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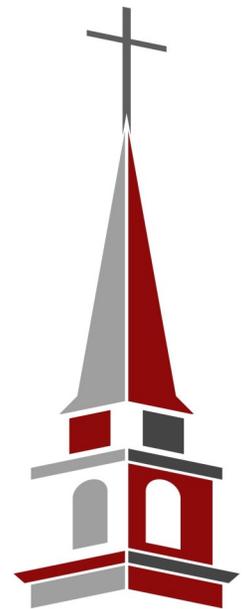
Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church

Sunday Classic Worship
8:30 and 10:45 am
Sanctuary

Café Service
9:45 am
Chapel

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A note from Pastor Karla...



What makes summer so special?

Growing up in an area of the country with four seasons, the answer is clearly “the change in weather.” Despite scorching heat and suffocating humidity, summer was the best time of year for most people, because in one’s most recent memory, the chill of the winter storm watch could still be felt. But in San Diego, since the fluctuation in weather is not as dramatic, you would think summer wouldn’t be so special, and yet it is! Summer is just as special here as anywhere. So, if not the weather, then what is the difference? What makes this time of year so much different than other times?

Most certainly, it is the relationships.

During the other seasons of the year, relationships are fostered and they grow, in most cases, more consistently. Many of us go to school or work, to sporting events or to regular bible studies. During these times we have structure and the people we interact with are fairly predictable. And this consistency is important. But most of these consistent meet-ups take a break in the summer months and what is left behind in these spaces that used to fill our calendars? Nothing. A void. Unstructured time--an unusual gift in our world today. And with unstructured time, we have more opportunity for Kairos moments--moments where we see God at work in places and in people we may not have noticed before.

My summer has been filled with all kinds of Kairos moments. Encounters at

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Aug 18:	Prayer Quilt Sunday
Aug 18:	Bryan and Friends Concert
Aug. 19-23:	Campus Closed—Termite Tent
Sept. 1:	SERVE at Ladle
Sept. 3:	Preschool Begins
Sept. 8:	Fall Kick-Off
Sept. 21:	Morning SERVE Project
Sept. 22:	Discover Our Community
Sept. 29:	Discover Our Community

Our Vision: Loving Everyone to LIFE with Everything we Have.

Our Mission: Through authentic community, we seek to EXPERIENCE Jesus, JOURNEY into Deeper Faith, STRENGTHEN the Church, and TRANSFORM our World.

Values:

1. We are a good home.
2. We are intergenerational.
3. We inspire engagement.



CHURCH NEWS

Session Highlights - June 19, 2019 Session Meeting

The PLCPC Session and Board of Deacons held a shared meeting on June 19, 2019 in the Family Life Center. Rev. Karla Shaw provided probing questions on the status of the church, and then elders and deacons met one-on-one in "speed discussions." After about an hour the Deacons departed to continue their meeting in the Library.

The Session then welcomed the Renovation Task Force (RTF), chaired by John Brand, to present their report following 12 months of study. Brand thanked the other members of the RTF: Elder Douglas Buser, Susan Cramer, Will Hage, Bob Holst, Melissa Mullins and Director of Operations & Church Life Jolene Wade, for their participation.

Brand said that during their study the RTF determined that not only a renovation of certain areas of the church was required, but that a long range master plan would clarify the next steps and lead future renovation steps. He introduced Jon Dominy of

Domus Studios, the firm the RTF has consulted in the development of the master plan.

Dominy presented a slideshow illustrating a three-phase plan. He noted that the current campus provides unusual challenges with its inward focus and meaningful features holding many cherished memories.

Following the presentation there was an enthusiastic period of questions and answers. The Session directed the RTF to present the plan to the congregation following the July 28 worship service. Then the Session directed the Finance Committee to prepare proposals for the formation of a capital campaign committee.

John Spafford
Clerk

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the pool with people from my hometown. Run-ins with friends at child play spaces at just the right time. Watching one of our own jet ski for the first time at 96 years old! Summer is filled with wonder, mostly because of the space created in our calendars.

Where have you seen God at work this summer? Have you had many Kairos moments?

If you ask God to show you, you may be surprised at what God reveals. **Share with someone, will you?**

Sharing our lives with one another is what makes summer so special.

Happy Summer!
Pastor Karla

Welcome New Members!



