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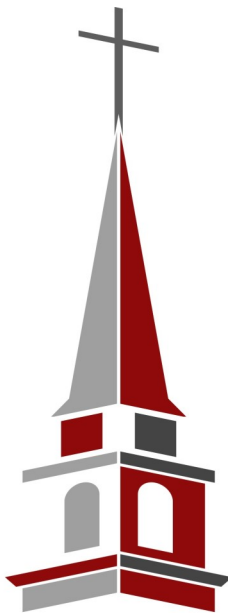
Point Loma
Community
Presbyterian
Church

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

Dear Friends,
With the weather being so cold lately, and even rainy in some parts of the county, it has been more difficult to want to leave the confines of an indoor space. Stepping out to get the mail, or picking up lunch while at the office, has required a lot more effort. Instead of just stepping out, I have to consider my clothing, the distance I will wander, whether my shoes will hold up in the dampness.

There is a natural tendency to go inward and to stay there.

The same thing that cold weather does for us in our family and communal lives together is what Lent does for us in our spiritual lives together. In Lent, staying indoors, moving further into the interior of our hearts, minds, and souls is natural--as to stay on the outside of our lives requires more effort during this season.

Lent can be challenging to those of us that love the sun, though. Lent is challenging to our solar-churches. Just as we tire quickly of the gloom and reach for better weather patterns, we also tire of our own spiritual waste and just want to bury it and be done. But, it is the length of Lent, that makes it so purposeful and so helpful to live in the sun/Son the rest of the year.

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LOOKING AHEAD

March 5	VBS Registration
March 25	Palm Sunday/Easter Fest
March 27	The Songs of the Ascents
March 29	Maundy Thursday
April 8	Men's Breakfast
April 15	CONFO Begins
May 2	Women Connecting Dinner
May 4-6	Men's Retreat
May 20	Children's Musical
June 10	Confirmation Sunday
June 25-29	Vacation Bible School

Palm Sunday
March 25
Services at 9 a.m.
Chapel &
Sanctuary



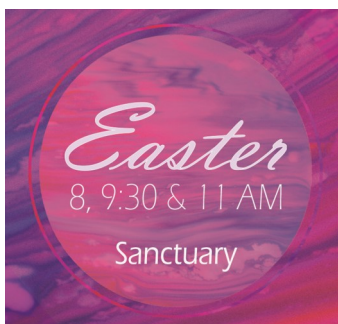
March 25, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A FREE morning filled with fun for all ages!
Petting Zoo, Music, Food, Games & Bounce House

March 25

9 a.m. Palm Sunday Services simultaneously in the Chapel and Sanctuary

10 a.m.—Noon Easter Fest complete with a Petting Zoo, Bounce House, and Music



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 1

Services at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

A festive worship celebration with special music
including our choirs, brass section, & handbells.

Childcare provided for children 6 months—Age 4

Session Meeting Highlights

John Spafford, Clerk
February 28, 2018

Personnel Committee chair Dwight Kellogg distributed draft copies of the PLCPC Employee Handbook for review by Session. He also reported on Preschool staff additions to accommodate extended hours and expansion. Preschool Director, Nicole Hage will become a full-time employee over the summer.

Session elected inactive elder Gresham B. Bayne to serve as our fourth Presbytery Commissioner.

Steve Smith, Finance Chair and Corporation Chair, presented several motions for the establishment of the 2018 Executive Committee. Voting members elected by Session include Smith, Vice Chair C. Gresham Bayne, Nominating Chair Mary Harker, Personnel Chair Dwight Kellogg, Planning Chair Samantha Przywitowski, and Outreach and Church Growth Chair Rob Wood. Ex Officio members include Pastor Karla Shaw, Treasurer John Leimbach and Clerk John Spafford. The Executive Committee serves as the Governance Committee, assures church compliance with laws and bylaws, and acts on behalf of the Session in emergent matters.

Business Administrator Melissa Mullins reported on recent false email messages sent to church members soliciting funds. Staff has acted to protect church address lists and will enlist professional assistance to enhance security.

Facility and Renovation Chair Jerry Heidt discussed maintenance needs and plans and noted the church office renovation has begun. There will be access and communication interruptions during the project, and staff is temporarily relocated here and there.

Elder Joel Miller announced that he and his wife Richele are moving to Homer, Alaska. Session members offered prayers and best wishes and accepted Miller’s resignation.

