

## Sunday Worship Services

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

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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.

## A note from Pastor Karla

“There is so much chaos in my life that I don’t even notice it anymore.” Those were the words that came out of my mouth in a conversation I was having recently regarding parenting. I remember, before I became a mother, visiting my nieces and feeling exhausted after just a few short hours. Their little mouths and bodies never stopped moving and, because of the novelty, I wasn’t able to tune it out. What I have learned in parenthood though is that you have to learn to acclimate to chaos and noise just to survive. And while this is a necessary strategy to not be overrun by chaos, it can mean naturally tuning out God’s voice as well.

Jesus once taught about how a seed buried in the ground must be covered in darkness before it can rise into new life. By its nature, darkness pushes out noise and chaos. The seed looks small, unimpressive, even lifeless as it goes into the ground. But beneath the soil, in that darkness, we know something unseen is happening. The shell of the seed cracks, the roots reach downward before the shoot ever reaches up, and we realize that growth begins in hidden places.

So it is with us.

In this Lenten season, God wants to do a deep work. God wants to break open in us that which grown hard, stretching roots of faith into deeper trust, preparing us for resurrection that we cannot yet see. The work may feel slow. It may feel uncomfortable. But it is also sacred.

May you have the courage to stay in the soil this season and may we all trust that what God plants, God also raises.



# CHURCH NEWS

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## Session Highlights

JANUARY 28, 2026 MEETING | JOHN SPAFFORD, CLERK

Each January the Session starts the year electing and appointing the leaders and members of these church councils: Corporate Officers, Session Mission Groups, Executive Committee (authorized to act on Session's behalf,) Mission Strategy Group, Audit Committee Chair, Endowment Funds Committee, Check Signers, and Commissioners to the San Diego Presbytery. Next month the Session will approve the members of the many mission teams that do church work within the Mission Groups.

Finance Chair Elder Amy Radonich reviewed the 2025 church finances, noting that despite the challenges to operations during the renovation, the year ended with a healthy budget. The Session then reviewed and approved the 2026 church budget. Details of the budget will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting on Feb. 8. Session thanked God for our financial health, and prayed for God's blessing in the coming year.

Radonich presented the details of a proposed solar collection system, and recommended that the church apply for a commercial loan to fund the project. Savings "generated" from the solar power will pay for the loan, and provide substantial income once the loan is retired. The congregation will review and vote on the project at the Feb. 8 meeting.

The meeting concluded with Pastor Karla's update on the Renovation. Details may be found on the website: [pointlomachurch.org/gen2gen](http://pointlomachurch.org/gen2gen)



## Volunteer at the Front Desk

Support our office by volunteering at the front desk. Responsibilities include answering the phone, retrieving/forwarding voicemails, welcoming visitors, mail sorting, proofreading, and other administrative tasks as needed.

- Volunteers are need Monday and Wednesday 9:00am-1:00pm and Monday-Thursday 4:00pm-5:00pm
- Email [mary-carol@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:mary-carol@pointlomachurch.org) or visit [pointlomachurch.org/serving-opportunities](http://pointlomachurch.org/serving-opportunities)

# Welcome to the PLCPC Staff!



**Althea Holford**  
**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

Althea is a multifaceted leader whose commitment to community is evidenced by her 20+ year experience in public service, education, entrepreneurship, and philanthropy. Althea has served in several roles from Senior Advisor to the Deputy Mayor in DC to Vice President at a national nonprofit. Her faith has brought her to San Diego and to us here at PLCPC. Althea holds a Bachelor's from UMass Amherst, a M.Ed in education leadership from the Broad Residency at Yale, and a law degree from George Washington University Law School. She is also an active yoga instructor leading Christ centered classes, avid movie goer and dog mom, to a super cute Yorkie named Bruce Wayne.



**Chantille Mora**  
**BOOKKEEPER/STAFF ACCOUNTANT**

Chantille comes from a long line of bookkeepers, including her mother and grandmother who taught her their skills beginning in childhood. Born and raised in Canada, she has supported a variety of businesses in keeping their accounting accurate, and has already proven to be a great asset to our Finance Office. In addition to her part-time role at the church, she is an active and devoted wife and mother of four who are all involved in sports and love Jesus.