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After our June Discover our Community Class, we have nine new members of our Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church community. Please welcome them when you see them around campus.

ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group—9:45 am in the Parlor. Resumes September 8 to learn about what happened to Jesus' inner circle of followers. Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net

Monday Morning Men—7:00-8:30 am at Peet's Coffee (955 Catalina Blvd.) Resumes September 9. Contact: Evan Gratz, evan@pointlomachurch.org

Continuing the Conversation— On August 26, come view Part Two of the Netflix four-part series "When They See Us." The Series tells the powerful, but disturbing true story of the "Central Park Five;" five boys of color wrongfully arrested, convicted and imprisoned for the vicious attack and rape of a woman in Central Park in the Spring of 1989. The series is rated MA, for mature audiences, so anyone 18 or older is invited. Meet in the Parlor at 7pm. Discussion following the show. Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com

Rachel Circle—3rd Mondays at 9:30 am in the Library. Resumes September 16 with Diana Wallis Taylor, author of biblical-based novels as our speaker. Join us for coffee and tea. We welcome all. Contact: Marge Grant, 619-296-2720.

Women's Bible Study— Tuesday, 9-10:30 am, in the Chapel. Begins September 10. Women of all ages and stages are welcome! Childcare provided. Additional fellowship time for

moms with young children from 10:30-11 am following the study in the Parlor. Fall topic: The Church & Politics.

Contact: Clara Blenis, clbenis@sdccd.edu

Men@Work—Wednesday at 8:30 am in the Library. A time for fellowship and brief Bible study followed by work projects at the church. Resumes September 11. All abilities are welcome.

Contact: Don Griffith don.griffith69@gmail.com

Wednesday Men's Bible Study— Resumes September 4 at 5 pm in the Parlor with Dr. Gresham Bayne leading us in a study of the Gospel of John, followed by sharing and prayer.

Contact: Jerry Heidt, gheidt@ghhco.com

Wednesday Refresh—1st and 3rd Wed., 7:00-8:30 pm at the home of Jim Grisolia and Carla Stayboldt. Book study on *The Book of Forgiving*, by Desmond & Mpho Tutu.

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Knitters— 2nd Thursday at 10:00 am in the Parlor. Next meeting, August 8. Contact: Judy White, gmajudy@san.rr.com

Centering Prayer—Every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Parlor.

Contact: Pastor Alex, alex@pointlomachurch.org

MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers—Kick-off event on August 23 at the Liberty Station Playground, details on page 5.



SENIOR
ADULT
MINISTRY
PROGRAMS

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Name That Hymn! Tuesday, August 13, 10:00 am Sanctuary

Come together to sing our most loved Christian hymns that have stood the test of time. Alicia McMillan, Director of Worship & Music, will lead us as we discover the stories behind the hymns and test our knowledge as we try to guess some of the songs. Join us for this fun and uplifting event. Refreshments to follow in the Parlor.



Movie Day: *BREAKTHROUGH* Tuesday, August 27, 10:00am in the FLC

When Joyce Smith's son falls through the ice, all hope seems lost. *Breakthrough* is the inspirational true story of a mother's unfaltering love and faith in the face of impossible odds. An enthralling reminder that faith and love can create a mountain of hope, and sometimes even a miracle. Refreshments – and tissues – provided.



Taking Transit 101 - Learn to Ride the Bus & Trolley Wednesday, September 4, 12-1:30pm in the Family Life Center

This 90-minute class is designed to teach seniors and first-time riders the travel skills needed to use public transit in San Diego. An MTS-certified trainer will cover important topics related to riding transit, such as reading a bus/trolley schedule, paying for transit fare and operating a wheelchair ramp or lift. RSVP to Elaine.



Forever Fit Gentle Exercise Class In Partnership with the Peninsula Family YMCA Every Wednesday 9-9:50* Family Life Center – FREE

* No Class on August 21 due to termite tenting

Everyone Has a Story—Share Yours!

Do you have a special life experience that you'd like to tell others about? Retired from an interesting career that others could learn from? Have a special skill that you'd like to teach to others? Has God intersected in your life in a special way? Your life experience is a valuable part of our community and worthy of sharing. We are putting together a "speakers bureau" within our own congregation. For more information or to be included in our speakers bureau, contact Elaine Burrell at elaine@pointlomachurch.org.

