



youth + family ministry

DELAWARE-MARYLAND SYNOD, ELCA

FreeRide and RoadTrip are the primary youth event ministries of the Youth + Family Ministry of the DE-MD Synod. The events are planned and led by a planning team of youth and adults, along with the young people of the LY0, the leadership program for high school youth in our Synod.

The mission of the events are to *gather* together middle & high school young people and advisors from the DE-MD Synod of the ELCA and beyond, *encourage* participants in their faith journey with Jesus Christ, and *send* them to live as empowered disciples in the Church and their communities.

## HOW TO REGISTER

**Youth & adult participants**, fill out the individual registration form for either FreeRide or RoadTrip and hand it to your church's youth leader or pastor, along with your event fee. **Primary leaders**, complete the group registration form and send it with one check made out to "The Gathering Account" along with the individual registration forms by the registration deadline to:

Epiphany Lutheran Church  
Attn: Ed Kay  
4301 Raspe Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21206

*All forms & info, including financial assistance at:*

[WWW.DEMDYOUTHANDFAMILY.ORG](http://WWW.DEMDYOUTHANDFAMILY.ORG)

Questions: 410.485.7654 x104 or [ekay@demdsynod.org](mailto:ekay@demdsynod.org)

# 2009-2010 DE-MD Synod Youth Events



October 16-18, 2009

NorthBay Retreat Center  
North East, MD



January 22-24, 2010

Clarion Resort Fountainebleau Hotel  
Ocean City, MD

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# WORD

make it plain

Sunday morning in the summer. The sweat beads up on the preacher's forehead. People wave fans wave continuously in the pews. And people are not staying quiet or sitting still.

*'Halleluiah!' 'Amen!' 'Thank you, Jesus!'  
'Lord, help us!' 'Preach, pastor, preach!' 'Save us!'*

The shouts and cries and prayers ring out from the congregation over and under and around the rise and fall of the preacher's voice. Hands raise and wave, people stand up, others clap. The words of the Bible, the words of the preacher, and the words of the congregation become one Word, by the Spirit—a single shared experience of the living Word of God: encouraging, challenging, comforting, and creating faith.

As Christians, too often the Bible seems confusing, old, boring, and, well... disconnected from our faith, our daily life, the challenges we face and the questions we have for God. We long for those moments when God's Word becomes alive and real to us, those moments when God's Word hits us right where we are, challenging us and comforting us, killing us and bringing us to life. When the preacher, by the power of the Spirit, is able to do just that—bring the Word of God in a way that gets right to the center of our lives and this world—the people shout 'Go on, pastor! Make it plain! Make it plain!'

Come and spend an awesome weekend with other Lutheran youth and adults where we pray that the Word of God will be 'made plain' to you this weekend and throughout the rest of your life.

*- Mark Parker, for the Youth Event Planning Team*

## EVENT DETAILS



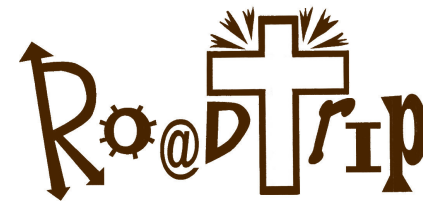
*for middle school youth*

**When:** 7pm Fri, October 16<sup>th</sup> to 12pm Sun, October 18<sup>th</sup>

**How Much:** \$150/youth or adult participant (includes a non-refundable deposit of \$75/participant)  
\$75/LYO youth participant

**Where:** NorthBay Retreat Center in North East, MD  
[www.northbayadventure.com](http://www.northbayadventure.com)

**Deadline:** entire group postmarked by September 25<sup>th</sup>



*for high school youth*

**When:** 7pm Fri, January 22<sup>nd</sup> - 12pm Sun, January 24<sup>th</sup>

**How much:** \$165/youth or adult participant (includes a non-refundable deposit of \$100/participant)  
\$90/LYO youth participant

**Where:** Clarion Resort Fountainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, MD  
[www.clarionoc.com](http://www.clarionoc.com)

**Deadlines:** regular registration by December 15<sup>th</sup>  
late registration by January 1<sup>st</sup> (+ \$20)