

# Spire

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## A Note from Pastor Karla

Dear Friends,  
Upon my desk sits a lovely orchid plant that the Deacons blessed me with during Lent. It has multiple blooms cascading down its branches that almost feel magical. They remind me of the talking flowers in the Tiki Room at Disneyland, as if at any moment, they might start belting out tropical tunes to be ricocheted around my mostly dark wood furniture. Besides the beautiful open flowers, there are also a number of buds residing on the branches that haven't yet bloomed. I watch them and I wait. The

glimpse of seeing a petal nudge open is so exciting, so invigorating, as there is hope found in emerging new life.

When I reflect on what the resurrection of Jesus has done for us, I am reminded of this orchid plant. How Jesus' actions have produced a solid root and stem for us. We have this strong foundation. As a result, the world is full of these fascinating, hopeful buds that are preparing to bloom. The most intriguing part of this image is recognizing that those buds are not outside of us, but ARE us, we are connected intimately to the work Christ has done. Post-resurrection we are reminded that the petals of our lives are nearly ready to open so we can continue growing into what God has envisioned for us and in us for the sake of God's world. As resurrection-people, we get to LIVE, truly live, because of the darkness that Christ has already encountered and overcome. We get to glean from His experience, from His triumph. We get to be nourished and fed and beautified. This is a ripe season for growth in the post-resurrection glow cast upon us. It is a time for celebration,

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## Discover Our Community



**April 22 & 29, Noon, Library**

Meet others who are exploring and growing in their faith at PLCPC

Learn what we believe and what makes this community unique

Explore how your gifts can be expressed

Get to know the leadership

An opportunity to join the PLCPC community, if you choose

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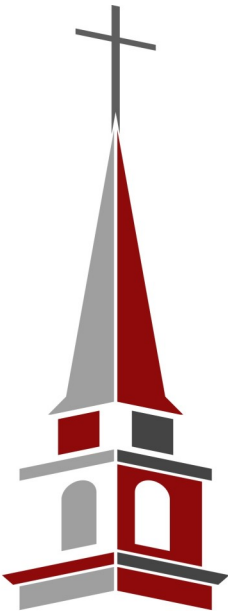
## Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church

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

Café Service  
9:45 am  
Chapel

Rev. Karla Shaw  
Senior Pastor

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## LOOKING AHEAD

April 2	Offices closed
April 15	CONFO Begins
April 19, 20	Preschool Art Show
April 22, 29	Discover Our Community
May 2	Women Connecting Dinner
May 4-6	Men's Retreat
May 13	Bible Memory Class Presentation
May 20	Children's Musical
June 10	Confirmation Sunday
June 25-29	Vacation Bible School
July 15-21	Intergenerational Mission Trip to Rancho Genesis, Mexico

## Session Meeting Highlights

John Spafford, Clerk

March 28, 2018

The Session continued addressing facility maintenance and improvement. Business Administrator Melissa Mullins and Facilities Chair Jerry Heidt discussed the ongoing office renovation. The project is under budget and they propose to enhance campus Internet and phone services with remaining funds. The Session authorized the replacement of the Chapel, Sanctuary and Church Office roofs using undesignated funds from a bequest. The Family Life Center roof will also be replaced when funds are available. Other projects and improvements were discussed. Douglas Buser was authorized to begin gathering proposals and costs that may lead to the initiation of a capital campaign.

The Session is considering its current committee structure and has combined the Stewardship and Finance committees into a single committee. Further organization will be a topic of discussion at the Session retreat scheduled for May 12.

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care Alex Wirth reported on a plan for Prayers for the Congregation. Church leaders will join to contact and pray individually for all church members throughout the year.

John Spafford, Clerk

## A Note from Pastor Karla *(continued)*

and with that, it is also a time to sprout. Looking at the days ahead, how can you bask in that glow? How can you and your family ride on the celebration that we have been set free? How can you connect more with other resurrection-people to be inspired and encouraged and hopefully, nudged?

How can you? I'm glad you asked.

Throughout the months of April and May at the church, we have some ways you "can." If you have been visiting with us, there is a Discover Our Community class set for April 22 and 29. Come, learn and take a risk to connect more. Give to the most vulnerable and join our mission trip to Ensenada, Mexico this summer. The next team-building event is April 23. Women of all ages are invited to the Women Connecting Dinner on May 2 to support one another in our journey of faith. From May 4-6, the men are retreating to Rancho Viva to grow together in their unique challenges. On May 31, at an evening event, connect with other adults as we learn to lean more on each another.

