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"Easter is so late this year." I can't tell you how many times I have heard that phrase around the church this past month. It has gotten me thinking if the lateness of Easter really does matter. I have decided that in some ways it does. When Lent takes place in the darkness of winter, before the time changes, before the sun shines brighter and longer, it is easier to be still. In the darkness of winter, it is easier to sit in our sin and remember the "why" of Jesus' death and resurrection. In the darkness of winter, it is easier to accept the need for a Savior. But, when things are going right and all is well with the world, when the sun stays up late and we do too, we forget.

This is a fairly common theme throughout the journey of life, only remembering God when God is most needed. But, what I have discovered in my journey of faith is that trust of God in the good times in life is what allows for the dark times to not be as debilitating as they might otherwise be. When we think that we don't need God, or when we don't take time to abide, we cut out the strengthening seasons of our life. We need Jesus in the good and the bad, as Jesus is Lord of both.

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Palm Sunday April 14

Worship
9:00 AM
Sanctuary & Chapel



10 am -
Noon
fun, food
and activities
for all ages

Easter April 21

8, 9:30, 11 am
Sanctuary

Childcare available for ages 6 months - 4

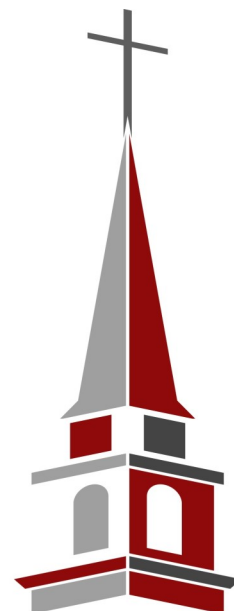
Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church

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

Café Service
9:45 am
Chapel

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May 4:	Marriage Conference

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.

CHURCH NEWS

Session Highlights

March 27, 2018 Session Meeting

Associate Pastor Alex Wirth served as Moderator for the March Session meeting, during Pastor Karla's vacation. The main topic was approval of the Volunteer Handbook. This is the third in the trilogy of operational guides for all those who serve our church and joins the Employee Handbook and the Preschool Employee Handbook developed by Claudia Bender and the Personnel Committee. This document includes significant changes in requirements for volunteers and church officers including professional background checks, a substantial financial commitment. Following some discussion, the Session approved the handbook as presented.

Personnel Chair Dwight Kellogg also reported the hiring of Jolene Wade as the new Director of Operations and Church Life and laid out the extensive job description for this new position. Outgoing Business Administrator Melissa Mullins will be assisting with the transition starting April 29, and the Session offered prayers for Jolene and Melissa.

Session also heard from the Adult Ministry and Jeanie Spies, chair of "Chopped at Church," a fundraiser for Presbyterian Urban Ministries scheduled at PLCPC for July 13. Session approved the service of beer and wine for this event.

Facilities Co-Chair Dave Simmons reported on plans to eradicate "the termite congregation" by fumigating the entire campus during the first week in August – every building from the Preschool rooms to the Sanctuary spire!

John Spafford
Clerk

A note from Pastor Karla, from page 1

So, even though Easter is late this year, and it doesn't "feel" as much like Lent, I hope you recognize God's presence in your life. I hope you take time to "be" and to trust. As the Easter story only makes sense because of the darkness that precedes it.

Remain in God and God will remain in you,

Pastor Karla

Renovation Task Force Update

The Renovation Task Force continues to make progress. They recently produced a comprehensive Renovation Goals document and an extensive Facilities Use spreadsheet for our architects. The focus now is to complete work with the architects on exiting programming and facilities use, and to begin work on future programming and schematics.

Members of the RTF include John Brand, Bob Holst, Douglas Buser, Susan Cramer, Will Hage and Melissa Mullins. Contact them or send information to renovation@pointlomachurch.org.

Sacred Spaces--Will You Help?

The Dossal cloth that has hung in our Chapel for many years and has served as a backdrop for 1000's of worship services, weddings, and memorials is in dire need of replacement. As a worshipper in that space, it is easy to be detracted by its rips and tears. In order to bring more focus on Christ during our 9:45 worship service and the many groups that meet in that space, we are raising funds for a backlit stained glass cross to replace it.

In the fall, the Deacons provided us a seed fund through a Pancake Breakfast (thank you to all who gave!). We are still in need of \$7,294 to complete this project. Please consider making a special donation today either online (www.pointlomachurch.org) or in the church office and designate it to "Chapel Cross." Thank you in advance for helping us create a more sacred space!



ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group—9:45 am in the Parlor.

A 4-part introductory review of C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*.

Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net

Monday Morning Men—7:00-8:30 am at Peet's Coffee

(955 Catalina Blvd.) A casual but intentional time to connect.

