

Spire

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A note from Pastor Karla...

How is your prayer life going?

At the church this Lent we have been experimenting with 40-days of prayer by utilizing prayer prompts in worship, prayer guides throughout the week, a mid-week class on prayer, and a culmination of all these things during Holy Week with a prayer vigil. Why? This is a question you might be asking yourself. Why prayer? The simple answer is, because life is overwhelming.

Over the last years, with our increase in global awareness, there is not a moment that goes by without something tragic happening around the world. As followers of Christ, it is natural to want to meet all the needs out there, but we can only do so much. Even with a grand vision like, Loving Everyone to LIFE, we know that our love is stunted by the resources we have been given. What is a person to do with compassion fatigue? What can we offer someone when we have nothing left to give? How is the church to be God's hands and feet when the problems seem insurmountable? The answer to all these questions is prayer.

I have heard it said numerous times in the wake of all these global tragedies that "hopes and prayers are not enough". While the sentiment behind this statement comes from a deep desire for change, which I support wholeheartedly in most cases, I completely disagree that hopes and prayers are not enough. Prayers are the most important thing we can offer to someone in distress. As when we pray, we lift our weakness to God and

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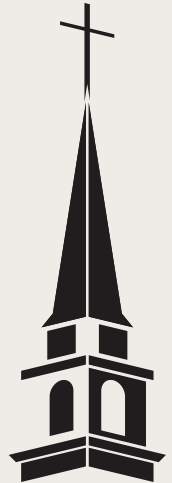
JOIN US FOR
EASTER

March 31 • 9:00am & 11:00am
Sanctuary & Livestream



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**Point Loma
Community
Presbyterian
Church**



Worship Services

Sundays
Sanctuary Service 9:00 am
Online Service 9:30 am
Café Service 10:30 am
in the Chapel

Rev. Karla Shaw
Senior Pastor

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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

We are a good home.
We are intergenerational.
We inspire engagement.

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acknowledge that we fall short. God then answers our prayers, and the most likely way God does this is by changing us and, in turn, providing insight and strength and resources to the pray-er. This “building-up” leads to action.

A Lenten season of prayer then is the most faithful act we can engage in as a disciple of Christ. Prayer does change things, as more than circumstances, prayer changes the heart and soul of a person to view their circumstances differently--there is healing in a new perspective.

May God continue to hear our prayers these next weeks as we prepare for the new life offered to us in Christ Jesus at Easter!

Rev. Karla Shaw
Senior Pastor



CHURCH NEWS

Session Meeting Highlights | FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Each Session meeting begins with comments from the Session Chaplain, Rev. Chris Lenocker, who told about Frank Laubach and his pamphlet entitled “The Game with Minutes” In it, Laubach urged Christians to attempt keeping God in mind for at least one second of every minute of the day. Chris encouraged the Session to keep God in their considerations.

Elder Claudia Grauf-Grounds led the Session in a discussion to consider church staffing, by asking “Who helps you in your work as an elder?”

Finance Chair Elder Rob Hanna noted that church operating finances are “just fine.”

The Session spent some time discussing Renovation financing. The Mission Strategy Working Group, led by Elder Lynn Ziegenfuss, presented a plan for the formation of a Communication Strategy Working Group. Session approved the plan and assigned Elders Whitney Skala, Michelle Reynolds and Marty Smith to join Melissa Mullins and RO Smith on the team.

John Spafford
Clerk

Estate Planning & Stewardship

A note from Steve Smith, PLCPC Endowment Chair

Estate planning may seem like a legal or accounting task, however, creating an estate plan is also a way we can steward the financial resources God has entrusted to us.

In William Walsham How's hymn,

“We Give Thee but Thine Own,” it says:

“We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.”

The “trust” in the last line reminds us that God is our trustor, and we are His trustees. As His trustees, we can use legal “Trusts” to manage and distribute the worldly goods God has entrusted us. Creating an estate plan is an opportunity to steward financial assets that a family has accumulated over the decades and an opportunity to dedicate assets to the future work of God's church.

