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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

As we embark on a new sermon series this summer centered around cinema, it reminds me of the many ways summer feels like the beginning of a great movie. With longer days, vacations, and new adventures, we can anticipate the story unfolding and memorable moments that await us just around the corner.

This summer is an especially exciting season in the life of our church. Along with our newly renovated education buildings and many opportunities for worship, fellowship, and service, we are also welcoming some changes among our staff. The transition into a new staff structure brings fresh energy, new perspectives, and opportunities to discover how God wants to continue to guide and grow our congregation.

Like the best movies, our church's story is enriched by each person who plays a part in it. Some scenes are familiar and comforting, while others introduce something new and unexpected. Thankfully through it all, God remains the faithful Author, leading us forward with grace and purpose. As you read through this month's Spire newsletter, I hope you will find ways to connect, participate, and enjoy all that this season has to offer.

Thank you for being part of this wonderful community!



Staff Restructure

In 2022 our Session adopted a new structure to help us live out our Mission more effectively at PLCPC. This structure includes five Mission Groups each with various Ministry Teams led by a Lead Elder. Four of the groups are centered around the prongs of our Mission:

1. **Experience Jesus** Mission Group
2. **Journey into Deeper Faith** Mission Group
3. **Strengthen the Church** Mission Group
4. **Transform our World** Mission Group

And one of the mission groups, **Mission Support**, helps support the other groups with foundational items like Personnel, Finances, and Facilities.

In October 2024, as part of a Strategic Plan that began in 2017, a Staff Review/Restructure Task Force was formed to evaluate and realign our staff to the Session Structure.

The following changes were made to the structure itself:

1. Online Ministry, while still offering a worship service, was moved from **Experience Jesus** to **Strengthen the Church**
2. Outreach and Hospitality, missing from the previous structure, were added to **Strengthen the Church** as well.
3. Men's and Women's Ministry are no longer split between **Journey into Deeper Faith** (discipleship) and **Strengthen the Church** (fellowship), but will be housed solely under **Journey into Deeper Faith**

In addition, the new staff structure includes both a "long term" and "short term" plan. The "short term" plan includes the following staff stepping into "Lead Staff" roles over each Mission Group:

1. **Experience Jesus:** Pastor Karla (theologically trained person)
2. **Journey into Deeper Faith:** Ryan Silvia with the new title of *Director of Men and Youth Ministries (Co-lead Staff)* and Sarah Butterfield with a new title of *Director of Women, Children, and Family Ministries (Co-lead Staff)*
3. **Strengthen the Church:** Melissa Mullins with a new title of *Director of Connections and Online Ministry (Lead Staff)*
4. **Transform our World:** a new 4-hour a week position with the title of *Community Liaison (Lead Staff)*
5. **Mission Support:** Althea Holford in her current role as *Director of Operations (Lead Staff)*

The "long term" plan, when PLCPC becomes large enough to support it, includes hiring a half-time *Designated Pastor* over **Journey into Deeper Faith** and an increase in hours for the *Community Liaison* position.

We are excited about the changes that went into effect June 1, 2026 and look forward to seeing how God works in and through us in this next season of life together! For more information about the process and what these new positions mean for ministry, please visit pointlomachurch.org/leadership or scan the QR code.



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Nominations

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.

Directory

If you requested a printed directory, they are ready for pick up in the office throughout the week Monday-Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm and Friday 8:30am-12:30pm.

New Office Hours

We recently adjusted the church office hours. Our doors are open:

- Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm
- Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm



Dedication Ceremony

Between services on June 7 we gathered to dedicate and pray over our new space together. After 18 months of loud noise, dust, moving items, it was time to come together for a time of celebration including the ceremonial first elevator ride! It was a special moment in the life of our church community.

