



NFCLYO Happenings

The Niagara Frontier Conference Lutheran Youth Organization's
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NFCLYO 06-07 Kickoff Event at Lasertron

Time to get the new school year going with a "blast!" Get together with your youth group on Friday night into early Saturday morning, September 22-23 for Lasertron fun!

We'll gather at Lasertron in Amherst at 12:30 am for registration and start with things at 1 am, ending at 7 am. The cost is \$30 per playing person. Adults not wishing to play don't have to pay! Feel free to bring in extra food and sleeping gear for the night too. The cost covers food, drinks, tokens, and Lasertron, of course.

See the Lasertron insert for more details and a registration form for your group to use. The form and a minimum of 50% of your group's cost (\$15 per person) is due by Thursday, September 7.

Get the latest info and directions to Lasertron at www.nfclyo.org. See you there!

Having a youth event you want others to come to? The NFCLYO can put the word out! See Page 5.



Welcome to NFCLYO Happenings

You are holding in your hands the first issue of NFCLYO Happenings: the quarterly mail newsletter of the Niagara Frontier Conference Lutheran Youth Organization!

We hope you find it a valuable resource to stay up to date with youth ministry happenings all across Western New York and beyond! This newsletter compliments the Whats-Up@NFCLYO email newsletter and the NFCLYO.org website.

Be on the lookout for NFCLYO Happenings to be mailed out quarterly on bright yellow paper like this issue! The next issue will be out around Thanksgiving!

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Get the latest on NFCLYO events and more! Go to www.nfclyo.org



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Lutheran Youth Organization
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Lancaster, NY 14086-2105

Attn: Pastor / Youth Worker

Keep up to date on all NFCLYO happenings!
Go to www.nfclyo.org for the latest!

Meet Rick: your new DYP

I am ecstatic to be beginning my ministry here with you as the new Director of Youth Programming for the Niagara Frontier Conference! Thanks to all of you that I have met and have welcomed me and my family to the area with open arms.

My name is Rick "Myrtle" Mollenkopf-Grill, the nickname a nod to a real hero in my life, my grandmother, which was bestowed upon me by my youth group in ninth grade, at the Niagara Falls Lutheran Youth Gathering of all places. I am originally from the Albany area where I had lived in Rensselaer and Ghent. I was involved over the past 16 years in youth ministry in many forms, first as a youth, and then over many of those years as a volunteer with our church youth group, our conference programs and camps, and also with the Synod LYO. I was the interim youth ministry staff person for the Upstate New York Synod for 16 months starting in September 2001. Between then and now I was the very part-time youth ministry coordinator for the Hudson Mohawk Conference. And now here I am in the Niagara Frontier Conference!

We are settling in for the long term here, having just moved into a home in the Eggertsville area of Amherst. Our kids (Laura, 3 and Jonathan, 19 months) love it here, and my wife, Pastor Serena is enjoying her new call as pastor of St. Nicodemus Lutheran Church in Marilla.

I would love the opportunity to come visit with you to talk about youth ministry in your church, what issues exist in your area, and ways your church and the NFCLYO can work together to develop and strengthen youth ministry in your church, cluster, conference and the greater Synod and church. I will be in touch to arrange this with you over the coming months.

My prayers are with us all as we continue some great ministry already going on here and as we continue to seek out God's plans for the future of youth ministry in the Niagara Frontier Conference!



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

September 2006

- 7: First CORE IV Meeting, St. John's Lutheran, Lancaster
- 8: Dakota Road in Concert, St. John Lutheran, Williamsville
- 10: Dakota Road in Concert, St. John's Lutheran, Elma
- 22-23: NFCLYO 06-07 Kickoff Event at Lasertron, Amherst
- 23: Upstate New York Synod LYO Meeting, Bethlehem Lutheran, Fairport
- 23: Main Street Connection Game Night, Ascension Lutheran, Amherst

October 2006

- 1: Hearts Afire Worship Service, St. Paul Lutheran, Williamsville,
- 7: Fall Work Day at LCLC
- 8: AutumnFest & 70th Anniversary, LCLC
- 13-14: Connections Lock-In, Zion Lutheran, Clarence Center
- 28: Youth Worker Junctions breakfast, St. John Lutheran, Lancaster

November 2006

- 5: Hearts Afire Worship Service, St. Paul Lutheran, Williamsville
- 10-12: Youth Encounter Middle School Quake, Niagara Falls...go to http://www.youthencounter.org/quakes/event_detail.asp?id=285 for info.

