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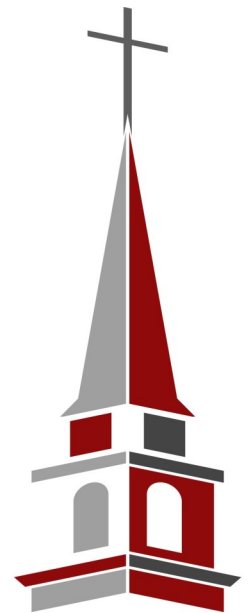
Point Loma
Community
Presbyterian
Church

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



The rhythms of our year, both inside and outside of the church, are not necessarily in alignment anymore with our daily realities. No longer being an agrarian society, most of us don't "bring in the harvest" during the fall months. We aren't in the fields, getting our hands dirty, reaping what we have sown, and, yet, metaphorically speaking, the rhythm at this time of year begs us to pause and celebrate the work that has been done in us and through us over these past months. Despite most of us no longer being farmers, I am thankful we still pause. And even more so, I am thankful we still give

thanks. As somehow in that simple gesture of gratitude, even for those that have a hard time trusting in a Divine Being, there is acknowledgment of a force moving in our world whose result is Grace.

Looking back on the sowing done here through many of you at PLCPC this past year, we have much to be thankful for! The countless volunteer hours gifted through faith that God is not finished with us yet, the sacrificial giving of your resources that has kept our doors open and our ministry thriving, along with the plethora of skills that have been unleashed this year. We would not be the church without all of our faith and commitment. Thank you for allowing God in to your life.

In this season of thanks, there is also a built in opportunity for renewal. As the days grow shorter and the nights longer, the blanket of darkness draws us inward for self-reflection. In the treasure found where our roots grow deep, we are reminded that we don't give out of our own strength, because if we do then we will most certainly become bitter and tired. Instead God calls us to abide in Him and out of that abiding, God will bless us with what we need and God will work through His blessing. God will give even beyond your expectations. So, as we emerge out of our "Year of Celebration" and enter into our year of "With Everything," I pray that we all yield to God's presence in our lives, that we pay attention to the work God is doing, and through that, with open hands, we let God take our lives and work His wonder through us and our church. May it be so.

In Grace,
Pastor Karla



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Dec. 9	Red Brick Christmas
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Worship
Jan. 25-27	Women's Retreat
Jan. 25-27	Forest Home Winter Camp 4 th - 6 th Grade

Session Meeting Highlights October 24, 2018 Meeting

As we enter the fourth quarter of the year the Session focused mostly on financial issues in the October meeting. While concerned that current payments on pledges are about \$50,000 under budget, Session reviewed the "With Everything" giving campaign for 2019 with enthusiasm and hope. Session elders received their own giving forms and will be prayerfully planning their commitments for 2019.

The 2019 budget is in process for preliminary approval in December and final approval in January, once commitments have been received. The expense budget will follow a plan of "2019 Funding Priorities" that the Session adopted. These priorities are adapted from our Vision, Mission and Values Statements.

The Session reviewed the next steps planned by the Renovation Task Force. On Nov. 10 and 11 the Task Force will guide members and friends of the church on tours of the education wing and other areas of renovation interest. Then everyone will be invited to share their own "Dreams for the Future." Session members will assist in these town hall meetings.

John Spafford
Clerk

Renovation Task Force (RTF) Update

Last month, the RTF made a presentation to Session focusing on the information the committee has gathered to date by meeting with internal and external groups that use our church facilities. Additionally, \$50,000 was approved to hire design professionals to prepare church campus programming and master plan documents. This information will provide the foundation of our future decision-making.



As a community church, we value the experiences and perspectives of each person.

The Renovation Task Force, formed by Session in early

summer, invites you to dream with them about the future of our children, youth, preschool and music facilities on **Saturday, November 10 at 10 am** in the Family Life Center. All voices are necessary for this brainstorming session! If you are unable to attend the meeting on Saturday, an additional meeting will take place on Nov. 11 at 10:45 am in the Chapel. Child care, snacks and coffee will be provided.

The RTF members include John Brand-Chair, Douglas Buser, Susan Cramer, Will Hage, Bob Holst, and Melissa Mullins.

Welcome New Members!