High School Small Group

This summer, our high school small group is going through a series called "Behind the Worship Music" in which we will look at the stories and people behind the songs we sing. We gather on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm at different locations. Contact R.O. for the next meeting location and directions. We will not meet on August 8.

High School Houseboats August 4-10
Please keep our high school students and leaders in your prayers as they travel to Lake Shasta for a week of playing, worshipping and learning about who God created us to be.



BRICK MONDAYS

Junior High // Mondays 5-7 pm
High School // Mondays 7-9 pm
Youth Center
Resumes September 9

BRICK THURSDAY

High School // 7-9 pm
Various Locations
Continues through summer

BRICK ON SUNDAYS

Junior High // Sundays 9:45 am
Start in Café service
Continues through summer

Renovation Task Force Update

Many thanks to all who attended, and engaged in, the Renovation Task Force presentation on Bluegrass Sunday. The results of our long & careful efforts were revealed in images from our history, to current use of the campus and looking forward to a thriving future where we *Love Everyone to Life With Everything we Have* with a Welcome Home atmosphere that considers all ages.

Printed copies of the slide presentation are available for viewing & comment in the church office. We look forward to your participation in the master plan for the future of our church life.

Life Events

Deaths:

- A memorial service was held on July 23, 2019 in the Chapel for Ellen M. Kendall, age 101, mother of Geraldine Martinez. Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker officiated.
- A graveside service was held on August 2, 2019 at Miramar National Cemetery for James Kerr. Rev. Karla Shaw officiated.

Births:

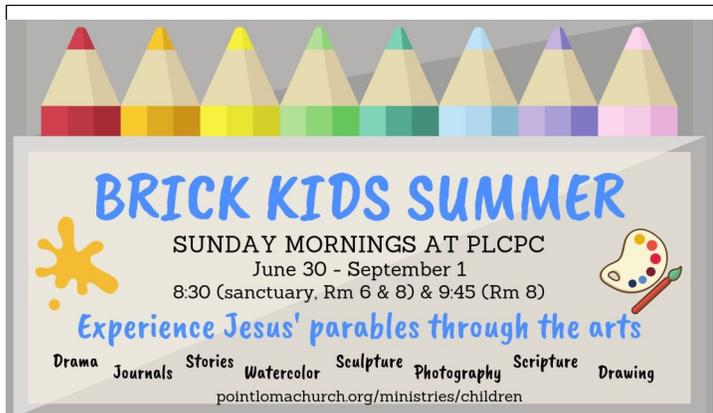
- Arthur Andrew Goetz was born on July 2, 2019. Parents are AnneElise and Andy Goetz.
- Luke William McDonald was born on July 13, 2019. Parents are Jenna and Colin McDonald. Proud grandparents are Loren and Kathy McKnight.



THANK YOU! For supporting our annual Vacation Bible School with your prayers, your time, and your talents. It takes many, many hands to make the week so successful! We couldn't have done it all without you!



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Brick Kids Summer

Sunday children's programming from June 30— Sept. 1. Come at your regular service time - 8:30 or 9:45 for some learning and fun! Learn the parables and create works of art to show off in an art show during the Fall Kick-Off on September 8. Incentives will be awarded to all children who complete a work of art!

*Please note: Kids Cafe will not be meeting in the FLC during the summer. All children should be dropped off in classroom 8 at 9:45 am.

Kids Club on Thursdays

Kids Club is a fun & relaxed midweek program that allows kids to connect with others through crafts, active games, Bible stories, snacks and music. It is not essential, but many families pair this program with Children's Choir.



Grades 2-6 meet from 4:00-5:00 pm
Age 4- Grade 1 meet from 5:00-5:45 pm
Kids Club resumes September 12.

Children and Youth Choirs

Cherub Choir
Age 4 - Grade 1
Thursdays 4:00-4:50 pm



Joyful Praise Choir
Grades 2 - 6
Thursdays 5:00-6:00 pm

Children's Choirs resume September 12.
Contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org for more information.



