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Whats Up @ NFCLYO

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Congrats class of 2010!

So June is past the halfway point, but it's still June and this newsletter counts! Be sure to check out these  symbols seemingly popping up at random. 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!

LCLC 2010 Summer Camp

There's still room to get in on some fantastic summer fun at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center! RATS, youth camp, Senior High Week, Night Owls, Sailing and DOGS...all of the great summer faith and excitement in the great outdoors of LCLC! Get more info and register now at www.lclcenter.org (LCLC has a new website! Check it!) or call (716) 386-4125.



End-of-Summer Picinick

Re-connect before school starts August 22



The great NFCLYO End-of-Summer Picinick (yes, we misspelled it on purpose) returns to the Picnic Shelter of St. Nicodemus Lutheran Church in Marilla from 2-7 pm on Sunday, August 22! Featuring field games (Ultimate Frisbee, Kan-Jam, kickball and more), a cookout dinner and outdoor worship!

Cost is only \$6 per person (adult chaperones free) and is open to all going in to or out of grades 6-12. There's no advance tickets or registration forms needed, but please RSVP by August 19. Check out the End-of-Summer Picinick page at www.nfclyo.org for more details!

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 (forming now!) are now online on the CORE Team page at www.nfclyo.org! Application Deadline is August 10!

NOW BOOKING FOR 2010-11!

If your church is looking for a new perspective on youth ministry, or want someone to come in to lead a youth event to connect youth with your church, the NFCLYO CORE Team does that! Call Rick at (716) 465-1321 for details. Book soon...dates fill up fast!

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:

Summer Tailgate Parties at Zion, Clarence Center

Wednesday evenings in June and July from 6:30-8:30 pm!

The parking lot will be packed with all the things you need for a good summertime party! Food for all, tournaments each night and campfires abound. We'll be playing Ga-Ga Ball, Ultimate Frisbee, Kickball, Kan-Jam and more! There will also be space for jamming so bring your gee-tars. All welcome! Wednesday evenings through July 28!

More info: contact KK at (716) 481-8728 or faithformation@roadrunner.com

or Pastor Steve at (716) 868-1232 or pscbz@roadrunner.com

or check out www.zionontheweb.com

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

Hunger-Thon 2010 recap

The annual Pentecost Overnight at Holy Trinity got a makeover this year, and became Hunger-Thon: Taste Hunger, Nourish your Faith, Feed the City. About 50 people attended this overnight focused on deepening our faith, and the next day walked 5 miles up to the West Side to plant apple trees, meeting back at the church for worship and a community picnic lunch free for all to take part in. All the while participants fasted to remind themselves of the hunger faced by so many. Best of all, around \$1,350 was raised to donate to Loaves and Fishes, a soup kitchen on the West Side. Thanks to all that came and helped out, and especially to Holy Trinity for putting on one amazing event! Pictures from Hunger-Thon are on the pictures page at www.nfclyo.org.

You'll "Like" the NFCLYO on Facebook!

The NFCLYO is on Facebook! 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

CONVO 2010 recap

While not the largest CONVO ever, you wouldn't know it among the 32 youth and staff at this year's CONVO gathering in Rochester! Every person at CONVO became connected with their faith, some amazing friends (both

events, connect with other peeps, and receive automatic event reminders and updates right to your FB profile!

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NFCYMnet gatherings

2009-10 was a great year for the NFC Youth Ministry Network: gatherings throughout the year brought adult youth workers together, made connections, and we supported each other in the amazing ministry we are all a part of.



Monthly gatherings will be back this September (see the fall schedule at www.nfclyo.org), and we are also excited to announce a Youth Workers Training Event being held at LCLC on October 29-30! Read on for details...

peers and those a "little older") and some amazing ministry that is happening in our church. From family groups, to being up front at Synod Assembly, to service and even composing an original song...CONVO participants will always remember this year's CONVO! Check out pictures from this year's CONVO at the Pictures page at www.nfclyo.org!

NFCLYO North

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

Thanks to a grant from the St. John's Lutheran Home for Children, NFCLYO North is coming back for 2010-11! This youth ministry focuses on connecting youth and impacting faith in the Niagara-Orleans county area, customized to the needs of the area. Dates and details on NFCLYO North will be available soon...if your church in this area is interested in connecting with NFCLYO North, give Rick MG a shout at (716) 465-1321 or rick@nfclyo.org.

Youth workers Training Event: October 29-30

For the first time in a long time, Youth Worker training returns to the NFCLYO! Sponsored by the NFCLYO and Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, this event is designed for volunteer and paid youth leaders with any level of experience. Join us as we discuss the "ins and outs" of leading youth and youth groups, share ideas, ask questions, and share in fellowship with other youth workers from around the region. We'll welcome Charlie Roberts as special guest presenter, who comes with a wealth of youth ministry training and experience to share with us! This event takes place from 7 pm Friday to 4 pm Saturday, October 29-30 at the Retreat Center at LCLC.

COST: Only \$25! Includes meals, lodging with linens, and an excellent program. Thanks to a special grant virtually all expenses are covered. Please note that the \$25 registration fee is non-refundable. Registration deadline is October 22. Get more details and registration forms online at www.nfclyo.org/nfcymnet.html.

2010 Northeast Region 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 leaving grades 9-12, this event has bands, worship, activities and so much more! Find out more at www.youthgathering2010.org!



TEY 

Theological Education with Youth events this summer



TEY, short for Theological Education with Youth (or put another way: talking about God with youth) is a seminary-based program for senior-high youth to come and learn, interact with seminary faculty and staff, and meet other youth from across the mid-Atlantic and Northeast in some deep "God-talks." 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 in the Baltimore area.

Both events are still taking nominations for youth to attend, but act fast. Find out more by going to www.theologicaleducationwithyouth.com.

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!

Fall 2010 Event Dates

The 2010-11 NFCLYO year is looking to be another amazing year! Fall event dates are set...mark your calendars and check back at www.nfclyo.org for more info coming soon:

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

Some exciting changes are coming this fall with NFCLYO events:

Event registration process tweaks

Registration forms that lasted for the year (once they are completed entirely) 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.

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 that live in the same household. 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

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!

Have a safe and amazingly fun summer!!!

Rick Mollenkopf-Grill
Niagara Frontier Conference Lutheran Youth Organization

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