

Spire

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At the beginning of each school year, we chose a theme for the church to guide us through the months ahead. This year's theme is "Come and See."

One of the first things Jesus did in his public ministry was invite people to become his disciples. In the first chapter of John's Gospel, he used the phrase "come and see" as part of that invitation. When Jesus said "come," he was asking people to walk with him, eat with him, and commune with him. But he also asked them to "see." This is a word of observation inviting these disciples to see with their eyes and hearts.

So this fall, we begin our "coming and seeing" through a sermon series on the theology of what we in the 21st century call the "Holy Land." We will pay close attention to the land of the Bible and the places where the stories of Scripture took place. As we put on our glasses of observation, we will consider the character of the land itself. Is there any significance of the geography and topography of the place? How might the land help us see these stories in a new way?

In this newsletter you will find ways to engage with "Come and See" beyond Sunday mornings, with opportunities to listen, learn, and bear witness to the stories of others and their connection to the land.

As summer routines settle down, fall programming is getting underway throughout the church. Music opportunities are beginning, youth programs are back, and ongoing groups and Bible studies are open to join. There are opportunities for every age to connect and grow.

As we begin the theme "Come and See," may God grow us deeper and wider so that we might continue our vision to Love Everyone to LIFE with Everything we Have.



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.

Session Highlights

AUGUST 26, 2026 SESSION MEETING | JOHN SPAFFORD, CLERK

On a warm August evening the Session met in the newly remodeled Meeting Room B, and was reminded why we are looking forward to the new windows and air conditioning planned for the Quieter Non-Residential Program improvements.

The Session was pleased to approve the applications for grants submitted by mission partners and recommended by the Transform Our World Mission Group. Due to budget surpluses, some grants were approved above the requested amounts.

Pastor Karla led a detailed discussion about the staff restructuring plan, now underway. New lead staff roles are being defined, and relationships with staff and Session lead elders clarified. Karla explained the importance of communication with leaders for common requests like room reservations and calendar items.



Discover Our Community Class

SEPT 13 & 20, 12:00-1:30PM

This two-part hybrid class provides an opportunity to meet others who are exploring and growing in their faith at PLCPC. You will learn what we believe, what makes this community unique, and explore how your gifts can be expressed. After the second class, there is an opportunity to become a PLCPC member, if you choose. Lunch and childcare are provided for in-person participants.



Congregational Meeting

SEPTEMBER 27, 10AM

We'll gather for a brief congregational meeting in the Sanctuary and via Livestream immediately following the 9:00am service on Sunday, September 27. Please note, the online service will begin at 9:00am to accommodate the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new elders and deacons. We will continue the celebration in the Family Life Center with new leaf dedications on the Tree of Life. The Chapel service remains at 10:30am.



Coffee in the Courtyard 10:00-10:30am

The coffee connection time after the Sanctuary and before the Chapel service is now in our newly renovated Cafe space. Instead of the porch, meet us in the courtyard!

EXPERIENCE JESUS

COME & SEE

EXPERIENCE JESUS OPPORTUNITIES



NEW SERIES BEGINS SEPT 6

One of the first things Jesus did in his public ministry was invite people to become his disciples. In the first chapter of John's gospel, he used the phrase "come and see" as part of that invitation. To "see" means to observe and listen within a specific real-world context and this fall we will specifically be looking at the character of the land in the bible.



SHAPED BY PLACE ART EXHIBIT

Opening Reception October 9, 5:00-7:00pm

Inspired by the Come & See sermon series and its exploration of the land of the Bible, this art show invites artists from our community to create visual depictions of the land that has shaped them.

We invite you to participate in this art show. Visit pointlomachurch.org/music-arts for theme details, submission guidelines, and important deadlines.



PODCAST

We will be releasing a new Podcast series where we will explore what it means to Bear Witness to someone's story, the history and how different Christian traditions have practiced it. Episodes will be available wherever you get your podcasts @pointlomachurch

Choir • Bells • Worship Band

Music Opportunities

pointlomachurch.org/music-arts

We have music opportunities for every one, whether you like to sing or play an instrument. Please contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org if you would like to get involved or receive more information.

