

FLY

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# FAITH LUTHERAN YOUTH

Another school year has begun and that means a time of transition, change and new opportunities.

The purpose of this packet is to inform and excite you about all that is to come in the 2009/2010 year. You will find tips on where to find info throughout the year, dates and important facts on upcoming events, and other useful information to keep you in the loop this year.

Please look at this often so you won't miss out on the fun and growth that will take place this year.

I look forward to growing together this year; learning more about our faith and purpose in this sometimes chaotic and confusing world. I pray that God will move and shake FLY this year to do great things for His kingdom.

Serving with You

## Jeremy Gerhardt

Jeremy Gerhardt

# FLY INFO

As technology is ever changing and as FLY changes too, we seek to learn better ways to communicate. Here you will find where you can get all the facts on FLY events and activities throughout the year. Some of these methods may be new, some are old, but hopefully you will find a way that works for you. Ultimately, it's up to you to stay connected, so, STAY CONNECTED.

**faithpenfield.org**- The church's website. This is a great source to find frequently updated facts, dates and other useful info. The youth tab can be found on the left hand side of the main page of the church's website. This should be your first place to look for answers to your questions. This entire packet will be found on the website throughout the whole year, so use it.

**Twitter**- That's right folks, FLY will be utilizing this growing networking medium. Simply text "follow FYouth" to 40404 (caps and spacing needed.) This will set you up to receive updates from FLY's twitter account. It's simple and a great way to stay in the loop.

**Facebook**- Yup, Facebook too! Join FLY's Facebook group by first going to faithpenfield.org, then click on the link to the FLY Facebook Group, then join! Pictures from events, invites to activities and other facts will be posted here.

**FLC Concourse**- Just outside of the church office you will find the youth bulletin board. Here you will find sign ups, event pics and lots more. Check in frequently.

**Email**- Check your email frequently. When the website is updated, you'll receive an email. When there are special notes of interest, you'll receive an email. When one-on-one communication is needed- email. If you want more details, send Jeremy an email and he'll get back to you as soon as he can. Send all emails to [faithyouth@rochester.rr.com](mailto:faithyouth@rochester.rr.com). Please fill out the enclosed "Parent/Youth Questionnaire" and send it in soon. This way we'll have your email. Without doing so, you may miss out on receiving some important info.

**Phone**- Of course you can always pick up the good ole' telley. Jeremy's office phone is 381-3970 x16 (try this first,) or he can be reached on his cell phone- 281-5939.

# BAGELS



As we have in the past, we will be having bagels during the FLY Sunday morning class . In order to cover this cost, we are asking that each family contribute \$15, which will cover the entire year of bagels. Think of it as covering one week of bagels per person, as has been the process in the past, but, the good part for you parents is that you don't have to actually pick up the bagels (we have someone who will pick them up every week), we just need your help paying. Payments can be in the form of cash or checks made out to FLY. Please send them at your earliest convenience. Your contribution determines the ability for this treat to continue. Contributions can be given to Jeremy directly or put in his mailbox in the church office.

## Sr FLY SMALL GROUPS

Don't like sharing in front of larger groups? Like connecting with your friends and talking about important issues in your everyday life? Well, you're in luck. This year, FLY seeks to put a **large focus on small groups.**

Soon you will see sign ups for three small groups options. Hopefully you will find one that fits your interests and personality.

