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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 www.pointlomachurch.org 2128 Chatsworth Blvd.



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#### LOOKING AHEAD

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Oct. 20:	Deacons Pancake Breakfast
Nov. 3:	Daylight Savings
Nov. 3:	SERVE at Ladle Fellowship
Nov. 5:	Honoring Our Veterans Lunch

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.

#### October.

Leaves change. Colors pop. Light grows dimmer. Campfires sizzle. Hot chocolate emerges. We can finally rest.

Friends old and new, I hope this season is a time of refreshment for you.

A few years back I read the book Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor, and was immediately drawn to the message found within its pages--a message about the benefit of the dark. Taylor, an Episcopal priest, dared to dive into the theology of darkness and concluded, "I have learned things in the dark that I could never have learned in the light, things that have saved my life over and over again, so that there is really only one logical conclusion. I need darkness as much as I need light."

The Western church these days loves the light. We are solar-people, living in solar-churches, but there are lessons in life and faith that can only be learned in seasons of darkness. A tree's roots are found in the grit of the earth. The roots grow twice as deep as a tree grows tall. This all this happens in the dark.

May this fall be one of those seasons for you, where your roots grow deep, and may you delight in your discovery. As the sun goes down tonight, may your senses be opened to God at work in His mysterious ways.

Blessings, Pastor Karla



A new ministry, see page 2 for details!



#### Session Highlights September 25, 2019 Session Meeting

Elder Gresham Bayne, Chair of the Finance Committee, submitted the names of members who have agreed to serve on the Capital Campaign Committee: Pam Werner (chair), Gresham Bayne, Jon Connor, Suzy Spafford Lidstrom, Gary Spradling, and Pastor Karla Shaw (ex-officio). The committee members were approved by the Session.

This year's Stewardship campaign will launch in November. The emphasis will be on telling stories—God's and ours, and sharing those stories with others.

Kathy Wright, church archivist, gave an overview of the new PLCPC Archives. The Archives include scanned and searchable *Session Minutes, Rolls and Registers,* and the *Spire,* as well as church history and other important church records. Because this is a work in progress, access and usage are still being determined.

Kathy Wright Assistant Clerk

#### Remember the Endowment You Don't Have to Die to Donate

Many of us think about donating to the Endowment Fund through our estate planning. This is a wonderful thing to do, and we highly recommend doing that. But should we limit our giving to only when we leave this earth? The Endowment Committee would like to suggest other occasions that would be perfect for an Endowment donation.

Let's start with the people in our lives that are difficult to buy for. They seem to have all they need, but you want to let them know you are thinking of them. Why not donate to the Endowment Fund in their honor? Other occasions that could include a gift to Endowment would be anniversaries, retirement parties, house warmings, and "thinking of you" gifts.

A gift to the Endowment Fund is definitely a gift that is one size fits all. Remember that the Endowment fund principal will always be preserved, to insure there will always be a Church, to keep the spiritual side of life healthy and strong.

Soup and Stories A new ministry of table fellowship

In the technology/activity- saturated world in which we live, don't we all long for connection? Jesus gave us a gift to connect with each other, often referred to as fellowship. Jesus also charged us to connect with each other in fellowship to further His Kingdom. Please join us this fall season for some table fellowship by signing up to either host or participate as a guest in a simple potluck soup dinner for eight, where we will share some of the stories of God's movement in our lives.

#### Afraid that hosting is too much work?

All you have to do is make or purchase soup for eight! Your guests will supply the salad, bread, and dessert.

#### Hesitant to host because you don't know how to start the conversation?

We will have a short meeting with hosts and give all participants questions to ponder as they reflect on the God stories in their lives.

#### Too busy?

Everyone has to eat, you don't have to cook, and the evening is only 2 hours.

#### Don't think you have a story to tell?

There is no requirement to share a story. You will be blessed by simply listening to the stories of others.

#### **Dietary restrictions?**

We will work together to make sure everyone is fed!

#### **Questions?**

Carol Leimbach 619-920-2551 or cleimbach20@gmail.com or Pam Werner 858-361-0041 or skiwerner@gmail.com.

**Ready to jump right in?** Visit our web site—pointlomachurch.org and click on the "Register" link.

**Sunday Scripture Group**—9:45 am in the Parlor. We are working through 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.) All men are invited to join us for coffee and fellowship. Contact: Evan Gratz, evan@pointlomachurch.org **Continuing the Conversation**— On October 28, come view Part Four 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**—3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 9:30 am in the Library. Join us October 21 when Anne Hill shares about her trip to Israel. 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. 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. All abilities are welcome. Contact: Don Griffith don.griffith69@gmail.com Wednesday Men's Bible Study — 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—1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, October 10. 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: 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



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**Oktoberfest Luncheon w/The Melodians Accordion Band** Tuesday, October 8 in the Family Life Center Doors Open at 10 am, Entertainment at 11 am, Lunch at Noon. Get ready to polka to the sounds of festive German music performed by the Melodians accordion duo. Traditional Oktoberfest lunch - bratwürst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, vegetables & dessert. (\$6) RSVP to Elaine.



