

A note from Pastor Karla

In order to strengthen the muscles in my legs, I have recently taken to wearing ankle weights around my house when doing my normal activity. I can't say that I enjoy them, but I can say that when I take them off, I feel lighter than I would normally. As a result, I have come to appreciate the extra weight. In the same way, the post-Easter season of church life is my favorite. The heaviness of Lent, while I appreciate it, is in the rearview mirror and now it's time to play!

The Playfulness of God, our sermon series these next couple of months, is all about the lightness we feel after the weight of sin has been lifted. As playfulness is really a reflection of how secure the gospel has made us feel. It is to live in grace. We need to be freed to learn to play. Life and faith are not meant to be serious all the time.

When my step-dad was alive he would write me letters. His letters would always include a section of wonder. It might have been a paragraph about a bird, or a deer, or one of his grandkids, it didn't matter the subject, what mattered was the delight. Following this paragraph of wonder, he would often include a hand drawn picture of himself on his tractor, or a bird dancing. He was a terrible artist--stick figures at best--but it always made me laugh. My step-dad loved Jesus with a deep and serious faith, but he also knew how to play.

Do you know how to play? If not, here are some suggestions: So go for a walk, but don't count the steps. Hang a bird feeder outside your window and watch the birds scurry with joy. Go to the beach and collect seashells. Learn the moves to a trendy TikTok dance. Put whipped cream on your child's nose. Write a letter and end it with a goofy hand-drawn picture of yourself. Put the trash can on the other side of the room just to see how many three-pointers you can sink. Do these things for no other reason, except because they are fun.

We are no longer under the weight of sin, Jesus set us free by his work on the cross, let's celebrate together the lightness of God's grace!



Sunday Worship Services

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

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Looking Ahead

May 18 Children's Musical
May 31 VBS Build Day
June 21 Summer Fun Day



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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.



GENERATION TO GENERATION

Renovation Update

Have you been curious what's going on behind that fence? We have a few photos to share with you!

The preschool playground concrete was broken up and hauled away in order to dig trenches for plumbing and new footings. One of the exterior staircases was removed and will be rebuilt.

The preparation and reconfiguration of the preschool classrooms progresses steadily! Last week, the concrete was poured back into the trenches which contain new plumbing, the framing of the new classrooms is happening this week and new HVAC systems are being installed. The new entrance to the Preschool has been cut and is under construction!

Walkway adjustment notice: The courtyard behind the Sanctuary is closed through the start of May. To get upstairs M-F, 8am-5pm, use the interior stairs by the Chapel or walk through the Sanctuary and turf to the exterior stairs.

To stay up to date on all of the renovation activities, visit: pointlomachurch.org/renovation-updates



Support the Endowment

The Endowment at Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church is a lasting way to support the church's mission and ministries well into the future.

Unlike regular giving, which supports the church's ongoing operations, gifts to the Endowment are invested, and only the earnings are used to support special projects beyond the operating budget. These include both the care and improvement of church facilities and the development of new and innovative ministry initiatives that allow the church to explore fresh ways of living out its mission. Gifts are invested in a diversified portfolio with the Presbyterian Foundation and overseen by a dedicated committee with accountability to the Session, ensuring that each gift is stewarded with care. In this way the Endowment is designed to grow over time, enabling future generations to experience and share God's love through the church's work.

By contributing to the Endowment, members and friends of PLCPC have a meaningful opportunity to leave a legacy of faith, generosity, and vision. Whether through planned giving, memorial gifts, or bequests, your contribution helps secure the future of the church's mission in the Point Loma community and beyond. It's a way to make a lasting impact — one that will continue to bless others for years to come.

Make an impact today that will last for generations to come!

- Give online at pointlomachurch.org/give and select the fund "Endowment"
- Contact the office to contribute Real Estate, Stocks and Bonds, IRA Distributions, or other property



NOW ACCEPTING

Elder & Deacon Nominations



Nominate Elders and Deacons!