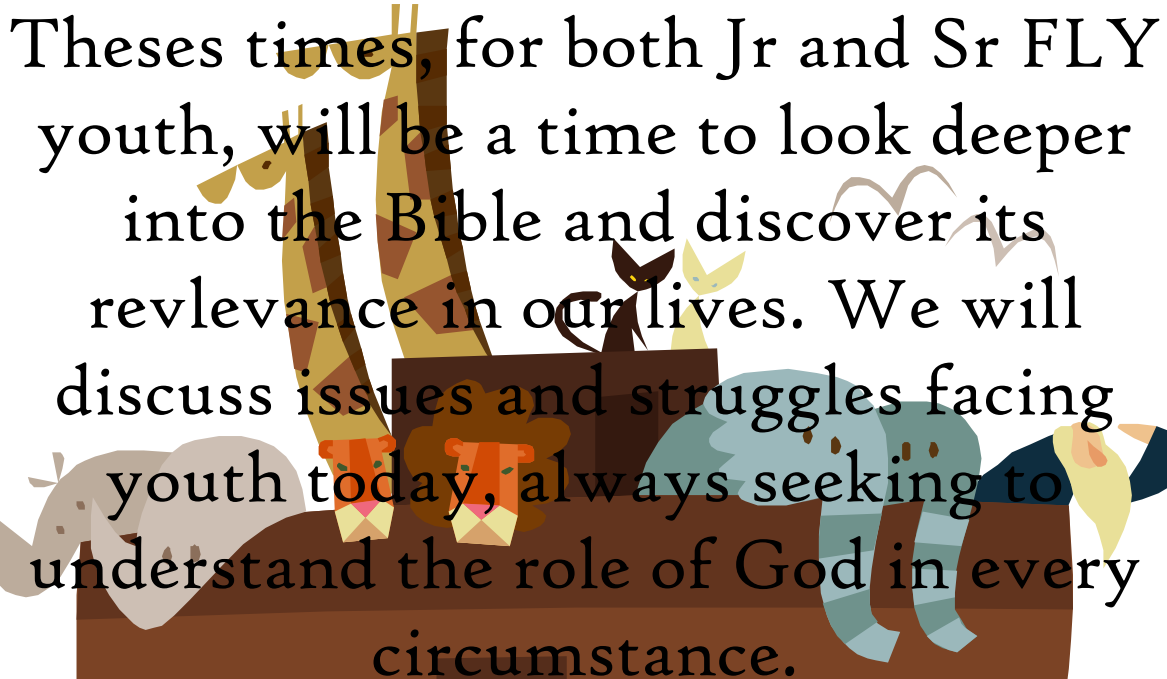
Each group will decide on a meeting schedule and structure that works for those in the group. The first time block will run from early October through mid to late November. After then, we will re-evaluate the purpose, relevancy and interests of each group. In the new year another block of time will be set up again with the same, or possibly different types of small groups.

Small groups are great way to connect with your friends in a setting that is comfortable and safe.

**1<sup>st</sup> time block small group choices:**  
**All girls, Service Group, Just Guys**



## Sunday Morning Gathering



These times, for both Jr and Sr FLY youth, will be a time to look deeper into the Bible and discover its relevance in our lives. We will discuss issues and struggles facing youth today, always seeking to understand the role of God in every circumstance.

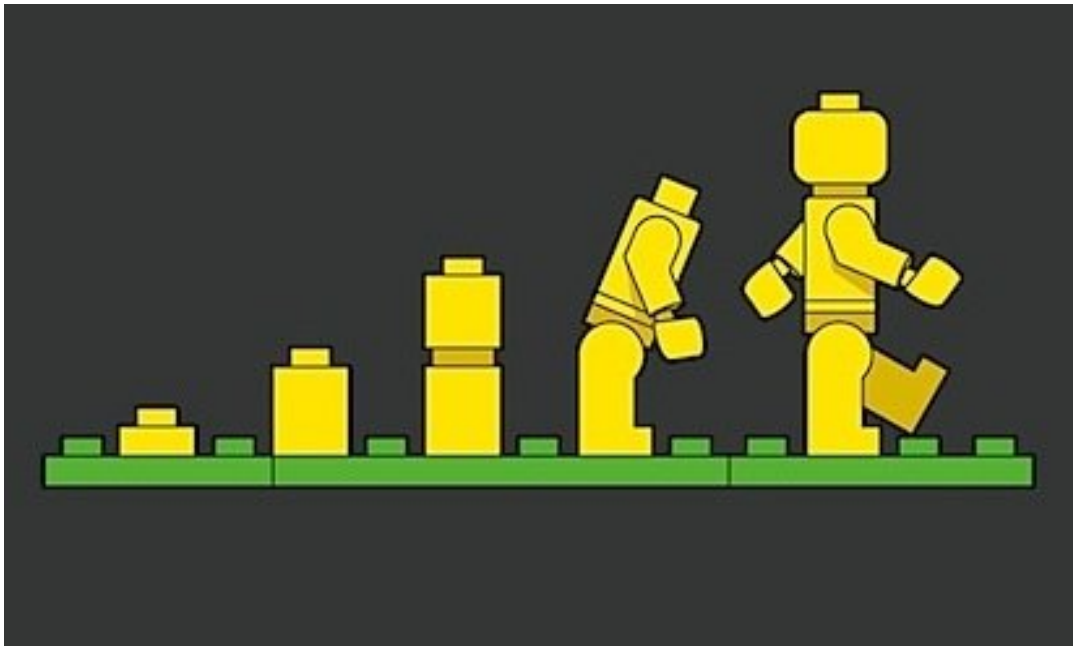
Jr FLY will meet in room 204 every Sunday for this type of gathering, other than when confirmation takes place on Sunday mornings.