**Memory Friends** Tuesday, October 15, 10-11:30 am in the Family Life Center A social gathering for people experiencing mild to moderate cognitive changes. Together we will socialize, enjoy a stimulating activity, reminisce and support each other through the journey. Caregivers & family welcome. Light refreshments served. Hosted by Elaine Burrell & Pastor Alex Wirth.



**Outing to the Miniature Engineering Craftsman Museum in Carlsbad** Tuesday, October 29 Meet at PLCPC at 10am, arrive in Carlsbad by 11:00am (free admission to museum); No-host lunch at the Old California Mining Company. Browse this extraordinary collection of hundreds of metalworking projects exhibiting outstanding craftsmanship of all sorts of machines. Ride in church van or meet us there. Must be able to board van with minimal assistance. Museum is wheelchair accessible. Contact Elaine to reserve your spot!



**Forever Fit Gentle Exercise Class** In Partnership with the Peninsula Family YMCA Every Wednesday 9-9:50 Family Life Center – FREE. No class on October 16 due to the Sharp Health Fair.

SENIOR HEALTH FAIR WITH FLU SHOTS

SHARP Wednesday, October 16, 10 am-12:00 pm In the Family Life Center—Flu Shots (\$2); Health Screenings - Blood Pressure, Hand Screening, Stroke Screening, and More; Resources for Seniors & Caregivers. Registration not required. Save the Date for our annual Honoring Our Veterans Luncheon & Patriotic Program Tuesday, November 5, 2019 10:00 am—1:00 pm Contact: elaine@pointlomachurch.org



#### **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.



#### Calling All College Students!

Are you a current college student away from home? Is your college-age child or grandchild currently away from home for work or school? Our Deacons have a College Care Package ministry and we want to make sure we include everyone.

Would you please provide the name of the student and a current mailing address to R.O. via email at ro@pointlomachurch.org so that we can make sure to show them we care with a package just for them.

#### **BRICK MONDAYS**

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

#### **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

Join us to serve at Ladle Fellowship on November 3! This is a great opportunity to help meet some crucial needs of our homeless brothers and sisters. If you would like a ride, we are taking the big van and meeting in the library parking lot at 12:30 pm and we will be back at 4:15 pm.



#### Did You Know?

We have a dedicated group who serves a hot meal the last Wednesday of each month at the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego's OB Church Center? Each week around 100 folks who are down on their luck receive a hot, homemade meal

courtesy of volunteers. To volunteer with our group, contact





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

The preschool is off to a great start this year. We have 146 families that have joined our program. We opened two more extended care rooms and have 50 children napping each day. We have our annual vision screening the week of October 1. The children are also going to the pumpkin patch on October 1 and 2. Our first chapel with Pastor Karla & R.O. will be October 15 & 16. If you are on campus on Oct. 22 or 23 we will be practicing our fire drill around 10:00 am. Picture days for the preschool are October 24 and 25. We will have our

Halloween parade around the church campus on Oct. 30 and 31 at 9:15 am. If you would like more information about our preschool visit <u>www.redbrickpreschool.com</u> or email at <u>preschool@pointlomachurch.org</u>.



#### **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. Questions? Do you want your child to participate? Contact Karen@pointlomachurch.org.



#### Journey

Our group for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders meets every Monday evening in the

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

> Save the Date! Forest Home Winter Camp! WHEN: January 10-12, 2020 WHO: 4th-6th grades COST: :\$195



Children's Winter Camp provides a safe, fun

weekend experience for students in 4th through 6th grade. Through sound Biblical teaching, discussion in small groups, and heart-felt worship, campers have the opportunity to learn how to pursue a Christ-centered life. Plus, there is plenty of recreational fun too! Tube sledding, sipping hot chocolate and interactive games designed for preteens create memories that last a lifetime. Registration details coming soon!

#### **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

#### **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



Contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org for more information.

#### **MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers**

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754 Contact: sarah@pointlomachurch.org



- Oct. 7: Addressing behavioral challenges, Jennifer Pla (FLC, 9:30 - 11:30)
- Oct. 14: Mom's Morning Out, 9:15 11:45
- Oct. 15: Book Club, 7:30 PM, "The Things we Cannot Say"
- Oct. 21: Marriage, working on your togetherness, Mike Foster (FLC, 9:30 - 11:30)

Oct. 26: Mom's Night Out, 7 PM, Miguel's Cocina in Point Loma Oct. 28: Bible study, Parlor 9:30 -10:45

## **Red Brick Robotics**

- Red Brick Robotics team is registered for a
- qualifying tournament in Poway on
- November 2. If they place, they will move
- on to the So Cal Championship at
- Legoland in December. Team members

and Franny Coughlin for mentoring the team.

are: Shiv Patel, Shiv Mungra, Jack Connor, Wesley Utz, and Ellis Ehrlich. Thank you to church members, Will Hage, Will Ehrlich

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#### Welcome our new Children's Choir Assistant!



