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A Note from Pastor Karla

Hello Friends,

If you have been at worship these last several weeks, then I hope you are enjoying the series on *The Shema*. This central prayer of Judaism taken from Deuteronomy 6, that was adopted by Jesus as containing the greatest commandment, is really quite mind-blowing. It is so simple, yet so difficult to live out.

The most repeated word in *The Shema* is “love” - LOVE God with heart, mind, soul and strength, and added by

Jesus, LOVE self and one another. Our Session and staff have been working on a new vision, mission, and values for our congregation this year, and we, too, have also adopted LOVE as the entrance into our desire for our church family. Which begs the question, what is love, really? And how do we love as God loves? How do we love God more?

In our culture, it is sometimes easier to define love by what it is not. Take for instance, the list of marital expectations that Albert Einstein penned for his wife in 1914.

A. *You will make sure:*

1. *That my clothes and laundry are kept in good order;*
2. *That I will receive my three meals regularly in my room;*
3. *That my bedroom and study are kept neat, and especially that my desk is left for my use only.*

B. *You will renounce all personal relations with me insofar as they are not completely necessary for social reasons. Specifically, you will forego:*

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A Bit About Alex

You are invited to join us for the **Installation of Rev. Alex Wirth** on Sunday, May 27 at 2 pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Family Life Center. For those of you who are wondering about Alex’s history, please read on:

Growing up the son of a pastor and a church musician greatly increases the chances that you will also become a pastor. Either that or you will join a motorcycle gang. After some twists and turns considering careers in marine biology and punk rock, Alex heard a clear call to ministry while serving as a PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer in Northern Ireland. In the two for one deal of the century, Alex received a Master of Divinity



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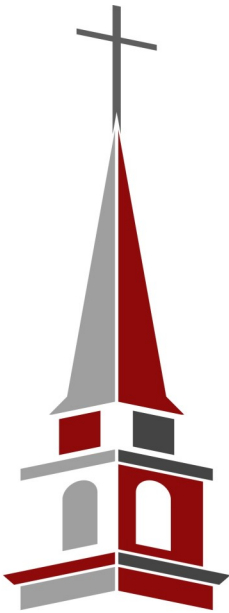
Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church

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

Café Service
9:45 am
Chapel

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Senior Pastor

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LOOKING AHEAD

May 2	Women Connecting Dinner
May 4-6	Men’s Retreat
May 13	Bible Memory Class Presentation
May 20	Children’s Musical 8:30 & 10:45 am services
May 20	SERVE at Ladle fellowship
May 27	Rev. Alex Wirth Installation
May 28	Office closed (Memorial Day)
May 31	Neighborhood Block Party
June 2	Day SERVE trip to Rancho Genesis
June 4	Golf4Good
June 10	Confirmation Sunday
June 22-26	Campus by the Sea
June 25-29	Vacation Bible School
July 15-21	Intergenerational Mission Trip to Rancho Genesis, Mexico

Session Meeting Highlights

John Spafford, Clerk
April 25, 2018

The church is entering an era in which rigid, hierarchical organizations will find it difficult to adapt to a rapidly changing society. Moderator Karla Shaw is leading discussions considering the reformation of the Session in order to make it more flexible and mission-responsive. The Session and Deacons are studying Tod Bolsinger's *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*, and at the upcoming annual retreat the Session and staff will review the church's mission statement and vision as they set goals for the coming year. These preparations will help future Sessions as the church enters a period of facility renovation and community engagement.

At the April 25 Session meeting Business Administrator Melissa Mullins reported on the good office renovation progress and laid out re-roofing plans for the Sanctuary, Office, Chapel and Family Life Center. And looking ahead, Renovation Co-Chair Douglas Buser reported on facility tours he has taken with church staff members. The Session authorized Buser to order a professional property inspection report that will be shared with church members and groups in order to build project goals.

