

Cross-Country Chronicle

All the news for Cross-Country Youth (CCY), and those who care about them.

December 2: CCY Roller skating at Belle Creek Gardens. 3rd-12th grade youth are invited to attend this fun event at Belle Creek. We will have the place to ourselves from 1-4 p.m. There will be chips and pop. Cost is only \$5, with skate rental included if you need them (or bring your in-line skates if you have them). In fact, we are opening this event to everyone, so Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, lace up those skates! All we ask is that there be a parent with those children under 3rd grade. To get to Belle Creek, just head east on County 1 from the Edgewood, then turn south (right) on county 8 and you'll drive right past it. Pastor Dean will be putting together the music, so it will all be "family friendly", yet it will still rock! No need to meet at church, we will just meet there, as it's so close! Let's fill up that place and have a great time.

December 4: Youth Council. We will meet at 7 p.m. We have been meeting during Sunday morning Youth Forums, but we need to spend that time practicing for our Christmas Skit. We ask all officers, as well as any adults who want to help plan our youth group's activities, please join us. We will be looking at finalizing our plans for next summer's big trips (BWCA and Mission trip). Hope to see you there.

December 5: Mentor Nite. Mentor Nite has been moved to Wangen Prairie this month. Why? Because a group from North Central University (A Christian University in the Twin Cities) filmed a movie at Wangen Prairie and they wanted to do something for youth there. They are an outreach-type group and they will be leading us in some skits and discussion. To be honest, I'm not totally sure what they will be doing, so come with an open mind and heart. Otherwise, it will be a normal Mentor Nite, with us beginning at 6:15 p.m. with dinner, followed by the program. There will be no Sr. High Bible study this night, as we are at Wangen Prairie.

December 16: Christmas program at Urland for 7-12 grade youth. Hey, all you future Academy Award winners! It's your time to shine! Seeing as how the Sunday School Christmas Program is being done during an afternoon, we will be the only "youth Christmas program" during worship this year. We will most likely be doing a skit, which we will practice at Youth Forum. Please be at Youth Forum the next few Sundays, as we choose and rehearse the skit.

Let's look ahead to next summer!

We will be having another 7th-12th grade Boundary Waters Canoe Area trip and it most likely will be mid to late July.

As of this writing, we have not finalized our big trip for next summer, but we seem to be leaning toward another mission trip. This time we would go to an Indian Reservation, or possibly some other non-urban site. We will be making this trip a lot less expensive, as we are planning to go to another national youth gathering in 2009 (to either New Orleans for the ELCA National Youth Gathering, or to Anaheim, CA for the DC/LA conference. Either way, 2009 will be more expensive.) This trip will be open to youth who are currently in grades 8-12. It will probably be August 3-8 (plus travel time there and back).