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### Christmas Eve Gathering

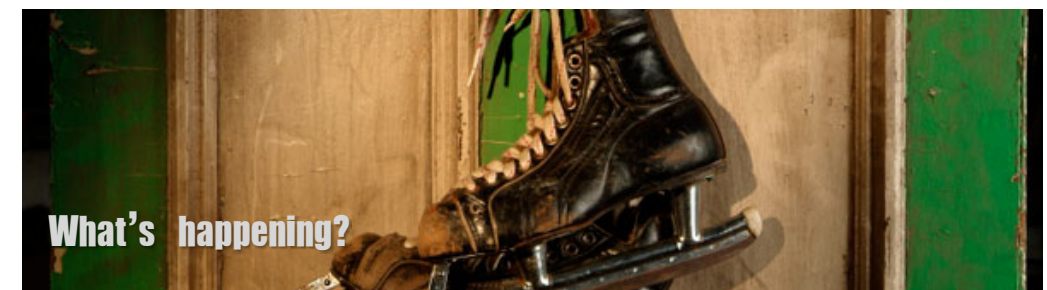
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### Willoughby Community Christmas

Join JRCC and seven other Willoughby churches for a united, 60-minute Christmas experience of carols, readings, and reflections on the heart of the season. Meet us in Building B (next to the east parking lot) on Sunday, December 29 at 10:30 a.m. Then stick around for a time of ice-skating in the LEC arena and connecting with friends (the ice will be open from 12-1).

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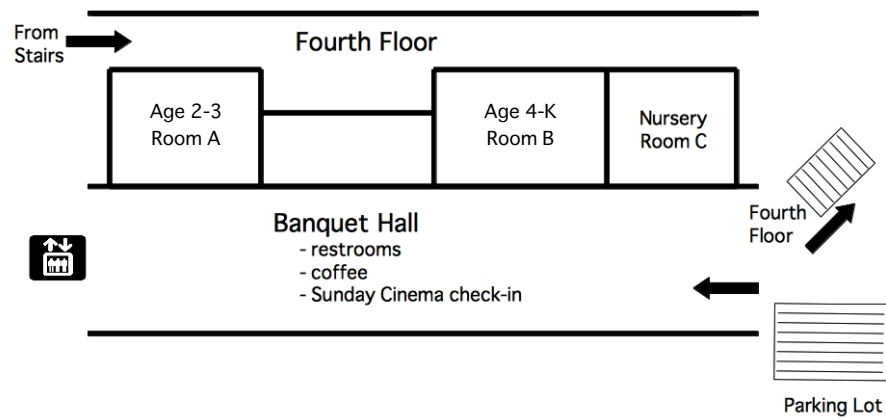
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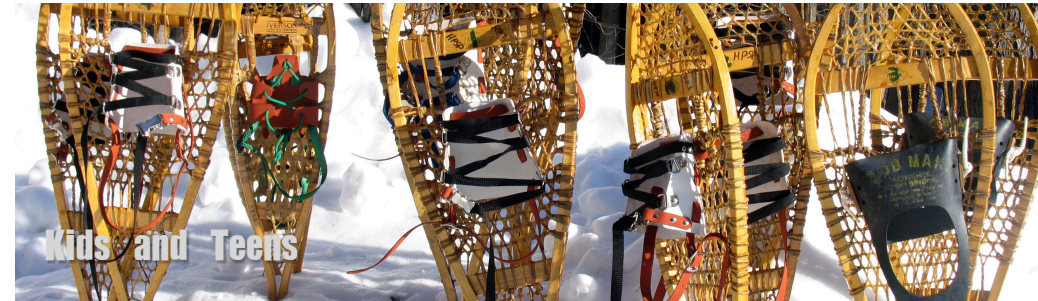
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### LIFE Groups

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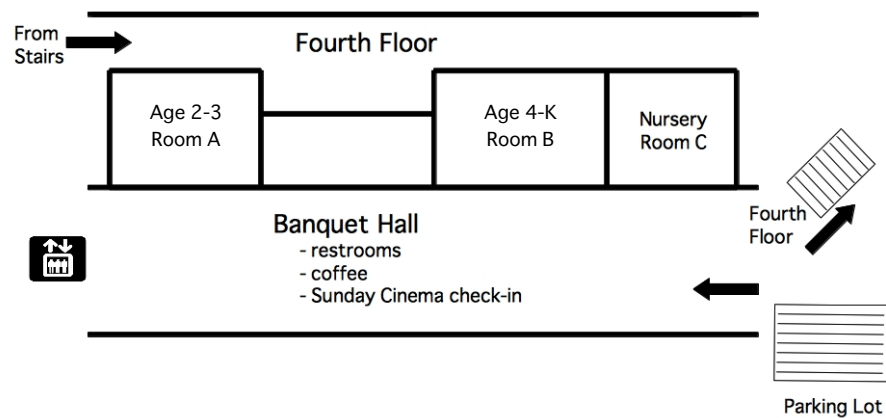
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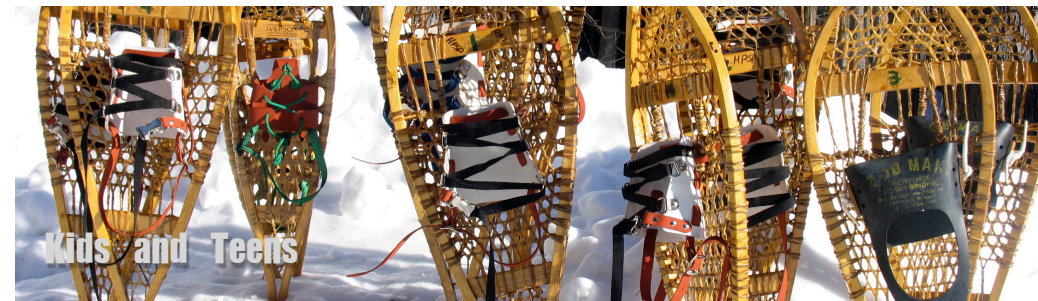
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