Along with that, choose to continue to gather together in worship each week. This spring season from the pulpit, we will be unpacking the words of The Jesus Creed, partially the Jewish Shema. *Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. And love your neighbor as yourself.* Let's grow more in love.

I am thankful to be a part of the resurrection-people. I am thankful you are, too.

## Life Events

### Deaths:

- A memorial service will be held for Nancy Ables on April 14, 2018 at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Muerl Norton passed away March 7, 2018. A memorial service will be held on May 11, 2018 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Evelyn Coy passed away March 18, 2018. A memorial service will be held at PLCPC on a date to be determined.
- Alice Carroll passed away in Tennessee at the age of 101 on March 22, 2018, .



Join the women of PLCPC for a fun-filled evening as we connect with each other, visit with friends, and enjoy a glass of wine and a delicious gourmet dinner!

**Keynote speaker, Dr. Mindy Coates-Smith**

*Stop Trying So Hard...Ingredients for a Gratified Life*

Cost: \$30 (includes dinner) Wine tickets sold on-site for \$5

## ADULT MINISTRY

**Sunday Scripture Group**—9:45 am, Library  
We'll resume on April 8, with Dr. Ken Bailey's series on 1 Corinthians. Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net

**Continuing the Conversation**— 4th Mondays at 7 pm, Room 1  
Participants will share experiences, ask questions and develop friendships. Our goal is a racism-free society through transformed hearts and minds.

Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com

**Rachel Circle**—3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 9:30 am in the Library. Next meeting is on April 16. Come & meet Rev. Alex Wirth, our new Associate Pastor. Contact: Marge Grant, (619) 296-2720.

**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study**—9 am, Chapel.  
Rev. Kim Dawsey-Richardson is leading "*Exploring the Enneagram through Scripture*." Contact: Clara Blenis, (619) 223-5950.

**Men@Work**—Wednesdays at 8:30 am in the Library. Following coffee, study, and camaraderie, we'll take on fix-it projects around campus. Em Cummins will lead our study.  
Contact: Don Griffith, don-pete@cox.net

**Wednesday Moms' Bible Study**—9:15-10:30 am, Chapel. We are discussing "*How to Read the Bible For All It's Worth*" by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart.

Contact: Julia Roller, juliaroller@yahoo.com

**Wednesday Men's Bible Study**—5 pm in the Chapel. We are studying the book of Acts, with Dr. Gresham Bayne leading our discussion. Contact: ghedt@ghhco.com

**Wednesday Refresh**—7-8:30 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds. Home of Jim Grisolia and Carla Stayboldt. 2868 Dove St. 92103. We're reviewing galley proofs of Marc Shaw's *Wanderer's Way*.  
Contact: jamesgrisolia@gmail.com

**MAY 4-6, 2018**

**Men's Retreat: The Battle  
Rancho Viva**

**\$50 for the weekend**

**RSVP: [pointlomachurch.org/register](http://pointlomachurch.org/register)  
Contact: [Evan@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:Evan@pointlomachurch.org)**



**FOREVER FIT  
GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS**  
In partnership with the YMCA  
**Every Wednesday  
at 9AM**  
Family Life Center  
**FREE!**



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### BROWN BAG LEARNING

Bring a brown bag lunch and join us in the Family Life Center for this informative presentation.

**TAKING TRANSIT 101—Wednesday, April 18—12-1:30 pm**

Gain independence by learning how to ride trollies and busses throughout San Diego. Learn how to read a schedule, pay fares, operate wheelchair ramps, and trip planning. Presented by the Metropolitan Transportation System

**HEALTHY AGING CONFERENCE—Wednesday, April 25—9 am - 2:30 pm**

Presented by SHARP Healthcare

Safety and health are priorities at any age. Learn how to plan for a healthy, safe and mindful future at this free conference for seniors, their families and caregivers. You will hear from experts and discover valuable resources designed to manage and promote healthy aging. Continental breakfast and light lunch provided. RSVP to Elaine.

### RED BRICK SENIOR CENTER

Join us every Tuesday for lunch and entertainment in a friendly environment. Coffee & snacks at 10 am, Entertainment at 11 am, Lunch at Noon. \$8

April 3 - **CLOSED** for Easter Break - Rejoice! Christ is Risen!

April 10 - **PETER SELTSE** - Greek Easter Feast - Marinated beef kabobs, rice pilaf, Greek salad, spanakopita triangles, rosemary roll, dessert

4/17 **ROBERT PARKER PIANO**—Italian Ristorante - Blood Pressure Check at 10 am Pizza, minestrone soup, Caesar salad, dessert

April 24 - **BLUE ZONE 40s DANCE BAND** - American Style - Hot Dogs with all the fixings, fruit salad, chips, ice cream sundae bar





### Lenten Food Drive results:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Music Ministry—toiletries

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Everyone else!!