As you think about your estate planning, would you consider the PLCPC Endowment in your estate planning and help PLCPC plan for its future? For more information, contact me at ssmith@cwsf.edu or Jolene Wade at jolene@pointlomachurch.org

Generation to Generation March Update

We're excited to share the latest progress from the Generation to Generation project! We've just concluded the environmental site work, wrapping up both a haz-mat and structural investigation. With the fresh insights from these investigations, our general contractor is now refining cost estimates and fine-tuning our designs. Collaboration within the team continues as we progress towards translating designs into construction drawings and solidifying the budget.

Looking ahead, our focus shifts to April when we anticipate submitting our construction drawings to the city for permits. The permit process typically spans six months, positioning us to potentially secure permits by October 2024. Once permits are secured, construction is slated to take a year.

Thanks for your continued support as we advance through this project. We are excited as we take steps towards construction, and will continue to keep you informed.



Life Events

DEATHS

Janet Pugh passed away January 13, 2024. A Memorial Service will be held in the Chapel on Saturday, March 23rd at 12:30 pm. Reception to follow at Janet Pugh's home.

Scody Hage passed away on January 18, 2024. A Memorial Service will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 17th at 4pm. Reception to follow in the FLC.

Lance Smith passed away January 27, 2024. A Memorial Service will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, March 9th at 2pm. Reception to follow in the FLC.

Elizabeth Davis passed away on February 2, 2024. A Memorial Service will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 10th at 1pm. Reception to follow in the FLC.

BIRTHS

Grayson Charles Sears was born on February 6, 2024. Happy parents are Julia and Joseph Sears.

BAPTISMS

Kingston Raja Owen Smith will be baptized on March 17th; parents are RO Smith and Mindy Coates Smith.

Jameson Anthony Shaw will be baptized on March 17th; parents are Marc and Karla Shaw.

Both baptisms will be held in the Cafe Service with Rev. Chris Lenocker officiating.

EXPERIENCE JESUS

Engage with Us Online

Have you ever missed Worship? Or been especially moved by a song or message? We maintain a vast library of online resources including past worship services, choir selections and even Bible studies on our YouTube channel and other social media platforms. Find, follow and like us to keep up with the latest news and events!

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We Have a Podcast!

The Point Loma Community Church Podcast includes the weekly sermon and other special classes. Listen each week on your favorite podcast platform.

 pointlomachurch.org/podcast

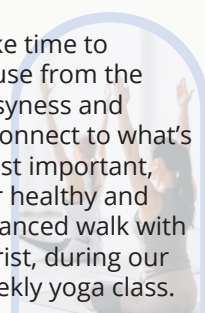
**Release
Reconnect
Restore
Yoga**

WEDNESDAYS
12:00PM
CHAPEL OR
ZOOM



**GET THE
ZOOM
LINK**

Take time to pause from the busyness and reconnect to what's most important, our healthy and balanced walk with Christ, during our weekly yoga class.



 **Scan here**

Serve at PLCPC!

Check out all the ways to serve around campus at pointlomachurch.org/serve

JOURNEY INTO DEEPER FAITH



Red Brick Preschool | redbrickpreschool.com

Registration for Fall 2024 is open! If you are interested in care for your infant through pre-kindergarten age child, please contact preschool@pointlomachurch.org for more information or go to our website at redbrickpreschool.com. Our infant program is going well, but we have limited space, so get on our waitlist as soon as possible! Our Monthly Chapel time will be on March 12 & 13th on the turf. Our staff development day will be March 22nd when our staff get recertified in CPR and 1st aid.

Nicole Hage, Preschool Director

preschool@pointlomachurch.org | 619-223-1633 x220



Brick Youth Group

Ryan Silvia, ryan@pointlomachurch.org
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

A NOTE FROM RYAN

February flew by so fast! It has been a wonderful month launching new programs. There's still a lot to do, so take a look at some of the amazing things coming up in March, or if you would like to help support the Youth at PLCPC we can always use extra hands and lots of food!

JOIN IN WEEKLY!

TEEN CENTER

MONDAYS & TUESDAYS

3:30PM-5:30PM | YOUTH CENTER

HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUTS

THURSDAYS

3:00PM-6:00PM | YOUTH CENTER

YOUTH GROUP - HS & JR HIGH SUNDAY NIGHT

4:30PM-6:30PM | YOUTH CENTER

If you'd like to get involved in helping make these events happen for our Youth please contact Ryan for ways to get involved.



