

Spire

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A Note from Pastor Karla

Lent is a time of reflection and repentance, a time to participate willingly in the suffering of Christ. Entering into Lent is never an easy decision, as it is a reminder to us of our fragility and our dependency. It is a mirror of

our helplessness and addiction. But it is Lent that helps us to participate in Easter more fully.

I first tried Sushi as an adult. As a child, I was not much of an adventurous eater, and growing up in rural America, Asian food was not (still is not) readily available. It wasn't until my mid-20s that I had the courage and the opportunity to try sushi. I hesitated at first, scrunched my nose, closed my eyes, and then took a bite of my first California Roll and my taste buds exploded! I craved more. All those years, my body had no idea what it was missing. I had no idea that one of my favorite meals was yet to be discovered. Sushi plays a central role in my meal diversity now, but its role is a special one. Almost every time I take a bite of sushi, I am aware of all the times I didn't have it in my life. It makes me wonder if its absence for so many years has informed its presence now. It makes me wonder if I really love it that much or if I am simply grateful I found it!

The absence we choose in Lent does the same thing for us regarding Easter. Resurrection Sunday becomes that much sweeter when we understand the sacrifice it took, the absence, to get there. That absence informs the Presence of God. So, there is still time this month to enter into Lent, if you haven't done so already.

This month I will be preaching on a book by Henri Nouwen entitled, *Can You Drink the Cup?* I will also continue to provide Lenten Reflections on pieces of art in the Chapel on Wednesday nights from 6-6:30 pm. If you are looking for something a little more sacrificial, consider participating in our Lenten Food Drive or Rice Bowl ministry. During Holy Week, there will be a reflective day at Mission Trails Regional Park on *Engaging the Senses*. We will also gather together for our traditional Maundy Thursday Service and Good Friday Prayer Service leading up to Easter Sunday.

The time and season are upon us, won't you enter in?

Pastor Karla

Sunday Classic Worship Services 8:30 and 10:15 am in the Sanctuary 10:15 Café Service in the Family Life Center

HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

March 24: Maundy Thursday Dinner, 6:00 pm Family Life Center

March 25: Good Friday Service 12:00—1:30, Chapel



March 27: **Easter Sunday**. Services in the Sanctuary 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am combined with Café worship.

Triumphant Service of the Resurrection New Covenant Choir, Worship Band, Symphony Brass Piano, Organ and Ringers ReJOYce!

Pastor Karla Shaw, preaching "The Life You've Always Wanted" Philippians 4:4

MARCH CALENDAR

- 2 Lenten Reflection
- 9 Lenten Reflection
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 20 Palm Sunday / Easter Fest
- 22 Engaging the Senses
- 22 Deacons Meeting
- 23 Session Meeting
- 24 Maundy Thursday Dinner/Worship 6 pm
- 25 Good Friday Service, Noon
- 27 Easter: 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:00 Services
- 28 Church Office Closed



The **Tree of Life** in the Family Life Center provides an opportunity for an enduring record of persons and events in the life of our church, its families and friends. Since Beverly Smith's design and the crafting by John L. Spafford in 1990, the two trees in the display have sprouted hundreds of leaves documenting the rich history of our community.

Tree of Life funds are dedicated to new church growth.

To order a leaf, please complete the Tree of Life form in the church office.

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A Feast for the Soul 30-minute reflections during Lent 6-6:30 pm in the Chapel, led by Pastor Karla March 2: Presence in the Journey (The Voyage of Life by Thomas Cole) March 9: Illumination in the Dark (The Light of the World by William Holman Hunt) March 16: Confession (Immersion by Andres Serrano)

Engaging the Senses

A morning of contemplative reflection during Holy Week at Mission Trails Regional Park

When: Tuesday, March 22

Time: 9-1 pm

Led by: Pastor Karla and Lynn Ziegenfuss

Cost: \$35 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and materials)

RSVP: karla@pointlomachurch.org



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was elected by the congregation at the Annual Meeting on February 7. Members of the PNC are Carol Leimbach (Chair), John Brand, Elaine Burrell, Anne Hill, Mike Long, and alternates Clara Blenis and Lynn Ziegenfuss. The committee will be commissioned with a laying on of hands on March 13.

The Nominating Committee received application forms from 26 active, dedicated members who have impressive personal and professional talents and gifts. After many discussions concerning the structure and make-up of the committee, the Nominating Committee selected a slate of seven members, five core and two alternates, who represent a wide spectrum of church leadership positions, ministries, and programs. The alternates will provide input, fully participate in all discussions, and vote during any absence of a member of the core group.

