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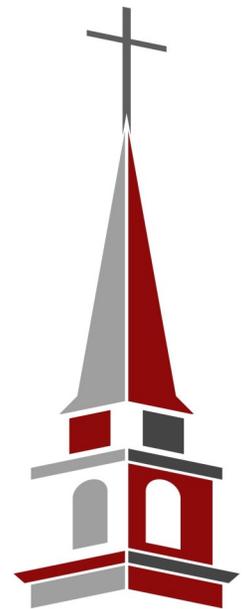
Point Loma
Community
Presbyterian
Church

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...

Who are you? And what are you here for? The search for meaning is a common quest we have as humans. No matter where we come from, who are parents are, our ethnicity, our gender, or our nationality, we all have a deep desire (even if it is masked) to have adequate answers to these questions. In fact, much of life, is a journey of discovery. The process of getting to the truth is often where we find what we are looking for. The problem is, we don't like process, we like a happy ending. Yet, an ending without a story, how boring is that?

I have been reading a lot this summer--brainless fiction. What I love about novels, if they are good ones, is they envelop you. You become attached to the characters as their quirks unfold, you get wrapped up in their wanderings, and cringe when they take wrong turns. The end of a good novel always leaves you longing for more because you have been invested. You have been invested, not just in the characters, but in the process the characters go through.

Our lives are like that. Our lives in Christ are like that. Each of us is a novel, a page-turner. With each step that we take of self-discovery, every time we submit to knowing God just a little bit more, we get closer to the end, an end that God promises will not disappoint.

But, I have to admit, I have a stack of books on my bedside table that are only partially read. Books that did not hold my attention long enough to make me

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LOOKING AHEAD

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Sept. 8:	Fall Kick-Off
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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.

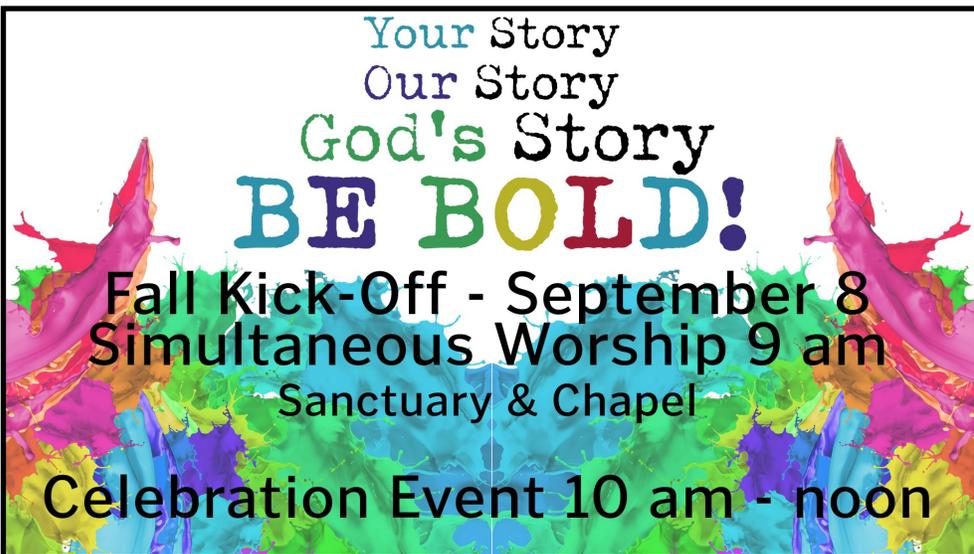
Values:

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

Your Story
Our Story
God's Story
BE BOLD!

Fall Kick-Off - September 8
Simultaneous Worship 9 am
Sanctuary & Chapel

Celebration Event 10 am - noon



Session Highlights August 28, 2019 Session Meeting

The Session welcomed representatives of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) to the August meeting. COM is visiting all the Presbytery church Sessions sharing information on Presbytery activities and seeking news of the successes and new directions of individual churches. Session members provided them with a long list of exciting and successful things going on around PLCPC! Elders and pastors told of the programs focused on children and their families, our efforts in the local community, our outreach to local missions, our excellent music leadership and preaching, spiritual growth and our excitement over plans for the renovation of our campus.