Sr FLY will meet every Sunday for this gathering in room 201.

# JR FLY Fall Retreat

September 18-20, 2009

## WE'RE ALL LEGOS



**WHO:** ALL Jr FLY YOUTH

**WHEN:** September 18-20, 2009;

Meet at church at 6pm 9/18, return at 12noon, 9/20

**WHERE:** Camp Stella Maris, on Conesus Lake in Livonia

**WHY:** This will be a great opportunity to meet new friends, have fun, and grow in your faith.

**COST:** \$90 (financial assistance available if needed.

See Jeremy Gerhardt.)

**ACTIVITIES:** Ropes course, canoeing, movies, food (yes, food can be an activity), Bible study, team building and more.

FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

## 2009-2010 FLY Activities/Events

### Regular Activities

#### Sunday Morning Class:

During school- 9:45-10:45

Where: Jr FLY- Room 204

Sr FLY- Room201

During the summer- 9:30-10:15

Where: a local donut shop

Small Groups: See previous page. For 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth.

Hang Time: These events, usually every other Sunday afternoon or evening, happen during the summer months (late June through August.) Some activities may include, but certainly are not limited to, mini-golf, go-carts, a day on the lake with boats, jet skis, tubing and a bbq, or simply hangin' out at someone's house. For 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth.

Confirmation Class: A chance to learn about the foundation of your faith. Sunday mornings (for 5 weeks) and Tuesday nights (for opposing 5 weeks.) See attached "Confirmation Schedule" for more specifics. For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth.

Tuesday Night Fun Night (TNFN): This activity for confirmation youth will take place on non-confirmation class Tuesday nights. We will play games, learn how to work through challenges together and participate in service opportunities. See attached "Confirmation Schedule" for more specifics. For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth.

Service Opportunities: There will be many service opportunities throughout the year, whether it be the 30 Hour Famine or serving in the service small group, or during a TNFN event.

#### Other Opportunities:

- MoonLit Adventures- free adventure group for high school aged youth. Activities take place when opportunities for adventure arise. Past activities have included rock climbing at Moss Island in Herkimer, NY, sailing on Lake Ontario and winter camping in the Adirondack Mountains. This is a for guys and gals alike, but you must be in high school.

- Throughout the year, we will provide various other activities such as skiing and paintball as opportunities arise.

## Tuesday Night Fun Night

### What is it?

- A time to build relationships between youth and other youth, as well as between parents/adult volunteers and youth.
- A time to let loose, have fun and be yourself.
  - o Fun is an important part of learning as well as relationship building.
  - o The goal is to provide a safe and nurturing environment where the youth can unwind and learn about their faith at the same time.
- Team building, trust and problem solving activities, big group games, service projects, discussion time, special occasion parties.
  - o A huge part of the youth growing in their own faith is seeing others grow as well and knowing that they are part of a community of believers. Through these activities, the youth will have opportunities to encourage each other, work through problems, and learn to be creative. In the end, the goal will always be to relate the activities to their faith.

### Where/When?

- See “2009-2010 Confirmation Class Schedule” for dates and activities.
- We will meet in the “Big Room” (the Auditorium), 6:30-7:30pm

Please make sure your youth come fed. On most nights, there will be no food or snack.