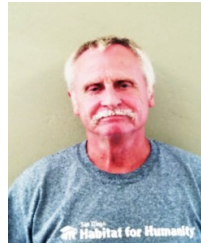
Our September Discover our Community class concluded with eight people deciding to officially become members of the PLCPC community. We welcome them all!



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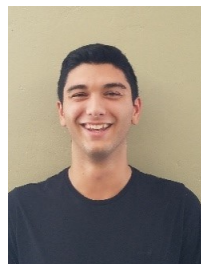
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ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group—9:45 am in the Parlor. We are studying the 9-part Hillsdale College series on C.S. Lewis, reviewing the writings and significance of the greatest Christian apologist of the 20th century.

Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net

Continuing the Conversation— 4th Monday at 7 pm in the Parlor. Our goal is a racism-free society through transformed hearts and minds. Our next meeting is November 26.

Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com

Rachel Circle—3rd Mondays at 9:30 am in the Library.

We will next meet on Monday, November 19 at 9:30 am. Our speaker will be Pastor Karla Shaw. Come join us for coffee, or tea. Contact: Marge Grant, (619) 296-2720.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study—9 am, in the Parlor.

A study of John's letters, led by Pastor Karla. Women of all ages and stages are welcome! Contact: Clara Blenis, (619) 223-5950.

Men@Work—Wednesday at 8:30 am in the Library. We meet over coffee to discuss life, our families, our wishes, and pray a

bit. We study the Bible and discuss the meaning. Then we spend time working on projects around the church. All abilities are welcome. Contact: Don Griffith, don.griffith69@gmail.com

Wednesday Moms' Bible Study—9:15-10:30 am, in the Parlor. A study of John's letters, led by Pastor Karla. Moms of kids elementary age and younger are invited. Childcare provided.

Contact: Julia Roller, juliaroller@yahoo.com

Wednesday Men's Bible Study— 5 pm in the Parlor. Gresham Bayne leads our study of Galatians .

Contact: Jerry Heidt, gheidt@ghhco.com

Wednesday Refresh—1st and 3rd Weds., 7-8:30 pm at the 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

Sermon Discussion Group—Sundays from 9:45-10:30 am in the FLC. Join us as we unpack the morning's sermon and discover new ways to truly live out the message. All are welcome!

Contact: Lynn Ziegenfuss, lynnziggy@gmail.com



**SENIOR
ADULT
MINISTRY
PROGRAMS**

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TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6, 11:00 AM —1:00 PM | HONORING OUR VETERANS

Luncheon and program honoring all veterans and active duty service members. Program includes the Marine Corps Band, JROTC Color Guard, and special guest speakers. Bring photos of you or your loved one in their uniform, special medals, or mementos for display. RSVP to Elaine required. \$6 freewill donation.



CURRENT EVENT DISCUSSION GROUP

NOVEMBER 13, 10:00 —11:30 AM

Keep up to date with happenings in our world. Bring a news article, magazine story, or topic of general interest to discuss.



COPING WITH GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

NOVEMBER 14, 12:00 —1:00 PM

Those who have lost a loved one will gain new insights and identify strategies for coping with the holiday season. Taught by Sharp Hospice Care. Bring a brown bag lunch.



NOVEMBER 29 - OUTING TO MAMMA MIA (SOLD OUT)

LAWRENCE WELK RESORT



FOREVER FIT | GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE YMCA

Every Wednesday at 9 am, Family Life Center. FREE!

High School Small Group

There is a small group opportunity open for HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY on Thursday nights. They will meet at the Smith Family Casa from 7-9pm. We will have some snack food, play some games, and have a time of study and discussion. Please contact RO Smith for more information and directions.

BRICK MONDAYS

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

BRICK THURSDAY

High School // 7-9 pm
Smith Family Casa

BRICK ON SUNDAYS

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

Rancho Genesis Spring Break

Mission Trip

DATES: March 25-29

COST: \$275

We are taking a group of students and leaders down to Rancho Genesis which is located about 30 minutes south of Ensenada, Mexico. We will help build the new Rancho Genesis Camp for orphans. These camps are designed to give orphans of Mexico the chance to encounter the unconditional love of Christ.



There will be 3 mandatory team meetings beginning in January that you must attend in order to go on the trip. If you are interested in the trip or would like more information, please contact RO Smith. Online registration begins November 1.

