

A NOTE FROM PASTOR KARLA

I remember as a small child my grandmother telling me stories of her time living in the Alaskan frontier. She talked about the lack of access to basic resources during World War I and II and worried about not being able to provide for her growing family. I can only imagine how hard that must have been. This summer I researched my family genealogy when I was visiting Salt Lake City and I learned that my great, great grandmother ventured across the United States with Joseph Smith and the other followers of Mormonism. When Smith died, she provided care for his widow and children. In her journal she wrote of worrying about their lives and the church and the future. I can only imagine how hard that must have been for her too. I expect every generation, in some form or fashion, has concern about the world we live in. Our world is broken. It is polarized. It is daunting, and at times even overwhelming. None of this is a surprise to our God. This is the reason God gave us Himself. This is also one of the reasons God gave us one another, so we might find hope in our unity.

In this giving season as we take an inventory of our blessings, as we give thanks to God for all that has been provided, may we understand one another as one of the biggest gifts of all. Our coming together in unity is what makes difficult things more bearable and life's joys more meaningful.

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POINT LOMA CHURCH

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
5:00 PM & 7:00 PM

The poster features a dark blue background with a white silhouette of a church steeple at the top center. Musical notes and snowflakes are scattered around the text. The text is in white, with 'CHRISTMAS CONCERT' in a large, bold, serif font.



Sunday Worship Services

Sanctuary 9:00 am
Online 9:30 am
Chapel 10:30 am

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Looking Ahead

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Nov 15	Family Bingo Night
Nov 19	Mensgiving
Nov 20	Surviving the Holidays
Dec 8	Christmas Concert



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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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"The Peace of Wild Things"

a poem by Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron
feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

CHURCH NEWS



CHOOSING UNITY

Giving Campaign 2025



We are currently in our annual giving season at Point Loma Church. This provides an opportunity to support the work that God is doing here for anyone who has been impacted by this ministry. You can see our annual giving materials on our website to learn more about the impact your donations had in 2024 as well as what we hope to do in 2025, God willing.

Will you prayerfully consider giving to PLCPC this year? Please fill out the pledge card at pointlomachurch.org/choosingunity with your commitment for the coming year. Your response helps us plan for the future.

Scan the QR code to learn more and fill out your pledge card or visit
pointlomachurch.org/choosingunity



Serve at PLCPC!

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



Scan here

Prayer Requests

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

Session Meeting Highlights | October 23, 2024

John Spafford, Clerk

Several milestones were carved at the October Session meeting. A new Deacon's Handbook was presented by Deacon Carolyn LeVasseur for approval. All the current deacons contributed to this edition, edited by Deacon Moderator Janis Jones.

Elder Joey Sagawa presented for approval the latest edition of the PLCPC Employee Handbook which he edited. The Personnel Committee worked with human resources consultant ChurchHR360 and our liability insurance carrier to integrate the preschool and church employee handbooks, and to add and improve several sections. Next up: the Volunteer Handbook. The Deacon and Employee Handbooks are now formatted to join the recently-edited Financial Handbook and Session Handbook, all curated by Assistant Clerk Kathy Wright.

Sagawa also presented for approval the PLCPC Workplace Violence Prevention Plan, developed in response to new workplace regulations. The Session approved the plan, and applauded Joey for all his faithful work.

The Session welcomed Building Committee Chair Sue Skala and construction manager CBSI president David Suter who presented a renovation update. The Session approved an amendment with Prava, the project contractor, and approved a call for a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 3 at 10:00am for the purpose of authorizing a construction loan.

Elder Amy Radonich reviewed the church finances, noting how she is "blessed and amazed" by the faithful financial support of our congregation.

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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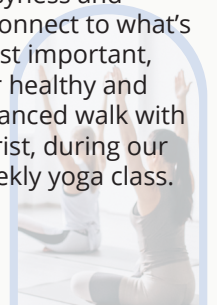
Release Reconnect Restore Yoga

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.



Holiday Traditions Online Event

December 3, 6:30pm on Zoom

pointlomachurch.org/register



HOLIDAY TRADITIONS DECEMBER 3, 6:30PM

Every family has one master baker and it isn't a holiday without their signature dish. This Online Holiday Traditions event is going to feature these well-loved recipes as we see how they are made from members of our community.

Register for
the event





Celebrating Alicia's 25 years at PLCPC

The Experience Jesus Mission Group would like to congratulate and celebrate Alicia McMillan for her 25th work anniversary with PLCPC! Alicia started working at PLCPC on July 25, 1999. We are so happy she chose us to share her amazing time, talent and treasures. **Thank you, Alicia, for being truly amazing every single day!!**



You're Invited!

Come and enjoy Christmas music performed by a chamber orchestra with members from the San Diego Symphony, children and adult choirs, bells, worship band, piano and organ.

Cookie Reception between concerts

Nursery Care provided at both concerts

Kids & Youth Activities for grades K-8 during the 5:00pm concert

JOURNEY INTO DEEPER FAITH



Red Brick Preschool | redbrickpreschool.com

Nicole Hage, *Preschool Director*

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Halloween parade highlight!