## EXPERIENCE JESUS

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### **San Diego Sings! Festival Mar 28**

Our children and adult choirs will be one of the featured choirs in the San Diego Sings! Festival 2026 on Saturday, March 28th at the Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center in La Jolla at 11am. Please come and support our singers with your attendance!

Tickets can be purchased at:

[transaction.theconrad.org/3055/3177](https://transaction.theconrad.org/3055/3177)

Or, scan the QR Code!

# DEEP WORK

## LENT AT POINT LOMA CHURCH

### HOLY WEEK

#### **PALM SUNDAY & EASTERFEST | MARCH 29**

Simultaneous 9:00am worship services followed by a community celebration

#### **LENT ART SHOW | APRIL 1 & 2**

Artworks by our community members on display in the Chapel

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 2**

6pm dinner in FLC followed by worship service in Chapel

#### **GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 3**

11am-1pm pilgrimage reflection with OB peninsula faith communities



### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**APRIL 5**

9:00am and 11:00am  
Sanctuary & Livestream



#### **Quiet Day | March 28, 8:30am - 2:30pm**

We invite you to a Quiet Day centered on the theme Journey to the Cross—a guided experience that invites you to follow our theme this Lent: Deep Work. The rhythm is gentle and spacious, designed to support meaningful engagement rather than pressure or performance.



**Register Now!**



#### **Lent Art Show | April 1 & 2**

Artists from our community have produced artworks that explore this year's Lent theme, Deep Work. These works will be on display in the Chapel on April 1 & 2.

**Learn more, sign up, or donate: [pointlomachurch.org/len](https://pointlomachurch.org/len)**

# JOURNEY INTO DEEPER FAITH

**FAITH & FICTION BOOK CLUB**

Next Meeting: **17 MAR**

Currently Reading: *I See You've Called In Dead* by John Kenney

Location: Church Front Office

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

*I See You've Called In Dead*  
John Kenney

## **Faith and Fiction Book Club** **Mar 17, 6:30 - 8:00pm**

In this book club on the second Tuesday of the month we dive into fiction and explore connections to our faith. Whether you're a seasoned bookworm or a casual reader curious about exploring faith through the lens of fiction, everyone 18 and older is welcome! We meet in the church front office. This month's book: *I See You've Called in Dead* by John Kenney.

April 14: *What Kind of Paradise* by Janelle Brown

May 19: *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

# Youth

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**Youth Summer Camp**

JUNE 25-29 | 6-12 GRADERS  
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## **Youth Summer Camp • June 25-29 • 6-12 Grade**

Join us for Youth Summer Camp at Campus by the Sea on beautiful Catalina Island! Campers will grow in their relationship with Christ through powerful messages and worship, exciting camp games and activities, and time with their church family. **Register today!**



### **JOIN IN WEEKLY!**

#### **YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday Mornings, 10:30am  
during Chapel service

#### **YOUTH GROUP**

Sundays, 4:30-6:30pm

Junior High and High Schoolers join us on Sunday nights to eat, have fun and get to know about Jesus!

#### **TEEN CENTER**

Mondays & Tuesdays,  
3:30pm - 5:30pm

Video games, snacks, & more! Upstairs In the Youth Center.

# children & family MINISTRY

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## VBS | June 8-12 Registration Open!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a summer day camp for children in grades TK-5th grade that educates them about God in a fun and engaging way. This year we are stepping through the mist into Rainforest Falls! Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

Register a  
Camper



Sign up to Serve!



## Lent Through the Senses Family Devotional

Designed by our Children and Family Ministry for children ages 4-11 and their parents, this weekly Lenten resource focuses on experiencing God's love through sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell. Each devotion includes a brief Bible story and an optional, hands-on practice that fits naturally into family life. This resource is available for download at [pointlomachurch.org/lent/](https://pointlomachurch.org/lent/)



## EasterFest | March 29

After the simultaneous services at 9:00am in the Chapel, Sanctuary and Livestream, join us for a family Easter party for the whole community! There will be a petting zoo, bounce house, crafts, rockwall and more. Bring the whole family and a friend!

