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## Whats Up @ NFCLYO

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Hello Richard!

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- On the Web: [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org)
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### What's Up this month:

- :: Be a part of NFCLYO's 40th Anniversary Weekend April 2-3
- :: Pictures from the Resurrection Food Pantry
- :: NFC Youth Ministry Network: youth workers unite!
- :: ELCA 2012 Youth Gathering: Synod info coming soon!

### 2011 Volleyball Marathon

Going retro to celebrate 40 years of the NFCLYO on March 18-19



That awesome overnight of volleyball insanity is back! Be sure your church group is there and has a team for this popular annual event. The NFCLYO 2011 Volleyball Marathon is on Friday-Saturday, March 18-19 from 8 pm to 8 am at Daemen College in Amherst. A volleyball tournament, worship, movies, games, food and more will be a part of it. The cost is \$20 per person (adult chaperones are FREE!) and any and all donations you can gather. Help make a difference and raise money for Lutheran Charities of WNY! You may even go home with one of a whole pantheon of trophies...only some of which have to do directly with Volleyball!

In celebration of the NFCLYO's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, this year's best team "uniforms" "trophy" will be awarded to the best decades-themed creations from the 70s, 80s, 90s or 00s...so come retro!!!

This event is for grades 6-12. Go to the Volleyball Marathon page now at [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org) to download the reservation and registration forms, the player donation collection form, get more info and see last year's pictures. The reservation deadline is Monday, March 14...so start collecting

money for Lutheran Charities, get your teams formed, start practicing, and be there for what promises to be another great event!!!

## NFCLYO North Team for Volleyball Marathon

NFCLYO North, the youth ministry program bringing God's amazing love to those in Niagara and Orleans counties, is going to the Volleyball Marathon!! This month, we're organizing an NFCLYO North team for the Volleyball Marathon on March 18-19 at Daemen College. If you want in, call Chris George at (716) 380-0330 by March 13.



## April 2-3: NFCLYO 40th Anniversary Weekend

An amazing anniversary is coming soon: on April 1 (no fooling!), the Niagara Frontier Conference Lutheran Youth Organization celebrates 40 years of ministry with the youth of Western New York!

On the weekend of April 2-3, we are celebrating NFCLYO's 40th Anniversary Weekend through worship services across the Niagara Frontier Conference. We know there are people in almost every church who have been impacted by the ministry of the NFCLYO over the past 40 years. We are asking your help to tell the story of how this youth ministry program impacted youth over the years in recognition of this ministry.

See how your church can take part at [www.nfclyo.org/40-weekend](http://www.nfclyo.org/40-weekend).

### Anniversary goods now online

We are beginning to get some goodies on NFCLYO's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary online! So far, you'll find out what celebration events are coming, our first reflection from past (and original) director, Pastor Charlie Greene, and see what else we have coming soon. Check it out at [www.nfclyo.org/40!](http://www.nfclyo.org/40!)

## NFCLYO at the Resurrection Food Pantry



If your church or group is looking for a really neat service opportunity, The Resurrection Food Pantry is available for small groups to work on the third Saturday each month! From 9:30-noon, groups can come and stock shelves, prepare food for distribution and serve clients that come in for services. Give Rick MG a call at (716) 465-1321 for more info and to schedule your group...individuals welcome!

Check out what this looked like in February in the Pictures area at [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org). 23 people came and we packed well over 100 bags to distribute to clients...it was a real blessing of a

day!!!

Don't forget to bring food donations to any NFCLYO event!

**NFCYMnet gatherings**

## Youth sibling discounts to NFCLYO events

We've got youth sibling discounts to NFCLYO events costing \$15 or more! So, if you and your brother/sister(s) come to an event, one of you will get a 10% discount on that event, and each sibling beyond that gets 25% off each! Discount will be for brothers and sisters only that live in the same household...see each event's details for more info at [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org).