Rev. Karla Shaw reported on the development of a Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) that will create a pathway leading to funding of the renovation now being developed by the Renovation Task Force. The Session enthusiastically approved the Finance Committee's nominee of Pam Werner as Chair of the CCC. Pam will work with Rev. Shaw and others in recruiting the rest of the committee.

John Spafford
Clerk

A note from Pastor Karla, continued from page 1

want to get to the end. So, since time is precious, I stop reading. Some of our lives are like those books stacked by my bed. We set out to do wondrous things in the name of Christ, but at some point along the way, our lives stop being a page-turner, but, the good news in Jesus Christ, is it is never too late to start over.

This year our theme of "*Your Story, Our Story, God's Story: BE BOLD!*" is a reminder that the next page is still to be written. May this year be a year where you give God a chance to rewrite and perhaps redirect some of your pages for his purpose and glory. Remember, you are a novel and, with God's help, a great one!

Diving into fall together,
Pastor Karla

The Three Promises of the Endowment

There are three fundamental promises on which endowments are based. Those promises are:

1. **Donors' funds will be preserved in perpetuity. The income will be spent but the principal will never be invaded, directly or indirectly.**
2. **The Endowment will invest funds wisely. This investment keeps in mind the goal of "perpetuity."**
3. **The Endowment will honor and carry out the instructions and wishes of donors regarding both the income and the principal.**

Over the next few months in the *Spire*, we are going to take a look at each of these promises in a little detail. They must be the guiding principles for decisions regarding the Endowment at PLCPC. Without a commitment to these three promises, a true, honest, successful endowment cannot exist. So, they are our promises to you—to donors and to the church.

Comments, questions, and suggestions are always most welcome. You may contact the church office, or any member of the Endowment Committee: Dianne Grafton (vice-chair), Mary Harker, John Leimbach, Ray Lidstrom (treasurer), John Pearson, Steve Smith (chair), Cara Thome, Jolene Wade (ex-officio), Pastor Karla (ex officio). You are also welcome to email the church office or Steve Smith, the chair of the Endowment (ssmith@cwsl.edu) with any questions or concerns.



Listen Online!

Did you know that we have a Podcast? Yes! That's right, if you are ever out of town, miss making it to Worship, or want to share the Sunday morning message with friends and family, it's super easy with the Point Loma Community Church Podcast.

You can easily find us by going to our web-site, clicking on the Connect button and then select Podcast to find the links. Or you can simply search for us on your favorite podcast platform. Currently we can be found on Spotify, iTunes and iHeartRadio.

ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group—9:45 am in the Parlor. Resumes September 1 to complete a 10-part series of the movie, “The Bible.” 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 September 23, come view Part Three 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. 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, clblenis@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 4. 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. Contact: Jim Grisolia, jamesgrisolia@gmail.com

Knitters— 2nd Thursday at 10:00 am in the Parlor. Next meeting, September 12. 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 Bible Study—Pastor Karla and Sarah Butterfield are leading a MOPS Bible Study on periodic Mondays from 9:30-10:45 am in the Parlor throughout the next year. Dates are as follows: Sept. 16, Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 11, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 2, Mar. 16, Apr. 27, May 11. The study will focus on The Parables. Childcare is provided. Contact: Sarah Butterfield, sarah@pointlomachurch.org



SENIOR
ADULT
MINISTRY
PROGRAMS

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TAKING TRANSIT 101 - LEARN TO RIDE THE BUS & TROLLEY | Wednesday, September 4, 12-1:30 pm 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 topics such as reading a bus/trolley schedule, paying for transit fare and operating a wheelchair ramp or lift. **RSVP to Elaine**



REAR VIEW MIRROR – WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON | Tuesday, Sept. 10; Doors Open at 10, Entertainment at 11, Lunch at Noon 9:30-11:00 Blood Pressure Check

Songbird Lynn Christian entertains us with her perky personality and upbeat favorites along with her talented band. Fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad, fresh vegetables, dessert (\$6). **RSVP to Elaine**



MEMORY FRIENDS | Tuesday, September 17, 10-11:30 in the Family Life Center

A social gathering for people experiencing memory changes and their loved ones & care partners. Together we will socialize, laugh, enjoy stimulating activities, reminisce and support each other through the journey. All are welcome. Hosted by Elaine Burrell & Pastor Alex Wirth. Light refreshments served.