Each year, the congregation nominates new leaders to serve as Deacons and Elders—and that time is now! This process is essential because, as a Presbyterian church, we are led by volunteer leaders who care for our community, oversee our ministries, and help shape the future of our church. These roles offer a unique opportunity to grow spiritually, serve meaningfully, and support the mission of living out the gospel in all we do. Whether you're nominating someone you admire or sensing a call to serve yourself, we invite you to participate. You can learn more about the roles, responsibilities, and submit your nomination at pointlomachurch.org/leadership.

Session Meeting Highlights

March 26, 2025 | Kathy Wright, Assistant Clerk

Elder Whitney Skala discussed the importance of recruiting and developing new church leaders.

Finance Vice Chair Doug Werner reported that this year's pledges were a little below last year's. Several members who pledged in 2024 but not yet for 2025 are being contacted to encourage them to pledge again this year.

The Transform our World Mission Group proposed making plumbing changes to the temporary shelter during the renovation. The lengthy discussion, including input from the Building Committee, mainly centered around the need for a shower and the installation of piping during the renovation, i.e., costs now vs future costs. Because the future use of the facility for housing is uncertain, the matter was returned to the TOWMG for further discussion and planning.

The Presbytery conducted their annual records review. PLCPC had one minor deficiency that has now been corrected.

April 23, 2025 John Spafford, Clerk

The agenda for the April meeting of Session had few discussion items, so after hearing financial reports and renovation updates, the Session settled into the concerns of our church community. The elders joined in prayer for those with dire health concerns, those recovering, and for their families. Our community has recently seen the wonderful work of our God through prayer, and we are very grateful.

Safety and Emergency Response Training

May 18, 11:00am | Chapel

This training is required for church elders and volunteers and is also open to anyone who is interested in keeping our community safe and healthy inside and outside of church! We will review our Emergency Response plan, campus map and safety equipment / systems.

EXPERIENCE JESUS



Sing in the Summer Ensemble

Rehearsals Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm
Email alicia@pointlomachurch.org to join



JOURNEY INTO DEEPER FAITH

children & family MINISTRY

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Mark Your Calendars!

May 6

Final MomCo meeting of the semester 9:30-11:30am Summer Fun!

May 13

Final MomCo Bible study of the semester 9:30-11:00am

May 13

Faith and Fiction Book Club, discussing *The Lager Queen of Minnesota* by J. Ryan Stradal, 6:30-8pm in the Chapel

May 18

VBS Volunteer training 5-7pm in the FLC

May 31

VBS Build Day from 9am-1pm

June 2-6

True North VBS from 9am-12pm

Summer

Starting on Sunday, June 1st, kids worship will be taking a break from our Great Big Bible Walkthrough to learn from the Psalms on Sunday mornings.



HELP OUT WITH VBS!

Build Day | May 31, 9am-1pm

Everyone (young and old) is invited to participate in the VBS Build day. We'll have donuts, juice, and coffee. Special craft projects will transform our church campus into an Alaskan wilderness! All craft skills welcome.

Provide Supplies!

Help make this year's True North VBS a success! Donate supplies from our wishlist. We need one of each item unless stated otherwise. The list updates automatically when an item is purchased, so no need to worry about duplicates. Every contribution makes a huge difference, and we're so grateful for your generosity in helping create an amazing VBS experience!

Scan the QR code to access the wishlist:



Red Brick Preschool
redbrickpreschool.com

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Preschoolers and their teachers have been doing a great job adjusting during the renovation. Check out these pictures of the kids getting a peak at what has been going on around campus!



Brick Youth

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RYAN'S RECAP

Confirmation has been a wonderful experience. We have grown and learned so much together over the last 10 weeks. I am so thankful to all the amazing elders and mentors that stepped up to teach a class or lead our kids. I could not have done it without you! On May 4th, not only did we celebrate all the amazing work they put in, the Youth also took over our services for an AMAZING May the 4th worship service. If you didn't get a chance to participate make sure you check out the Youth Service on our website. It was an absolute blast!



