



# Youth News

## Everlasting Light

This year during Advent, Mount Cross will be celebrating the Everlasting Light of Christ.

On Wednesday evenings after dinner (6:15) we will be having an Advent worship. This will include the singing of hymns, candle lighting and special visits from story tellers involved with the Nativity.

Following worship (6:45 ) we will be having family oriented classes.

On December 1<sup>st</sup> you are invited to come and decorate a candle to symbolize the everlasting light of Christ in the advent season.



On **December 8th** we will decorate cookies to share the everlasting light with others, and have some sugary sweets of your own.

Then on the **15th** we will head out to the surrounding emails and do some Christmas caroling! Bundle up and warm up those vocal chords! We'll do a loop through the surrounding neighborhoods and end at Mount Cross with cocoa and cider for all! If the weather is particularly bad that day, we will play Bunco instead.

Please join us to celebrate the anticipation and wonder of the advent season!

## Parent's Night Out & High School Lock-in

On Friday **December 10th**, the Mount Cross Junior and Senior High groups (6th-12th grades) will be hosting an evening of fun for youth 4 years old through 5th grade from **5:30 to 9:30**.

There will be dinner,

crafts, games and fun. From **9:30-10:30** all **6th-8th graders** and invited to stay to help clean up and have a fun activity of their own.

**9th-12th graders** are invited to stay until **9:30 am** the next morning for

a lock in. So be sure to bring your overnight stuff.

All ages are encouraged to bring friends!!!



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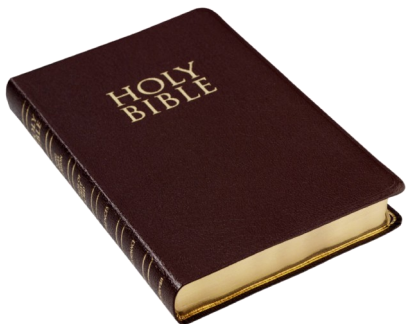
### Dates to Remember

- 12/10-Parents Night Out
- 1/8- Service Project
- 1/17- Ski Day
- 1/21- SkyHigh
- 1/28- Mentor/Mentee Bowling
- 2/5- Youth Auction
- 2/6- Souperbowl
- 2/12- Snow Day

## Grand Sweep

In 2011 Mount Cross will be participating with the Grand Sweep as a way to read through the Bible over the course of the year.

There will be many opportunities for youth to get involved! On Wednesday Nights high schoolers will continue to have Bible Study. We will also be adding opportuni-



ties for younger kids, depending on the confirmation happenings.

On Sunday evenings, 6th-8th graders will continue to meet from 6:30-8 evenings for Bible study and fellowship.

Be sure to check out the new website for ideas of how you can read through the bible with your family. With weekly

updates on activities and Bible readings.

If you have any ideas of activities to involve youth with the Year of the Bible, or want to lead a Bible study, please contact Beth. The more youth we are able to include in this opportunity the better. I am specifically looking for someone to help out on Wednesday nights.

Reading and activities start January 2nd!

## Snow Day!

Not going on a mid-winter break trip? Join Mount Cross **February 12th** for a day of snowy fun! Bundle up, grab your sled and join us for a day of sledding and hot coco. All **1st- 5th graders** and friends are invited.

We will meet at Mount

Cross at 9:30 am and head to the mountains and return at 3:30.

We will need lots of parents to join us and help drive, so if you are able please let Beth know. Sign up by February 6th if you are interested in coming.

All 9th-12th grade Youth are invited to go to SkyHigh on Jan. 21st with UPYN.

Details to follow.

## Youth Auction

Youth Auction at the Fabulous fifties Hall on St. Helens Avenue in Tacoma **Saturday, February 5th at 6:00pm**

Please come for a wonderful evening of fellowship, faith, food and fun at the Fabulous Fifties Hall. There

will be a silent, live and dessert auction as well as viewing of some very cool classic cars. All proceeds will benefit the youth mission trip to New Orleans this summer. Tickets will be \$25.00 per person and will go on sale mid January. If

you have anything you would like to donate please contact Nancy Morrow 588-5324 or Claudine Falk 566-4395.





## Service Event

- On **January 8th** we will be heading to the Rescue Mission's new Adams St. Family Campus to serve lunch and lead an activity for their kids in Kindergarten to 5th grade. We will be leaving Mount Cross at 11am. Please let Beth know if you can drive. All **6th-12th graders**, are invited. We will be meeting on **Jan. 5th** after dinner to plan this event.

## Mentor/Mentee Bowling

Join us for a mentor/mentee pizza and bowling on Jan 28. We will meet at Mount Cross at 7pm for some Pizza and then we will head over to Narrow's plaza for some rock n' glow bowling! You can come with or without your mentor/mentee.

Please RSVP to Beth by January 19th.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

After 2<sup>nd</sup> service on Super Bowl Sunday (2/6) the 6th-8th grade youth will be serving a soup lunch to the congregation. Youth should attend the first service this week, so they can set up during the second service. We are asking families to bring in soups on this Sunday, this means the youth get to help make the soup too! Please let Beth know if you can bring a soup.

## Ski Day

All **6th-12th graders** are invited for a day of skiing on **January 17th** (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) We will be meeting at 7am and then heading to Crystal Mountain for a day of skiing! Cost is \$60 for the lift ticket, and you need to provide your own equipment. Please RSVP with Beth by February 1st, in order to arrange rides.

## January Youth Worship

On **January 30th** youth will be leading worship at Mount Cross. The readings for this week are about Joseph, so we are looking for youth with musical talent, dancing ability acting ability, readers, etc.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Beth or Julie Kangas as soon as you are able.

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### Looking Ahead

There are all sorts of fun events coming up this spring and summer in Mount Cross Youth Ministry.

**Elementary Youth** will be heading to Camp Lutherwood for Elementary youth on **March 18th to 19th.**

**6th-8th graders** will be heading to Blacklake Bible Camp **March 4th-6th** for the Southwestern Washington Synod retreat.

**9th-12th graders** will be heading to Holden

Village **April 30th-May 2nd.**

Prices and detailed information to follow. Please register for these retreat by February in order to insure your participation.

This summer **6th-12th graders** youth will be heading to Creation Fest from **July 20th-23rd.** This is an awesome opportunity to hear great music, and have fellowship with each other.



Registration deadline will be May 1st.

If you have an idea for an event or wish to register for one of the above, see Beth.

Don't forget to Register for the High School Mission Trip. We will be heading out to New Orleans on June 26th and returning July 1st.

The initial registration deadline is December 15th.