## CORE Team: the Re-boot continues


The NFCLYO CORE Team has been re-booted! In other words, CORE has taken on a whole new feel. CORE (Christians Out Reaching Everyone) is still the senior high leadership team that plans and leads NFCLYO events and connects with local churches, but now there's more. In-depth faith formation, Bible devotions, intentional fun, advanced training and service are even more a part of the mix.

The CORE Team is now open year round as well! So if you're in 10-12 grades, we'd love to have you come and be a part of it. Give it some thought and prayer to see if you could make a difference with your faith in CORE! We meet every Tuesday from 7-8:30 pm at St. John Lutheran Church, 6540 Main St., Williamsville...come when you can!!! You can even connect with CORE on Facebook at [The NFCLYO CORE Team](#).

Youth workers: ever wanted a place for peers to connect, support and be supported, pray and be prayed for, and toss in some coffee and other goodies? The NFC Youth Ministry is just that!



This ministry is especially for youth workers to come and be fed to go back and minister more effectively with your youth. We gather monthly at a local coffee shop or other fun place to connect, learn, laugh, pray and more.

 This month we gather on **Thursday evening, March 10 at 6:30 pm at the Buffalo Brew Pub in Williamsville** (Main St. just west of Transit Rd.). Come for the connections with youth workers just like you, and stay to watch the Sabres take down the Bruins on TV.

Check out our other gathering dates and other opportunities for youth workers at [www.nfclyo.org](http://www.nfclyo.org) under Youth Workers!

## LCLC 2011 Summer Camps: Coming Soon!

The 2011 Summer Camp brochures are now out! Check it out and be there for another



amazing summer at LCLC! We'll also have brochures at upcoming NFCLYO events!!! Can't wait? Head to [www.lclcenter.org](http://www.lclcenter.org)!

## Congrats Ed Kinkel Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Rachel Browning of Resurrection, Buffalo and Charlie Kenline of St. John, Williamsville! They are each the winners of \$1,000 scholarships from the St. John's Board Ed Kinkel Scholarship. They will be presented with their awards at a dinner in April.

## ELCA 2012 Youth Gathering

Now is the time to start preparing to head to New Orleans



It's not too early to begin thinking about the ELCA 2012 Youth Gathering, returning to New Orleans on July 18-22, 2012. Registration opens this October! Get more info on the Gathering at [www.elca.org/gathering!](http://www.elca.org/gathering!)

A new Gathering team has been formed in our Synod to guide and support you with the Gathering on a local level. Rick Mollenkopf-Grill is the Synod Coordinator, and Pastor Justin Johnson from Geneseo is the Synod Coach. Rick will equip you, Pastor Justin will support you. We will begin rollout of this team very soon, so stay tuned!

## A look ahead: 2011 Upcoming Events

A look ahead at what's coming up:

### **NFCLYO Hunger-Thon 2011: May 13-14**

This year's Hunger-Thon builds on the steps taken at last year's event. Join us on Friday night-Saturday, May 13-14, for 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. The next day, we head out into the surrounding community in service to our neighbors. Look for more info on this event in the spring.

### **Upstate New York Synod 2011 CONVO gathering: June 3-7**

An amazing experience! Think "summer camp" in a hotel! Great worship, small groups, games, faith building, activities, and creating life-long friendships with amazing people from all across Upstate New York! Plus, get opportunities to learn about your greater church, meet with "Mama Bish" and others, connect and learn how to make a difference in the world through your church! [Follow this link](#) for registration forms and details! Register by May 8!

### **Get these dates on your calendar as well:**

NFCLYO End-of-Summer Picinick: August...date & location TBD

NFCLYO 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Coffeehouse: Friday, September 23

NFCLYO 2011-12 Kick-off at Lasertron: Friday-Saturday, October 7-8

NFCLYO Harvest Bash at Harvest House: Friday-Saturday, November 18-19

Have a great month...hope to see you at Volleyball Marathon!!!

Rick Mollenkopf-Grill

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