We far exceeded our previous collection of non-perishable foods and toiletries.

Thank you to all who participated.



**Congratulations** Amy Adams, Jeannie Spies and Ben Adams, on winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place at **Chopped at Church!** A great time was had by all, and all funds raised benefitted Presbyterian Urban Ministries. Look for this event next year at PLCPC.



### Intergenerational Mission Trip — Rancho Genesis

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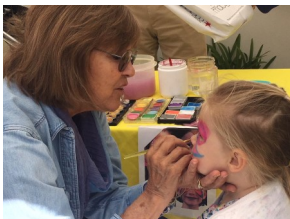
Ensenada, Mexico ,  
July 15-July 21, 2018

Take this unique opportunity to build a one-on-one relationship with an orphan as you share the love of Jesus through VBS and Outdoor Adventures.

Contact: Carol Leimbach  
cleimbach20@gmail.com

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- We are looking for 2 additional Ushers for the 10:45 am services. Contact Fred Daugherty, [frelin19@cox.net](mailto:frelin19@cox.net)
- Coming in April, multiple volunteer activities are planned per month. See the table on the patio on Sundays.
- Volunteers are always needed to assist with Vacation Bible School. Contact Karen Connor, [karen@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:karen@pointlomachurch.org)
- Sunday School volunteers needed. Teach, prep or host during 8:30 am or 9:45 am services. Contact Karen Connor



March 25, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A FREE morning filled with fun for all ages!  
Petting Zoo, Music, Food, Games & Bounce House





### Sunday School at 8:30 & 9:45 am

Come and learn God's Word!

**Age 4 -Kindergarten**—Room 2

**Grades 1-3**—Room 8

**Grades 4-6**—Room 6

**Childcare**—ages 6 mo.- Age 3— Nursery  
(across from Parlor)

Sunday School **volunteers** needed. Teach, prep or host during 8:30 am or 9:45 am service. Contact Karen Connor

### Route 56 on Mondays

5 to 7 pm, Youth Center  
Dinner included (\$5 donation)  
Friends are **always** welcome!

**April 2** - Laser tag at Ultrazone

**April 16** - Meeting in the Youth Center

**April 25** - (Wed) Serve at OB Dinners

**April 30** - Meeting in the Youth Center

**May 21** - End of the year pool party



### Kid's Club on Thursdays

*Participate in bible stories, crafts, and games.*

4-5:00pm:

Grade 2-6

5-5:45 pm:

Age 4-Grade 1



### Children and Youth Choirs

#### Cherub Choir

Age 4—Grade 1

Thursdays 4:00-4:50 in the choir room

#### Joyful Praise Choir

Grades 2-6

Thursdays 5:00-6:00 in the choir room

#### Brick Singers - Grades 7-12

Sundays 11:45-1:30p.m. with snack

Learn music reading skills and participate in group voice lessons. For more information contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org.



#### MOPS:

**Mothers of Preschoolers**

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754

Contact: sarahbuttefield@gmail.com

**Apr. 3** - Peaceful Parenting with Lisa Howe

**Apr. 7** - Mom's Night Out - Soda and Swine 7:30

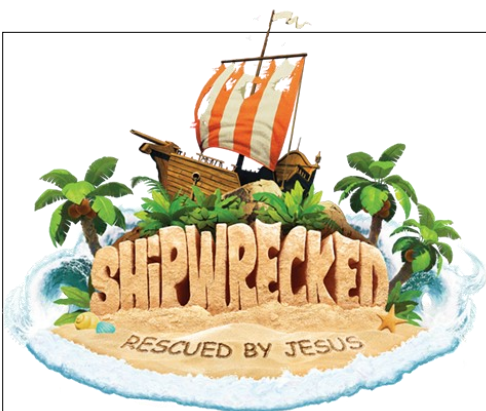
**Apr. 10** - Mom's Morning Out, 9:15 to 11:45

**Apr. 17** - Crystal Karges, RDN (nutritionist)

"Healthy Eating for Toddlers and Preschoolers"

**Apr. 24** - Playground Play date at Liberty Station, 9:30 to 11:30

**Apr. 25** - Book Club at The Living Room Cafe 7 PM



### Vacation Bible School 2018: SHIPWRECKED

**June 25—29, 2019**

**9 am—Noon**

**Preschool—Grade 6**

A week filled with music, games, experiments, Bible stories, snacks and more!