John Spafford, Clerk

A Note from Pastor Karla (continued)

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1. *My sitting at home with you;*
 2. *My going out or traveling with you.*
- C. *You will obey the following points in your relations with me:*
1. *You will not expect any intimacy from me, nor will you reproach me in any way;*
 2. *You will stop talking to me if I request it;*
 3. *You will leave my bedroom or study immediately without protest if I request it.*
- D. *You will undertake not to belittle me in front of the children, either through words or behavior.*

Needless to say, Einstein ended up a divorced man. Why? Because true love comes not from trying to answer the question "What can I get out of this?" but, instead trying to answer, "What is the best thing I can do for someone else?" Love is intimately connected to sacrifice.

So, as we move into this month and continue to reflect on what it means to love, I hope you set aside time in your lives to care for someone else, including God, without expecting anything in return. Also, remember to pray for the leaders of our church, particularly as we gather for retreat on May 12 to discern our community values. That God would lead and be loved in our time together.

Journeying together,
Pastor Karla

A Bit About Alex (continued)

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and met his future wife Megan (the new pastor at our neighbor church Westminster Pres.) at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL.

Megan and Alex both served as Associate Pastors at Lake View Presbyterian Church just down the street from Wrigley Field. Alex worked on social justice ministries, buildings & grounds, and a program for LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness in the community there. Alex was also briefly on staff at Fourth Presbyterian Church as their interim Minister for Evangelism working on visitor welcome as well as new member education and retention.

Alex and Megan are very excited to not have to shovel all the fresh fallen sunshine around their new home and that their 2-year-old daughter Clarus will get to grow up near the ocean.

Life Events**Baptism:**

- Charlotte Grace Bailey, daughter of Robert and Erin Hartley Bailey, was baptized by Pastor Karla on April 15, 2018.

Deaths:

- Muerl Norton passed away March 7, 2018. A memorial service will be held on May 11, 2018 at 11 am in the Sanctuary.
- Evelyn Coy passed away March 18, 2018. A memorial service was held on April 20, 2018.
- Donis Lovett passed away April 7, 2018. A memorial service will be held on May 24, 2018 at 10 am in the Sanctuary.
- Muriel Kimball passed away April 21, 2018. No memorial service is planned.
- Pauline Tweed passed away in February, 2017. A memorial service will be held on May 12, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church.

ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group—9:45 am, Library

We are viewing and discussing Dr. Ken Bailey's video series on 1 Corinthians. Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net

Continuing the Conversation— 4th Mondays at 7 pm, Room 1. Next meeting is TBA. Participants 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—3rd Mondays at 9:30 am in the Library. Next meeting is May 21, where our new Director of Community Life, Evan Gratz, will be our speaker.

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. The final spring meeting will be a brunch at Kirsten Rindal's home May 22, 9-11 am. Fall session begins Sept 11 with a study of the letters of John and Peter.

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. We will continue to meet during the summer.

Contact: Don Griffith, don-pete@cox.net

Wednesday Moms' Bible Study—9:15-10:30 am, Chapel. We are discussing "*Exploring the Enneagram through Scripture*." Contact: Julia Roller, juliaroller@yahoo.com

The final spring meeting will be a brunch at a location TBD, on May 23, 9-11 am. Fall session begins Sept 12 with a study of the letters of John and Peter.

Wednesday Men's Bible Study—5 pm in the Chapel. We are studying the book of Acts, with Dr. Gresham Bayne leading our discussion. We will continue to meet during the summer.

