

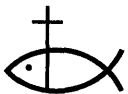
# Gloria Dei Youth News

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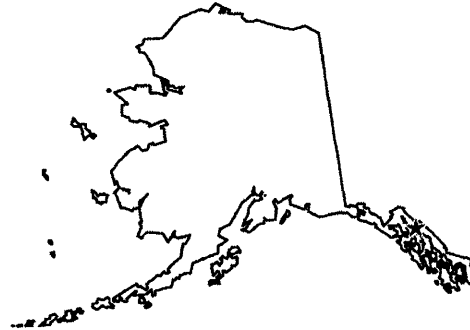
## Musings from Sonia

Lent has officially started. I usually get asked at least once, "Sonia, what are you giving up for Lent?" This question kind of associates Lent with some sort of punishment. That kind of gives Lent a bad rap, which is kind of sad because Lent is actually a pretty cool time in the church year. Lent is a time for us to slow down and reflect, a time to focus on our relationship with God. There are four practices associated with Lent: repentance, prayer, fasting, and loving service. My first question is, "why are these practices just for Lent...shouldn't we be doing these everyday of lives?" Short answer: yes. Longer answer: this is a time for us to focus on one (or all) of these four practices and to be intentional in incorporating it into our daily lives. This year I am choosing prayer. I'm pretty comfortable with my current prayer life, but I'm open to new things. I'm going to try different ways of prayer (like meditation, journaling, etc.). This is my intentional Lent practice for the season. I'm hoping that it ignites my prayer life a little (it definitely can't hurt). So my answer to the question, "what are you giving up?" is pretty easy...I tell them that I'm "giving into" a new prayer life. They look confused, but it's a great way to start a good discussion about Lent.



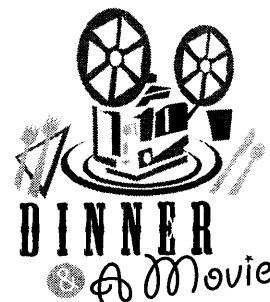
Peace,  
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## All Alaska Senior High Youth Gathering March 5-7 at Victory Bible Camp

All high school students are invited for a weekend of music, faith and fun. Check out the website for more info: [www.aalyg.org](http://www.aalyg.org). If you're interested in going, please let Sonia know (and FYI, the church will pay for half of the registration cost).



Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00

All Confirmation students (and friends) are invited for a fun afternoon. We'll watch a movie here and eat some pizza. It's a great way to break up Spring Break! Talk to Sonia if you have any questions.

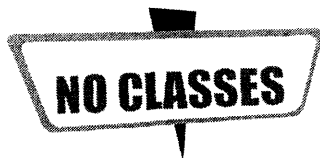


**High School Fun Day  
Friday, March 26th**

There's no school on this day and we're going to celebrate! Come to High School Bible Study to find out more!

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Thanks to everyone who helped with the Dinner Theater. Special thanks to Alan and Connie Budahl, and Lois Weber. The Dinner Theater was a great success. Thanks to everyone that came and enjoyed the evening. We really appreciated it!



There is no Sunday School, Confirmation, or High School Bible study on **Sunday, March 7 or March 14** because of Spring Break. All classes resume on Sunday, March 21st.

**Holy Week Events**



**First Communion  
Class  
Saturday, March 27  
9:00am-11:00am**

Are you interested in taking communion, but want to get some information first? Has your child shown interest in communion? If you answered "yes" to these questions, you should come to the communion class. We'll discuss the sacrament of communion and why it's important. There's a sign-up sheet on the big bulletin board. The class is for both parents and children.

**EASTER  
EGG HUNT!**



All children are invited for the Easter egg hunt on Easter morning at 9:45am. Bring your own basket! There will also be Easter crafts to make.



Come hungry on Easter morning and enjoy a yummy breakfast served by our youth. Breakfast will be served from 7:30-10:45am. This is a great fundraiser for our youth.



Everyone is invited to 5:01. At 5:01 every Sunday night we have dinner, worship, High School Bible Study, Confirmation, and Family Sunday School.

## *Nick Indahl Memorial College Scholarship*

*Application deadline is approaching!*

This scholarship fund was established in 2005 in memory of Nick Indahl. In the past five years, \$52,000 has been given to college students from Gloria Dei.

If you are a Gloria Dei college-bound senior, you are invited to apply for the scholarship. Past undergraduate recipients are encouraged to re-apply as well. If you are currently in college and have never applied, you may be eligible, too.

Check out the information, requirements, and applications on the church website @ [www.gloriadeilutheran.net](http://www.gloriadeilutheran.net) to see if you may be eligible to receive a scholarship this year. Please note that there are two applications--one for new recipients and one for returning recipients.

All applications are due no later than April 15, 2010.

*The scholarship fund is on Facebook! Search "Nick Indahl Memorial Scholarship Fund" @facebook.com. Become a "fan" and support Gloria Dei's young people.*

Questions? Contact Marcia Indahl @ 907-243-7855.