Lyric Soprano Lisa Mitchell is a highly versatile singer, song writer and active teacher, managing her own business in a private studio. She received a Bachelor's Degree of Music Science with specialization in Vocal Performance from San Diego State University and the SDSU Honors Award for Jazz singing. Lisa's singing experience covers a wide range of musical genres including opera, musical theatre, folk, jazz, sacred and Christian contemporary.

Lisa teaches singers of all ages using methods based on her years of vocal study and performance. She fosters a nurturing and creative environment, while teaching students the importance of vocal health, interpretation and vocal technique. Lisa is currently singing with several groups throughout the San Diego area including the La Jolla Renaissance Singers. Lisa can be reached via email at: lisa@pointlomachurch.org.



#### Calling all Kids! Audition for the Christmas Musical!

WHO: Children grades 2-6
WHEN: October 3, 10, 17 6:00-6:30 (choose 1 day to come)
WHAT: Acting, Speaking and Singing Parts
Rehearsals begin mid-November and run thru December on Thursday
afternoons from 4-6 pm.

Performance is at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service in the Sanctuary. For more info or to sign-up contact Alicia at <u>Alicia@pointlomachurch.org</u>.

#### Adult Choir Opportunity! Join the Christmas Concert Choir! WHO: All Adults!

WHEN: Thursdays 7-9 pm beginning October 10 WHAT: You are invited to sing with us for the Christmas Concerts. We'll sing Handel's "Messiah" Christmas selections. For more info or to participate contact Alicia, Alicia@pointlomachurch.org.

#### More Info: alicia@pointlomachurch.org

#### YOUR LIFE IS A WORK OF ART PORTRAIT & INTERVIEW SESSIONS



We are curating creative projects about the people in our community. We are looking for a few seniors (age 80+) to participate in a brief interview about your life and to sit for a black & white portrait. Your photo and life story will be beautifully displayed during an exhibition later in the year. Interviews & photos will be taken on Tuesday, October 22, from 9:30-1:30pm by appointment. If

you would like to participate but cannot get to church on this day, contact Elaine and she will come to you. Call or email Elaine to schedule your session, elaine@pointlomachurch.org or 619-223-1633 x210.



### Save the Date! Deacon's Pancake Breakfast Sunday, October 20 7:30 –11:30 am

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#### Life Events

#### Marriage:

• Judy Dahlson married Mark Nissen on Saturday, August 31, 2019. Rev. Karla Shaw officiated in the Chapel.

#### Births

- Genevieve Mae Lojek, daughter of Allison and Rick Lojek, was born June 12, 2019.
- Isla Madere Nett, daughter of Elisa and Jeff Nett, was born June 27, 2019. Proud grandfather is Allen Hobbs.
- Jaiden Raja Owen Smith, born on August 3, 2019. Parents are Mindy and R.O. Smith

#### Deaths:

• A Memorial Service for Loren McKnight was held on Friday, September 20, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Rev. Karla Shaw officiated.

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On September 8, we celebrated the beginning of a new season here at PLCPC. Thank you all for participating in so many different ways—from manning our creation stations, to volunteering your talents, to participating in the many events and activities we had around campus. We appreciate your BOLDness as we begin the new ministry season with a new theme, "Your Story, Our Story, God's Story, BE BOLD!". We invite you to continue being bold and sharing your stories with us and each other.

Your Story Our Story God's Story BE BOLD!

Where are you from? This is a pretty good question to ask at a party. It's an even better question to ask when it comes to the story of someone's faith. The "In the Beginning" moments where God enters our lives are essential when it comes to telling our story and God's story in bold ways. At our Fall Kickoff we built a poem together, using George Ella Lyon's poem "Where I'm From" as our guide, to get the conversation going. Here's what you all wrote:

> Where PLCPC is From By All of Us Fall Kickoff 2019

I am from my Great-Grandfather's rock quarry, pulled out of the earth and landed here.

I am from far, far away & I found home here.

I am from Red Clay

I am from God

I am from rocky roads and calm waters

I am from East Coast, S.E. Texas, Colorado foothills and the sunny Pacific Coast

I am from the swampy Low Country Of South Carolina

I am from the mountains And the beaches From the peninsula where my father created our home.

I am from canyon stickers in my socks.

I am from mountains and deserts

I am from 3 blocks away

I am from ocean & concert hall

I am from the soothing marine Layer that cools me when I jog/ walk

I am from neighborhood streets That long for forest mountains

I am from summer on the Couch watching MTV

I am from music that Sings in the mellow wind

I am from the reef And the everchanging colors

I am from the neighborhood/ village who raised me.

I am from peppermint Taffy and sailboat races On the ocean

I am from lakewater and generations of love.

I am from the very nearby House, and the sailboats and the beach!



At our Fall Kickoff, we also celebrated the gorgeous stained glass cross in the Chapel. Thank you to those who donated, including the deacons. You made this cross happen. We are still working on a plan for the old dossal cloth that hung there for many years. We want to honor it as part of our history. Please share any suggestions you may have with jolene@pointlomachurch.org