**PARENTS ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST AND LEAD, AND IN SOME CASES, DRIVE TO, TUESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES. PLEASE SIGN UP OR SEE JEREMY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING.**

## 2009-2010 Confirmation Schedule

### 2009

September 13 - Jr FLY Bible Class (BC) begins

September 15 - Confirmation Class (CC)

September 19-20 - Jr FLY Retreat

September 22 - CC

September 27 - BC

September 29 - CC

October 4 - BC

October 6 - CC

October 11 - BC

October 13 - CC

October 18 - CC

October 20 - Event

October 25 - CC

October 27 - Event

November 1 - CC

November 3 - Event

November 8 - CC

November 10 - Event

November 15 - CC

November 17 - Event

November 22 - CC

November 24 - NO EVENT

November 29 - BC

December 1 - CC

December 6 - BC

December 8 - CC

December 13 - BC

December 15 - CC

December 20 - BC

December 22 - NO CLASS

December 27 - BC

December 29 - NO CLASS

### 2010

January 3 - CC

January 5 - Event

January 10 - CC

January 12 - Event

January 17 - CC

January 19 - Event

January 24 - CC

January 26 - Event

January 31 - CC

February 2 - Event

February 7 - CC

February 9 - Event

February 14 - BC

February 16 - NO CLASS

February 21 - BC

February 23 - CC

February 28 - BC

March 2 - CC

March 7 - BC

March 9 - CC

March 14 - BC

March 16 - CC

March 21 - BC

March 23 - CC

March 28 - BC

March 30 - NO CLASS (Holy Week)

April 4 - NO CLASS (Easter)

April 6 - CC

April 11 - BC

April 13 - CC

April 18 - BC

April 20 - NO CLASS (spring break)

April 25 - BC

April 27 - CC

May 4 - CC (TEST)

## Individual Activities

Please note that all activities are subject to change as circumstances dictate. Please be flexible and informed. Utilize the previously mentioned forms of communication to keep up to date, and as always, feel free to contact Jeremy directly with questions.

2009



13- Freshman Breakfast- This is our welcoming to the incoming freshman and new Sr FLY members. We have a big breakfast (provided and cooked by the advisors) and we talk about some of the activities to take place in the coming year.

18-20- Jr FLY retreat- At camp Stella Maris (on Conesus Lake) in the beautiful Wegman House. A great weekend to spend with friends playing games, eating lotsa good food and participating in games, skits, devotions and worship.



23- Craft sale set up-4 pm till whenever... We will need lotsa help setting up tables and booths for the craft sale vendors. Many hands make light work!

24- Craft Sale- A big fundraiser opportunity and a great opportunity to interact with those outside of our church and represent Christ. Crafters from outside and in the congregation will have booths set up all over the church to sell their various items. The youth will help by serving soup and selling baked goods to the crafters and the buyers alike.



**tbd**–Leaf Raking Service Opportunity. This is a chance for the youth to serve the congregation by helping with a little yard clean up.

Jr and Sr FLY youth are invited.

**22**– Thanksgiving basket assembly– Every year we help the Christian Concern group by assembling baskets, full of Thanksgiving food, during late service. Stick around after class to help.



**13**- Poinsettia sale- Help sell poinsettia plants to congregation members before, between and after the services, and earn money to go toward your youth account.

-Progressive Dinner- A great fellowship opportunity. We start off by caroling at local nursing homes and then move to three different locations: one for appetizers, one for an entrée, and one for dessert.

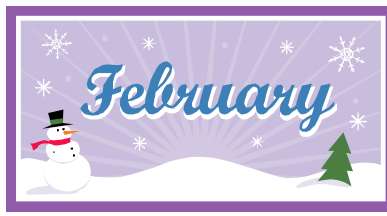
**tbd**- skiing. Hopefully we'll get LOTS (that's right, LOTS) of snow this year so we can go skiing this winter.

## 2010



17- Jr FLY Lock-in- A mini retreat for Jr FLY here at the church. Games, movies, lotsa food and a lot of fun for a one night event.