John Spafford, Clerk

A Note from Pastor Karla Continued

So, how is your Lenten practice going? I have been reading from a book entitled Between Midnight and Dawn. It is a compilation by Sarah Arthur of different poets and novelists from across the centuries and their reflections on sin, repentance, and moving through mourning. It has been an interesting read, and a great prompt for reflection on my own life in Christ. I have also, along with the Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study been repeating The Jesus Creed multiple times a day—*Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.* It’s amazing what a little repetition will do to guide you to reflect and change.

It’s not too late to choose a Lenten practice of your own. Set aside time each day to be with our Lord in a new way. Keep a journal during this season and spend time in honest reflection before God. Join the *Deeper Dive* group on Sunday mornings following the 8:30 service, or with our Director of Community Life, Evan Gratz, for the Wednesday evening series in our Chapel.

Don’t let this purposeful and important season pass you by. You need it, we all need it, to become and receive more of God’s strength and courage for the days and weeks ahead. God is doing a work in all of us and his timing for you, for our church, and for my family life is perfect!

Holding tight to God’s promises.
Pastor Karla

Life Events

Deaths:

A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary on March 17, 2018 at 11 a.m. for Don Madison officiated by Rev. Karla Shaw.

A memorial service will be held for Grace Niles on March 24, 2018 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel.

A memorial service will be held for Nancy Ables on April 14, 2018 at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Baptism:

Tyler Jared Cone, son of Jared and Stephanie Cone, will be baptized on March 18, 2018 in the 10:45 a.m. service.

New Singers Welcome in Adult Choir!

- * minister through music
- * improve social well-being and reduce stress
- * strengthen your voice and breathing
- * be inspired by music
- * praise and worship!

**For information or to join contact Alicia at
Alicia@pointlomachurch.org**

ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group—9:45 am, Library
For Lent, we will discuss a video series on *“What Jesus Said About Suffering, Life After Death and the Resurrection.”* Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net

Continuing the Conversation— 4th Mondays at 7pm, Room 1
Participants will share experiences, ask questions and develop friendships. 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. All are welcome. Contact: Marge Grant, (619) 296-2720.

Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study—9 am, Chapel. Rev. Kim Dawsey-Richardson is leading *“Exploring the Enneagram through Scripture.”* Contact: Clara Blenis, (619) 223-5950

Men@Work—Wednesdays at 8:30 am in the Library. Following coffee, study, and camaraderie, we’ll take on fix-it projects around campus. Em Cummins will lead our study. Contact: Don Griffith, don-pete@cox.net

Wednesday Moms’ Bible Study—9:15-10:30 am, Chapel. We are discussing *“How to Read the Bible For All Its Worth”* by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart

Wednesday Men’s Bible Study—5 pm in the Chapel. Calling all men to join us for study, discussion, fellowship, and prayer. Contact: gheidt@ghhco.com

Wednesday Refresh—7-8:30 pm on 1st and 3rd Weds. Home of Jim Grisolia and Carla Stayboldt. We’re reviewing galley proofs of Marc Shaw’s *Wanderer’s Way*. Contact: jamesgrisolia@gmail.com.

MAY 4-6, 2018

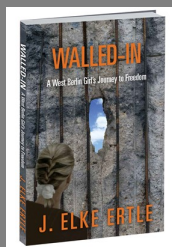
**Men’s Retreat: The Battle
Rancho Viva**

\$50 for the weekend

**RSVP: pointlomachurch.org/register
Contact: Evan@pointlomachurch.org**



Elaine Burrell, Director, MSW (619) 223-1633-x210 elaine@pointlomachurch.org



AUTHOR TALK: Elke Ertle: “Walled-In: A West Berlin Girl’s Journey to Freedom: Wednesday, March 21, 12-1 PM, Family Life Center
Surrounded by the stone-and-mortar Berlin Wall and trapped behind equally insurmountable parental walls, a young girl breaks free and seeks independence far from home. I was that girl. Walled-In is my memoir. It is the story of the first 21 years of my life, growing up in West Berlin during the Cold War.” Ms. Ertle is a Point Loma resident, avid gardener, and fitness instructor. Her book will be available for purchase at this lecture (\$17.25). Bring a sack lunch and your questions. www.walled-in-berlin.com

RED BRICK SENIOR CENTER

Join us every Tuesday for lunch and entertainment in a friendly environment.

