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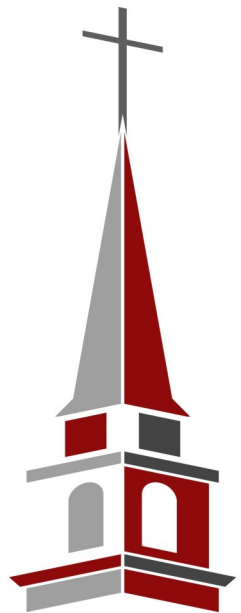
Point Loma
Community
Presbyterian
Church

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

Café Service
9:45 am
Chapel

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A Note from Pastor Alex Love Your Teeth. Love Your Neighbor.

I grew kind of used to that fuzzy feeling of plaque buildup on my teeth. When our daughter was first born, it was all we could do to feed her, change her and then sway sleepily until she finally fell asleep. Our old nightly routine, even teeth brushing, became secondary to loving this new life in our midst.

Fast forward two years and nine months and most of our routine has been cobbled back together. There is room in it for a growing toddler now, but still not as much dental hygiene as there should be. I'm working on it. A fancy sonic toothbrush plus regular flossing and wince-inducing mouthwash have me back on the path of eating apples in my old age.

My period of self-neglect has got me thinking about our summer sermon series, *Love Your Neighbor*. The rest of that passage in Matthew is: *...As Yourself*. I would never care for anyone else's teeth the way I was caring for my own. Are there ways in which we are falling short of loving ourselves that keep us from fully loving our neighbors as God calls us to? We understand love by how we've experienced it ourselves. That's why it is so important for us to be mindful of how we are caring for our bodies, our emotional selves, and our souls. God calls us to love others, yes, but we understand how to do that by practicing on ourselves. Friends, how is God calling you to care for yourself so that you can know how to care for your neighbor?

Pastor Alex

Discover Our Community



September 23 & 30, 2018
noon in the Library

Meet others who are exploring and growing in their faith at PLCPC. Learn what we believe and what makes this community unique. An opportunity to become a member will be available at the end of the second session. To sign up please visit pointlomachurch.org/register.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Aug. 5	Guest Preacher, Bernard Adeney-Risakotta
Aug. 5-11	High School Houseboats
Aug. 12	Informational meeting for Holy Land trip
Aug. 16	Informational meeting for Haiti trip
Aug. 19	Courtyard Concert— Bryan Verhoye & Friends
Sept. 16	Centering Prayer Intro Session
Sept. 9	Fall Fest
Sept. 27	Prayers & Pints
Sept. 30	Grossmont Symphony Performance
Oct. 12-14	Family Camp
Oct. 21	San Diego Master Chorale presents Brahms Requiem

**Prayer Quilt Ministry Celebrates 16 Years
Sunday, August 19, 2018**

More Than 1,779 quilts tied with thousands of prayers

A prayer quilt is *made not just with cotton, but with compassion; not just with fabric, but with faith. A prayer quilt is the physical representation of the biblical principle "love thy neighbor."** Those who receive a prayer quilt know that they are not alone, that there is a whole "neighborhood" supporting and caring for them and that God's arms are around them. Prayer quilts bring people together of all ages, faiths and backgrounds and offer comfort and hope. They are a reflection of God's boundless love.

Thank you so much for your prayers and the countless ways you have supported this ministry! If you have received a prayer quilt, please bring it to church on Prayer Quilt Sunday, August 19, and drape it over the back of your pew or chair. The power of prayer will be on display! If you would like to request a prayer quilt, please call Joanne Albrecht at 619-222-1585, or email Lynn Spafford at redbrickprayerquilts@gmail.com. If you have questions about the ministry or are interested in participating in it, please contact Karen Vandenberg, ktvandenberg@aol.com, or 858-569-6115.

*From *Fabric of Faith, A Guide to the Prayer Quilt Ministry*, by Kimberly Winston, pp. 2-3.



Centering Prayer

Save the Date

**Centering Prayer Workshop
September 16 @ Noon:
Introduction to Centering Prayer**

Session Meeting Highlights

John Spafford, Clerk
June 27 2018

Two important milestones were marked at the June Session meeting. The first was the approval of the membership of a Renovation Task Force. This group, chaired by John Brand, includes Session representative Douglas Buser; Education Task Force chair Susan Cramer; Bob Holst; Will Hage; Business Administrator Melissa Mullins and Pastor Karla Shaw.