22,23,24- Sr FLY Retreat- Come enjoy a weekend away from home for a winter retreat. We will have fun doing all those fun winter activities (sledding, snowball fights, etc) and then go inside for some warmth and spiritual nourishment. Location High Breas retreat center. \*They have an AWESOME tubing hill. Ask someone who went last year.\*



7- SouperBowl of Caring Project and Superbowl Party- By asking each congregation member to drop \$1 in a soup bowl as they leave worship, we raise money for an area ministry of our choice. Then we will head to a group members home to watch the Big Game. Last year we were able to donate over \$600 to Water for Sudan, a Penfield based organization.

tbd- CoffeeHouse- Another great fellowship opportunity. The Coffehouse is a wonderful evening of entertainment and dessert. The youth serve our guests and earn fundraiser hours. Set up begins at 5, coffee and dessert at 6, and the show begins at 6:30. Don't miss out on the laughter and talent.

17- Spaghetti Dinner- The Ash Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner is an opportunity for the youth to make, serve and clean up from a dinner that is served between the Ash Wednesday services.



**19-20-** Sr FLY Cookies for College Kids Lock-in/ 30 Hour Famine— An opportunity to let the FLY Alumni know how much you miss them. We will bake lots of cookies and send them in care package to Faith’s college students. We’ll also stay overnight and watch movies and play games.

As we did last year, we will again combine this care package making with a fast and service opportunities. Youth will have a chance to learn about other parts of the world and the struggles they have just to meet every day needs such as food and water. On Saturday the youth will choose from various service opportunities. Yet another component of this event is to raise money through sponsorships from friends and family. This money goes to World Vision, and organization that helps third world countries. Sr FLY youth only.



**19-23-** FCWC— another service opportunity for 8-12 grade FLY members. Flower City Work Camp is an effort of 50 area churches (over 500 youth) so that “The City Might See Jesus.” Youth spend the days repairing Rochester city homes, and the evenings getting to know other area youth and worshipping.

7th Grade youth will have an opportunity to be a part of this great effort too. Each church will be sending a group as “lunch crew” to feed to hungry workers. The 7th graders will have an opportunity to do this.



**28-30-** Sr FLY/Alumni Memorial Day Wilderness retreat– a great opportunity to get away from all the noise and find some peace and quite. This year we will travel to a rustic cabin near Bath, NY for some relaxation, devotion, hiking, and various other activities in God’s great creation.

**TBD-** Senior Dinner– A chance to celebrate the senior’s accomplishments.



**Every Other Sunday (after school is out)**– see above.

**Early July**– Hang Time kick off event– Bigger and Better– Roam area neighborhoods, starting with just a penny, and trading up for things “bigger and better.” Goal– promoting that Christ is the “biggest and best” thing we can know. Jr and Sr FLY.

**July 12-16**– Vacation Bible School– Jr FLY has a class and an overnight during VBS, while Sr FLY has an opportunity to volunteer as VBS helpers.

**Summer Sundays**- There may be a break from school, but our faith journey never stops. Therefore we will continue to meet as a faith community throughout the summer. Our hours will change, as will our meeting spot (the Browncoft Diner, or a local donut shop), but we will continue to connect all the way through the summer.

## Parent/Youth Questionnaire

(Please fill out and return to Jeremy ASAP if you have not already done so. This will help ensure that you are kept in the loop. Both youth and parents are asked to fill out **A SEPARATE** form. Fill in blanks that only apply to you. Families with multiple youth, please use the back to identify each youth specific information.)

Parent/Guardian Name (s)

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OR

Youth Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ do you text? y/n

Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ (Star the phone # that is your primary contact)

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Can I send out publicity information to you via email? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have facebook (y/n) twitter (y/n)?

Would you like to interact with FLY using these tools if you don't already (y/n)?

What is the best way to communicate with you in general? \_\_\_\_\_

What events (based on this packet) do you anticipate participating in this year?

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Are there any specific topics or issues you feel need to be covered by FLY this year?

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Parents- Are you interested in any of the following (please √ all that apply.)

Driving for events \_\_\_ Participating in retreats/ day events \_\_\_

Teaching Sunday morning gatherings \_\_\_ Being a youth advisor \_\_\_