December 2006

- 3: Hearts Afire Worship Service, St. Paul Lutheran, Williamsville
- 8-9: Connections Lock-In, Zion Lutheran, Clarence Center

2007

- January 5-7: Senior High Winter Retreat at LCLC
- January 7: Hearts Afire Worship Service, St. Paul Lutheran, Williamsville
- January 12-14: Junior High Winter Retreat at LCLC
- February 1-5: ELCA Youth Ministry Network youth worker Extravaganza, Tampa, FL
- February 24: Group Re-Ignite youth worker training event, Wesleyan Church of Hamburg
- March 23-25: ELCA Youth Ministry Network youth worker Gathering in the East 10, Bethlehem, PA



Get calendar updates and more at www.nfclyo.org!
Look for the Winter 2006-07 NFCLYO Happenings
in Late November 2006!

Fall 2006

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DAKOTA ROAD IN CONCERT 2 NIGHTS!!! FRIDAY & SUNDAY, SEPT. 8 & 10

Friday, September 8

7:00 pm

St. John Lutheran Church
Williamsville

Call (716) 632-6557 for tickets

Sunday, September 10

6:30 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church
Elma

Call (716) 652-9161 for tickets

Tickets to both nights cost just \$5 each or get a family pack for \$10!
Powerful, spirit-filled music for all ages!!!

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Youth Worker News

Youth Worker Junctions October 28

Youth workers: looking for a place to come as you are to meet other youth workers, share ideas, a laugh or two, highs and lows and get supported and prayed for?

Each of our youth ministries are unique, special and worthwhile, whether you have been a youth worker for just a few weeks or too



many years to count...whether you are a full time professional or a volunteer.

This is where Youth Worker Junctions comes in, a place where we can cross paths in our ministries to stop and come together to be supported, and even have some breakfast too!

The first-ever Youth Worker Junctions breakfast will be on Saturday morning, October 28 from 8:30-10 am at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lancaster. Just bring yourself and something to share for breakfast. Please RSVP to rick@nfclyo.org no later than Tuesday, October 24.

Connections at Zion October 13-14

Connections is for youth grades 9-12, containing: fun, friends, fusions (small group time), innovative worship and food. It's a way for youth to connect with each other and with a loving God. The next Connections is an overnight lock-in from 8 pm Friday to 9 am Saturday on October 13-14 at Zion Lutheran Church, Clarence Center. Go to www.zionontheweb.com or call Zion at (716) 741-2656 for details.

Other Youth Worker Upcoming Events

**ELCA Youth Ministry Network
Extravaganza
Tampa, FL February 2-5, 2007**

An exciting, jam-packed, empowering and spirit-filled event with bands, speakers, workshops, networking, vendors, support both spiritually and professionally, and so much more! Go to www.elcaymnet.org for more info!

**Group's Re-Ignite
Youth Worker Workshop
Hamburg, NY February 24, 2007**

A day of getting together with youth workers from all denominations to learn ways to get youth into and connected with Christ, and have a blast doing it! Go to www.group.com/reignite for info.

**ELCA Youth Ministry Network
Gathering in the East
Bethlehem, PA March 23-25, 2007**

Similar to the Extravaganza, just a bit more compact, and much closer and affordable! Still get the same quality of music, speakers and workshops! Go to www.gatheringeast.org for more!

September 23: Two Events

Lasertron the night before just gets things started on this weekend! Read on about two events each with opportunities to get together with friends and keep the great times rolling!

1. Upstate New York Synod LYO Meeting

Want to get involved in something that makes a difference in the larger church and all of Upstate New York from here clear to Albany? Then the Upstate New York Synod Lutheran Youth Organization



is for you! The Synod LYO is gearing up for the 2006-07 year and wants you to be a part of it!

The first Synod LYO meeting is on Saturday afternoon, September 23 from 2:30 to 6:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fairport (near Rochester).