Red Brick Robotics

Fall 2019 Kick Off is

Sunday, August 11, 2-4 pm

*For boys and girls grades 4th-8th
(ages 9-14)*

*Meets weekly through December on
Sundays, 2- 4 pm, and Fridays, 4-6 pm in classroom 6*

Red Brick Robotics is a club for boys and girls that encourages teamwork, pre-engineering skills and the core values of gracious professionalism and coop-artition (cooperation and competition). Participating in Red Brick Robotics can help children develop better problem-solving skills and create excitement with science and technology using LEGO's Mindstorm software and EV3 Robots. Teams will compete in a local FIRST® Lego League (FLL) tournament with an opportunity to move on to the exciting FLL regionals at Legoland. Kids will be innovators while developing well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

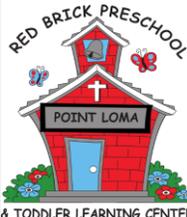
To read more about the competition, go to the official FIRST® website at <http://www.usfirst.org>
For more information on Red Brick Robotics, contact: karen@pointlomachurch.org or 619-223-1633 x215

MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers
www.meetup.com/playgroup-754
Contact: sarahbutterfield@gmail.com



POP into MOPS at their new year kick-off event on Friday, August 23 from 9:30-11:30 am at the Liberty Station Playground. The whole family is invited to attend, enjoy some popcorn and learn more about MOPS. MOPS is designed as a place for moms of children ages birth to 5 years old to gather for support, friendship and more.

Nicole Hage, Director | preschool@pointlomachurch.org
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We are looking forward to another great school year. Preschool will start back up on September 3 . Parent orientation is on August 28 at 6:00 PM in the Family Life Center. Open house is Saturday, August 31. Please check out our website at www.redbrickpreschool.com . If you are interested in having your child attend our school or if you are interested in employment opportunities, contact Nicole at preschool@pointlomachurch.org.

Music Ministry Opportunities

Fall is a great time to get involved in new adult ministries, grow deeper, in your faith, serve the community and worship through music. Our music ministry always welcomes new members! Please see below the list of musical groups and contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org if you would like to join or just want more information.



New Covenant Choir - Adults 18 +

Rehearsals: Thursdays 7:00-9:00 pm and Sundays 8:00 am
Lead music in 8:30 am worship, Christmas Concert, Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter Services, and special events

Choral Ensemble

Sundays 9:50- 10:40 am, twice a month rehearsals
Leads music in the 10:45 am service

Children's Choirs

Cherub Choir

Age 4 - Grade 1

Thursdays 4:00-4:50 pm

Joyful Praise Choir

Grades 2 - 6

Thursdays 5:00-6:00 pm

Christmas/ Spring Musicals, Christmas Concert

Ringers ReJOYCE!

Rehearsals: Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the bell room
Play in 8:30 am and 10:45 am Sunday Worship on select Sundays, special services, Christmas Concert, Christmas Eve.
Contact Ann at ann@pointlomachurch.org if you are interested in joining.

Worship Band

Rehearsals: Selected Sunday mornings at 7:45 am in the Sanctuary. Sunday Worship twice per month, Christmas Concert and special events

Did you know that participating in music groups can :

- Increase feelings of social well-being
- Reduced stress levels and depression
- Build confidence
- Increase feelings of belonging to a collective
- Reduce the variability of your heart rate
- Increase life expectancy (Harvard and Yale 2008 study)

What are you waiting for? Join us in the Music Ministry, it will change your life!



VOCAL WORKSHOP
Group Voice Lessons with a Vocal Expert
August 15, August 18, August 29
PointLomaChurch.org/Register

Whether you are a beginning singer or have years of experience, a voice can always improve and develop by studying vocal technique. Join us for a special summer workshop led by Martha Jane Howe. Sessions are \$15 for retired adults (\$20 for working adults) and will be held on Thursday, August 15; Sunday, August 18; and Thursday, August 29. Join us for one or all of the sessions. More information is available on our website at: pointlomachurch.org/register.



Thank You All for Making it Happen!

This thank you starts with Pastor Karla for her support for PLCPC hosting Chopped at Church. The staff helped in every way possible. From the excellent media help, to Evan's support throughout the planning process, and R.O.'s interactive and fun emcee duties!!!

