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A note from Pastor Karla...

I know it is just a turn of a page in a calendar, a calendar that we created, but somehow when we move into another year it feels different--like we have a fresh start. I am grateful for that! It is a yearly reminder that life isn't static, but that God always gives us another chance and another. It is exhilarating to know that a new page in our stories is yet to be written. What will the next chapter be about? Who will God bring across our paths?

When the first disciples encountered Jesus after the resurrection and then watched him ascend into heaven, they asked themselves the very same question, what next? They had no idea that God was about to use them to expand and multiply his followers. They could not conceive of the ripple effect of their yielding and trusting God. They did not know that the message they carried was going to result in Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church carrying that same hope forward in the year 2019 in a place called San Diego. It was impossible to imagine.

It is impossible for us to imagine as well, just how much our faithfulness today
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Discover Our Community

January 20 & 27
Noon in the Library

Are you interested in learning more about Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church? Do you know what it means to be Presbyterian? Join us for our Discover Our Community class coming up January 20 and 27 from noon-1:30 pm. We offer the class three times per year for those who want to get to know us a little better. An opportunity to become a member of Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church is offered at the end of the second session. Childcare and lunch are provided. Register online at pointlomachurch.org/register.

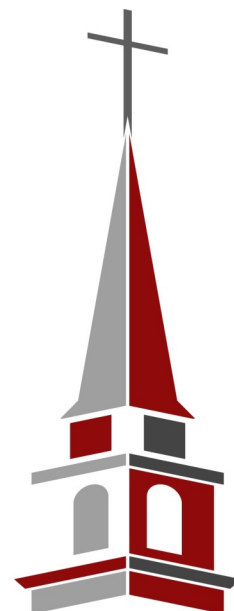
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Sunday Classic Worship
8:30 and 10:45 am
Sanctuary

Café Service
9:45 am
Chapel

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LOOKING AHEAD

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Jan. 8:	Senior Ministry Lunch
Jan. 13:	Kids Café Begins
Jan. 15:	Prayers for the New Year
Jan. 19:	Rancho Genesis Day Trip
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Jan. 24:	Prayers & Pints
Jan. 25-27:	Women's Retreat
Jan. 25-27:	Forest Home (4th-6th graders)
Jan. 27	Discover Our Community

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.

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is changing the future. There are countless unborn souls that we have the opportunity to affect with the saving message of Jesus Christ. There is a story that continues long after we are no longer here. We may not know what is written yet on the pages, but we do know that God remains the central character.

So, as we enter this new year and begin to unpack in worship the stories found in the book of Acts, may God continue to give us the same boldness and courage as he did the early church. And may we also multiply, for God's glory and the sake of a world in need.

Happy New Year!
Pastor Karla



Renovation Task Force (RTF) Update

The RTF made a formal presentation to the Session on Wednesday, December 19. The presentation focused on the results obtained from meetings with the 33 groups/partners that utilize our church facilities and the two Town Hall congregational meetings in November. The RTF will quickly move into the preliminary design phase with an architect and other design professionals, as we look at ways to address the issues raised in our meetings.

A Renovation Task Force “landing page” will be available on the PLCPC website in early January updating the congregation on the RTF activities and providing additional opportunities for you to provide your input.

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

**Session Meeting Highlights
December 19, 2018**

The December Session meeting started with silent prayer to mark the passing of our colleague, Elder Linda Daugherty. Then the Session joyfully heard the statements of faith and affirmed the election of the Deacons Class of 2021.

John Brand, Chair of the Renovation Task Force, presented a summary of comments and replies to questionnaires the RTF has received. The group will now enter a consultation and design phase, conferring with professional designers as they prepare a renovation plan for presentation to the congregation in the spring. They welcome additional comments at any time.

Security Task Force Chair Elder Jerry Heidt presented a comprehensive Emergency Plan, which details preparations, training and recommended responses to medical, fire, earthquake and active shooter events. The Session has been reviewing and commenting on the plan for three months, and approved it for implementation in 2019 under Business Administrator Melissa Mullins’ direction. The Session thanked Heidt and the task force members: Fred Daugherty, Carl Federici, Sam Laub, Bob Simoneau, Jan Sutton, and Melissa Mullins.

Elder Steve Smith presented an Interim Gift Acceptance Policy. This policy provides formal and legal methods for receiving gifts that protect the church and giver. The Finance Committee will refine the policy in 2019. The Session approved the policy and labeled it a Standing Rule of the church.

The meeting concluded with expressions of thanks to and prayers for the departing members of the Elder Class of 2018: Greg Cuddeback, Jerry Heidt, Steve Smith, and John Morrison. Class members Sam Laub and Barbett Wood will continue their service.

The Session joins the church staff in wishing all members and friends of our church a very merry Christmas!

John Spafford
Clerk

ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group—9:45 am in the Parlor. Popular culture paints the devil in a red suit with horns. In this four-part Lutheran Hour presentation, "*The Great Deceiver*," the Bible's teaching on the devil is unfolded. Do join us for this unusual examination of evil, starting January 6, at 9:45am in the Parlor.