MOTION IS LOTION – STRENGTHENING YOUR BACK | Wednesday, September 18, 12:00 in the Family Life Center

Learn what you can do to strengthen your back, the importance of proper posture, lifting techniques and exercises. Taught by Sharp Rees-Stealy Physical Therapist, Nancy Jungling. Bring a sack lunch and your questions. **RSVP to Elaine**



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

High School Small Group

Our high school small group is going through a series called "*Behind the Worship Music*" in which we are looking at the stories and people behind the songs we sing. We gather on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm at different locations. Email ro@pointlomachurch.org for the next meeting location and directions.

We know what it feels like to go back to school, we at BRICK hope and pray for all of our students!



May God guide you in your studies, in your relationships, in your anxieties and fears, and in your joys and celebrations. May you see every encounter and every challenge as an opportunity to show the world a different way of living; one based on love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. And may the Holy Spirit lead you in your journey, no matter how easy or difficult it may 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
Email ro@pointlomachurch.org
for details

BRICK SUNDAYS

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

Sunday, September 1st - LADLE FELLOWSHIP



Come, SERVE our homeless brothers and sisters at First Presbyterian Church of San Diego which is located at 320 Date St. (NOTE: You will enter on the Third Ave side). We will meet at 1:00 pm, and we should be done around 3:45 pm. If you would like a ride to and from Ladle, please contact RO Smith at

ro@pointlomachurch.org. Come ready to serve in any way that is needed and please dress appropriately.



September 23



Registration is still open for Golf4Good, a benefit for Presbyterian Urban Ministries. Visit golf4good.com for details.

Nicole Hage, Director | preschool@pointlomachurch.org
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We are off to a great start for the school year! We are excited to have Cynthia Hernandez join our preschool as an assistant teacher in our Pre-K program. Our enrollment is full with the exception of one opening in our 5 day pre-k for a child at least 4 years old. If you are interested please contact the preschool office. Our extended day program is booming with the addition of two more classrooms open until 5:00. Thank you for your continued support.



Sunday Programs

8:30 am – Traditional Sunday School

Children attend the first part of worship with their caregivers in the sanctuary and are then escorted to Sunday School to participate in age-appropriate classes following a scripture based curriculum.

9:45 am – Kids Café worship

Check-in your children at 9:40 am in the Family Life Center and pick up immediately following the Café service. Children meet as a group for songs, activities, a message, and an offering before breaking out into age-appropriate small groups.

Bible Memory Class

3rd & 4th graders are invited to join their friends for a special Sunday experience throughout the 2019-20 school year. Students are guided through Bible basics then challenged to memorize scripture while learning how a closeness with God's Word grows their faith. Special graduation celebration on May 3. Class begins September 15, at 9:45 am in Classroom 5.



Journey

Our group for 4th & 5th graders meets every Monday beginning September 9 in the

Youth Center from 4-5:30 pm for food, fellowship and fun. \$3 donation for pizza. Friends are always welcome!

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.

MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754

Contact: sarah@pointlomachurch.org



Sept. 9: Welcome, Living to the Full (FLC, 9:30 am)

Sept. 16: MOPS Bible Study (Parlor, 9:45 am)

Sept. 17: Book Club (7:30 PM, email for address)
we are reading *Daisy Jones and The Six*

Sept. 21: Mom's Night Out (Stone Brewing Co, 7 pm)

Sept. 23: Surviving Sibling Struggles with Lisa Howe
(FLC, 9:30 am)

Sept 30: MOPS Bible Study (Parlor, 9:45 am)

Red Brick Robotics

Red Brick Robotics is a club for boys and girls (grades 4-8) 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

Welcome our new Children's Ministry Assistant!



Erin Shetter recently moved from New Jersey to California with her husband, Adam, and her four young boys. The first weekend they were here, they joined the church! Erin comes to us with a wealth of experience with children from being a nanny for a decade, camp counselor, children's ministry volunteer, and of course being a mom. She holds a bachelor's degree in behavioral science from Wilmington University. In her free time she enjoys singing and spending time with her family. She is excited to start serving the children of our church and to allow the Lord to continue to unfold His plan for her life. Erin can be reached at erin@pointlomachurch.org.

