CELEBRATION '25 LYCOMING CHRISTIAN CHURCH November 14, 15, 2025

September 2, 2025

Dear Youth Sponsor,

Celebration '25 at Lycoming Christian Church is fast approaching. We are looking forward with great anticipation to have you and your youth at this year's Celebration. Dan Smith, from the Momentum Church in Cleveland, Ohio will be returning (by popular demand of youth and sponsors) for his third time at Celebration. Our worship band is the Crossroads Student Ministry Band from Crossroads Church in Jersey Shore, PA. In our 37 year history, we have never had students leading students at Celebration. We are thrilled to have this group of dynamic and talented teens lead us in worship this year. For more information on our speaker and band, please visit our BRAND NEW website at www.lycomingchristianchurchcelebration.org.

The weekend begins at 7:00 P.M. on Friday evening, November 14th and concludes at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday evening, November 15th. The youth cost for "Celebration 2025" is \$45.00 for the entire weekend including all meals and events. Registrations must be received by **Tuesday**, **November 4th at 4:00 P.M.** to receive this price. The sponsor price for the weekend is \$40.00. Registrations received at the church after November 4th will be \$65.00 for youth and \$60.00 for sponsors. You must include a youth form with parental signature for each youth, a sponsor registration for each sponsor, and a workshop registration form for each youth. Please DO NOT send spread sheets, lists, or any other form of registration. YOU MUST SEND THE YOUTH AND SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORMS and YOUTH WORKSHOP FORMS. Any other type of registration list will not be accepted and will be considered late because you will need to send the forms we provide. For the 11th year, we are not raising the price of the weekend. If you are teaching a workshop, your registration fee is FREE.

Housing visiting youth and sponsors in church family homes is limited. This will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. You must mark housing needed on the youth and sponsor registration forms and the forms must be in the church office by November 3rd, NO EXCPETIONS! LCC families who house youth have them sleep on living room or bedroom floors which are carpeted. The youth need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, and toiletries for the overnight stay. Make sure any medical conditions or allergies (especially pet allergies) are noted on the youth cards so they may be housed appropriately. Please note if you have youth who SHOULD NOT be housed or SHOULD BE housed together. Sponsors will be housed in homes with a bed provided. Sponsors are requested to note on their registration if they are married and if their spouse is attending to help with housing placement. Sponsors also need to note allergies (pets, etc.) on their registration card if they are staying in Lycoming homes. We also encourage you to stay in the local Williamsport hotels. There are many hotels in the Williamsport area and most of the hotels include free breakfast with the stay and offer group discounts! ALL YOUTH should bring a Bible, pencil or pen. If your youth and sponsors cannot be accommodated in the church family homes, you will need to make reservations with one of the nearby hotels.

We will be eating first on Friday evening prior to beginning worship and the main speaker. This will allow those of you who are traveling a distance to eat when you arrive, so you do not have to stop for food on the way to *Celebration*! We will begin serving at 7:00 p.m. and go until the last group has finished. Please refer to the enclosed schedule. The Saturday evening session, which

begins at 6:00 P.M. is open to the public, free of charge, and includes any member of your congregation.

ALL YOUTH must be accompanied by a sponsor, NO EXCEPTIONS!! This means that if you have one youth attending, you must also have a sponsor attend. *NO registrations will be accepted over the telephone.* In your registration packet you will find a schedule, posters to display in your church, sponsor registration cards, youth registration cards and a return envelope. If you need more cards, please phone the church office at 322-9940 and we will mail them to you or you can print them from the website. If you are printing from the website, you will find all of the registration documents under the *forms* tab. **Please visit our website at www.lycomingchristianchurchcelebration.org.** Each youth and sponsor must fill out a card. **ALL YOUTH CARDS MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!** Please make checks payable to Lycoming Christian Church. It would be simpler if you as a sponsor collect all youth fees and then make one check payable to the church. Please refrain from sending cash in the envelopes. PLEASE note "Celebration 2025" at the bottom of your check.

For the Saturday afternoon recreation time, we will be staying at Lycoming with a variety of activities available to the youth. If your youth would like to bring a board or card game for recreation time, they are welcome to do so.

We will pre-register for workshops with youth registrations. The youth will be given three choices of the workshops offered. Please have your youth read the workshop descriptions enclosed in the packet and then fill out the registration sheet, <u>carefully following the directions</u>. The workshops will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The earlier your packet arrives at Lycoming, the more likely your youth are to receive their first choices for workshops. This is an incentive to have your packet back to Lycoming early.

Two last details concerning age. ALL YOUTH MUST BE IN GRADES 6-12, NO EXCEPTIONS!! All sponsors must be 21 years of age or older. Again, all youth must be accompanied by a sponsor whether you are sending 1 or 25 youth.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office at (570) 322-9940. We hope and pray you will be able to attend "Celebration 2025" as we unite with our young people in the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Join with our youth ministry team in prayer that God will use this youth gathering and the people involved to change the lives and attitudes of our young people.

In His Love,

Robert L. Williams *Celebration '25* Chair