Summer camp is right around the corner and so are our Summer Beach Days! If you would like to host a beach day or participate in Youth Ministry in any way please reach out! We're always looking for more helpers.

JOIN IN WEEKLY

Sundays 10:30am All Youth Service

Sundays in July 4:30-6:30pm Youth Beach Days

Mondays & Tuesdays 3:30-5:30pm Teen Center

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH



Wine, Women & Word

June 18, 5-7pm

In April, thirty women gathered together for a night filled with community. It was a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and making new friends!

Our next gathering is on Wednesday, June 18 at the home of Jean Federici. Make sure to register early. Spots are limited and fill up quickly!



Register by June 15.
Spots are limited!



Senior Adult MINISTRY

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Upcoming Events

TEX-MEX LUNCHEON WITH ENTERTAINMENT BY COWBOY JACK

May 13, 10:00am doors open, 11:00am entertainment, & 12:00pm lunch
Family Life Center, \$7

Dust off your cowboy boots and hat: Cowboy Jack is back to entertain us with his cowboy charm and authentic western tunes. Did you know Cowboy Jack once performed at the Grand Ole Opry? Lunch menu includes fresh and colorful chicken tostadas, chips & salsa and a hot and crispy churro for dessert. Olé! RSVP required by May 10.

END-OF-LIFE PLANNING SEMINAR & LUNCH

May 21, 11:00am-12:30pm, Family Life Center

Planning ahead for your personal end-of-life arrangements is a gift of love for your family. At this free educational seminar, Dignity Memorial (Beardsley Mortuary) will demystify end-of-life services, reveal 4 simple steps to planning ahead, and we will learn the advantages of pre-paying. Attendees will receive a free personal planning guide and light lunch. Reservations required. Reserve your spot today.



MOVIE DAY & PIZZA | THE PENGUIN LESSONS

May 28, 11:00am-12:30pm, Family Life Center

Inspired by the true story of a disillusioned Englishman who went to work in a school in Argentina in 1976. Expecting an easy ride, Tom discovers a divided nation and a class of unteachable students. However, after he rescues a penguin from an oil-slicked beach, his life is turned upside-down.

TROPICAL THEME SENIOR LUNCHEON

June 10, 10:00am doors open, 11:00am entertainment, & 12:00pm lunch
Family Life Center, \$7

Fried Chicken, cole slaw, fruit salad and ice cream. Entertainment TBD!



TOUR OF MERRILL GARDENS SENIOR RESIDENCE

June 24

Depart in Church Van at 10:30am. RSVP Required.

TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



JOIN US IN SERVING AT RANCHO GENESIS

Looking for a meaningful way to serve this summer? We'd love to invite you to be part of our Rancho Genesis Intergenerational Mission Trip, happening July 6–12, 2025.

This unique experience brings together people of all ages to serve, connect, and grow—whether you go, pray, or give, there's a way for you to be involved!

Sign up to go by May 15! Scan to learn more!



SUPPORT OUR SUMMER MISSION DRIVE: BACKPACKS, SOCKS & BUS PASSES

This June, join us in supporting three essential needs through our local mission partners by donating backpacks filled with school supplies, adult socks, and bus passes. These simple items provide dignity, opportunity, and hope to neighbors in need.

Backpacks & School Supplies for New Day Urban Ministries

New Day Urban Ministries is collecting new backpacks and school supplies for children up to age 12. We need backpacks of all sizes, including small ones for younger children, ideally pre-packed with school essentials (list below). Each year, over 160 children receive backpacks. Your gift equips students for success and helps families in need!