Session Highlights

MAY 27, 2026 SESSION MEETING | JOHN SPAFFORD, CLERK

A large part of the May 27 Session meeting was devoted to a close review of the new Interim and Long-Term Staffing Reorganization actions and plans. The Session expressed their appreciation to the Staff Review/Restructure Task Force for their faithful 19 months of service:

- Claudia Graff-Grounds, chair, John Wylie, Pam Macias, Ed Lynds, Pastor Karla Shaw.

Pastor Karla reported on the completion of the renovation and inspections, and plans for celebration. The Session approved a CBSI contract amendment. A Landscape Team was appointed: Katie Fulhorst, Susan Cramer, Julie Hicks, and Operations Director Althea Holford.

EXPERIENCE JESUS



1776
The Musical

Purchase tickets at
vanguardsd.org/shows



1776 Musical Coming Summer 2026

It's the summer of 1776, and the nation is ready to declare independence... if only our founders can agree to do it! This Tony award-winning best musical tells the story of the conflicts and compromises leading to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Using humor and song, *1776* puts a human face on the pages of history.

Through a special co-production with Vanguard Theatre, *1776* will run at PLCPC on the following dates and times:

June 26, 7pm	July 3, 7pm	July 10, 7pm
June 27, 2pm & 7pm	July 4, 2pm	July 11, 2pm & 7pm
June 28, 2pm	July 5, 2pm	July 12, 2pm



SING IN THE
Summer Ensemble

Lead Worship
July 26 & August 30
For info email
alicia@pointlomachurch.org

Summer Ensemble

LEAD WORSHIP JULY 26 & AUGUST 30
REHEARSAL AT 8:00AM

For extra practice or to preview music, singers are welcome to attend rehearsal on Thursday, June 4 and/or May 28 at 7:00pm. Contact Alicia if you are interested at alicia@pointlomachurch.org and to get listening links for rehearsal.



CINEMA SUNDAYS

DISCOVERING GOD'S TRUTH THROUGH
THE WORLD'S BIGGEST STORIES

Cinema Sundays | Starting June 21

This summer, we explore themes from popular films alongside Scripture, uncovering how God's truth speaks through the stories we love. From adventure and sacrifice to redemption and hope, each week reminds us that God is present in every part of our story—inviting us into something greater.

JOURNEY INTO DEEPER FAITH

children & family MINISTRY

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Summer Family Bingo

Research shows that one of the biggest influences on whether kids keep their faith is the warmth of their family relationships. In other words, faith is often “caught” in the context of love, connection, and everyday moments together.

That’s why we created this Summer Bingo card! We want to help make space for those small, meaningful moments that build strong, faith-filled families. Bring back your Bingo card by August 9th to receive a prize for 5-in-a-row, and an even bigger prize for crossing off every single square!

Download your printable copy by scanning the QR code, or you can pick up a hard copy any Sunday at church!

Get the bingo card!



Youth

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JOIN IN WEEKLY!

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday Mornings, 10:30am during Chapel service

YOUTH SUMMER BEACH DAYS • JULY 12-AUGUST 23

Throughout the summer, we’re trading our usual Sunday night youth groups for beach parties in OB! Youth students join us every Sunday evening for fun and time with friends by the water. It’s the perfect way to enjoy summer together!

PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH AT SUMMER CAMP. Our youth are headed to Campus by the Sea June 25-29 where campers will grow in their relationship with Christ and enjoy beautiful Catalina Island! Let’s pray for our youth as they head off to camp.



Here are some summer reading recommendations from our staff to dive into while our Faith and Fiction book club is paused for the summer! The Faith and Fiction book club will return on August 11, and we will discuss *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez.