Drop by for a weekly devotional, coffee and encouragement.

Contact: Evan Gratz, evan@pointlomachurch.org.

Continuing the Conversation— 4th Monday at 7 pm in the

Parlor. 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. Join us

April 15 in the Library with your favorite story about Dotty

Burgess. We will be remembering our dear friend Dotty.

Contact: Marge Grant, (619) 296-2720.

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

A study of Peter'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. 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 Moms' Bible Study—9:15-10:30 am, in the Parlor. A

study of Peter'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 current study of Luke.

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

working through *The Book of Forgiving*, by Desmond & Mpho

Tutu. Contact: Jim Grisolia, jamesgrisolia@gmail.com



SENIOR
ADULT
MINISTRY
PROGRAMS

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HEALTH & WELLNESS IN AGING: KNOW YOUR OPTIONS | FREE CONFERENCE FOR SENIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES



Wednesday, April 3, 9:30am-3:00pm | Family Life Center

Health and wellness are priorities at any stage of life but as we age, changes in our mind, body, finances and spirit can be daunting. Learn about options from experts and discover valuable resources in this one-day seminar designed for seniors and their family members. Continental breakfast and lunch provided, **registration required**.

RSVP to Elaine or call SHARP at 1-800-827-4277



SPRING LUNCHEON WITH PETER SELTSE! | Tuesday, April 9, Doors Open at 10, Entertainment at 11, Lunch at

Noon (\$6); Blood Pressure Check by a SHARP Nurse 9:30-11:00am | Family Life Center

Enjoy a springtime lunch along with upbeat popular musical favorites with the effervescent Peter Seltser.

Chicken salad sandwich on croissant, green salad, fruit & dessert. RSVP to Elaine.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - HOLY TUESDAY | Followed by Coffee & Discussion with Pastor Alex Wirth

Tuesday, April 16, 10:00-11:30 | Family Life Center & Chapel

Meet in the Family Life Center, we will tour the Stations of the Cross together in the Chapel, reconvening in the Family Life Center for coffee & pastries and a discussion with Pastor Alex.



PIZZA AND A MOVIE: Stan & Ollie (Rated PG), 1 hr 38 mins | Tuesday, April 30 at 10 in the Family Life Center (\$5)

Laurel and Hardy face an uncertain future as their golden era of Hollywood films remain long behind them.

Diminished by age, the duo set out to reconnect with their adoring fans by touring variety halls in Britain in 1953.

The shows become an instant hit, but Stan and Ollie can't quite shake the past as long-buried tension and Hardy's failing health start to threaten their precious partnership. Contact Elaine to RSVP.



FOREVER FIT | GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE YMCA Every Wednesday at 9 am, FLC. FREE! (no class on April 3).



Deacon's Lenten Food Drive—March 6—April 21

Donate non-perishable food and personal hygiene items. Drop-off items in the collection boxes around campus. For more information, contact Kathy Zorn or Eddie Dees at obkathy@yahoo.com

High School Small Group

A small group opportunity is open for HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY on Thursday nights. They meet at the Smith Family Casa from 7-9 pm for an evening of snack food, playing games, and a time of study and discussion. Please contact R.O. 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

Confirmation

Online Registration Open Until April 1st

Open to current 7th-10th grade students.

Confirmation is the time when young people claim the promises that were made on their behalf in baptism. It is also an opportunity to learn what Presbyterians believe and to become full-fledged members of Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church. Cost of the program is \$125 per student, which helps cover the cost of materials, the retreat, classes and the Confo Luncheon. **Please do not allow the cost of the program to prohibit participation as scholarships are available. Registration began February 1. Contact R.O. Smith for more information.

Save These Dates!

CAMPUS BY THE SEA

(current 5th-7th graders)

Registration open now!

Trip Days: July 23-27

Price: \$435



HOUSEBOATS

(current 8th-12th graders)

Registration open now!

Trip Days: August 4-10

Price: \$495

Pointlomachurch.org/register



Nicole Hage, Director | preschool@pointlomachurch.org

619-223-3327 | www.redbrickpreschool.org

The Preschool is looking for a teaching assistant for our next school year starting in September. We are also looking for wonderful substitutes to fill in as needed. 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. If you are interested, please email your resume to Nicole at preschool@pointlomachurch.org or call 619-223-3327.

PLCPC is offering 7 weeks of summer camp for children ages 3-6 years of age. Each week will have a different theme. The children will have the opportunity to explore and play in a nurturing Christian environment. The hours are from 9:00 am -1:00 pm with a daily snack provided. Please pack a lunch. Children must be toilet trained. Please call 619-223-3327 for more information or email Nicole at preschool@pointlomachurch.org.