Please note: Cynthia Hernandez will be continuing on in the Children's Ministry as our Nursery Coordinator. She will also remain active with our Preschool age kids as she begins as a Teaching Assistant in our Preschool.



**NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH
SERVE PROJECT FOR ALL AGES
SATURDAY, SEPT. 21
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM**



EVAN@POINTLOMACHURCH.ORG

Join us on September 21 for a Neighborhood Outreach Project!

We are planning a wonderful SERVE opportunity for all ages and comfort levels. We'll gather in the FLC at 8:30 am to pray and break off into groups for various SERVE projects in the community. We will come back together around noon to share stories and enjoy a BBQ lunch. More details will be available soon. Check our website for the latest details on available projects: pointlomachurch.org/register or contact evan@pointlomachurch.org.

Discover Our Community



*September 22 & 29
Noon in the Library*

Discover Our Community

Are you interested in learning more about Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church? Do you want to learn what it means to be a Presbyterian? Join us for our Discover Our Community Class. This two-part class takes place on Sunday, September 22 and Sunday, September 29 from noon-1:30. Lunch and childcare are provided. Register on-line at pointlomachurch.org/register or call the church office at 619-223-1633.



Congregational Meeting

**September 22
9:30 am
Sanctuary**

There will be a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 22 immediately following the 8:30 am Worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the new Church Officers.

PRAYERS & PINTS

Thursday, Sept. 26, 5:00
Belching Beaver Brewery
(4836 Newport Ave)

evan@pointlomachurch.org for more info

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Save the Date!
September 29, 2 pm in the Sanctuary
Grossmont Symphony Orchestra and
Master Chorale Concert
Featuring Bryan Verhoye



Tenting Process is Complete!

Thank you all for your patience as we had to take a week to eradicate the termite population that had taken up residence in our walls, ceilings, floors, cabinets and everywhere in between. While it was a little inconvenient, it was absolutely necessary to protect our structures from further damage. This bit of prevention helps to assure we can continue to be a beacon of light in our community. We are especially grateful to the anonymous donor who covered the entire expense of the fumigation. What an absolutely amazing gift that is!

On Sunday, September 29, the Endowment will present a program at 9:45, in the Library: **Maximizing Your Church and Minimizing Your Taxes**. Our guest guru, Woody Ledford, will note ways that you can contribute to the Endowment or the General Fund of PLCPC and significantly reduce your taxes too. Some of this information is new, so come with your questions.

Renovation Task Force Update



At the meeting prior to the church BBQ on Sunday July 28, the RTF was pleased with the reaction and feedback from the Congregation about the Master Plan. For those who could not attend the meeting, the Master Plan is available for review in the church office.

The RTF met in August with the Domus architects to determine cost and phasing information necessary for Session and the Congregation to determine next steps. We discussed phasing option details and the need to meet with Directors of Preschool and Children's Ministry about specific needs for storage, playground space and administration layouts. Domus will research entitlement issues with the City and make resources available to us for our campus safety plans.



Women's Retreat
January 24-26, 2020
Singing Hills Golf Resort
<http://pointlomachurch.org/register>

The Women's Retreat is a time to relax your body and rejuvenate your soul. This is an annual weekend of sisterhood and time with God. Join women from our congregation, neighboring congregations and their friends, grandmothers, mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts and nieces gathering from near and far to celebrate our Lord. It's time for YOU: no phones, no kids to watch, or meals to prepare!

Our featured speaker this year is the Rev. Megan Cochran, pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Registration begins September 8. For more information, visit our website pointlomachurch.org/register.



ROOTED

Rooted is a 10-week journey for people in every life stage.

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Rooted is a 10-week journey for people in every life stage. The weekly readings teach us what it means to be a disciple of Jesus through Scripture, prayer, worship, generosity and service. It isn't simply a Bible study or a book. It is a community experience, where people practice 7 rhythms essential to a healthy relationship with Jesus. Individuals establish firm roots in the Truth of God's Word through personal study and then come together to discuss what they're learning in a space where they are safe and known. Join us on Tuesdays in the Chapel at 6 pm. Contact Evan@pointlomachurch.org for more information or register online at pointlomachurch.org/register.