We are going BOWLING!!

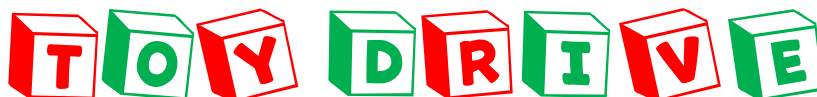
On **Saturday, November 17** we will be meeting at the Youth Center parking lot AT 6:20 pm! We will leave from the church at 6:30 pm and will be back at 9:30pm! We will bowl from 7 - 9pm at Kearny Mesa Bowl, if you want to just meet us there! The cost is \$15 (that covers the lane and shoes), if you want to get some snacks, then bring extra cash! If there are any parents who want to volunteer to drive, please contact RO Smith.



Save the Date—Sunday, November 11

Join us in the Family Life Center for a pop-in and serve event. We will have several areas set-up where you can complete a variety of one-time serve projects, including packing care packages for college students, making sock lunches for the homeless and writing letters to the military, prisoners and college students. All ages are encouraged to attend.

Following the Pop-In event, we will also be serving at **Ladle Fellowship**. This is a great opportunity to help meet some crucial needs of our homeless brothers and sisters. If you would like a ride, take the church van by meeting us in the library parking lot at 12:30 pm. If you would like to meet us there, the address is: 320 Date St. (NOTE: You will enter on the Third Ave side).



During the month of November, we are collecting toy donations for junior enlisted military families that are part of Military Outreach Ministries (M.O.M). Toys are needed for children ages newborns to 12. Please bring the unwrapped toys to the M.O.M. table on the plaza every Sunday in November or leave them in the M.O.M. toy box in the church office during the week. If you don't want to shop, donations of cash or checks (made out to PLCPC) are also needed to help buy bicycles and toys for the children. On December 1 there will be a M.O.M. toy store in the FLC to distribute toys to the families. If you would like to help with the toy store please see one of the volunteers on the plaza or contact Evan Gratz (evan@pointlomachurch.org).





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Sunday School at 8:30 & 9:45 am

Come and learn God's Word!

*Age 4 - Kindergarten—Room 2

*Grades 1- 3—Room 8

Grade 3—Bible Memory class—Room 5
(9:45 am only)

*Grades 4 - 6—Room 6

* Children begin in the Services. Childcare available in the nursery for ages 6 mo.- Age 3 years at 8:30, 9:45 and 10:45



Kid's Club on Thursdays

Participate in bible stories, crafts, and games in Room 8.

Grades 2- 6 meets from 4:00 -5:00 pm

Age 4 - Grade 1 meets from 5:00 -5:45 pm



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

Brick Singers Youth Choir- Grades 7 - 12

Sundays 11:45 am - 1:30 pm

All choirs meet in the choir room

Contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org



Brick Journey on Mondays 4th– 6th Grade

4:00-5:30 pm in the Youth Center

Dinner included (\$3 donation)

Friends are **always** welcome!

Fall 2018 Dates

November 5, 12

December 3, 10

***November 28 (Wednesday) Serve dinner at the OB Community Dinners 5:30-7:30 pm**

For more information, contact Michael Lombrano (michael@pointlomachurch.org)

MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754

Contact: sarahbutterfield@gmail.com



Nov. 3 - Mom's Night Out, 7:30 PM (location TBA)

Nov. 5 - Coffee House (FLC 9:30-11:30 am)
hang out, chat, bring a project to work on!

Nov. 19 - Playground Play Date (location TBA)

Nov. 26 - Lisa Howe: Rethinking Discipline
(FLC 9:30-11:30 am)

Nov. 28 - Book Club (location TBA)

Forest Home Winter Camp January 25-27, 2019

Children's Winter Camp at Forest Home is an opportunity for 4th-6th graders to explore God's Word and His creation. We focus on Biblical teaching, cabin chats, and heart-felt worship. Plus we have tons of fun, winter outdoor recreation and games designed just for your children. Forest Homes rates are all-inclusive, the \$210 registration fee includes six meals, two nights lodging, transportation and all activities. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your spot. Spots are limited, so register today! Pointlomachurch.org/register



Nicole Hage, Director | preschool@pointlomachurch.org | 619-223-3327
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Please support our church preschool while decorating your home with beautiful, vibrant, red holiday poinsettias. Simply call Nicole Hage at (619) 223-3327 or email preschool@pointlomachurch.org by November 15. You can pre-order 6" pots at \$15 or 8" pots at \$25 each. Checks can be dropped off at the church office and made out to PLCPC. Your poinsettias will be available for pick up on Sunday, November 25 in the Family Life Center at the Alternative Christmas Faire.