Recommended by Sarah:

Fiction: *The Road to Tender Hearts* by Annie Hartnett
 Fiction: *The Nature of Fragile Things* by Susan Meissner
 Memoir: *Poets Square: A Memoir in 30 Cats* by Courtney Gustafson

Recommended by RO:

Nonfiction: *How the Word is Passed* by Clint Smith
 Nonfiction: *The Way of Excellence* by Brad Stulberg

Recommended by Karla:

Non-fiction: *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr
 Fiction: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

Recommended by Ryan:

Fiction: *The Way of Kings* by Brandon Sanderson
 Nonfiction: *My Life with the Jedi* by Eric Clayton

Recommended by Melissa:

Devotional: *All that is Made: A guide to Faith and the Creative Life*
 Nonfiction: *Mom Seeks God* by Julia Roller
 Fiction: *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman

Recommended by Mary-Carol:

We Solve Murders by Richard Osman

Recommended by Althea:

Fiction: *The Power* by Naomi Alderman

Get Ahead on Faith & Fiction Books!

Aug 11 book club read: *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

Sep 8 book club read: *Go As a River* by Shelley Read

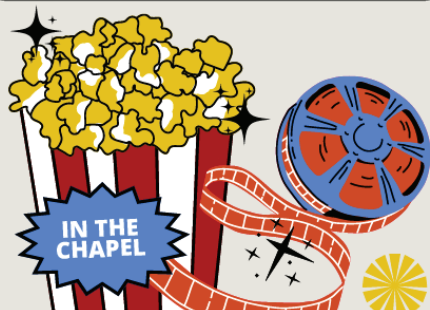
STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH



SUMMER

MOVIE Nights

WEDNESDAYS, 5:30PM



Join us Wednesdays in the Chapel to watch the movie that will be featured in the upcoming sermon!

June 17

**THE LORD OF THE RINGS:
THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING** PG-13

June 24

K-POP DEMON HUNTERS PG

July 1

THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION R

July 8

FORREST GUMP PG-13

July 15

TOP GUN: MAVERICK PG-13

July 22

THE WIZARD OF OZ G

July 29

ROCKY PG

Aug 5

LES MISÉRABLES PG-13

Aug 12

A BEAUTIFUL MIND PG-13

Aug 19

LA LA LAND PG-13

Aug 26

**STAR WARS:
A NEW HOPE** PG



Senior Adult MINISTRY

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SUMMERTIME BBQ & SUNDAYGO DANCE DANCE

**Tuesday, June 16 | Doors open 10:00am, Music 11:00am,
Lunch 12:00pm | Family Life Center | \$7 at the door**

Our final luncheon of the season will feature SanDayGo band, a 4-piece classic rock ensemble specializing in upbeat, familiar music. Get ready to tap your toes or line dance to the electric slide, Achy Breaky Heart, YMCA, The Twist, Cha-Cha and more! Menu will include barbecued hamburgers with sides and all the fixings, plus dessert. RSVP by June 14.



TOUR OF THE SAN DIEGO LDS TEMPLE

Tuesday, June 23, Depart in Church Van at 10:30am

The local LDS temple recently underwent a renovation and is open for guided tours for a limited time. This open house is a unique opportunity to visit the interior and enjoy the beautiful grounds. This walking tour will last about 45 minutes, and representatives of the Church will be available to answer any questions following the tour. Space is limited to 13 people, reserve your spot!



Wine, Women & Word

JUNE 29	5:00-7:00 PM
REGISTER BY JUNE 26	
POINT LOMA HOME	

Wine, Women, & Word June 29, 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 are required. Registration is limited, so please register early. We will be meeting at Barbett Wood's home in Point Loma. Address sent with registration. For questions, contact Judy Nissen at jnissen2019@gmail.com. Hope you can join us!



Register!

Prayer Quilt Ministry | 1st Sat. of the month, 9am-3pm, FLC

Come make quilts on the first Saturday of the month from 9:00am - 3:00pm in the Family Life Center to bless those in need. Each quilt is placed in the Sanctuary, where our church family "ties in" prayers—knot by knot. These quilts offer comfort, hope, and a tangible reminder of God's love. Request a prayer quilt by emailing redbrickprayerquilts@gmail.com



Release
Reconnect
Restore
Yoga

WEDNESDAYS
12:00PM
CHAPEL OR ZOOM

pointlomachurch.org

Yoga Wednesdays, 12:00pm Chapel

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 to join
online!

