

Cross-Country Chronicle

All the news for the youth of Urland Lutheran
Church,
and those who care about them

- **January 2: Confirmation Mentor Nite.** 6:15 p.m.
- **January 2: Senior High Bible Study Resumes.** All youth in grades 9-12 are encouraged to join us for this time of Bible Study and discussion. You choose the topics and the Holy Spirit leads the discussion! Come and join us! Bring a friend! And don't forget, everyone who joins our Bible Study gets a free Serendipity Student Bible. Oh, and there is usually some candy to keep you wired.
- **January 6: Youth Forum Returns.** We invite all youth in grades 7-12 to join us for some discussion, music, comedy, food, and just a bit of craziness every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in the Youth Room.
- **January 13: Deadline for turning in a deposit for this summer's mission trip to the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.** All 8th-12th grade youth are encouraged to join us in early August for a fantastic opportunity to help others and to grow as Christians. This trip will involve six days at the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana. We will visit Glacier National Park on the way out there (the reservation is right next to Glacier), and we may visit some other sites on the way out and back (depending on what those who sign up want to do). This will be an incredible trip. We will split our time at the mission site between working with kids and painting/repairing homes. You will see, and feel, the difference that you make! You all should have received the information on this trip, if not, please see Pastor Dean. We want a big group to make this trip. It will be cheaper than last year's trip. Please, bring a friend (get a form for them from Pastor Dean).
- **January 13: Youth Council Meeting.** This is our monthly meeting at Urland during Youth Forum at 9:00 a.m. All youth officers and concerned adults, as well as any interested youth, are encouraged to attend. This is where we decide what we do, so come and be heard!
- **Special Announcement: There will be no community wide Spirit Mountain Ski Trip this year.** We are sorry, but because of this year's school calendar at Cannon Falls Schools, we are unable to plan our usual Duluth ski trip. To make it up to you, we are trying to plan a ski day that will be community wide (probably to Welch, Afton Alps, or some other area resort). That ski trip will most likely be in February, so be watching for more info.

- **Snow-tubing:** We don't know the date yet, as we are waiting to hear from some of the area hills, but we are planning a trip to an area snow-tubing hill. This will be an event for families, as well as for youth grades 3-12. We will get information to you as soon as it is finalized. But know this: It will be a blast!
- **Boundary Waters Canoe Trip meeting.** Be watching for a brief informational meeting following worship at Urland (probably in early Feb.). This trip will be a great experience for youth in grades 7-12. This trip will also be a "cheaper option" for those who might not want to go to the more expensive mission trip. The trip is not yet scheduled, but will most likely be in mid-July.
- **February 3: Soup-er Bowl.** The youth will be collecting money for hunger related causes. Super Bowl Sunday is the second biggest 'eating' day of the year. Let us share a little of our abundance with those who are not so fortunate.