Family Camp Was Fun For All!

Over the weekend of October 12-14, 101 people from PLCPC participated in our Family Camp at Camp Marston in Julian. It was a great weekend of connecting, relaxing, fun and learning for those of all ages. The theme for the weekend revolved around the idea of home, "*My Heart, Christ's Home.*" Although it rained a bit on Saturday, that provided some good memories and a unique experience to spend time together inside the lodges playing games and having good conversations. Overall, camp was a very positive experience for those who attended and will be an ongoing staple in our efforts to minister to families and be intergenerational here at PLCPC. Please stay tuned for the 2019 camp dates!



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 of the display have sprouted hundreds of leaves documenting the rich history of our community. The most recent leaf recognizes Tyler Cramer's 24 years of insightful legal advice to the PLCPC Session.

To request a leaf, please complete the form in the church office.



**Honoring Our Veterans
Luncheon & Patriotic Program**

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

10:00 am—1:00 pm

RSVP to Elaine@pointlomachurch.org



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Life Events

Baptisms:

- Isaac Shetter, son of Adam and Erin Shetter, was baptized on Sunday, October 14 at Family Camp. Rev. Karla Shaw officiated.
- Eli Shetter, son of Adam and Erin Shetter, was baptized on Sunday, October 14 at Family Camp. Rev. Karla Shaw officiated.
- Silas Shetter, son of Adam and Erin Shetter, was baptized on Sunday, October 14 at Family Camp. Rev. Karla Shaw officiated.
- Samson Shetter, son of Adam and Erin Shetter, was baptized on Sunday, October 14 at Family Camp. Rev. Karla Shaw officiated.

News from Finance Committee

At this time of year, many people more than 70 1/2 years old are in discussions with their financial advisor on how, when, and what to do with the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their qualified retirement plan. The 2018 tax changes provide for a number of changes regarding charitable deductions. One of these changes is likely to be of interest to anyone with an RMD for 2018 or 2019. You may avoid paying taxes on the RMD by using a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" (QCD) directly rolled over from your IRA. A QCD amount rolled over directly to the church can cover amounts up to the RMD requirement, thus avoiding federal income tax. If the church can be of any assistance in setting up a contribution to PLCPC, contact Evelyn Lambino at (619) 233-1633 ext: 206.



Alternative Christmas Faire—November 25, 2018



The Alternative Christmas Faire is an amazingly transformational way to kick-off your holiday season. This annual event brings together almost 30 representatives from local, regional, and international missions that Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church actively supports, as well as representatives from the various ministries of PLCPC. Dedicate a portion of your Christmas budget to meaningful missions, in the name of those you love! You will receive a gift card thanking the recipient for the contribution that has been made in their name. Please come by before and after Worship on Sunday, November 25 and be part of how PLCPC is sharing God's love around the world.

Calling all Crafters!

This year's Alternative Christmas Faire will also feature the return of the crafters! If you are a crafter AND are willing to donate 25% of your sales to the PLCPC ministry of your choice, we would love to have you participate. Contact Coordinators Monica Ball at 619-708-3512 or mbrealestate@cox.net or Kate Miller at 619-952-7549 or k8thmiller@gmail.com



Children's Ministries is looking for a committed team of volunteers to help launch the new Kids Cafe worship service at the 9:45am hour. Please attend a brief informational meeting on Sunday, November 18, at 9:30 am to learn more about this exciting new kids program and how you can help! The meeting will take place in the church Library. If you cannot attend and still want to volunteer please contact Karen Connor, karen@pointlomachurch.org.



All Church Potluck

WED, NOV 7, 6-7:30 PM

PLCPC FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Just
food and
fellowship

Come share a meal with our church community.

A-H : Side Dish or Salad

I-P : Dessert

Q-Z : Main Dish

We are a good home: Come and embody this church value by joining our church community in an evening of food and fellowship. Take this opportunity to talk and eat with those you may only see on Sundays.