School Supplies Needed:

- Backpacks (small and regular)
- Pencil pouch
- Child-size safety scissors
- Wired headphones or earbuds (not Bluetooth)
- #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)
- Glue sticks
- Plain, two-pocket, three-pronged heavy plastic folders (blue, green, red – no designs)
- Colored pencils (box of 12)
- Reusable water bottle (non-spillable, 24 oz.)
- Lunch box
- Washable markers (Crayola preferred)
- Crayola crayons (24 count)
- Large pink erasers
- Handheld pencil sharpener with cover
- Dry erase markers
- Ruler (inches and metric)

Socks for Loaves & Fishes

We're also collecting adult socks for our mission partner, Loaves and Fishes, to distribute to individuals experiencing homelessness. Clean, new socks—especially in adult sizes for both men and women—are one of the most-needed and most-requested items.

Bus Passes for New Day Urban Ministries

We are raising funds to provide bus passes for New Day clients. These passes help adults get to job interviews, court appearances, and multiple doctor's appointments—critical steps toward stability. To contribute, please make checks out to PLCPC and write "Summer Mission Drive" in the memo line.

How To Give

Bring donations on Sundays in June to the front of the church or during the week to the church office.

Write a check out to PLCPC with "Summer Mission Drive" in the memo line.

Venmo @point-loma-church with "Summer Mission Drive" in the description.

Give online at pointlomachurch.org/give and select "Summer Mission Drive."

Point Loma Church New Members



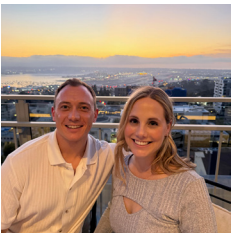
Michael Anderson is joining by Profession of Faith. Originally from Wisconsin, he and his wife Laura moved to San Diego 10+ years ago to start a dental marketing company, Wonderist Agency. The company has grown to 60 employees. Family time with their kids, Wilder (5), Shiloh (3) and Francie (20 months) is his greatest joy. Raised Lutheran in a bible based home, he has found a welcoming church community here. His interests include spending time with his family, boating at Silvergate Yacht Club, golfing, cooking at home, exploring San Diego's restaurants and parks and traveling.



Laura Maly is married to Michael Anderson and is joining by Profession of Faith. Laura is originally from Wisconsin, but has lived on the West Coast since 2008, and in San Diego for the past nine years. Michael and Laura own a local business called Wonderist Agency, where they do marketing for dentists. They're proud to employ 60 San Diegans in our office near Liberty Station, plus another 20 team members in Mexico and the Philippines. She truly enjoys her work. Most of her attention these days is spent with their kids and renovating their house up on the hill on Willow and Tennyson. She and Michael love being parents, and even when it's hard, it's still fun and funny! Laura's interest include going on adventures and exploring with her family, reading, boating, volunteering (Junior League of San Diego and San Diego County Dental Foundation), traveling, working out, antiques, home decorating, entertaining and eating out.



Ron Davis is a widower with two sons and five grandchildren. To further enhance his blessed life, he wants to experience the religious and community experience at PLCPC. His career was in corporate security and brand protection, traveling to Asia multiple times each year. His experience includes USMC combat helicopter pilot; FBI Special Agent; and volunteer security director for Dennis Conner's successful 1987 America's Cup campaign. He is blessed to have found a new life partner and have many friends around the world.



Kirsten Gibboni is joining by Profession of Faith. She grew up in the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church, having been confirmed at PLCPC and frequently volunteered as a Sunday school teacher and Vacation Bible School leader. Kirsten resides in Clairemont with her husband, Roger, newborn daughter, Scarlet and two dogs. Her interests include spending time with family, going to the beach and playing volleyball. She recently volunteered for San Diego Council on Literacy and at Father Joe's Villages.