VR NIGHT

MARCH 10 | 3:45PM

MISSION VALLEY MALL

Youth is headed to SandBox VR in Mission Valley! The cost is \$35 and includes one game of VR and Dinner. There's only 24 spots available so make sure you register soon.



SUMMER CAMP

JR. HIGH | JUNE 18-21

SR. HIGH | JUNE 25-28

COST: \$325.00

Summer Camp Sign ups are live! Spots are limited so make sure you sign up asap. We'll have more information available as the dates get closer but if you have any questions feel free to email Ryan.



Sarah Butterfield, Director of Children & Family Ministry
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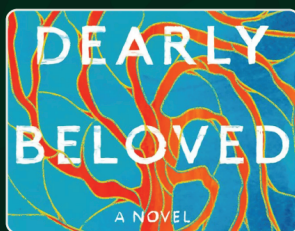


Last month in Kids' Cafe, we focused on learning to show kindness like Jesus did! The kids particularly enjoyed squeezing out a tube of toothpaste and then trying to put it all back inside to illustrate the importance of saying kind words. In Kids' Cafe this March, we'll be focusing on peace, specifically, how to make peace in a world where everyone wants to be right!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mar 5** MOPS Mom's Morning Out 9:00-11:30 am
- **Mar 12 & 26** MOPS Bible Study 9:30-11:00
- **Mar 19** Redirecting Children's Behavior with Nonie Levi, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Mar 28** Maundy Thursday kids' service 6:00pm
- **Apr 6** Faith and Fiction Book Club "The Dearly Beloved" by Cara Wall, 7:00-8:30 in the church library

FAITH & FICTION BOOK CLUB



Next Meeting

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APRIL

Currently Reading: "The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell" by Robert Dugoni

Location: Church Library

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Meeting Dates: April 6 May 11



New this month, the Children and Family Ministry hosted the first meeting of the Faith and Fiction Book Club! We had a great time talking about the intersection of our own faith with spiritual themes in the book. Be sure to join us next time on April 6th to discuss "The Dearly Beloved" by Cara Wall. No registration needed!



**VOLUNTEER AT
EASTERFEST!**



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

HELP THE PLCPC MEMORIAL GUILD!

What do they do? The Memorial Guild is made up of 3 teams who set up, serve and clean up the memorial receptions. Each team consists of bakers and day-of reception workers.



After receiving information about the families' desires for the receptions, the Memorial Guild prepares the tables and does the table floral arrangements. Receptions range from 50 - 400 attendees, and the guild serves cookies, tea, coffee, water and punch. After the reception they undo the tables, take the table cloths home to be washed and make sure the kitchen is cleaned. The Memorial Guild team is there for a minimum of 4 hours.

If you would like to serve with the Memorial Guild, fill out the form at pointlomachurch.org/serving-opportunities or scan the QR code below. Even if you just want to bake cookies that would be very helpful!



MEN@WORK | TUESDAYS, 8:30 AM LIBRARY & VIA ZOOM

We meet each week for a time of fellowship and Bible study. Afterwards, when needed we perform repairs, painting, and fix-it projects on our church campus and for the preschool.

For work projects contact Allen Hobbs, allenmhobbs@msn.com or Sam Bick, samuelbick@aol.com. For the Zoom link and Bible study information contact Em Cummins, emcum@sdsu.edu.



Do you have a child or grandchild in college?

The PLCPC Deacons send out periodic care notes to keep connected with college students. Please send your name, your student's name and mailing address to Susan Wright: snoo.wright@gmail.com.

Senior Adult Ministry Programs



ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON FEATURING IRISH SINGER, EAMON CARROL

Tues, March 12, Family Life Center • Doors open at 10:00am, Entertainment at 11:00am, Lunch served at 12:00pm • \$7 at the door

Our annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon will feature the lilting sounds of the popular Irish singer and guitarist, Eamon Carroll. Menu will include Shepherd's pie, hearty bread and dessert. Join us for a lively afternoon in a friendly environment. Be sure to reserve your spot by Friday, March 8 by contacting Elaine



HUMANE SOCIETY PRESENTATION

Wed, March 20, 12:00 - 1:00PM • Family Life Center

Amelia Curtis, Education and Training Manager at San Diego Humane Society will present on the history of San Diego Humane Society, current programs and services, and how the Humane Society inspires compassion in the community. Discover the benefits of pet ownership for seniors and special adoption opportunities for senior adults adopting seniors dogs. Meet an animal ambassador and hear a testimonial about pet ownership from one of our friends. RSVP to Elaine.