They will be active throughout the summer, seeking input from all groups and individuals regarding repairs, renovations and improvements in the Education Wing and other areas of the church. The Session encourages everyone to share his or her ideas in writing or conversation. The Task Force will report to Session on their findings in September.

Session also approved the Preschool Employee Handbook. Along with the previously approved PLCPC Employee Handbook, this document marks a substantial improvement in defining the responsibilities and benefits of employment at PLCPC. The Session applauded Personnel Chair Dwight Kellogg and his committee members Claudia Bender and Debbie Fountain, and Business Administrator Melissa Mullins and Preschool Director Nicole Hage for their faithful effort. Staff members are now being introduced to the handbooks.

Pastor Karla Shaw shared a photo slideshow of some of the 224 children attending the PLCPC Vacation Bible School, and Session members offered prayers for the children and leaders.

The next Session meeting will be August 22.
John Spafford, Clerk

Join Us!

Centering Prayer is the practice of being still, quiet, and mindful before God. On September 16, over lunch, we will be introduced to this prayer practice with Karen Downs, an expert practitioner and instructor. Please join us to learn about this new opportunity to center your soul around God. Later in September we will gather again to dive deeper into what the practice looks like and actually experience Centering Prayer together.

For more information, contact Alex at alex@pointlomachurch.org.

ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group—9:45 am, Parlor. We are viewing and discussing Dr. Ken Bailey's video series on *Women of the Bible*. Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net

Continuing the Conversation— The regular meeting is the 4th Monday at 7 pm in the Parlor. Next meeting is August 27. Come participate in the conversation against racism where participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences, ask questions, and develop friendships. Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com

Rachel Circle—3rd Mondays at 9:30 am in the Parlor. We are on hiatus July and August. Contact: Marge Grant, (619) 296-2720.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study—9 am, Parlor. Enjoy your summer, please join us when we resume with the fall session beginning **Sept. 11** with a study of the letters of Peter and John. Contact: Clara Blenis, (619) 223-5950.

Men@Work—We are on hiatus for the summer, but are available for projects as needed around the church. Regular meetings resume in September. Contact: Don Griffith, don-pete@cox.net

Wednesday Moms' Bible Study—9:15-10:30 am, Chapel. Enjoy your summer, please join us when we resume with the fall session beginning **Sept. 12** with a study of the letters of Peter and John. Contact: Julia Roller, juliaroller@yahoo.com

Wednesday Men's Bible Study—5 pm in the Parlor. We are studying the book of 1 Corinthians, 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 | FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Tuesday, August 14 | 10:00a.m. – Noon | TEEN TECH 4 SENIORS

Do you need help figuring out your cellphone, laptop, tablet, or digital camera? Bring them in and have one of our tech-savvy teens help you figure out your devices.



Wednesday, August 15 | 11:00 – 12:30pm | SOUL COLLAGE®

Discover yourself by making a collage card about your life. Facilitated by Patti Deck. Supplies provided. FREE. RSVP to Elaine by August 13.



Wednesday, August 22 | Noon – 1:00 p.m. | How to Maintain a Healthy Voice

Learn how normal voice is produced and how the voice can change with aging or stress. We'll show you how to maintain a healthy voice and how to use your most effective voice. Taught by speech therapists from Sharp Rehabilitation Services. RSVP to Elaine.

Tuesday, August 28 | 11:00 a.m. | MOVIE DAY: A DOG'S PURPOSE

A devoted dog discovers the meaning of its own existence through the lives of the humans it teaches to laugh and love. Reincarnated as multiple canines over the course of five decades, the lovable pooch develops an unbreakable bond with a boy named Ethan. As the boy grows older and comes to a crossroad, the dog once again comes into his life to remind him of his true self. Well-behaved dogs welcome! Bring \$5 for a sack lunch; popcorn, beverages & candy provided.



GENTLE
exercise

FOREVER FIT | Gentle Exercise Class in partnership with the YMCA
Every Wednesday at 9 am, Family Life Center. FREE!

