

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR KARLA

When my family and I were traveling in the Black Hills of South Dakota this summer we had the opportunity to ride horses. After a vast Google search throughout Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming, I finally landed on an outfitter in Custer State Park that would allow my five year old to ride. Even though it was only an hour trail ride, it felt like a real western experience as we rode through flowing creeks, up steep hills, and around tall trees. My five year old sat alone on the tallest horse in the group, hanging on for dear life, while his horse maneuvered quite gracefully through the winding path. In the end, it was the participants who rode horses that stayed in formation, following the horse directly in front of them, that had the better experience. Those with horses who wandered off the path or stopped to graze on grass in the fields were consistently preoccupied with survival and missed the beauty of the surroundings.



This school year our theme is "Choosing Unity." Just like the horses in my trail ride at Custer State Park, life is calmer, more beautiful, and filled with more joy when we are all working together as one with a common purpose. Many times in our world today, unity feels like an impossible ideal. When you turn on the news or check your social media feed, more often than not, your ears and eyes are filled with stories and images of strife and contention. We have lost the ability to listen to those who experience life differently than we do and, as a result, we cling to those who reinforce our narrow perspectives.

### God desires more for His Church.

**God wants us to talk about our differences, learn from one another and, in that learning, grow closer together.**

This month, in addition to the launch of our regular fall programming, there are several workshops being offered at the church intended to teach us how to engage with those who think differently than we do. It is my hope that a large portion of our community participates in the two main events being offered on September 14 and 29. The skills we will learn and practice will strengthen our relationships with one another and help us better understand those in our own families, schools, places of work, and in our broader world.

**Please join me as we seek to choose unity this year!**

Rev. Karla Shaw  
Senior Pastor

## Sunday Worship Services

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

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## Looking Ahead

Sept 5	Prayers & Pints
Sept 6	Choosing Unity Art Show
Sept 14	Choosing Unity Workshop
Sept 19	Make & Take Craft Event
Sept 22	Pancake Breakfast
Sept 29	Congregational Meeting
Sept 29	Choosing Unity Workshop
Oct 6	Discover Our Community
Oct 12	Family Camp



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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.

# CHURCH NEWS

Opportunities for Exploring Our New Guiding Theme:

## CHOOSING UNITY



### WORKSHOP

Choosing Unity: Learn & Grow

SEPT 14 & 29

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### WORKSHOPS

Beginning in September, we will be studying 1 Corinthians in the worship services to guide us in a deeper understanding of unity. In a world where we are becoming evermore polarized, our unity, in the context of our diversity, is God's greatest desire. Our "oneness" invites others into the life-changing power of the resurrection.

As a church community, we will put our learnings into practice during two workshops. These workshops will encourage us to ask curious questions and listen well to one another. This training is a relevant and practical way to help us to truly Love Everyone to LIFE With Everything We Have. We would like as many people in our community to experience this thoughtful and transformative training.

This will be an experience where we can commit to one another as humans, made in the image of God, above any differences of opinions or beliefs. As we embark on the theme this year of Choosing Unity may God challenge us in the ways we cause factions in the Church and give us ears to listen to one another in our differences.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### Part 1: LEARN: The Art of Conversation

Saturday, September 14, 9:00am

#### Part 2: PRACTICE: Day of Dialogue

Sunday September 29, 11:00am



### ART SHOW

September 6 - October 31

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### CHOOSING UNITY ART SHOW

SEPT 6 | OPENING RECEPTION & ARTIST TALK  
SEPT 6 - OCT 31 | SHOW OPEN

To kick off the fall series of "Choosing Unity," visual artists from our church community have created unique, original pieces of artwork to express the concept.

An opening reception and artists talk for the show will be held on Friday, September 6 at 5pm in the Chapel. Hear thoughts from the artists and see a vision of unity through the artwork. Artwork on display Sept 6-Oct 31.

OPENING RECEPTION & ARTISTS TALK: SEPT 6, 5:00PM

## CHOOSING UNITY

### DEBRIEF THE SERMON

Sept 8 - Oct 27, 10:30-11:15am

### DEBRIEF THE SERMON

SUNDAYS | 10:30-11:15AM | LIBRARY & ZOOM  
SEPT 8 - OCT 27

Come for conversation and reflection as we unpack the sermon together. We meet in a hybrid model of in-person in the library 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](mailto:clouie3@gmail.com)

## Session Meeting Highlights

**AUGUST 28, 2024**

**John Spafford, Clerk**

The Session welcomed Building Committee representative Susan Cramer, who reviewed an extensive update prepared by Committee Chair Sue Skala. She announced the good news that the city building permit application has been submitted. The project remains committed to providing a modern preschool, remodeled meeting spaces, and second floor elevator access, within the Generation to Generation budget.