**Help make this awesome event happen! Serve!**



## Family Trivia | April 10

Everyone aged 6 to 106 is invited to come together for a night of laughter, friendly competition, and an ice cream sundae bar! Our Family-Friendly Trivia Night is designed for every generation, and the more intergenerational your team is, the better chance you have to win! 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place win prizes! Childcare is available for kids age 5 and under.

**Cost is free, but registration is needed. See you there!**



## STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

# Senior Adult MINISTRY

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### ACADEMY AWARDS MOVIE PREVIEW & PIZZA LUNCH

**Wednesday, March 4, 12:00 - 1:30pm, Family Life Center,  
\$5 at the door**

Be “in the know” about the nominees for the 98th Academy Awards by attending this fun preview event! Enjoy popcorn and pizza while we watch trailers for the movies and actors nominated for the most prominent awards. Sequin gowns encouraged! RSVP by Monday, Mar 2.

### ST. PATRICK’S DAY LUNCHEON WITH ENTERTAINMENT BY EAMON CARROL

**Tuesday, March 10, Family Life Center - \$7 at the door**

**Doors Open at 10:00am, Entertainment at 11:00am, Lunch at 12:00pm**

Once again it’s time to be Irish for a day at our annual St. Patrick’s Day luncheon! Eamon Carroll will entertain us with his lively lilting tunes (including everyone’s favorite, “The Bog Down in the Valley O” while we enjoy a lunch of pork tenderloin, vegetable, salad roll and dessert. Reserve your spot by Friday, March 6.

### NEXTPHASE MOVE ASSISTANCE

**Wednesday, March 18, 11:00-12:00pm in the Family Life Center**

Considering a move or ready to simplify your home? Meet the owners of Next Phase, Margaret and Haley Zamora, and learn how downsizing and organizing can be done at a comfortable pace and with less stress. This interactive workshop for seniors includes helpful guidance, real-life examples, and Q&A. Refreshments provided. Please RSVP.



### DOGS, DINOS & MEXICAN FOOD!

**Wednesday, March 25, Church Van Departs at 9:00am, \$20**

Are you up for an adventure? This outing will consist of two very diverse experiences near each other, followed by lunch. Located on Morena Blvd, we will first visit Paws for Purple Hearts, an organization that trains service dogs for veterans. After our 30 minute tour, we will drive a few blocks to Dinos Alive!, a walk-through exhibit of animatronic dinosaurs. We will cap it off with a no-host lunch at Tio Lio’s Mexican Restaurant afterwards. Space is limited, sign up today!



**Deacon's Pancake Breakfast  
March 8, 9:30am-11:00am | FLC**

PLCPC Deacons will be serving delicious, homemade pancakes. Proceeds to benefit the Deacon Fund. Come join us for fun, fellowship and a full tummy!

## Men's Fellowship



**Men's Breakfast | 1st Wed of the Month  
7:00-8:30am | FLC | Mar 4**

On the first Wednesday of every month we will be gathering together in the FLC for fellowship, encouraging teaching time as well as a home cooked hearty breakfast! All men ages 15 and older are invited to join us! No registration needed. Just show up ready to eat!

***We will not meet on April 1 in light of Holy Week. We will be back in May!***

## Women's Fellowship



**Women Connecting Dinner | May 6  
Registration Open March 15!**

Join us for a dinner of uplifting fellowship as we gather around the theme You Belong and You Matter In Every Season. Our speaker, Dr. Naomi Cramer Overton, MBA, will share an encouraging message relevant to women of all generations. Come enjoy a meaningful meal, connect with other women, and be reminded that no matter the season of life we're in, we are seen, valued, and never alone.

**Guest Speaker Dr. Naomi Cramer Overton, MBA** is a visionary leader, author, and speaker passionate about helping women live with purpose in every season. She has served as CEO of three national ministries — The MomCo (MOPS International), Stonecroft Ministries, and now We Are Becoming. Naomi is a contributor and editor of the bestselling *Every Woman's Bible*.

# TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



## Donate now through Good Friday!

Help care for our neighbors experiencing homelessness by donating much-needed non-perishable food and personal hygiene items. High-need items include canned tuna or chicken, beans, vegetables, peanut butter, granola bars, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and travel-size shampoo.

Donations support our mission partners—New Day Urban Ministries, Loaves & Fishes, and Military Outreach Ministries—who serve

people in our community every day.

Bring items to worship services, church events, or the church office. Financial gifts are also welcome: make checks payable to Point Loma Church with "Lent Food Drive" in the memo, or give via Venmo @point-loma-church with "Lent Food Drive" in the description.



## Rancho Genesis Mission Trip

**July 12-18 | Registration open March 8!**

Come serve with others of all ages from PLCPC for a week this summer at Rancho Genesis! This private Christian camp is located on 40 acres of beautiful rolling hills, just south of Ensenada, Mexico.

While there, we will share God's love with the children of a local orphanage through serving, playing, and caring for the children. With the kids, we will participate in games, swimming, beach day, hiking, arts and crafts and a Vacation Bible School. We will sleep in dorms that have flush toilets and showers.

Cost: \$550 per person (maximum \$1,700.00 per family). The mission trip team will be fundraising for scholarships. Please do not let finances be a reason to not attend.

Registration closes on May 10.

Contact John Leimbach, [jleimbach@cox.net](mailto:jleimbach@cox.net) or Lauren Mueller, [lauren.m.mueller@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.m.mueller@gmail.com), for more information.



# Point Loma Church New Members



**Adriana Rutherford** is a passionate and devoted mother of two young children and married to Matthew Rutherford. She is excited to join this beautiful community as she explores her faith and journey with the Lord.



**Julie Hicks** is married to Michael Anderson and is joining by Profession of Faith. Julie is originally from her husband recently moved to Point Loma and are thrilled to be here! While she has lived in many different areas over the years, her roots are in the Bay Area. They are excited to be a bit closer to their daughter, who just moved to Santa Monica. She is so thankful for the warm welcome at PLCPC and looks forward to becoming an active part of the community.

## LIFE EVENTS:

Ryan Waterman passed away on February 9, 2026. A service will take place on March 21, 2026 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.



## 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...

### MARCH 1

By Enny Smith to continue to thank the Lord for His joy and love for her birthday.

And, in loving memory of our parents, Ben and Peggy Woodward and John and Margaret Holman by Diana and John Holman.

### MARCH 8

In joyful memory of parents Helen and Bill Kearns, and sister Maggie, by Carol (Kearns) Nicolson and Kathy (Kearns) Dixon.

And, by John and Charlie Littrell to honor the wonderful Sunday school teachers at our church.

### MARCH 15

In loving memory of Bud Bunyard by his wife Char, daughter and son-in-law Kelly and Tim Ferrin, son Michael, and grandson Alex.

And, celebrating Ellen, Stephen and Margaret MacVean's birthdays and remembering Charlie on his birthday.

### MARCH 22

By Kathy and Larry Willette and family in honor of our parents Jess and Florence Willette and Lawrence and Bernice Chabot.

### MARCH 29

By Barbara J. Brown in memory of my parents Thurston and Ruth Powers, her sister Joan Miller and her son in law Brian Thorenson.



Help provide church decorations! On Easter Sunday, our sanctuary is decorated with glorious spring flowers to enhance our worship celebrations.

**Scan the QR code to donate Easter flowers or visit [pointlomachurch.org/lent](http://pointlomachurch.org/lent)**

**COMING UP**

A promotional banner for an Easter Fest event. The background is a bright yellow field with a blue sky and white clouds at the top. The text is in white, bold, sans-serif fonts. The main title 'EASTER FEST' is the largest. Above it, 'FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!' is written in a smaller font. To the right, 'GAMES • CRAFTS • SNACKS • MUSIC' lists the activities. At the bottom right, a rounded rectangle contains the date 'MAR 29' and the time '10:00AM-12:00PM'.

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**EASTER  
FEST**

**GAMES • CRAFTS • SNACKS • MUSIC**

**MAR 29** | **10:00AM-12:00PM**