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.

Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com

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

We will next meet on Monday, January 21 at 11:00 am.

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. 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.

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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.

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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*.

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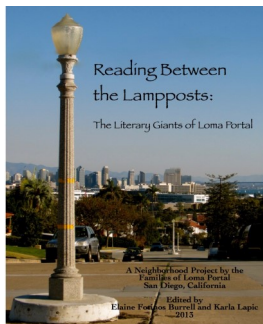
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HAPPY NEW YEAR LUNCHEON with Oscar Arias & Candy Silva | Tuesday, January 8 | Doors Open at 10 am, Entertainment at 11, Lunch at Noon (\$6) | 10-11 am Blood Pressure Check
Ring in the New Year with smooth music from Oscar Arias & singer Candy Silva. Enjoy a traditional New Year's meal of black eyed pea soup, greens, cornbread, and dessert. *Please RSVP to Elaine.*



CURRENT EVENT DISCUSSION GROUP | Tuesday, January 15, 10-11:30 am | Family Life Center
Keep up to date with happenings in our world. Bring a news article, magazine story, or topic of general interest to discuss. Coffee & pastries served.



AUTHOR TALK: READING BETWEEN THE LAMPOSTS: THE LITERARY GIANTS OF LOMA PORTAL
Wednesday, January 23, 12:00-1:30 pm | Family Life Center

Published in 2013, this book is a neighborhood project featuring biographies of the authors for whom the alphabetical streets of Loma Portal are named. From Alcott to Zola, learn about the lives of these authors, poets and philosophers. Presented by co-editors Elaine Fotinos Burrell & Karla Lopic. Books will be available for sale at this event. Bring a brown-bag lunch and your questions.



MOVIE DAY AT THE LOT in Liberty Station | Tuesday, January 29, 10:30 am
We don't know what's playing yet, but let's go to the movies! Meet at church at 10:30 am for a ride in the church van (space is limited to 13 passengers), or meet us at the theater. Call Elaine for details on which movie we will be seeing or to reserve a spot. Tickets are \$13 for seniors. \$15 for other adults.



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 meet at the Smith Family Casa from 7-9 pm. We eat snack food, play some games, and have 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



ATTENTION 6th GRADERS!

On February 1 all 6th grade students are invited to officially become part of the Brick Junior High group that meets on Monday evenings from 5-7 pm in the Youth Center.



Rancho Genesis Mission Day Trip—January 19

Join us for a Rancho Genesis Day Trip on January 19. Cost: \$25 per person (covers transportation and lunch). Plan to either bring your own food for the rest of the day or money to purchase dinner at the taco stand. Bottled water and some snacks will be provided.

We will leave in the morning and return later in the evening after a full day of work at the new Rancho Genesis property just south of Ensenada. Specific work projects will be determined based on needs. Advance registration is required by January 13. Contact Evan Gratz with any

questions at evan@pointlomachurch.org. Register online at: pointlomachurch.org/register

SERVE with us at Ladle Fellowship –January 6

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. If you would like to meet us there, the address is: 320 Date St. (NOTE: You will enter on the Third Ave side) and we will be there at 1:00 pm.

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619-223-3327 | www.redbrickpreschool.org



The Preschool registration for fall 2019 will begin in January! If you are a PLCPC church member you have priority registration. Call us to set-up a tour. Please make sure we have your address, so we can mail out the registration information. We are enrolling children age 2 years old by September 1, 2019 through 5 years old. We have options for 2, 3 & 5 days a week from 9 am—1 pm or 8 am—5 pm. We look forward to having you and your family be a part of our preschool. Call Nicole at 619-223-3327 or e-mail preschool@pointlomachurch.org. Visit our website at www.redbrickpreschool.com.



We are looking for a qualified assistant teacher to work as a floater in our 2-year-old program. If you are interested, please send your resume to preschool@pointlomachurch.org.



On January 13 we are launching a worship service just for kids! This new ministry will take place from 9:45-10:45 am in the Family Life Center. Children will meet as a group for songs, activities and a message before breaking out into age-appropriate small groups. Scripture, prayer and an offering are included in this dynamic experience where children will hear God's story in fresh, fun, and meaningful ways.

Note: For those families attending service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary your children are still invited to a classic Sunday School program after attending the first part of the service with their parents.

For more information, contact Karen Connor at karen@pointlomachurch.org.

Brick Journey



Our youth group for 4th-6th graders will resume on January 7. We

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

On February 1, all 6th graders are invited to officially become part of the Brick Junior High youth group that meets on Mondays from 5-7 pm in the Youth Center.