Our Mission: Through authentic community, we seek to
EXPERIENCE Jesus, **JOURNEY** into Deeper Faith, **STRENGTHEN** the Church, and
TRANSFORM our World

We have two upcoming International trips to help you live PLCPC's Mission

JOURNEY into Deeper Faith
Holy Land Pilgrimage
February 3-12, 2019

TRANSFORM our World
Haiti Trip
February 13-20, 2019

Join us for an extraordinary Holy Land tour. The 10-day trip departs from New York City (NYC) on February 3 and returns to NYC on February 12. Highlights of this journey include sailing on the Sea of Galilee, walking through Capernaum, standing on the Mt. of Beatitudes and floating in the Dead Sea. Additionally, we will visit Nazareth, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. We will walk through the Kidron Valley to the Garden of Gethsemane and more.

The tour encompasses a 10-day itinerary focusing on Christ and the glory of God. Cost includes roundtrip flights from New York to Tel Aviv. We will stay in first class and 5-star hotels, travel by deluxe motor coach and experience a special baptism ceremony in the Jordan River. You will be transformed after this trip. Walking where Jesus walked and seeing where he lived will connect your physical journey and spiritual journey in a more profound way. Many describe this pilgrimage as life-changing in an extraordinary way.

Price of the trip is \$3,898 per person based on double room occupancy. In order to secure your spot for this once-in-a-lifetime trip, a \$500 deposit is required by September 8, 2018. Full payment is due by November 1, 2018.

There will be two informational meetings about this trip on Sunday, August 12 at either 9:30 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. For more information, contact Karen Connor at karen@pointlomachurch.org.

Our world is full of so many people in need. The children of Haiti are among those in the most desperate of circumstances. We are organizing a mission trip to serve the children of Haiti through the

Children's Heritage Foundation. The group began working in Haiti in 2010 following a 7.0 earthquake that crippled an already strained and inadequate infrastructure.

The Good Rest Home consists of a campus of nearly 100 orphaned children who live in tents

and makeshift shelters. Our group will travel to Haiti and work with the Children's Heritage Foundation on behalf of these orphans and other children in a community outside of the Haitian capital of Port au Prince. There are many opportunities available with the foundation's ministry. We, as a collective group from PLCPC, will determine the exact focus of our work.

Steve Denney, director of the Children's Heritage Foundation will serve as our guide for the trip. Steve and his family frequently worship with us at the Café service.


Cost of the trip will be approximately \$2,500 which includes all transportation, meals and hotel accommodations in Haiti, as well as program supplies. For more information, contact Mark Olcott at olcott@cox.net.



More information about both trips can be found on our website at pointlomachurch.org/register.



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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
Grades 4-6—Room 6
Childcare—ages 6 mo.- Age 3— Nursery
(across from Parlor)


Children and Youth Choirs
Resuming Sept 13
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-Resuming Sept 2 Grades 7-12
Sundays 11:45 am -1:30 pm in the choir room
Contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org



Route 56 on Mondays
5 to 7 pm, Youth Center
Dinner included (\$3 donation)
Friends are **always** welcome!
Resuming Sept 10



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
Resuming Sept 13



MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers
www.meetup.com/playgroup-754
Contact: sarahbuttefield@gmail.com

August 25 Kickoff in the park - Crown Point Park, 11 am to 1 pm

September 10: MOPS Welcome Meeting, Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30 am

September 15: Mom's Night Out at Fig Tree Cafe ,7:30 pm

September 17: Playground playdate at Liberty Station, 9:30-11:30 am


September 24: MOPS meeting. Chapel, speaker TBA, 9:30 - 11:30 am

September 26: Book Club, 7 - 9 pm, (location TBD)




VBS Thank you!
Our Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School was a huge success. We had 220+ children who learned all about how Jesus rescues us no matter what our situation. Thank you to the many volunteers, parents, staff and others who made sure the week was fantastic.

Thank you also for your generosity, the VBS Mission project brought in \$1,695.25 for Genesis Diaz. The funds collected will go towards buying uniforms, backpacks and school supplies for the migrant children of Baja.



Nicole Hage, Director | preschool@pointlomachurch.org | 619-223-3327
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We are looking forward to another great school year. Preschool will start back up on September 4. We will have parent orientation on August 29 at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Open house will be Saturday September 1. Please check out our website at www.redbrickpreschool.org. If you are interested in having your child attend our school or if you are interested in employment opportunities, contact Nicole at preschool@pointlomachurch.org.



BRICK Summer Nights is still meeting!



