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JOHN 20:31 NATIONAL LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

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Greetings!

With the 2010 National LCMS Youth Gathering (NYG) less than a year away, let me introduce myself. My name is Jamie Walters, the DCE at St John Lutheran in Palmer, Alaska, and I'm YOUR district's coordinator for the NYG! I'm excited to serve you in any way necessary to make your trip to New Orleans next summer a successful one. Within these pages you'll find some basic information about the Gathering and some information about my part in helping you. But first...

### WHAT I NEED FROM YOU!

As a rule, the Youth Ministry Office (YMO) doesn't give out the names & contact information for the churches that register for the Gathering. To ensure any future snail-mail communications go to the right person (and not in the circular file!) please **email me your name & info** so I can put together a distribution list of my own. Thanks!

As your District Coordinator, I'm here to help you in any way possible. Perhaps the most important information you're curious about is registration for the Gathering. ***The registration process will take place totally online this year.*** Mid-August your church will receive a DVD from the YMO detailing the process for registering your group. It will also include any printable paperwork you might need for your group. You will be able to start entering your youth's information into the online program on September 14<sup>th</sup> BUT you cannot *send* the information until October 21<sup>st</sup>. You can continue to add names to your registration up until the time of the Gathering. If you have any other questions about the registration process or requirements (they're NEW this year!), contact me. On to some more information...

### WEBSITES & EMAIL

**NYG 2010: Northwest District Blog** (<http://nyg2010nwd.blogspot.com>)

The place for constant updates and communications from yours truly. Also the place where we'll be voting on t-shirt designs (see below)

**Official NYG Website** (<http://www.lcmsgathering.com>)

"The Horse's Mouth", as it were. The site to peruse when you have questions about registration requirements, FAQs, latest Gathering news and various downloads.

Also, under the "Adult Leader" tab check out the link called "NOLA Info". It'll take you to a webpage the New Orleans Visitor's Bureau created just for Gathering participants.

#### **My Contact Information**

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### T-SHIRTS

Do you have an artistic youth in your group who'd like to design a t-shirt for everyone from NWD to wear and recognize each other? Please give them a copy of the enclosed sheet and have them return it by **NOON on November 15<sup>th</sup>** via fax, e-mail or snail mail. At that time I will post all the contenders on our blog for voting until January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please make sure your youth include the theme ("We Believe") and our District name on their t-shirt.

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**ADULT LEADER TRAINING**

If this is your first time leading a group and would like to speak with me about any worries you might have, I can set-up an online meeting time to go through a pre-prepared PowerPoint program that overviews:

**Gathering History & Basics † Team Building † Fundraising † Budgets † Covenants**

Among other things you might be concerned about. If you're interested in one of these meetings, please contact me about that!

**GROUP TRAVEL**

While I will not be coordinating travel for the District as a whole, you can do so for yourselves on an individual basis. If you would like to collaborate travel or numbers with a church near you, follow the link below to see a Google map created just for this purpose! All the churches listed on this map sent youth to the 2004 and/or the 2007 National Youth Gatherings in Orlando, Florida. If there are any corrections that need to be made to this map, please let me know!

[http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?](http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=113049068406978427218.00046fca4efe8896714e0&t=h&z=4)

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You can also locate churches close to you via the LCMS website ([www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)) by clicking on "Directories" in the sidebar and searching within your particular area. If you need help connecting with other churches, please feel free to contact me!

**DISTRICT BOOTH**

It's become a tradition for our District to distribute "A Piece of the Northwest" at our booth in the convention center at the Gathering. What we need from you is to bring pieces of tree branches/logs, that are approx. 4" in diameter by 1" thick with a hole drilled in the top, with you so that youth from all over the country can brand it and take it home as a keepsake. I will be reminding you as our countdown gets closer about this need but it's great to have this information for planning purposes. In 2007 we went through about 5,000 pieces of wood with 27,000 youth in attendance. We're hoping to have many more register this year so let's shoot for 10,000 pieces!

**DISTRICT EVENT**

The past two Gatherings we have hosted an event at a Dinner theatre. I'm working on establishing a time (probably the evening of July 21<sup>st</sup>) and a place for our 2010 District Event in NOLA. For your planning purposes: I will strive to keep the per participant cost to \$35. Please plan on attending this event with your group. If you have any suggestions or ideas you'd like to share, please email me!

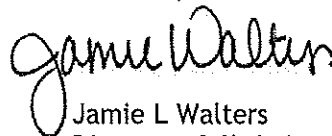
*NOTE: If transportation is needed to this event, it will be provided BUT individual cost may increase.*

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Well, I hope this information has found a place in your head and on your desk. Please remember to **check-up on our Blog** periodically for more information and any upcoming online meeting times. I'm looking forward to working with you and hope to hear from you soon.

God's richest blessings on your planning process!

In Christ,



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