FOREVER FIT WEEKLY CLASS

Every Wednesday • 9:00 - 9:50am • Family Life Center • Instructor: Elke Ertle

Join us weekly for this free, gentle exercise class especially for senior adults. Exercises are chair-based with some standing with a focus on flexibility, balance and core strength. Equipment provided, no reservation needed. Offered in partnership with the Ryan Family YMCA.

Register

ONLINE pointlomachurch.org/register
CONTACT ELAINE MSW, Director of Senior Adult Ministry
(619) 223-1633 Ext. 210 | elaine@pointlomachurch.org

Prayer Quilt Ministry

1st Saturday of the month,
9:00 am - 3:00 pm | FLC

Contact Maureen Blackhall,
maureenblackhall@gmail.com
Request a prayer quilt, email
redbrickprayerquilts@gmail.com

Red Brick Knitters

2nd Thursday
of the month,
10:00am | Parlor

Prayer Requests

Submit Prayer
requests to the
Prayer Chain at
prayer@pointlomachurch.org

TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

Rancho Genesis Intergenerational Mission Trip

SUNDAY, JULY 7 TO SATURDAY JULY 13

Here it comes again! Our annual family trip to the beautiful, hilly Rancho Genesis just south of Ensenada! For over 20 years PLCPC has served the orphans in Mexico on this truly unique Mission Trip.

The purpose of this trip is to be the loving arms of God for the niños, as the orphan children are called. Attendees will form “families” that will be assigned to a small group of niños. They spend a week together in a typical summer camp experience. Activities include Vacation Bible School, swimming, hiking, campfires, and loving each other. All activities are run by the superbly trained and dedicated staff of Rancho Genesis.

Also, this week is a great opportunity for both families and individuals to share God’s love with these kids and receive it back. You will sleep in 10-person, his and her dorms on bunk beds. The bunk rooms have showers and flush toilets. All meals will be provided.

Why do people take this trip year after year?

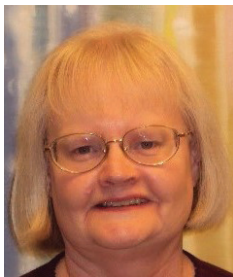
- It’s an opportunity to serve others.
- It’s a place God clearly places his hand to help the orphans and the mission members.
- It’s a place to meet new friends and be with old friends in an environment far different than home.
- It’s a place to take a chance doing things differently and finding out if it is as great as past attendees have reported.

You don’t have to travel to participate. You can be part of the prayer contingent at home, sending blessings each day to the group. You can sponsor a participant by sending a check made out to “Mission Trips 2024” and delivered to the church office.

Questions? Contact Evan in the church office, Attend one of the upcoming information meetings.



PLCPC NEW MEMBERS



Nancy Beggs is joining by Transfer of Certificate from Northminster Presbyterian in Sacramento, CA. She is retired and formerly worked in accounting positions and as a teacher. At Northminster she was involved as an usher, adult education committee and adult bible study leader. Nancy has lived in the L.A., San Diego and Sacramento. She graduated from Pt. Loma Nazarene University and enjoys genealogy and reading mystery novels.

Margaret Grasela is joining by Profession of Faith, having been Baptized at St. Mary's Church in Royal Oak, MI. She is a retired RN and has two adult children and her granddaughter, Elise Lindholm, attends the Red Brick Preschool. Margaret is a gardener and crafter. She loves kids, informal teaching and meeting new people.



Jennifer Marie is joining by Profession of Faith, having been Baptized at a Skyline Church. Jennifer has been a Chocolatier/Pastry Chef at The Elegant Truffle for the last 21 years. Her former occupation was as a CPA International Finance. Jennifer's interests include: music, theater, gardening, cooking, teaching/mentoring, traveling and discovering new cultures.



Barbara Rey is joining by Reaffirmation of Faith having held membership in the Council Tree Covenant Church in Fort Collins, Colorado. Barbara is a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and retired RN. As an RN Barbara worked with disabled people in their homes. Her previous church activities include choir, worship team and small groups. She enjoys walking, reading and studying.