Coffee & snacks at 10 a.m., Entertainment at 11 a.m., Lunch at Noon. \$8

3/6 SINGO—An Interactive Music Game with Prizes, led by Dianne Chavarria
Curried chicken salad sandwich on soft croissant, fruit cup and dessert

3/13 St. Patrick’s Day with Irish Musician Eamon Carroll
Corned beef, charred cabbage with Guinness, mashed potatoes, roll & rainbow sherbet

3/20 Portraits by Spencer Willis of Draw for Smiles
Chicken Piccata with mushrooms, pasta & lemon sauce; green salad & dessert



**Intergenerational
Mission Trip
—
Rancho Genesis**

**Intergenerational
Mission Trip:
Rancho Genesis**

**Ensenada, Mexico ,
July 15-July 21, 2018**

Take this unique opportunity to build a one-on-one relationship with an orphan as you share the love of Jesus through VBS and Outdoor Adventures.

Contact: Carol Leimbach
cleimbach20@gmail.com

CHOPPED

at Church
A P.U.M. FUNDRAISER



Teams from our churches will battle to see who can successfully transform ingredients typically found in bags provided by food pantries. They will compete in the categories of main course and dessert. Using only a two-burner hotplate and basic cooking utensils, teams will compete to see who will triumph within these limits.

DATE: SATURDAY MARCH 17, 2018

PLACE: LA JOLLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-La Jolla, CA

EVENT: Chopped At Church fund raiser for
Presbyterian Urban Ministries (www.pumsd.org)

COST: \$45 for adults, children 12 and under are free

TIME: 5:00 PM to 9 PM

FOOD: Light fare/buffet

TICKETS: Purchase tickets at the door or online at www.pumsd.org

FAMILY FRIENDLY, MUSIC, RAFFLE PRIZES, GUEST JUDGES

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Vicki Padula
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THE OFFICE RENOVATION IS UNDERWAY!

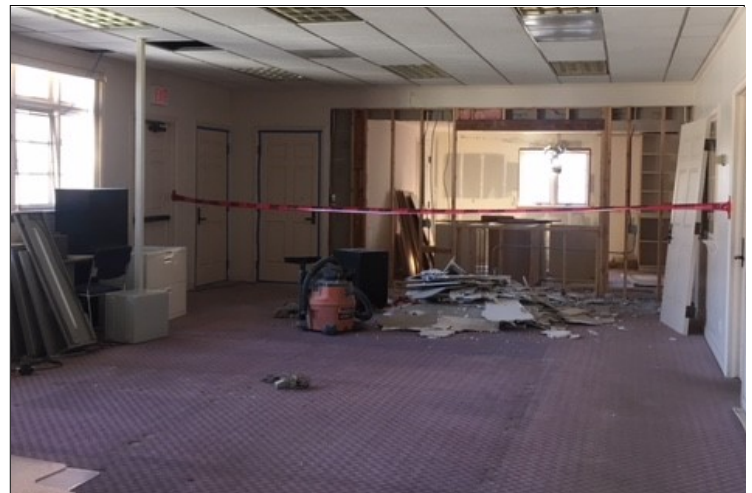
By mid-April, we will have three new offices built, new modular work stations in the open area, new carpet and a fresh coat of paint. Thank you to Sue Skala, Michael Huff and Suzy Spafford for your time, creativity and planning that made this possible.

Church Staff are temporarily working out of the Parlor.



Future Reception Area

The office renovation project was made possible through the generosity of Bethany Engel, who set-up a trust which named the church as the beneficiary of approximately one-third of her estate.



The open office area will have four new modular workstations with a table in the center for collaboration and informal meetings. The back office will be divided into two spaces for Evan Gratz, Community Life Director and Rev. Alex Wirth, Associate Pastor.



Karen Connor, Director (619) 223-1633 x215 karen@pointlomachurch.org



Sunday School at 8:30 & 9:45 a.m.

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)

Route 56 on Mondays

5 to 7 pm, Youth Center
Dinner included (\$5 donation)
Friends are **always** welcome!

March 19 — Regular Meeting

March 25—Palm Sunday (9 a.m.)
Easter Fest (10 a.m.) a church-wide celebration with a petting zoo, bounce house, games and music.



Bible Memory Course

Join students grade 3 & up in a special Sunday School class for the 2017-2018 school year 9:45 am in Classroom 5.

Sept-Dec: Bible Overview

Jan-May: Scripture Memorization &

Application. Those completing the work will be awarded a personalized Bible on May 13.

