

March

newsletter

Surfside Sing-off & Spaghetti Social *Wave 3 Fundraiser*

Who: Everyone!

When: Sunday, February 26 (5:30-7:30pm)

Where: Surfside Chapel

What: A night of singing, laughter, food and more! Pay per song or pay more to have others perform!

\$10 per person

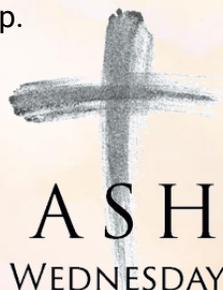
\$40 per family

All proceeds will benefit the Renewing Grace Wave 3 project!

Ash Wednesday Service

Set aside one hour for worship in very special ways as we begin the Season of Lent on March 1 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a night of Praise Songs, message, prayer, confession of our sins, communion of the bread and cup and fellowship.

We prayerfully ask God to renew us with the meaning of Jesus' life, sufferings, and death for us. Please contact the church office if you have any questions (562.596.1605 or info@gracesealbeach.org)



Upcoming Events

February 26

Surfside Sing-off

March 1

Ash Wednesday Service

April 8

Run Seal Beach

April 9

Threefold Communion

April 14

Good Friday Services

April 16

Easter Sunday

Run Seal Beach 2017 (5k/10K)

April 8, 2017



Sign up at runsealbeach.com to be part of Team Seal Beach Grace runners/walkers. This yearly 5k/10k run/walk is a great opportunity for our church to support our local community. All team members will receive Grace's new t-shirt to wear during the event.

Early bird registration is open until February 28; all registration is done online. Register as a team member under our promo code: **grace2017**.

Please send Cheryl Yacoubian an e-mail when you sign up to submit your T-shirt size, to receive updates as the race day approaches, and/or if you have questions (cyacoubian@verizon.net or 562.715.8394).

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Save the Date Threefold Communion

Join us on Sunday, April 9 at 5:00pm for our Spring Threefold Communion and Love Feast. We will first partake in a meal together, then participate in foot washing and finally come together for praise and communion. More information to come.

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GODLY SORROW

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REPENTANCE

leading to
SALVATION

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VBS 2017

Mission in His Control

July 10-14, 2017 (8:45 to Noon)

A mission out of control!! While filming a kid's science show, our crew finds themselves mistakenly launched into space! How will they return home? What's the plan for their rescue? Join the adventure as we discover that God has a plan for us!

"Jesus said, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Children ages 4 (by July 10) through completion of grade 5
\$20 suggested donation
Closing Program Friday afternoon

Register online at gracesealbeach.org or find a registration form around the church.

Contact Cindy van Beek at 562.596.1605 ext. 15 or cindy@gracesealbeach.org.

Letter from the Editor

Hello Everyone and Welcome to March! It's amazing that we are already into March of the New Year.

This month we start Lent on March 1 with an Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to attend this wonderful evening of renewing ourselves with the meaning of Jesus' life, sufferings and death for us. This event is a great way to start your Lenten journey that will take you to Easter and a Risen Christ.

We are into our Wave 3 remodel and so far so good. The weather has been a stumbling block at times but that is to be expected with the months of January and February. The pictures next to this article give you a snapshot of some of the things that have been going on. There will be updates and pictures throughout all the months of work for you to watch. There is fundraising going on for this remodel. Pledge Cards can be found around the church campus. Please consider how you can become a partner with Grace for these much needed improvements.

I have been highlighting the amenities we have here at Grace and this month I would like to bring to your attention the Three Fold Communion. It is always held the Sunday before Easter or Thanksgiving. The next one will be held on April 9. What is Three Fold Communion? The evening starts with a potluck dinner, then off to feet washing, then the evening is perfected with praise, worship and communion. I know a lot of people are put off with the feet washing and you have a choice to participate or not but let's talk about it first. Washing someone else's feet is an activity that will help you to understand what serving your fellow man feels like. It also is a great bonding experience with you and the other person who washes your feet or you there's. You are welcome to come sing and observe if you have never participated before so it won't be such a foreign experience for you. Try it you might like it!!!

Well Grace Buddies that's it for March! I pray that Lent and Easter are a great renewing of your relationship with our Heavenly Father. Praying you and yours enjoy the blessings of the Easter season.

See You Around Grace!
Mille Grazie & Ciao,
Elena Grana

Wave 3 Update

Each week we are excited to see the amount of progress being made on the first phase of Wave 3. Thank you to all who have lifted this project up in prayer and for those who have given. Please continue to keep Wave 3 construction and fundraising in your prayers.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the church at 562.596.1605 or info@gracesealbeach.org.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Retreat Planning Meeting

All women are invited to attend our upcoming retreat planning meeting at Lori Griffin's home (413 Crystal Place in Seal Beach, 90740) on **Sunday, March 19** at 7:00 p.m. This will be our only meeting for planning our retreat. Come be a part of the behind-the-scenes event planning as we seek to add special touches to enhance everyone's experience that day. Hope to see you there!

Table Game Night

Every several months over the past few years, women in our church have enjoyed gathering together to spend an evening playing table games. This is a fun way to interact with others who you might not otherwise get to meet. Participants of all ages seem to enjoy this intergenerational opportunity. The atmosphere is relaxed, the refreshments are tantalizing and the laughter sometimes can't be measured. Looking forward to seeing you on **Friday, March 10 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.** Come and go as you please. Feel free to bring a game and/or a dessert if you wish.

Single Women of Distinction

This opportunity gives women who are late 30's and up (single, widowed or divorced) a chance to enjoy each other's company around the lunch table at one of the local eateries on Marin Street. We'll meet at the back of the Fellowship Hall **after third service on Sunday, March 12** and from there will proceed to the restaurant of our choice.

Women's Retreat – Saturday, April 29

Come join us (and invite a friend) for a memorable and refreshing day coming up in April! Our day retreat will be from 8:30 to 5:00 and will be held at The Mary and Joseph Retreat Center (www.maryjoseph.org). This eight-acre retreat center with beautiful views and gardens overlooks the greater Los Angeles area. It is located at the top of the Palos Verdes Peninsula near Crenshaw Blvd. (5300 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275).

The theme this year is "Blessings in Disguise" from the book of Luke. We will be privileged to hear from Trish Williams, wife of our senior pastor. Get ready for a great day as we learn about ways to trust God when life seems out of control, meet in small groups, have outstanding times of worship, and more! The cost will be \$40 if signed up *and* paid by Sunday, April 2. Otherwise the cost will be \$50. Sign-ups will be after services on April 2, 9 and 23.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Do I have a heart of hospitality? Am I generous and welcoming? For most of us guys, this does not come easily. Come join us on **Saturday, March 4** at Malarkeys Grill in Long Beach at 8:30am as we explore these topics.

The Men of Grace will hear from David Gray, head of our Compassion Ministry and part of the World Relief Good Neighbor Team. Dave will be sharing how God has worked in his life and family instructing him on these challenging subjects. Looking forward to seeing you there for fellowship, coffee and breakfast on the bay.

Please call Scott Batstone ([562-431-4042](tel:562-431-4042)) if you plan to attend so the restaurant can plan accordingly or contact Bob Wissmann ([562-889-2728](tel:562-889-2728)) if there are any questions.