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 meets from 4:00 -5:00 pm in Room 6
Age 4 - Grade 1 meets 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

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



MOPS: Mothers of Preschoolers

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



MOPS.ORG

- Jan. 7** - Playground Playdate, Liberty Station
- Jan. 14** - Self Care with S.H.E (FLC, 9:30-11:30 am)
- Jan. 19** - Mom's Night Out, Supanee House of Thai, 7:30 PM
- Jan. 28** - You Are Enough with Pastor Karla Shaw (FLC, 9:30-11:30 am)
- Jan. 29** - Book Club, location TBD

Bible Memory Class

The official kick off of this year's Bible Memory Class is January 6 with a class for the children at 9:45 am followed by a mandatory parent meeting. The meeting is set for 10:45 am in Classroom 5 as soon as the Café service ends. The 15-20 minute meeting, led by Judy Pritchett, will give an overview of class expectations for parents and kids, a schedule, and a booklet that shows what aspects of the Bible the kids will be expected to learn. Graduation this year is set for Sunday, April 28.

Music Ministry is looking for SINGERS!

Singing has been nurtured as an expression of worship by Christians since the earliest days of the Church. Choral singing is a wonderful social activity that links individuals and builds community. New singers are invited to visit rehearsals and try it out. Choir commitment can be seasonal or year-round.

New Covenant Choir - Adults 18 +

- Rehearsals: Thursdays 7:15-9:00 pm and Sundays 8:00 am
- Lead music during 8:30 am worship, Lenten and Easter services, special events
- Rehearsals resume with a social on Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Cherub Choir - 4-year olds - 1st grade

- Rehearsals: Thursdays 4:00-4:50 pm
- Sing occasionally in Sunday worship, and Palm Sunday, Spring Musical
- Rehearsals resume on Thursday, January 10 at 4:00 pm in the choir room

Joyful Praise Choir - grades 2-6

- Rehearsals: Thursdays 5:00-6:00 pm
- Sing occasionally in Sunday worship and, Palm Sunday, Spring Musical
- Rehearsals resume on Thursday, January 10 at 5:00-6:00 pm in the choir room

Brick Singers Youth Choir - grades 7-12

- Rehearsals: Sundays 12:00-1:30 pm with snacks
- Sing occasionally in Sunday worship, with New Covenant Choir, Retirement homes and choir festival in March
- Rehearsals resume with a Pizza lunch on Sunday, January 13 at Noon in the choir room

Contact Alicia at Alicia@pointlomachurch.org for information or to join any of the choirs.

INSTRUMENTALIST Opportunities:

Worship Band

- Rehearsals: selected Sunday mornings at 7:50 am
- Play in Sunday Worship 2-3 Sundays per month, accompany choirs, worship songs and play solo arrangements, Easter and special services

Contact R.O. Smith at RO@pointlomachurch.org for more information.

Ringers ReJOYce

- Rehearsals: Tuesday evenings 7:00 pm in the bell room
- Play in 8:30 and 10:45 Sunday Worship on select Sundays, Special services and events
- Rehearsals resume on Tuesday, January 16 in the Bell Room

Contact Ann at Ann@pointlomachurch.org for more information.



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Life Events

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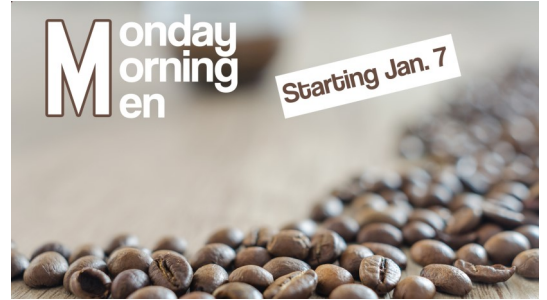
- A memorial service for Jim Hervey will be held in the Sanctuary on January 5 at 3:30 pm.
- A memorial service for Tommie June McLellan will be held in the Chapel on January 12 at 2 pm.
- A memorial service for Linda Daugherty will be held in the Sanctuary on January 19 at 10 am.

Monday Morning Men

We are kicking off the new year with a brand new ministry for all men (and friends) of PLCPC. Every Monday beginning January 7, we'll meet casually at Peet's Coffee off Catalina, by Jensen's (955 Catalina Blvd.).

Stop by anytime between 6:30-8:30am. This is a casual time of connecting, but also an intentional time of being together. Each Monday there will be a weekly "take home" devotional provided, so if you're in a rush, please still swing by to grab that, a coffee and some encouragement.

We are looking forward to making this part of all of our weekly schedules. See you at Monday Morning Men! Contact evan@pointlomachurch.org for more information.



Prayers for the New Year

Pastor Alex is leading a special worship service, Prayers for the New Year, on January 15 at noon in the Sanctuary. Enter the new year prayerfully and centered on God's Spirit. For more information, contact Pastor Alex, alex@pointlomachurch.org.



Prayers & Pints

All Men, 21 and older, are invited for a time of fellowship and connecting at Prayers & Pints on January 24 from 5-7, location TBD. This is an easy thing to invite friends to! First-time attendees will receive a free drink or appetizer of their choice, and so will the person who brought them! You can't beat that. Contact evan@pointlomachurch.org for more information.

Thank you for celebrating the Advent season with us here at Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church. We wish you peace, love and joy in the New Year.



A Flicker of Hope on Christmas Eve