New Covenant Choir

Sing in 9:00am worship service 3 Sundays per month

Rehearsals Thursdays, 7:00pm-8:30pm
(Starting Sept 3)

Christmas Choir

Sing in Christmas Concert December 6, 5pm and 7pm

Rehearsals Thursdays, 7:00pm-8:00pm
(Starting Oct 1)

Online Choir

Record Hymns for the Online Service once every 2 months on Sundays, 10:30am-11:30am
(There is no rehearsal for this group)

Bell Choir

Participate in Sunday worship several times a year, Christmas Concert, Easter and special services.

Rehearsals Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00p.m.

Choral Ensemble

Sing in 9:00am worship service 1st Sunday of the month

Rehearsals 1st Sunday of the month, 8:00am

Worship Band

Lead worship in 10:30am service 1-3 Sundays per month

Rehearsals Sundays before 10:30am service



Vocal Workshop

SEPT 19, 9:00AM

You're invited to a free workshop on how to release tension and breathe for singing with Dr. Kathi Rundus. Get in the zone and enjoy more ease in singing and speaking. All welcome, no singing experience needed! The workshop runs from 9:00am-11:00am. Afterwards we will have an optional Christmas Concert music reading session from 11:00am-12:00pm and lunch.

Register



Children's Christmas Musical Auditions

SEPTEMBER 10, 17 & 24

Auditions for children grades 2-6 for acting and solo parts in the Christmas Eve Musical. Please contact Alicia at alicia@pointlomachurch.org to schedule an audition.

COME & SEE

JOURNEY INTO DEEPER FAITH OPPORTUNITIES



CROSS BORDER IMMERSION REGISTRATION

November 10-12 | Trip Cost: \$400

This immersion experience explores life at the US/Mexico border, focusing on migration, human rights, and the unique character of border communities. This “listening” experience, led by VIA International, is meant to help us think critically about solutions to the root cause of migration. One of the days will be spent in Tijuana.



DEBRIEF THE SERMON

Sept 6 - Oct 25

Come for conversation and reflection as we unpack the “Come and See” sermons together. We meet from 10:30-11:15 in a hybrid model of in-person in Meeting Room A or online through the zoom link in the chat after the online services. Come when you can, each session stands alone. Questions? Email Cheryl Louie at clouie3@gmail.com



FAITH AND FICTION BOOK CLUB

October 13 & November 17, 6:30 - 8:00pm

Our book club on the second Tuesday of the month where we dive into fiction and explore connections to our faith is lining up titles to help us “Come and See.” We will discuss *The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson on October 13 and *The Unknown Americans* by Christina Henriquez on November 17.

Join a Group

pointlomachurch.org/adult

Join a Group this Fall

As the busyness of summer settles down and routines start up again in the fall, it's a great time to join a group! Our ongoing groups, such as Sunday Scripture Group, Faith & Fiction Book Club and Men's and Women's Bible Studies are all open to join. Visit pointlomachurch.org/adult for a full list of opportunities.



Preschool & Infant Center

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We are so excited to have the new school year underway and to see our classrooms filled with happy faces, new friendships, and lots of learning through play. As we move into September, our teachers are looking forward to building strong classroom communities and giving the children plenty of opportunities to explore, create, play, and grow. We have a wonderful year ahead of us!

children & family MINISTRY

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Parent Workshop

Tackling Sibling Rivalry
Guest Speaker: Wendy Snyder
September 16, 6:00pm

Dinner & Childcare Provided

Cost: \$15 per family

Register



Parent Workshop

SEPTEMBER 16, 6:00-7:30 PM

Tackling Sibling Rivalry with Guest Speaker Wendy Snyder

Sibling squabbles got your home feeling more like a battleground than a peaceful place? Join Wendy Snyder, Parenting & Family Life Coach and author of *Fresh Start Your Family: Powerful Parenting to Restore Peace in Your Home*, for an inspiring talk on sibling conflict and rivalry. You'll learn why your kids really fight (hint: it's usually about an unmet need!), how to stop refereeing every argument, and powerful, compassionate tools to help your children learn to work things out themselves. Wendy will share her signature Firm and Kind approach, plus a few simple strategies you can start using the moment you walk back in your door. Come ready to feel encouraged, supported, and equipped to bring more peace to your family. You'll even leave with a free gift to start using with your kids right away!