This month's events:

- Nov 4-15: Scholastic book fair
- Nov 6 & 7: Picture days
- Nov 11: Closed for Veterans Day
- Nov 12: Chapel (theme verses: Matthew 9:27-31)
- Nov 15: Tile art orders due
- Nov 25-29: Thanksgiving Break

children & family MINISTRY

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A Note from Sarah

Last month, we learned all about joy on Sunday mornings and that's exactly what several families experienced together at Family Camp! Thanks to everyone who came and made it such a blast.

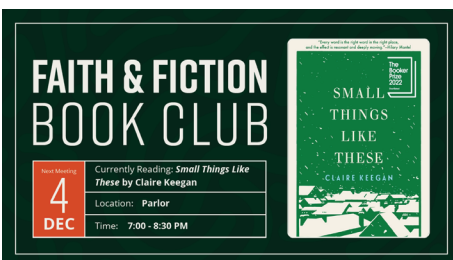
In November, we'll be learning all about generosity in Kids' Worship: When we remember what God has given us, we can choose to live with generosity. We can make someone's day by giving something away!



Family Bingo Night | Nov 15, 6:00-7:00pm

Join us for our Family Bingo Night and Ice Cream Social! From pre-K to gray, everyone is welcome to participate and earn fun prizes. Childcare is available for kids 3 and under. This event is free, but please make sure to register!

Register for
Bingo Night



Faith and Fiction Book Club Dec 4, 7:00-8:30pm | Parlor

Mark your calendars for our next Faith and Fiction Book Club on Wednesday, December 4th! *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan is a short book but it packs a punch. I can't wait to discuss it with you.



MomCo

Nov 5, 9:30-11:30am | Yoga with Jolene Wade

Back by popular demand, Jolene will lead us through an hour-long yoga session (without your children hanging on you or asking for snacks!).

Nov 12, 6:30pm | Book Club: *Sing Unburied Sing* by Jesmyn Ward

Nov 19, 9:30-11:30am | Regulating Your Toddler's Emotions w/ Tracy Carson
Marriage and family therapist Tracy Carson will teach us how to deal with the ups and downs of the emotional lives of toddlers.

P.S. Mark your calendar for Red Brick Christmas on Dec 15, 3-5pm!



Brick Youth

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A NOTE FROM RYAN

This last month was full of so much new fun here at PLCPC youth. The wonderful Sam Bick and Men at Work have helped make the Youth space look so good! We've now seen a consistent group of middle school students coming over from the library every Monday and Tuesday after school for our Teen Center which has been so cool.

In order to support our growing group of teens, Haley Courtney Silvia has been brought on as my assistant! She's been such a huge help from leading worship to guiding and caring for all our amazing students.

With inspiration from Pastor Karla's Choosing Unity series, I have been regularly meeting with a few of the local Presbyterian Churches to plan events and better serve our Youth in San Diego. Our first big event was the District Youth Halloween Party which was a blast. We look forward to so many more events together in the future. We can always use more support so if you'd like to participate in any of our fun, make sure you stop by the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on November 10th!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 10 Youth Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Nov 24 Youth Friendsgiving

Dec 15 Youth Christmas Party

NO YOUTH GROUP

Dec 1 Thanksgiving Break

Dec 8 Christmas Concert

Dec 22 Christmas Break

Dec 29 Christmas Break

JOIN IN WEEKLY!

Teen Center

◆ Mondays & Tuesdays, 3:30pm - 5:30pm

◆ Video Games, Snacks, & More!

◆ Upstairs In the Youth Center

Operated in partnership:



DINNER • GAMES • JESUS • DINNER • GAMES • JESUS

Jr. High Students

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday Nights
4:30-6:30pm

Join us on Sunday nights to eat, have fun and get to know about Jesus!

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STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH



VETERANS
★ ★ ★ **EVENT** ★ ★ ★
11.13.2024

HONORING OUR VETERANS CONCERT & RECEPTION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2:00-3:00PM
SANCTUARY & PLAZA

VETERANS CONCERT NOVEMBER 13, 2-3PM

All veterans, active duty service members, and anyone who wishes to honor them are cordially invited to a special concert followed by a reception with coffee and cake on the plaza. Navy Band Southwest Brass Quintet, special organ performance of the Navy Hymn by Alicia McMillan, and Point Loma High School Navy JROTC Color Guard.



**Wine,
Women
& Word**

NOVEMBER 13	5:00-7:00 PM
	Point Loma home of Treasa Skiles
POINTLOMACHURCH.ORG/REGISTER	

WINE, WOMEN & WORD NOVEMBER 13, 5-7PM

This is a time of relaxed fellowship, meeting new women and fun conversation. Cost covers a light meal and beverages. Registration and payment online now required. Register by Nov 11. For questions, contact Judy at jnissen2019@gmail.com. Hope you can join us!