The congregation pulled together a cooking team led by John Brand and competed with Rocky and Lola Springstead. The congregation offered wonderful items for our silent auction, attended the event, purchased silent auction items, and helped us out as volunteers. And not least of all was the awesome group of people who graciously stepped up to form our Chopped Committee: Amy and Ben Adams, Sandy and Larry Brenner, Phillip Hatfield, Meredith Larsen, Ed Lynds, and Jean Murphy. This group of dedicated volunteers always offered their best and always with a smile. It was an honor and pleasure to work with them to produce this event.

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Save the Date! Fall Kick-Off

Sunday, September 8

Simultaneous Worship Services 9:00 am in the Sanctuary & Chapel

Followed by our official Kick-Off for all of our ministries

Arts, Crafts, Activities For All!

Thank You for Remembering the Endowment

June was Endowment Month at PLCPC, and your Endowment Committee is grateful for the suggestions, questions, and kind comments. We are especially thankful for the many contributions sent to the Endowment during the month.

The new Endowment Brochure was unveiled during June. Please look for it in the pews, in the church office or online. Additionally, a brief interview about the Endowment (which was shown during the services one Sunday in June) is also now available on our website at pointlomachurch.org/endowment.

We rescheduled the program on giving, ***“Maximizing Your Church and Minimizing Your Taxes,”*** (our star speaker was under the weather). It is now tentatively planned for September 29—more on that in the fall.

The contributions received during Endowment Month are a reminder of the many ways our church supports the Endowment. Remember the Endowment when you want to:

- Celebrate a special event in your life
- Honor a family member or friend
- Memorialize a family member or friend who has passed away
- Create a lasting legacy in your will or trust

An Endowment gift is a celebration in perpetuity. When there is something special to celebrate or recognize, remember the Endowment!

Prayer Quilt Ministry Celebrates 17 Years Sunday, August 18, 2019

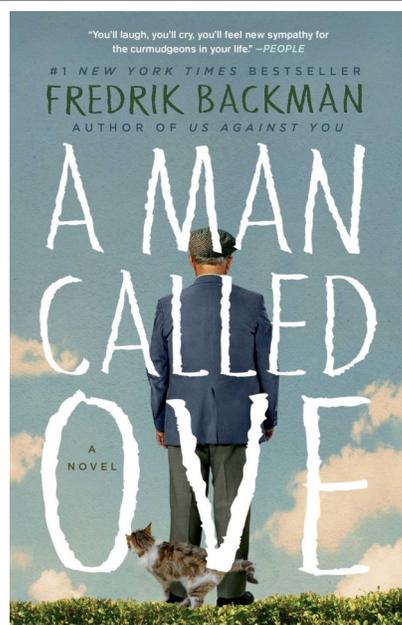
***More than 1,858 quilts tied
with thousands of prayers***

Imagine yourself wrapped in your coziest blanket. Now, imagine that your blanket is filled with prayers. Do you feel it envelop and



comfort you, and fill your heart and spirit with hope and peace? Some people say that after receiving their prayer quilt, they have had their best night’s sleep in months. Others have shared that when family and friends visit them in the hospital or at home and are invited to tie a prayer into their quilt, that this offers an opening for conversation and deeper sharing. It’s an opportunity to express our faith that God is in our midst and at work. Thank you for your prayers and for being part of the Prayer Quilt Ministry.

If you have received a prayer quilt, please bring it to church on Prayer Quilt Sunday –August 18— and drape it over the back of your pew or chair. If you would like to request a prayer quilt, please contact Lynn Spafford at redbrickprayerquilts@gmail.com or call her at 858-292-8461. If you have questions about the ministry or are interested in participating in it, please contact Karen Vandenberg, ktvandenberg@aol.com, or call her at 858-569-6115.



August Book Club!

Pastor Alex and Evan Gratz invite you to join our summer book club. The August book is *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Get the book, start reading, and join us on Wednesday, Sept. 4 for dinner and discussion. Location: TBD. Register online so we know you are reading with us: Pointlomachurch.org/register

Have You Noticed Anything New Around Campus?

We have been very generously blessed with a wide array of new furniture, desks, office accessories and more! Through a work contact, John Brand made a connection which resulted in numerous desks, chairs, cabinets, white boards and more all to be donated to PLCPC. So while you are here on campus, take notice of the new décor and if you have time, rest and relax at one of the new red table and chair sets currently around our campus. If you attend the Café service in the Chapel, feel free to sip your coffee during the Worship service at one of the new high-top tables and chairs.