Contact: Jerry Heidt, gheidt@ghhco.com

Wednesday Refresh—7-8:30 pm on 1st and 3rd 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: Jim Grisolia, jamesgrisolia@gmail.com



**SENIOR
ADULT
MINISTRY
PROGRAMS**

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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

May 1 MARIACHI PERLA-Mexican Fiesta-Chicken tortilla soup, bean burrito, corn, tomato & avocado relish, churro

May 8 COLLECTIONS! Learn about people's personal collections which they will bring in to share. Twice-baked potatoes, green salad, roll & dessert

May 15 PETER SELTSE—Uplifting Favorites -Stuffed cabbage roll simmered in light tomato sauce (Golabki), rice, sautéed vegetables, roll & dessert

May 22 NORTH PARK COMMUNITY BAND—Classic 40's Music-Open face roast beef sandwich melt, potato salad and fruit, dessert

May 29 SAN DIEGO CITY GUARD BAND -Patriotic Music—Fried Chicken, buttered corn off the cob, macaroni salad, watermelon, biscuit, dessert

OUTING TO QUILT AND WATERCOLOR MUSEUMS – Wed May 16, 2018 10 am—2 pm



A visit the Visions Quilt Museum and the Watercolor Society, followed by lunch at Solare Ristorante. Meet at church at 10:00 am, return by 2 pm. Bring \$10-20 per person for light lunch at Solare Ristorante. Transportation provided by Elaine in the church van. To secure your spot in the van, RSVP to Elaine.

FOREVER FIT GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS

In partnership with the YMCA Every Wednesday at 9AM Family Life Center **FREE!**



**SUNDAY SERVE 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. ro@pointlomachurch.org



**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL**

**DESIGN & BUILD
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



Email Ed Lynds: elynds@cox.net



**One-day SERVE
trip: June 2, 2018**

Meet at church at 6 am for a one-day trip to Rancho Genesis. Contact Mark Olcott, olcott@cox.net

**Intergenerational
Mission Trip:
Rancho Genesis
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



Lenten Food Drive

Many thanks to those who allowed us to place a collection box in their business: Stump's Family Market, US Bank, Peninsula YMCA, and the Hervey Pt. Loma Library. And a HUGE THANK YOU to our generous community for your donations!

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the SERVE table on the patio each Sunday.

Discover the many volunteer opportunities available for all ages.

- We are looking for 2 additional Ushers for the 10:45 am services. Contact Fred Daugherty, frelin19@cox.net
- Volunteers are always needed to assist with Vacation Bible School. Contact Karen Connor, karen@pointlomachurch.org
- Sunday School volunteers needed. Teach, prep or host during 8:30 am or 9:45 am services. Contact Karen Connor
- Church Office Tech Volunteers: Update computers, organize and inventory equipment. Contact: Melissa Mullins



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)

Children and Youth Choirs

Cherub Choir

Age 4—Grade 1

Thursdays 4:00-4:50 in the Sanctuary

Joyful Praise Choir

Grades 2-6

Thursdays 5:00-6:00 in the Sanctuary

End of year celebration, Thursday May 24, 4-6pm Family Life Center

Brick Singers - Grades 7-12

Sundays 11:45-1:30 pm in the choir room, with snack or more information contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org.



Route 56 on Mondays

5 to 7 pm, Youth Center

Dinner included (\$5 donation)

Friends are **always** welcome!

May 21 - End of the year pool party

Have a great summer!

Resuming Sept 21st



Kid's Club on Thursdays

Participate in bible stories, crafts, and games.

4-5:00 pm: Grade 2-6

5-5:45 pm: Age 4-Grade 1

Final meeting May 17th

Resuming Sept 13th



MOPS:

Mothers of Preschoolers

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754

Contact: sarahbuttefield@gmail.com

May 1—Craft day with Raquel

May 8—Playground play date at Shelter Island, 9:30—11:30 am

May 15—End of the year Tea

May 19—Mom's Night Out—Fig Tree Café, 7:30 pm

No meetings at church June-/July/August. Play dates and Mom's Night Out continue, see website for specifics.