The Preschool Art show is April 11 & 12 in the preschool courtyard. We are celebrating the Week of The Young Child. Come see all the beautiful artwork the children have made. 8:30-10:00 am is the best time to come by to see the art.





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.



Journey

Our group for 4th & 5th graders meets every Monday night in the Youth Center from 4-

5:30 pm for games, fellowship and a lesson. \$3 donation for pizza. Friends are always welcome!

Children’s Communion Experience *

All 4th and 5th graders are invited to attend our annual Communion Experience. This is an opportunity for students to learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion during Lent. Class is taught by Carlene Albrecht. The second session is on Maundy Thursday (April 18) during Worship. Students will enjoy a Seder Dinner on the floor with grass mats and pillows. They will taste and see the culture of Jesus’ time and understand the meaning of the Last Supper and why we celebrate Communion.

*RSVP required Please email Karen Connor.

Bible Memory Graduation!

Please join us on Sunday, April 28 to celebrate our Bible Memory students. Our graduates will recite their Life Verse at the 8:30 and 9:45 worship services, and will receive their personalized Bibles. A cake and lemonade reception in the Library will follow.

VBS Volunteers Needed!

Please come to an informational meeting for all VBS volunteers on Sunday, April 7 at 11:30 am in the Family Life Center. Volunteers are needed to fill all sorts of job roles. For more information, contact Karen Connor.

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 in Room 6
Age 4 - Grade 1 meet from 5:00—5:45 pm in Room 6

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

MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754
Contact: sarahbutterfield@gmail.com



MOPS.ORG

Apr. 1 - Dr. Lauren Mueller - Handling Conflict in Marriage (FLC)

Apr. 6 - Mom’s Night Out, location TBD
Apr. 8 - Mom’s Morning Out*

Apr. 15 - Speaker TBD (FLC)

Apr. 22 - Playground Playdate

Apr. 29 - Patty H. Scott: "Slow Down Mama: Living Intentionally in a Hurried World" (FLC)

Apr. 30 - Book Club

Vacation Bible School

Save the date for “Roar” VBS the week of June 24-28. At Roar, kids explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Open to children from Preschool – 5th grade. Registration opens April 1!



We need an army of volunteers to make VBS work! Please attend our Volunteer Rally on April 7 at 11:30 am.



Thank you to Interfaith Shelter volunteers

Thank you to the many, many people of the PLCPC community who helped make the two weeks of the **Interfaith**

Shelter Network in our Youth Center a great success.

The dinner providers, the drivers, the overnight hosts, the tutors, the daytime hosts, the translators, the set-up and take-down teams, the laundry volunteers and all those that said prayers in support of the shelter came together to make a great team. Please consider joining the shelter team next year as we at PLCPC continue to reach out and love our neighbors.

Urbanlife MINISTRIES

SERVE with us at Urban Life Farms Saturday, April 13 from 9 am—noon. Open to all ages. Drive yourself or carpool from PLCPC at 8:30am. For more information and to signup please contact Evan. evan@pointlomachurch.org

Women Connecting Dinner

Wednesday May 1, 5:30 pm

Keynote Speaker

Laurie Beth Jones

Bestselling Author & Speaker

pointlomachurch.org/register



Marriage Refresh

You are invited to a half day event focused on refreshing your marriage. Open to all in the PLCPC congregation and community, this will be a morning filled with humor, encouragement, discussion and tangible resources, all with the goal of strengthening and getting reconnected in your marriage!



Led by both outside speakers as well as PLCPC members. ALL ages and stages of marriage are welcome to attend!

Saturday, May 4. 9am-1pm in the Family Life Center/Chapel
Cost: \$15 per person (includes lunch)

Register online at pointlomachurch.org/register
Contact Evan@pointlomachurch.org for more details.

ENDOWMENT UPDATE

“Remember the Endowment”

The PLCPC Endowment is well into 2019. As a church we are grateful and offer acknowledgment to the recently retired chair of the Endowment committee, Millie Gallaher. Millie, who passed on March 20, was a faithful servant. She helped set the framework for the endowment’s growing ability to support the work of the church.

The 2019 Endowment Committee is:

Dianne Grafton (New member), Mary Harker (Session Representative), John Leimbach (Church Treasurer), Ray Lidstrom (Endowment Treasurer), John Pearson (Continuing Member), Cara Thome (Continuing Member) and Steve Smith (Chair)

The Session selects the endowment members for three year, staggered terms.

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Ray Lidstrom reported that the principal of the Endowment is approximately \$1.7 million dollars. The interest earned by the endowment is available to support many church activities—missions, youth,

music, and scholarships, as well as the maintenance and upkeep of the building. As Ray reported, gifts to the endowment are available in perpetuity to support the work of the church (which he noted “is a very long time”).