During the next few months, the PNC will work with the Presbytery to identify and screen candidates for our next senior pastor. The selection of a new pastor, however, will in large part be based on the results of last summer's Mission Study. The input provided during that study, including the surveys completed by members of our church and others in the community, provided a solid basis for identifying the characteristics we desire in a new senior pastor.

Although most of the PNC's work will be confidential, they plan to provide regular reports on their progress.

We ask that you support their work, encourage them, and pray for their success.

Kathy Wright, Chair Nominating Committee

Please wear your name badge.

Need one?
Contact
ann@pointlomachurch.org

Children's and Youth Discipleship

Karen Connor, Director of Children's Discipleship—karen@pointlomachurch.org - (619) 223-1633 x215

Sunday School

Join us year round for Sunday School! 8:30 am and 10:15 am.

Ages 4 yrs-Kindergarten - Rm 2

Grades 1-3 - Rm 8

Grade 3 - Bible Memory class - Rm 5 (8:30 only)

Grades 4-6 - Rm 6

Come and learn God's Word!

*Childcare in the Nursery - ages 6 mo.-3 yrs.



Kids Club on Thursdays

2nd—6th grade, 4-4:55 pm 4 yrs—1st grade, 5-5:45 pm Family Life Center

March 03-St. Patrick's Day Craft

March 10-Tie Dye Easter Eggs

March 17-Peep Houses

March 24-No Kids Club (Maundy Thursday)

March 31-No Kids Club (Spring Break)

Children's Choirs:

4 yrs—1st grade, 4 to 4:55 pm 2nd—6th grade, 5 to 6 pm-

Brick Singers, grades 7-12, Sundays 11:30-1:30

Contact aliciaorganist@gmail.com



Rice Bowl Mission Project

Help to feed hungry orphans around the world! Pick up a rice bowl coin bank during Rt. 56, Kid's Club or Sunday School. Return full banks on Palm

Sunday or Easter Sunday. Those attending Easter services will get a chance to participate in a fun bowl - breaking party in the Family Life Center.



Join us for our Annual Easter Fest! Palm Sunday, March 20, 9:30-11:30 am on the Plaza. Enjoy the petting zoo, bounce house and Easter crafts. Invite your friends! Volunteers are welcome.



Meetings in the church library from 9:30 to 11:30 am

Mar. 1 —Coffeehouse

Mar. 15—Impact of our words on our kids
Teresa Zucchet, Parenting Coach

Information: www.meetup.com/playgroup-754 Sarah Butterfield, Coordinator sarahbutterfield@gmail.com



Route 56

We meet on Mondays from 5 to 7 pm in the Family Life Center. Friends are always welcome!

Mar. 07 Meeting Mar. 21 Meeting

Enjoy a meal, play fun games and discuss relevant topics with friends. *Friends are always welcome!*



Director Brandon Aguillard, brandon@pointlomachurch.org

Youth Sunday is right around the corner, so save the date for Sunday April 10. We are working hard to deliver another engaging Youth Sunday and are planning to hold our annual Breakfast Burrito fundraiser to raise support for our summer houseboats trip.

Looking ahead, we are in the midst of a mini youth renovation, so feel free to come upstairs within the coming weeks to see a few changes. Specifically, we are creating a multipurpose space to provide students with an environment for afterschool options in the Youth Center.

Finally, we are looking for adult volunteers to come hangout on Wednesday nights during High School youth group! If you are at all interested, please contact Brandon Aguillard directly. Volunteering at BRICK Youth is an amazing opportunity to invest in the lives of some really rad and impressive students.

BRICK Ministries

HS Youth Group Wednesdays 7-9 pm JH Youth Group Thursdays 6-8 pm

brandon@pointlomachurch.org

Adult Discipleship

Sunday Scripture Group —10 am, Parlor. We'll begin a series entitled "What Jesus Said About Resurrection." Although Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life," a sense of skepticism continues to stir among many. What evidence is there that would suggest any truth in what Jesus said? Why would you have reason to believe? Join us. Contact: Bob Simoneau at grs55@cox.net.

Mom's Bible Study—Mondays, 9:15-10:30 am, Parlor. For moms of kids elementary age and younger. Pastor Karla will lead us in a study through the book of Daniel. No meeting March 28. For free childcare, contact Cynthia at jcnc4jesus@hotmail.com.