Knitters & Crocheters | 2nd Thurs. of the month, 10am, Parlor

All who enjoy knitting or crocheting at any level of expertise are invited to join us. We knit or crochet 8" squares that are assembled into blankets for New Day Urban Ministries, Genesis Diez Orphanage and Military Outreach Ministries. Our members range in age from 13 to 80+, and there is always room at our table for more!

There are many ways to connect throughout the summer!
View a full list of groups at pointlomachurch.org/adult.

TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

Meet Our Mission Partners This Summer

One of the ways Point Loma Church lives out our mission to Transform Our World is through our relationships with mission partners. These ministries and organizations share the love of Christ through service, discipleship, compassion, leadership development, church ministry, and outreach both locally and around the world.

Through the faithful generosity of our congregation, 10% of our church operating budget is dedicated to supporting mission partners. That means a portion of every regular gift helps sustain these ministries, and we all share in the impact they are making in the world. These funds are prayerfully distributed through a grant and discernment process led by our Transform Our World Mission Group. Many of our partnerships have grown out of longstanding relationships within our church community, and together they reflect a variety of ways God is at work in the world.

Throughout the summer, we will be highlighting our mission partners through a series of short videos during worship and online at pointlomachurch.org/missions. These stories will provide an opportunity to learn more about the ministries Point Loma Church supports and the impact we are able to make together through these partnerships.

Through your giving, volunteering, participation in supply drives, and prayers, you are helping extend the reach of Point Loma Church beyond our campus and into our community and world. Thank you!

More ways get involved:

- Volunteer with one of our mission partners. Visit pointlomachurch.org/missions for current opportunities
- Join the Transform Our World Mission Group. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. To learn more, contact Michele Reynolds, Transform Our World Lead Elder, at mreynolds619@gmail.com.
- Participate in our Mission Partner Supply Drive (June 21–July 12) by donating:
 - Backpacks filled with school supplies for families in need
 - Financial contributions toward bus passes for individuals traveling to doctor appointments and job interviews

Some of Our Mission Partners



Loaves & Fishes



Military Outreach Ministries (MOMS)



Together for the Family, Lebanon

Congrats Grads!

High School Graduations and College Plans

James Burrell

California Polytechnic State University
Pomona

George Burrell

California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo

Casey Arendt

Boise State University

And More!

LIFE EVENTS:

Deaths

David Gee passed away on May 23, 2026. Memorial Service will be held on June 20, 2026 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. Pastor Karla will be officiating. A reception will be held at the San Diego Yacht Club.



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...

JUNE 7

In memory of Bill and Marilyn Turnquist by their daughters Karen Vandenberg, Lynn Spafford and Janet Watt.

And, by the Dertien family in loving memory of Beth Dertien, who embraced all of the beauty the world had to offer.

JUNE 14

By Mike Long in loving memory of his father, Charlie Long.

And, in loving memory of Janet and Bob Mayo by their family.

JUNE 21

By Heidi and Jim Kelley, in loving memory of her parents, Gay and Don Hydrick.

By Marie Huff in loving memory of my parents Ruth and Howard Kirtland.

JUNE 28

By Geri Nielsen in praise and thanks to everyone involved in PLCPC's music ministry.

By Tom Johnson with Thanksgiving for the life of his dear wife Darlene Blanch Johnson.

COMING UP

Celebrate America's 250th



1776

The Musical

A SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION



June 26-28
July 3-5
July 10-12

This Tony award-winning musical tells the story of the signing of the Declaration of Independence using humor and song.

Purchase tickets at
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SUMMER

MOVIE
Nights

WEDNESDAYS, 5:30PM



**JUNE 17
- AUG 26**