The key to an endowment, therefore, is that only income (never the principal) may be expended—the principal remains to continue to produce income to support the work of the church for years to come.

The Endowment welcomes your thoughts and suggestions. You may contact the Church Office, Ray Lidstrom (rlidstrom@suzyszoo.com), John Leimbach (jleimbach@cox.net), Steve Smith (ssmith@cwsl.edu), or any of the other members of the Endowment Committee.

Finally, we urge you to remember the endowment, and the future of PLCPC—when you are making long-term financial plans, doing your estate planning, or thinking of ways to promote the work of the church.

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Life Events

Death:

- Jennell Hall passed away March 9, 2019.
- Millie Gallaher passed away on March 20, 2019. A memorial service has been scheduled for May 11, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Baptisms:

- Lincoln Andrew Goetz and Vivienne Pierce Goetz, Children of Andrew and AnneElise Goetz, were baptized March 17, 2019 at the 8:30 Worship Service. Reverends Karla Shaw and Alex Wirth officiated.

Staffing Updates



Welcome our new Director of Operations and Church Life (*formerly known as Business Administrator*), Jolene Wade

Beginning April 29, Jolene Wade becomes the newest member of our church staff, please welcome her! Jolene was born in the Imperial Valley, moved to La Jolla as a young teenager, and graduated from La Jolla High School. After graduating from USD with a business degree, she spent several years at General Dynamics and Qualcomm before moving into her family business to oversee operations and market expansion for a large resort community. Her varied skill set in operations, HR, community relations, and facilities oversight make her the perfect candidate to lead us in organizational change.

Jolene is a mother of two millennials, has lived in Point Loma since 1997, and has been a member of PLCPC since 2002. She served as a Deacon from 2004-2007. Outside of the local community, Jolene is active in Tony Robbins event leadership. She also loves health and fitness, connecting with any and all people, and inspiring breakthroughs in people and organizations. We look forward to seeing how God will use her in this place to inspire us!



Welcome our new Youth Ministry Assistant, Sarah Butterfield

Sarah Butterfield, who has been working as our MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Coordinator since 2014 is now taking on a new role here as the Youth Ministry Assistant, working with R.O. Smith and his team of volunteers to serve our students from 6-12th grade. Sarah grew up in France as the child of missionaries, and comes to us with a background in education. She and her husband, Max (elder class 2021 and professor at PLNU) have two sons, ages 5 and 6. We are so grateful for Sarah and this expanded role and can't wait to see what God does through her in the life of our youth!



Goodbye to our Business Administrator, Melissa Mullins

Melissa Mullins, our Business Administrator, has been working remotely since November while caring for her ailing father. She has decided to remain in Minnesota to be closer to family since his passing in January. Melissa has had an enormous impact on our church since she began here as our Communication Coordinator in 2016. She has brought us into the 21st century in many of our technological systems, created many new pathways of communication, revamped our office space, and brought the joy of Jesus Christ in every interaction she has had. It is a huge loss to our community, but we are thankful God allowed us to learn from her. Melissa will be in town to transition our *Director of Operations and Church Life* the week of April 29. **There is an open**

goodbye celebration planned for Melissa on Wednesday, May 1 at 10 am. in the church library. Stop by, grab a bagel, and say thank you! All are invited!



Every Sunday at 9:45 am, the FLC is transformed into a four-room space for a completely new and lively learning and worship experience for children in preschool through 5th grade. The worship time, with all ages together, includes colorful lights and banners, short videos, music and singing.

Breakout sessions with small group leaders and hands-on activities reinforce the point of the day's Bible message. You are invited to drop in or come worship with the kids at 9:45 am to see what it's all about.

Thank you! We appreciate the volunteers of all ages who are supporting Kids Café, including small group leaders, high school students, Men At Work, Women's Bible Study and Media Ministry. They make it all happen!

Do you have 15 minutes to help? If you are physically able to help us transform the FLC back into a meeting space, please come to the FLC at 10:50am (right after the Café service). We could use your help. Contact Karen Connor and Cynthia Hernandez in Children's Ministry if you are available.

Men's Retreat - DATE CHANGE

May, 17-19 at Rancho Viva. Cost for the full weekend is \$50 or \$25 for the partial weekend. Look for more information and the online registration on our website at pointlomachurch.org/register.

Rancho Genesis Intergenerational Summer Trip - July 14-20, 2019

Come SERVE with others of all ages from PLCPC for a week in Mexico, just south of Ensenada. We'll be staying and serving at the Brand NEW Rancho Genesis property! Have any interest? Questions or Concerns? Simply want to know more about it? Contact Evan for more information, evan@pointlomachurch.org.