click on the "like" 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!

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TEY

Theological Education with Youth events this summer



TEY, short for Theological Education with Youth, is a seminary-based program for senior-high youth to come and experience seminary life, learn, interact with seminary faculty and staff, and meet other youth from across the mid-Atlantic and Northeast who are making this same faith walk and exploring if ministry is for them.

There is the Summer Theological Academy (July 10-24) for youth to learn and interact with seminary staff and students and explore a call to ministry deeper, and there's the Crossroads Event (July 31-August 7) that explores social justice issues by visiting some organizations at the forefront of justice and advocacy. Both events are still taking nominations for youth to attend, but act fast. Find out more by going to www.theologicaleducationwithyouth.com.

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! And if your group is planning on going, let us know at info@nfclyo.org. If there is enough interest in our area we could look into coordinating transportation!



Youth Ministry Certification School (YMCS)

14-day crash course in youth ministry starts in August

Do you have a talented leader with a heart for youth ministry that could use more education? Does your part-time youth worker want to take youth ministry to the next level? Are you a rostered person looking to minister more completely with youth and their families? YMCS may be right for you! Everyday, more congregations are looking for leaders to develop & grow youth ministry. However, there is a shortage of properly trained youth ministry leaders available to these same congregations. The YMCS is designed to give youth ministry leaders sound theological, theoretical and practical training in ministry to youth and their families. Pastors, lay youth leaders and volunteers can all benefit from this unique educational opportunity. YMCS is held with a week at a camp in an outdoor ministry setting, followed up by a series of 5

weekends spaced at least a month apart at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Those that complete this program receive a certificate of their accomplishment (a great thing to list on a youth ministry resume!). [Visit this website to learn more](#)...applications are due August 1, with the school starting August 19!

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 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:

Event registration process tweaks

First, one thing that will stay the same is the registration process...almost. 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 tweak is that group ticket orders will now be group reservations, which will still be paid in advance, and your group will get a confirmation notice rather than tickets (which is pretty much how we ran things this year anyway).

Sibling Discounts!

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).

Continual Food Drive

Finally and perhaps most exciting is that the CORE Team is starting a relationship with the food pantry at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Buffalo's east side! They will be working at the food pantry once a month, enabling the pantry to expand their hours to a second Saturday each month, something that will help working families greatly to access services at the pantry. What this means for NFCLYO Events is that we will have the ability to have a continual food drive and bring donations straight to the pantry to get on the shelves and out to people right away! So for every NFCLYO event, remember to bring some food for those in need!

May is Lutheran Charities Month! Lutheran Charities is a grass-roots ministry that takes the

generosity of Lutheran Churches and people in Western New York and gives it to ministry programs on the streets and meeting needs right here at home. Lutheran Charities supports such programs as Buffalo Lutheran Employment Service, RAG Time summer day-camp programs, LCLC, Resurrection Health Center, and...the NFCLYO.

Thanks to all who - through Lutheran Charities - support the ministry of all these programs, especially the NFCLYO! Your contributions ensure that all of the events and other things the NFCLYO offers for the youth of WNY will continue. See your church to find out how you can make a contribution to Lutheran Charities and ensure quality ministries that are meeting needs continue to do so!

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