Kid's Club on Thursdays

Participate in bible stories, crafts, and games.

4-5:00pm:

Grade 2-6

5-5:45 pm:

Age 4-Grade 1



Children and Youth Choirs

Cherub Choir

Age 4—Grade 1

Thursdays 4:00-4:50 in the choir room

Joyful Praise Choir

Grades 2-6

Thursdays 5:00-6:00 in the choir room

Brick Singers - Grades 7-12

Sundays 11:45-1:30p.m. with snack

Learn music reading skills and participate in group voice lessons. For more information contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org.



MOPS:

Mothers of Preschoolers

www.meetup.com/playgroup-754

Contact: sarahbuttefield@gmail.com

Mar. 13 - Dr. Jennifer Schere "Who am I anymore? On Maternal Identity" Church Library

Mar. 16 - Mom's Night Out - Fig Tree Cafe, 7:30 PM

Mar. 20 - TBD, Church Library

Mar. 27 - Playground Play date at Fanuel Park, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Mar. 28 - Book Club at The Living Room Cafe 7 PM

Vacation Bible School 2018: SHIPWRECKED

June 25—29, 2019

9 a.m.—Noon

Preschool—Grade 6

A week filled with music, games, experiments, Bible stories, snacks and more!

Our Preschool section is limited to 40 kids. It is required they are toilet trained to attend VBS.

REGISTER: pointlomachurch.org/register





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

The Preschool is looking for teaching staff and substitutes for our next school year starting in September. 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 6 Early Childhood Education Units and working towards 6 more to become a qualified teacher. If you are interested, please email Nicole your resume to preschool@pointlomachurch.org or call 619-223-3327



Preschool Summer Camp | July 2 – August 3rd | 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Each week will have a different theme and biblical message. The children will have the opportunity to explore and play in a nurturing Christian environment. Children must be toilet trained.

Contact preschool@pointlomachurch.org

BRICK

Y O U T H G R O U P

RO Smith, Youth Ministry Director | ro@pointlomachurch.org | 619-223-1633 x:216

BRICK MIDWEEK

Junior High // Thursdays 5-7pm
High School // Thursdays 7-9 pm

BRICK ON SUNDAYS

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



**SUNDAY SERVES at Ladle Ministry
March 18 & May 20**

We will leave the church at 12:30 p.m. (or meet at Ladle at 1pm) and we will return to church around 4:15 p.m. Contact RO to sign-up.

CONFO CONFIRMATION

**CONFO
April 15—June 10
Students in Grades 8-10**

Confirmation is a *discipleship opportunity* and a means of publicly proclaiming your faith.

The program consists 4 *key elements*:

- 1) 7 classes (held on Sundays 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM)
- 2) a retreat
- 3) a mentor relationship
- 4) a service opportunity.

Contact RO Smith at ro@pointlomachurch.org

**REGISTRATION FOR
SUMMER CAMPS**

Campus By the Sea

July 24-28
Grades 6 & 7

High School Houseboats

August 5-11
Grades 8-12

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THE SESSION OF PLCPC

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Red Brick Visitors Needed - Orientation Meeting 3/19 10:00AM

We are looking for a few kindhearted men and women who would like to make occasional home visits to those who are unable to attend church regularly. Please join us for a brief orientation on Monday, March 19 at 10:00am in the Chapel, coordinated by Pastor Alex & Elaine Burrell. For more information or to attend, please contact Elaine at x210.



Palm Sunday
March 25
Services at 9 a.m.
Chapel & Sanctuary



March 25, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A FREE morning filled with fun for all ages!
Petting Zoo, Music, Food, Games & Bounce House

DEACON FOOD DRIVE February 14—March 25
Consider donating food and personal hygiene items during the Lenten season
Contact:
Kathy Zorn + Eddie Dees (619) 224-2177, obkathyo@yahoo.org

The Songs of the Ascents
Tuesday, March 27, 11:30 a.m.
Chapel
Rev. Alex Wirth will lead a prayer serviced focused on Psalms 120-134, also known as the "Songs of the Ascents." These Psalms were historically sung as worshippers ascended the road to Jerusalem.
Lentil soup in the FLC to follow



Maundy Thursday
March 29
6pm: Dinner, FLC
7pm: Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary
\$5/person or \$20/family
(children 5 and under free)



Easter
8, 9:30 & 11 AM
Sanctuary

Childcare available for children 6 months - Age 4