**Register for
the event**



MENSGIVING
NOVEMBER 19, 5:30-8:00PM

FELLOWSHIP • GUEST SPEAKER • DINNER

MENSGIVING NOVEMBER 19, 5:30-8PM

This is a brand new Men's event this fall! We'll be gathering together at a local Point Loma venue for an evening of fellowship, connection, and learning all around a nice dinner as we enter the holidays. Cost \$50.

**Register for
Mensgiving**

pointlomachurch.org/register





**Surviving
The Holidays**
WORKSHOP & DINNER

NOVEMBER 20, 5:30-7:30PM

[POINTLOMACHURCH.ORG/REGISTER](https://pointlomachurch.org/register)

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS NOVEMBER 20, 5:30PM

Grieving a loss or know someone who is? The holidays are challenging when you are grieving a loss. Join us at this workshop to receive encouragement, support and learn practical ways to navigate the season. Workshop includes a 30 minute video, discussion time and a pasta meal. Facilitated by Rev. John Moser and Elaine Burrell, MSW.

**Register for
workshop**




WOMEN'S RETREAT 2025
POINT LOMA CHURCH IN CONJUNCTION WITH ST. PETER'S CHURCH

**Lift Up
Your Hearts.**

January 24-26, 2025
The Dana on Mission Bay

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A NEW HEART I WILL GIVE YOU, AND A NEW SPIRIT I WILL PUT WITHIN YOU; AND I WILL REMOVE FROM YOUR BODY THE HEART OF STONE AND GIVE YOU A HEART OF FLESH.
EZEKIEL 36:26

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sometimes it feels like the only way to make it through this life is to steel our hearts. But what if there's another way? Join us at our annual Women's Retreat as we dig into the theme "Lift Up Your Hearts." We will hear from St. Peter's by the Sea Lutheran Church's Pastor Bekki Lohrmann, connect with other women, and enjoy time at The Dana on Mission Bay!

**Register for
retreat**




Senior Adult MINISTRY

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MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT: INFO & ANSWERS

Monday, November 25, 11:00am | Family Life Center

JoAnn Siudara, Medicare Specialist for Sharp Healthcare will present a program on Medicare Open Enrollment. JoAnn will also discuss Medicare Fraud and the steps you can take to protect yourself. JoAnn will be joined by Terry Snow of UnitedHealthcare to answer any insurance plan questions you may have. Bring a sack lunch and your questions. RSVP to Elaine.



MOM'S TOY STORE DRIVE NOV 3-DEC 8

On December 14 we are hosting a Christmas toy store filled with toys donated throughout November for local military families through our mission partner MOMs (San Diego Military Outreach Ministries). Help bless families with this amazing toy store!

Donate: Toys for children ages newborn to 12 years! New and unwrapped toys can be dropped off Sunday-Friday.

Serve: See how you can get involved by scanning the QR code or visiting pointlomachurch.org/serving-opportunities



WHAT IS SD MILITARY OUTREACH MINISTRIES?

A longtime ministry partner of Point Loma Church, SD Military Outreach Ministries serves the junior enlisted military in San Diego County with basic needs to help stretch their limited funds. Their services are free of charge in appreciation for their service. The MOMs Toy Store is one of these free services and is a place where military families can “shop” for Christmas gifts for their families for free!



Supporting Mission Partners & Providing Disaster Relief

Each year, the Transform Our World Mission Group recommends financial grants to the Session to support selected mission partners. These recommendations are made after carefully reviewing grant requests from mission partners.

For 2024, the Session approved a total of \$119,000 in grants for 17 mission partners, including 10 local/regional partners and 7 international ones. While the need for both local and global missionary support is great, we trust that it is through God's limitless love that these needs will be met. These grants are part of God's love flowing through PLCPC, and they truly make a positive impact.

More information about our 2024 MMPs and how you can support them directly can be found on our website: pointlomachurch.org/misions.

Additionally, disaster relief remains an ongoing need. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., ensures that 100% of the funds they receive go directly to relief efforts. Donations can be made directly through their website at pda.pcusa.org or by sending checks to the church office, where the funds will be forwarded to PDA.



Learn More!

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM TRUNK-OR-TREAT



LIFE EVENTS:

Thomas Sayer passed away on October 4, 2024. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 in the Sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker will be officiating.



NOVEMBER 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...

NOVEMBER 3 In loving memory of Ann and James Kelley by Elizabeth and James Kelley and Maureen and Eric Blackhall.

NOVEMBER 10 By Fritzi Johns in loving memory of her husband Ed, their son Edward Dillon Johns and their parents.

And, by Lana and Roger Brenes in loving memory of their parents, Clark and Beth Seagraves and Sam and Esther Brenes, their niece Megan Most, and their brother-in-law Tom Money.

NOVEMBER 17 By Bob and Jill Giesick in celebration of the Giesick and Senne November birthdays.

And, by Kathleen McKnight in joyful celebration of the birthday of her grandson Ari Loren McKnight.

NOVEMBER 24 By Ned and Maxine Garrigues in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary: December 28, 2024.

Save the date!

Sunday, December 15, 3:00-5:00pm

Red Brick Christmas



Crafts, cookies, pictures with Santa, & more!