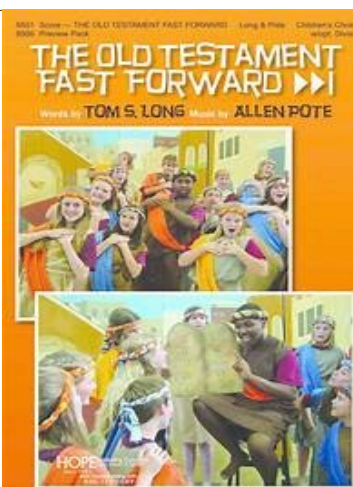
12 Moms were blessed and refreshed at our first annual MOPS retreat in La Jolla.

May 20

8:30 and 10:15 am

Sanctuary

Come see our wonderful children's choirs presentation of "The Old Testament, Fast Forward."
No Café service this Sunday.



Nicole Hage, Director | preschool@pointlomachurch.org | 619-223-3327
www.redbrickpreschool.org



Preschool graduations and last day of this school year—June 7-8. Classes resume September 4.

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 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 Red Brick church has chartered a new Cub Scouts pack and are recruiting boys from Kindergarten through 5th grade. They meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6-7pm, during the school year in our Family Life Center. Please contact Kyle Fortner for more information: kyle.fortner@gmail.com

RO Smith, Youth Ministry Director | ro@pointlomachurch.org
619-223-1633 x216

BRICK
Y O U T H G R O U P

BRICK MIDWEEK

Junior High // Thursdays 5-7pm
High School // Thursdays 7-9 pm
Last meeting before summer May 31

BRICK ON SUNDAYS

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

CONFO
CONFIRMATION

Celebrate with our 8th—10th grade students who are completing their confirmation classes in our worship services on June 10.

**REGISTRATION FOR
SUMMER CAMPS**

Campus By the Sea

July 24-28
Grades 6 & 7

High School Houseboats

August 5-11
Grades 8-12

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MILITARY DISPLAY REQUEST

If you or a loved one has served
in the military, please submit
your/your family member's
information for inclusion in the
display by June 1.

pointlomachurch.org/register

If you have served in our Armed Forces or know of a former member of our church who served, we are gathering information to honor each and every one of those individuals through a new display in the FLC. For those of you on Active Duty, we would also appreciate a picture of you in uniform. Questions, contact: Jeanie Spies jeanbspies@gmail.com



Congratulations to this year's Bible Memory students who are set to graduate on Mother's Day, May 13, when they will recite their Life Verse during the 8:30 and 9:45 am worship services. They are our largest class ever, with twelve students! They will be awarded personalized Bibles during a cake and lemonade reception following their time in the Café Service. Elder Judy Prichett has been teaching this class for 9 years now. Thank you, Judy, for your continued passion and commitment to teaching God's Word to our children. You are truly a blessing to the Red Brick Kids Children's Ministry.

2018 Bible Memory Students:

Audrey Purvis, Ava McCahill, Celia Thome, Cooper Schroeder, Ella Raugust, Jack Connor, Jack Swanston, Lila Schroeder, Lilly Loftus, Lincoln Whitney, Logan O'Connor, Molly Radonich.

A big THANK YOU to our twelve Bible Memory Mentors! These individuals were paired with a student and spent time in class with them helping them to memorize their verses as well as praying for them and supporting them in their journey. We are so grateful!



FAMILY CAMP

October 12-14, 2018

Camp Marston | Julian, CA

Spend meaningful time together as a family to play, worship and engage in age-appropriate activities. Cost includes 5 meals, lodging, climbing tower, archery, Gaga, sport court, craft house, bonfires and much more.

Register online: Pointlomachurch.org/family-camp/register

Cost: \$135/person, Maximum \$540/family. Children age 4 and under are free. (To qualify for the family maximum, all family members must live at the same address.) Non-refundable deposit due at time of registration: \$50/person or \$100/family.



Join the fun, meet our neighbors and bring a friend to the Neighborhood Block Party!

Food and treats are available for purchase from food trucks.

Please RSVP for childcare:

cynthia@pointlomachurch.org