Preschool section is full. Email Karen to be put on the wait list  
karen@pointlomachurch.org

**REGISTER: [pointlomachurch.org/register](http://pointlomachurch.org/register)**





Nicole Hage, Director | [preschool@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:preschool@pointlomachurch.org) | 619-223-3327 | [www.redbrickpreschool.org](http://www.redbrickpreschool.org)

& TODDLER LEARNING CENTER

The Preschool is looking for teaching staff and substitutes for our next school year starting in September. This is a great opportunity to be part of a preschool with an outstanding reputation and to share your talents with children. We follow the public-school calendar for holidays and school breaks. You must have a minimum of 12 Early Childhood Education Units to become a qualified teacher. If you are interested, please email your resume to Nicole, [preschool@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:preschool@pointlomachurch.org) or call 619-223-3327.



### Preschool Summer Camp | July 2 – August 3 | 9 am—1 pm

PLCPC is offering 5 weeks of summer camp for children ages 3-6 years of age. Each week will have a different theme and biblical message. The children will have the opportunity to explore and play in a nurturing Christian environment. A daily snack is provided, please pack a lunch. Children must be toilet trained. Please call 619-223-3327 for more information.

The Preschool Art show will be on April 19 & 20 in the preschool courtyard. We are celebrating the Week of The Young Child. Come see all the beautiful artwork the children have made. The best time to come see the artwork is between 8:30-10:00 am.



RO Smith, Youth Ministry Director | [ro@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:ro@pointlomachurch.org) | 619-223-1633 x216

#### BRICK MIDWEEK

Junior High // Thursdays 5-7pm  
High School // Thursdays 7-9 pm

#### BRICK ON SUNDAYS

Junior High // Sundays, 9:45 am  
Start in Café service  
High School // Sundays, 5pm  
Smith Family Casa



#### SUNDAY SERVES at Ladle Ministry May 20

We will leave the church at 12:30 p.m. (or meet at Ladle at 1pm) and we will return to church around 4:15 p.m. Contact RO to sign-up.

## CONFO CONFIRMATION

### CONFO April 15—June 10 Students in Grades 8-10

Confirmation is a *discipleship opportunity* and a means of publicly proclaiming your faith.

The program consists 4 *key elements*:

- 1) 7 classes (held on Sundays 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM)
- 2) a retreat
- 3) a mentor relationship
- 4) a service opportunity.

Contact RO Smith at [ro@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:ro@pointlomachurch.org)

#### REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMPS

Campus By the Sea  
July 24-28  
Grades 6 & 7

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High School Houseboats  
August 5-11  
Grades 8-12

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## SESSION & STAFF

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## INTERFAITH SHELTER—THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting the Interfaith Shelter Network homeless shelter at PLCPC. You welcomed, housed, and fed fourteen individuals experiencing homelessness. Some quick facts:

- 141 nights of shelter were provided for 14 individuals
- 296 dinners were served
- 136 lunches and 144 breakfasts were provided
- over 130 of you filled 183 volunteer shifts, totaling 712 volunteer hours

Thanks go to all who helped set up and take down the shelter, all who contributed to and prepared meals, and all who volunteered for tasks big and small. In a broader sense, thanks go to all of the congregation for supporting this effort with your prayers, for your financial support, and for building & maintaining a facility so well-suited for this purpose.

The lasting benefit to our guests, though, will come from your many hours of conversation, prayer, listening, playing, tutoring, loving, and simply being present at a time when our guests needed support. All who stayed with us expressed their gratitude for the warm embrace received from our congregation.

If you were inspired by this experience, consider supporting or volunteering with one of our mission partners who serve the homeless, including: Presbyterian Urban Ministries, OB Emergency Food Bank (Loaves & Fishes), Ladle Ministry, Uplift Tutoring, and OB Community Dinners. More information about these organizations can be found on the Mission Beyond page of the PLCPC website.

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...*  
*Matthew 25:35*

### THE OFFICE RENOVATION CONTINUES!

By mid-April, the open office area will have four new modular workstations with a table in the center for collaboration and informal meetings. The back office has been divided into two spaces for Evan Gratz, Community Life Director and Rev. Alex Wirth, Associate Pastor. All office areas will have new carpet and a fresh coat of paint. Church staff are very cozy, working in their temporary offices in the Parlor. Thank you to Sue Skala, Michael Huff and Suzy Spafford for your time, creativity and planning that made this possible.



The office renovation project was made possible through the generosity of Bethany Engel, who set up a trust which named the church as the beneficiary of approximately one-third of her estate.