Save the Date! Trunk-Or-Treat • Oct 25



Youth

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JOIN IN WEEKLY!

Our youth programs are back to our regular timing. All youth are invited to join in weekly for lots of fun, friends, and getting to know Jesus!

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday Mornings, 10:30am during Chapel service

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, 4:30-6:30pm

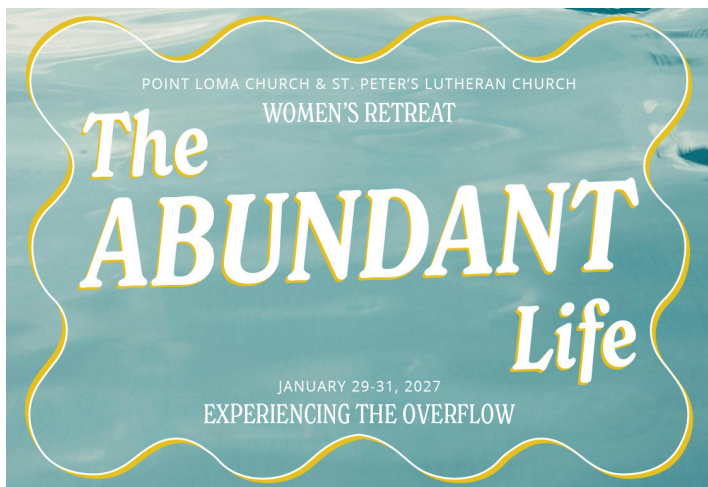
Junior High and High Schoolers join us on Sunday nights to eat, have fun and get to know about Jesus!

TEEN CENTER

Monday & Tuesday, 3:30pm-5:30pm

Every Monday and Tuesday afternoon, our Youth Center (upstairs in the Family Life Center) is open for all youth to come hang out! We have video games, snacks, and more! This is an awesome resource we get to provide in partnership with the YMCA.

Photo Highlights from Youth this Summer



REGISTRATION OPEN SEPT 27

Women's Retreat

JANUARY 29-31, 2027

Cost: \$230 • The Dana on Mission Bay

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10) What is abundant life and how do we experience it? We will spend the weekend exploring how Jesus taught and modeled living an abundant life. Together we will explore the joy of an abundant mindset, learning how to cultivate rhythms of grace in our lives which will allow us to experience an overflow of God's goodness that we can then take into our daily lives and share with others.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH



Support Group for College Parents

SEPT 21, OCT 19, NOV 16, DEC 22
6:00-7:00 PM

Whether your student is commuting from home or moving across the country, transitioning to the college years brings both joy and unique challenges. You don't have to navigate it alone. Join our community of parents and grandparents as we share joys and concerns, encourage one another, and lift our students up in prayer.



Loss of a Spouse Workshop & Dinner

OCT 7, 5:30-8:00 PM

The passing of your spouse affects every area of your life. At this workshop, we will watch a 30-minute video with relatable stories, guidance from grief professionals and practical exercises to help you cope with the unique challenges that arise after the death of your spouse. After the video, there will be discussion time followed by dinner. Every attendee will receive a workbook to take with them. Join us for this special evening of hope and healing.