Those interested in participating can call Rick Mollenkopf-Grill (the NFCLYO DYP) at (716) 465-1321 or email at rick@nfclyo.org by Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Come meet others who want to make a difference from across Upstate New York! CONVO alums: get back together with friends from that awesome event, reconnect and do ministry through the Synod LYO!

2. Main St. Connection Game Night

Main Street Connection is a youth group that is a cooperative ministry between five Lutheran Churches along and near Main Street in the areas of Williamsville, Amherst, Snyder and Eggertsville. These churches get together to have a youth ministry in common to reach out and invite youth from all over to participate and get to know Jesus, new friends and their faith...having a great time doing it!

The next Main Street Connection event is a game night on Saturday evening, September 23 from 6-10 pm.



Game Night is at Ascension Lutheran Church in Snyder, on Main Street west of Harlem Rd. and 1/2 mile east of Exit 7 off the 290.

Hope to see you there!



Sign up for Whats-Up@NFCLYO yet?

Whats-Up@NFCLYO is the monthly email newsletter for the NFCLYO, and has late-breaking news about events for youth, youth workers and more! Sign up now at www.nfclyo.org! Want to get your events listed? See Page 5!

**LAKE CHAUTAUQUA LUTHERAN
CENTER**

**AUTUMNFEST &
70TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

1:00 ~ 6:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2006

Free Admission!
Join us as we celebrate the bounty of autumn and 70 years of ministry at LCLC!



70th Anniversary
Worship Celebration
at 5:00 PM
Guest Preacher:
Reverend James Jerge

- Music by The Living Stones
- Camp Songs
- and The Lord's Talents
- Camp Games
- Hay Rides
- Face Painting
- Camp Tours
- Nature Hikes
- Great Food
- Pumpkin Decorating

Bring your scrapbooks, camp pictures, classic LCLC clothing, and other memorabilia as we remember and celebrate 70 years of growth and change, and as we look to the future of this wonderful ministry!

For more information contact:
Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center
5013 Route 430 * Bemus Point, NY 14712
716-386-4125 * lclc@alltel.net * www.lclcelca.org

LCLC Fall Work Day Saturday, October 7

Join us at LCLC the day before AutumnFest as we prepare for the next day and get the camp ready for the coming winter season. Give LCLC a call at (716) 386-4125 or email at lclc@alltel.net to see how you can help out!

Got Events?

So your church or group is planning on having a youth event that you are inviting others from outside your church to come to? Great! But how can you get the word out? The NFCLYO can help!!!

The NFCLYO has three ways to get the word out about your youth event:

1. There is what you are holding in your hand, NFCLYO Happenings, a quarterly mailing that goes to all churches, youth workers and others in the Niagara Frontier Conference.
2. There is a monthly email newsletter, Whats-Up@NFCLYO, that goes not only to churches and youth workers, but to many youth themselves!
3. And there is NFCLYO.org, our website that anyone who is anyone can access for news on upcoming events, registration forms, post-event pictures and more!

Your church or group is able to use any one or all of these resources to get the word out about your event! Read on about how you can submit an event to be included!

**NFCLYO Newsletter
Deadlines**

Got something you want included in any of the NFCLYO's publications? Plan ahead...submission deadlines for the next issues of NFCLYO publications are:

- NFCLYO Happenings quarterly newsletter mailing Winter 2006-07 issue: November 1
- Whats-Up@NFCLYO monthly email newsletter: the 15th of the month before the next month's issue (ex.: submit by Sept. 15 to get into the October 2006 issue)
- NFCLYO.org website: updated continuously

How to submit:

- By mail: Niagara Frontier LYO, 55 Pleasant Ave., Lancaster, NY 14086
- By email: info@nfclyo.org
- By fax: call ahead at (716) 683-8972, then fax to (716) 681-5822



Hearts Afire Youth Worship Services

Hearts Afire is a monthly worship service designed by and for youth and led by youth. They are meaningful, relevant to NOW, with music and messages that have an impact with youth!

Hearts Afire is held the first Sunday of every month at 6 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Williamsville. Fall 2006 dates are:

October 1, November 5, December 3 and January 7
Call (716) 634-2330 for details.