August 2
7-8:30 pm
at the Brand's Home

August 16
7-8:30 pm
Location TBA

BRICK MIDWEEK

Junior High // Mondays 5-7pm
High School // Mondays 7-9 pm
Resumes September 10

BRICK ON SUNDAYS

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



An Intergenerational Mission Team began their journey to Rancho Genesis with a special commissioning moment during Worship on Sunday, July 15. Soon after the services, our team of 25 dedicated folks hit the road for a week-long faith adventure to serve at Rancho Genesis camp just south of Ensenada.

We as a congregation have had a heavy presence in the mission of Rancho Genesis (RG), serving faithfully for almost 3 decades, however this was the first Intergenerational Mission Team to participate in the RG camp program. We were entrusted with 17 children from an orphanage in Mexicali for the week. There was no shortage



of miracles, laughter, tears, fun and learning experiences for everyone involved. We plan to maintain relationships with these children and invite everyone who's interested to get involved as we'll start planning next summer's trip soon! Thank you for all of your dedication and prayers for this mission. We were blessed to see firsthand the impact that our



congregation has had on RG and these kids. Thank you for entrusting us to be the hands and feet of PLCPC during what proved to be an extremely powerful and transformational week!

Stay tuned as we plan a date within the next couple of months to share more pictures, videos and testimonies from this experience.

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Life Events

Baptisms:

- Lucas Rodrigues Rezende was baptized by Pastor Alex Wirth on July 22. Parents are Luciano and Maria Rezende.

Milestone Birthdays:

- Dorothy Wheeler celebrated 100 years on June 27
- Doris Hoopes celebrated 101 years on July 21.

Deaths:

- A memorial service for Suellen Johnson was held on July 14, 2018 with Rev. Alex Wirth officiating.

Session Initiates a Renovation Task Force

At the June meeting, Session initiated a Renovation Task Force (RTF) which began work on July 5. Members of the RTF are John Brand (chair), Douglas Buser, Susan Cramer, Will Hage, Bob Holst and Melissa Mullins.

Now that the Sanctuary and Administrative Offices are renovated, the Session has charged the RTF to focus on the education and community spaces on the rest of our campus. The scope of the Task Force is to consider the needs of our church as defined in our "Change and Regeneration" Mission Study and to make recommendations to Session about the future use and upkeep of spaces currently used for education and community, including classrooms, music rooms, library, nurseries, Presbytery offices, youth center and Family Life Center.

The RTF will define and recommend goals for maintenance and improvements in the context of carrying out the broader Vision and Mission of our church. The challenge is to discern the priorities of why we are renovating. To that end, the RTF has begun the assessment phase. Interviews are underway with the many various internal and external user groups. Town meetings and questionnaires will be used to gather valuable input from PLCPC members, parents, staff, volunteers and community. Feel free to contact a member of the RFT if you have information for consideration and please pray for the RTF team.



Michael Lombrano
Associate of Youth Ministry

Hello there! I am a recent graduate from, the Oxford of the Pacific, Point Loma Nazarene University (slap 'em sealions!). I love to surf, to read, and to listen to *almost* any kind of music (or drumming along to it). Over the past few years I have gone from being a BRICK Jr. High Youth Group volunteer to the Associate of Youth Ministry. With this role comes a few more responsibilities, such as leading youth small groups and various mid-week gatherings. I have also started to volunteer with our media ministry in the Sanctuary. That entails running the slide show and the soundboard in the back. If you see me around be sure to say hi!



Joyce Pritchett
Communications Coordinator

Joyce is a San Diego native, and yes, she is related to Judy—by marriage. Joyce and Jason Pritchett have been married for 16 years. Joyce has a BA in English from San Diego State University and a MS in Integrated Marketing Communications from West Virginia University. She and Jason have two girls, Allison and Sarah. Her first love is writing and storytelling, but she also is a Girl Scout troop leader and a board member of the California Cake Club.

Church Staff Updates

The New Covenant Choir Resumes rehearsals on
Thursday, September 6 from 7:15-9 p.m. in the Choir Room.
For more information, contact Alicia at Alicia@pointlomachurch.org.



FAMILY CAMP

October 12-14, 2018

Camp Marston | Julian, CA

As summer wraps up, and we begin preparation for school to start up again, it's a great time to plan one more family outing before the end of the calendar year. Register today for Family Camp! You will 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.