Rachel Circle—3rd Mondays, 9:30 am, Library. Our next meeting is March 21, when we will carpool to Presbyterian Urban Ministries. Come join us! Contact Marge Grant (619) 296-2720 for questions.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study—9:00 am in the Parlor. Women of all ages are invited to continue with us in the study of the book of Daniel led by Pastor Karla. For more information, contact Clara Blenis (619) 223-5950.

Men@Work—Wednesdays at 8:30 am in the Library with our usual kibitzing and Pastor Ben Lindstrom leading our group study. We'll then make church repairs as needed. Contact: Don Griffith at don-pete@cox.net.

Wednesday Men's Bible Study—We meet at 5:00 pm in the Parlor with Rev. Mike Mudgett leading us in the book of Galatians. Contact: Gerry Heidt gheidt@ghhco.com.

Wednesday Refresh—7 to 8:30 pm on 1st and 3rd Weds. Home of Bob & Ginny Edwards, 2125 Locust St., 92106 (619) 222-4262. We are studying Revelation. Singles, couples—all are welcome. Contact: jamesgrisolia@gmail.com.

Sermon Study Group—Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 pm, home of Jane & Bryan Bennett, 5155 W. Pt. Loma Bl., #5. Discussion based on the prior week's sermon. Contact: Bryan at btb92107@gmail.com, or (619) 222-4270

Prayer Quilt Ministry

ou know those beautiful quilts adorning the chancel week after week? The ones you lovingly tie prayers into bringing comfort to those who need extra love and support? Well now is your chance to help us make them! We have had some membership changes (moves, aging, etc.) and we find ourselves struggling to keep up with demand. Whether you're an experienced quilter or you've never sewn anything, there's a job for you in the Prayer Quilt Ministry. We are happy to teach you new skills or help you dust off old ones. We meet the first Saturday of every month from 9-3 in the Family Life Center and the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 1-3 in the library. Saturdays even include a sandwich from Gourmet Bagger! Fellowship, food, and lots of fabulous fabric await you! For more information feel free to get in touch with Karen Vandenberg at (858) 569-6115 or ktvandenberg@aol.com.

Senior Adult Ministry

MARCH

Red Brick Senior Center

10:00 Open for snacks & coffee, Family Life Center 11:00 Musical Program Noon Hot Lunch

- 3/1 Fiddle Girl She performs all styles of popular music from rock to Celtic. Lunch

 Tomato soup, grilled ham & cheese, chips, spinach salad and cookies.
- 3/8 **LaDon & Leilani. Lunch** Mediterranean fish, rice, Greek salad, vegetables, pita bread & brownies.
- 3/15 **St. Patrick's Day with Dublin-born Eamon Carroll.**Our Preschoolers will join us, and blood pressure check today! **Lunch** Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes & carrots, salad, rolls and melon with frozen yogurt.
- 3/22 Reflective Day—No Senior Center during Holy Week

There is no charge for the music, but lunch is \$6.00. Reservations are required. Please contact Leslie Hanna (619) 223-1633x210 or leslie@pointlomachurch.org.

March Events

March 16 Caregiver Conference: 8:30—2:30 March 23 Olympic Training Center: 9:30—2:30.

Mon/Wed/Fri: **Ageless Fitness** 9 to 10 am, in the Family Life Center. The cost is \$2.00 per class. Contact is Fran Styles (619) 223-8204.

Caring for the Caregiver

Wednesday, March 16, 8:30 to 2:30
Family Life Center — Free
Continental breakfast and lunch provided
by Sharp Memorial Senior Resource Center

Learn how to take care of yourself while caring for an aging loved one. Caregiving can be overwhelming. Topics include emotional issues, behaviors of and communicating with those with dementia, proper transfer and lift techniques, and more. All are welcome.

Registration required by March 10. (619) 223-1633 x210, or leslie@pointlomachurch.org.

Olympic Training Center

Wednesday, March 23, 9:30 to 2:30

Meet in front of the Family Life Center at 9:20 am.
Private tour of the Training Center on golf carts,
and lunch at Otay Ranch Town Center.
Limited to 12 spots.
Cost TBD

Completed registration flyer to Leslie by March 15.

DEACONS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: Through March 24



The Deacons are collecting non-perishable food items, toiletries checks (payable to PLCPC "Lenten Food Drive")

gift cards

to benefit P.U.M. Loaves and Fishes **OB Community Dinners** Military Outreach Ministries





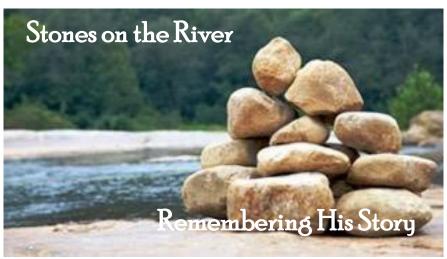
This is our ONLY food drive of the year. Collection boxes will be located on the Plaza, in the Family Life Center, and other areas around the campus.