Sherry Senesy is joining by Reaffirmation of Faith having held membership in the Lutheran Church. Sherry works as a Certified Financial Planner at SRS Financial & Insurance Solutions. She has two adult children and attends the Café Service. Sherry loves the gym and attends classes 5-6 mornings out of the week. Her workouts include weight training, core work and aerobics. She also has two dogs and three grandpups.

LENT ACTIVITIES AT POINT LOMA CHURCH



ENRICHING YOUR PRAYER LIFE CLASS

FINDING FRESH AND CREATIVE WAYS TO PRAY AND BE WITH GOD DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON AND BEYOND!

We have three more classes in March for our Lenten prayer class. The themes are:

3/6 "Being WITH God: Learning to be present with God in silence"

3/13 "Talking TO God: Finding the meaning in timeless written prayers"

3/20 "Talk WITH God: Cultivating a discerning life in the Spirit"

You are welcome to attend any or all of these offerings in the Chapel from 6-7pm.

Register at pointlomachurch.org/ register if you want to attend through zoom!



LABYRINTH PRAYER EXPERIENCE

MARCH 23, 8:30AM • ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

We will experience the ancient practice of walking a prayer labyrinth Saturday, March 23 at St Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. Though we will journey together, it will be your walk with Jesus. Unlike a maze with dead ends, a labyrinth has a clear path going in and coming out. There will be a handout to explain different ways to pray as you walk. We will meet at 8:30am in the PLCPC library parking to carpool and be back by 11:30. Questions? Email Lynn Ziegenfuss at LynnZiggy@gmail.com. Register at pointlomachurch.org/ register so we know who to expect – no charge!



DAY OF PRAYER

The chapel will be open on Saturday March 30th for a day of prayer from sunrise to sunset. You may come anytime between 6am-6pm and stay as long or as short as you want. There will be a couple people appointed to greet you every hour throughout the day. But, this is a self-guided time for reflection and meditation, where you will receive prayer prompts and the opportunity to sit in stillness as we anticipate the resurrected Christ. If you are unable to attend in person, prayer prompts will be available on the website.



LENTEN DRIVE

BRING DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS TO COLLECTION BOXES ON CAMPUS

FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 30

PALM SUNDAY | March 24

In-person services 9:00am, Chapel & Sanctuary
Online service 9:30am, pointlomachurch.org

MAUNDY THURSDAY | March 28

Dinner & Service 6:00pm, Family Life Center

GOOD FRIDAY | March 29

A reflective and experiential service focused on Jesus' final moments on the cross.
12:00pm, Chapel



MARCH FLOWER DONATIONS

Each week, the Deacons deliver flowers in order to brighten days and bring cheer. We are so grateful to those who have donated to make this flower ministry possible. The flowers this month are given...

- 3/3 by John and Charlie Littrell to honor the wonderful Sunday school teachers at our church
And, by Diana and John Holman in loving memory of our parents, Ben and Peggy Woodward and John and Margaret Holman.
- 3/10 in joyful memory of parents Helen and Bill Kearns and sister Maggie by Carol (Kearns) Nicolson and Kathy (Kearns) Dixon.
And, by Enny Smith to continue to thank the Lord for His joy and love for her birthday.
- 3/17 In loving memory of Glen Burgess by the Davis family, we miss you big guy
And, in celebration of Charlie, Ellen, Stephen and Margaret MacVean's March birthdays.
- 3/24 By Kathy and Larry Willette and family in honor of their parents, Jess and Florence Willette and Lawrence and Bernice Chabot.





ART SHOW

WALK WITH ME: A LENTEN ART REFLECTION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 - THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Step into the studios and hearts of visual artists as they present custom works based on Lenten scripture.

The artwork will be on display in the Chapel Wednesday, March 27 through Thursday, March 28, 9:00am-6:00pm.

ARTIST'S TALK FOR THE *WALK WITH ME* ART REFLECTION

Sunday, March 24 • 6:30 pm • Online

Hear the inspiration behind the original artwork from artists in our community participating in the Lenten Art Show, *Walk with Me*.

Register for the talk at pointlomachurch.org/register or scan the QR Code.