Jeanne Hurwtiz is joining by Reaffirmation of Faith being previously baptized at 1st Presbyterian Church in Wichita, Kansas. She grew up in downtown Washington, D.C. She graduated from Duke University with a BA in American Literature, MBA in Finance. Jeanne returned to Kansas, met, married and divorced her husband. She raised her daughter Julie and son Curtis in Kansas. Tragically her son died at 22 years of age. Jeanne moved to San Diego to begin a new life and found PLCPC through a friend that encouraged her to join CBS and attend meetings here. Her interests include CBS bible study, pilates and book club.



Andrew Morris is joining by Profession of Faith, having previously received the Sacrament of Baptism at Immaculate Conception Church in Riceville, Iowa. Andy was born and raised Catholic in Riceville, Iowa. He received a degree in Construction Management while attending the University of Northern Iowa as a student athlete in football. Andy moved to San Diego in 2002, married his wife Laura in 2014 and has two children Mackenzie (9) and James (5). He is the Operations Manager and part owner of ECON Construction, which builds multi-family ground up construction projects in San Diego, Orange County and Los Angeles. His interests include traveling, golf, volleyball, swimming and building.



Laura Morris is married to Andrew Morris and is joining by Profession of Faith, having previously received the Sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Perpetual Health in Riverside, California. She is a local Point Loma resident who has lived in San Diego for over 20 years. She and her husband have two children, Mackenzie and James. They first discovered our community by joining the Rebrick Preschool family in 2019 and are finally taking the leap to membership. Laura works in Marketing for the consumer tech industry. Her interests include travel, Latin American culture and history, economics and Girl Scouts.

LIFE EVENTS

Births

Taylor James Kelly was born January 24, 2025. Proud grandparents are Brock and Nancy Wildman.

Baptisms

Chloe Madeline Harrison, daughter of Jackie Kallberg & Seth Harrison was baptized on March 30, 2025.

Deaths

Marilyn Turnquist passed away on February 13, 2025.

High School Graduations and College Plans

Annie Guhse
Reid Guhse
Taylor Haris
Karina Nieting
Edie Pickering
Sarah Pritchett

Cal State Long Beach
Miami University of Ohio
University of Utah
University of Tennessee
Montana State University
San Jose State University

Benjamin Waterman
Paige Weck
Quinlan Wood

UC Berkeley
Fordham University
Montana State University



MAY & JUNE 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...

MAY 4

By Clara Larson in loving memory of her husband, Leland Curtis Larson.
And, in loving memory of my dear Linda, by Fred Daugherty.

MAY 11

By Cindy Wright, James Stradling and Janet Gompper in loving and joyful memory of their parents' Julia and Cornell "Corky" Stradling.
And, by Mark and Carlene Albrecht in loving memory of her parents Fran and Tom Hardesty.

MAY 18

By Vici and Jim Willis in memory of their parents, Anita and Lee Byron Willis and Regina and Herman Walter, and in honor of all Mothers!

MAY 25

By Jean and Mike Collins in loving memory of her mother, Ruby Lippels.

JUNE 1

In honor of Sarah Pritchett and all the other church members' children who are graduating from High School.
And, the volunteers this week! Especially the two crews working in the kitchen making snacks and lunches for the kids and volunteers.

JUNE 8

By Karen Vandenberg, Lynn Spafford and Janet Watt in honor of their mother, Marilyn Turnquist and in memory of their father, Bill Turnquist.
And, by the Dertien family in loving memory of Beth Dertien, who embraced all of the beauty the world had to offer.

JUNE 15

By Mike Long in honor of his Dad
And, in loving memory of Janet and Bob Mayo by their family

JUNE 22

By Heidi and Jim Kelley, in loving memory of her parents, Gay and Don Hydrick
And, by Marie Huff in loving memory of my parents Ruth and Howard Kirtland.

JUNE 29

By Geri Nielsen in praise and thanks to everyone involved in PLCPC's music ministry.
And, by Tom Johnson with thanksgiving for the life of his dear wife Darlene Blanch Johnson.





Summer Fun Day!



All Church Beach Time

JUNE 21 • SKI BEACH