Tree of Life Reception

SEPTEMBER 27, 10AM

The Tree of Life in the Family Life Center is a beautiful way to celebrate life events and milestones—honoring loved ones, commemorating special moments, and telling the story of our church community. This September, we'll hold a special reception to add new leaves to the tree and celebrate those being honored. **If you'd like to participate, order your leaf by September 11 to have it included in the reception.**

Learn more and order a leaf: pointlomachurch.org/tree-of-life



Senior Adult MINISTRY

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Fall Luncheon FT. the High Society Jazz Band

September 15 | 10:00am Doors Open | 11:00am Music | 12:00pm Lunch | Family Life Center | \$7

Join us for the first luncheon of the fall season! Enjoy the music, humor and energy of the High Society Jazz Band as they put a fresh twist on the lively sounds of traditional jazz. Our lunch menu includes savory chicken salad sandwiches, crisp green salad, fruit and dessert. Bring a friend! RSVP by Friday, September 11.



Senior Tech Connect: How to Use Uber

September 23 | 12:00-1:30pm | Family Life Center

Would you like to feel more confident using Uber, so that you can remain more independent and have flexibility on transportation options? Dylan Willis from Senior Tech Connect returns to teach us how to set up an Uber account, schedule a ride and introduce us to Uber's new "Simple Mode." Join us for this informative presentation! Reserve your spot today.

Forever Fit Exercise Class Update

Forever Fit free gentle exercise class takes place at All Soul's Episcopal Church at 2475 Catalina Blvd. on Wednesdays at 9:00am. The class is offered in partnership with the Ryan Family YMCA and will return to the PLCPC Family Life Center this fall (date to be determined). PLCPC is grateful for our partnership with All Soul's and the Peninsula Community Senior Center for hosting the class in the meantime!

LIFE EVENTS:

Deaths

Elliott Moses, Jr. passed away on June 27, 2026. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary on September 26, 2026 at 11am. Pastor Karla Shaw will be officiating.

Dean Crowder passed away on July 30, 2026. A memorial service was held on September 4, 2026 at 11am in the Sanctuary. Pastor Karla Shaw will be officiating.

William (Bill) Gore passed away on August 10, 2026. A memorial service will be held on September 18, 2026 at 11am in the Chapel. Pastor Karla Shaw will be officiating. Reception follows in the FLC.

Richard Brown passed away on August 21, 2026. A memorial service will be held on October 10, 2026 in the Sanctuary at 11am. Pastor Chris Lenocker will be officiating.

Shelley Brenner passed away on August 28, 2026. A memorial service will be held on October 30, 2026 in the Chapel at 11am. Pastor Karla Shaw will be officiating.



SEPTEMBER 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...

SEPTEMBER 6

In loving memory of her husband Richard by Dianne Grafton

And, by Kathleen McKnight in loving support for her Sacramento grandchildren: Bee, Elizabeth, Benjamin and Joanna McKnight.

SEPTEMBER 13

By Bill Gallaher in loving memory of his wife, Mildred Keyes Gallaher

And, in loving memory of my dear Linda, by Fred Daughtery.

SEPTEMBER 20

By Kathleen McKnight in joyful celebration of the birthday of her grand-daughter Ava Kathleen McDonald.

SEPTEMBER 27

By Merrie Friberg Shinn in loving memory of her daughter, Barbara, Tom her husband of 50 years and her mother, Grace.

And, by Jean and Carl Federici in loving memory of their parents Norman & Anna Green and Frank & Jean Federici.

Photo Highlights from the Back-to-School BBQ

COMING UP



Discover Our Community

Sept 13 & 20

register today



The poster features a background image of a church building with a steeple. The text 'Discover Our Community' is prominently displayed in white. Below it, the dates 'Sept 13 & 20' are shown. At the bottom, there is a blue circle with the text 'register today' and an arrow pointing to a QR code. The bottom of the poster is divided into three colored sections: orange, blue, and orange.



POINT LOMA CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27

Sanctuary & Online Service • 9:00am
Congregational Meeting • 10:00am
Chapel Service • 10:30am

The poster has a blue background with a yellow circle containing a church icon. The text 'POINT LOMA CHURCH' is in small white letters. Below it, 'CONGREGATIONAL MEETING' is in large white letters. A red banner at the bottom contains the date 'SEPTEMBER 27' in white. At the very bottom, the service times are listed in white text.