Suggested items: canned tuna, vegetables, fruit, beans, soup, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, mac & cheese, pasta, cereal, powdered milk. Personal toiletries such as shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, feminine hygiene products.

Various church discipleships will once again engage in friendly competition, so let's all get into the spirit of this drive during the Lenten Season. Contact Kathy Zorn & Eddie Dees if you have questions: (619) 224-2177, or email us at obkathyo@yahoo.com.

Women Connecting Dinner

Please join us for the Women Connecting Dinner on Wednesday, April 13, in the Family Life Center. Start drifting over to the porch around 5:30 pm, enjoy a glass of wine, and learn about the various women's ministries at PLCPC. A gourmet dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Tickets will be sold on Sundays between services on the Plaza for \$30 a person. Optional tickets for wine will be sold at the door for \$5.



Buy tour tickets early as this dinner is always a sellout. We will hear some special music from the Brick Singers, a testimony from Nicole Le Hudson, and an inspirational reflection from Marijane Relth. This will be a beautiful community event of fellowship and inspiration. Invite your friends and share how the light of Jesus shines on our community of women at PLCPC.

Would you like to help plan this event? We would love to have you! Please contact the Women Connecting Co-chairs if you're interested in volunteering: Carol Leimbach (619) 920-2551 carolleimbach@cox.net, or Gillian Van Cooney (619) 925-6127 gillianvancooney@gmail.com

Endowment

CODICIL

WHAT IS THIS?

Evample:

A codicil is an addition or supplement that explains, modifies, or revokes a will or part of one. A codicil can be used to amend your Will (without revoking it) to add an additional gift. You can have a codicil prepared by your attorney or you can prepare a simple one yourself. A codicil is valid in California if it is written entirely, and signed and dated in your own handwriting.

The following example shows how to make a gift to our PLCPC Endowment Fund, by codicil, or if you have a living trust, by amending the trust. (All makers and all trustees will need to sign a trust amendment.)

Example.	
I hereby amend my Will (Living Trust, dated	to add the
following gift: I give to the Endowment Fund of Point L	oma
Community Presbyterian Church, the following (\$).

Other gifts could include a percent of the estate, the home, particular stocks and bonds, etc.

Please contact a member of the Endowment Fund Committee for a confidential meeting to discuss other options for giving. As with any other major financial decision, you may want to consult with your attorney or other financial advisor.

Carol Netterblad for the Endowment Committee (858) 272-7116

Date: _____ Signed _____

Endowment Fund Year-End Report

Balance Total 01/01/2015 Contributions Depreciation/Distribution Balance 12/31/2015	\$1,462,179 62,840 (37,215) \$1,487,804
Cash balance 01/01/2015 Interest/Dividend Income Expenditures	\$53,476 \$30,421 \$5,900
Interest/Dividend Income	\$30,4

Millie Gallaher, Chair PLCPC Endowment Committee

Life Events

Birth

 Hailey Ann McDonald was born on January 23, 2016.
 Parents are Jenna and Colin McDonald. Loren and Kathleen McKnight are the proud grandparents.

Baptism

 Stone August Robinson, son of Reba and Ian Robinson, was baptized on February 14, 2016 at Camp Marston Family Camp, Julian, CA.
 Rev. Karla Shaw officiated.



For Mission:

Day of Service is moving to the fall this year to better love our neighbors, and that isn't the only thing that is changing! Check out our new look and name to accommodate the expansion of service into the heart of our church community. We are now simply called SERVE and there will be plenty of opportunities to SERVE this year, apart from our main service day on Saturday, October 22.

Please keep your eyes open for the new SERVE logo around campus as we seek to love our neighbors more and more. Upcoming SERVE opportunities:

Kids SERVE: filling Rice Bowls for hungry kids around the world during Lent

Youth SERVE: Working with the Urban Farm in Southeast San Diego

Women SERVE: Building with Habitat for Humanity sometime in late spring

All SERVE: On Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, you will have the opportunity to give money to support our October 22 main SERVE day. We are partnering with Habitat for Humanity this year to support our neighbors in Barrio Logan. We have committed to raise \$20,000 for this event. Please consider giving generously to loving our neighbors.

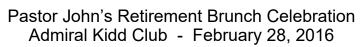
Thank you in advance for caring for our community.

Pastor Karla and the Mission Committee



















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