Transform Our World Mission Group Lead Elder Bob Lemke presented the annual grant distribution funding request, listing the 18 mission partners PLCPC financially supports around the world. He led a discussion considering the process used to select our partners and determine grants. Session approved the request and prayed for the missions, and our Mission Group.

The meeting concluded hearing Pastor Karla's "Sabbatical Gleanings," recounting her experiences at the many churches she visited, and of the benefits of her time away.



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# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 29 • 10:30 AM**

Combined Worship Service • 9:30 am

SANCTUARY AND LIVESTREAM



## Discover Our Community

Join us for our next Discover our Community class. This class provides an opportunity to meet others who are exploring and growing in their faith at PLCPC, learn what we believe and what makes this community unique, explore how your gifts can be expressed and get to know our leadership. After the second class, there is an opportunity to join the PLCPC community, if you choose. Lunch and childcare are provided for in-person attendees.



**Oct 6 & 13, 12:00pm**  
**Register Now!**

Scan the QR code or visit [pointlomachurch.org/register](https://pointlomachurch.org/register)

## A Discussion on Estate Planning & the Endowment

**Steve Smith, Endowment Chair**

Estate gifts (by trust or will) to the PLCPC Endowment are an essential component of the future work of the congregation. Of course, gifts to the Endowment are most welcome at any time—to celebrate a happy event or to honor someone's memory, for example. However, all of us should pay special attention to the Endowment when we are making an estate plan.

The Endowment is a wonderful way to participate in the work of the church for generations to come. The Endowment is able to help provide for the very long-term future of the church because the principal of the Endowment is never spent. Instead, gifts become the principal and are invested. The income from that principal is available for the PLCPC's work in perpetuity.

**Would you consider an Estate Gift?**




Reach out to Jolene Wade at [jolene@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:jolene@pointlomachurch.org) or 619-223-1633 x204 to make a gift.

# 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!

[pointlomachurch.org](http://pointlomachurch.org)

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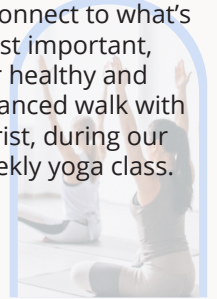
## Release Reconnect Restore Yoga

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.



## Get involved in the music ministry!

Experience the joy and celebration of worship and growing in your faith by making a joyful sound. Ready to get involved? Here are 2 opportunities for you to consider! Contact Alicia McMillan, [alicia@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:alicia@pointlomachurch.org)

### Christmas Concert Choir

- 1-hour rehearsals:  
Oct 3-Dec 5 (*excluding Halloween & Thanksgiving*)
- Retreat: Saturday, Oct 19,  
9:00am - 12:00pm
- Dress rehearsal:  
Saturday, Dec 7
- Sing in our annual Christmas  
Concert: Dec 8

### RINGERS ReJOYce!

- Rehearsals Tuesdays, 6:00-  
7:30pm in the Bell Room.  
Resumes Sept 10.
- This English Handbell  
Ensemble joins the Sunday  
morning worship services and  
other events at the church.
- Contact: [ann88sim@gmail.com](mailto:ann88sim@gmail.com)

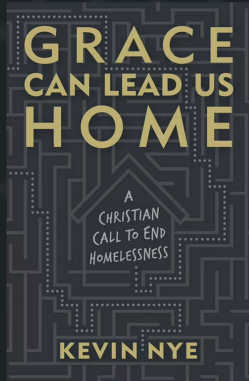
## Upcoming Special Music Offerings

### October 13

Point Loma Singers from  
Point Loma Nazarene  
University guest choir in  
Sanctuary and Chapel  
worship

### November 2


Master Chorale Concert  
with Bryan Verhoye



**GRACE  
CAN LEAD US  
HOME**

A  
CHRISTIAN  
CALL TO END  
HOMELESSNESS

KEVIN NYE



## ONLINE BOOK STUDY

### Grace Can Lead Us Home

TUESDAYS IN OCTOBER, 6:30 PM

## TUESDAYS IN OCTOBER 6:30 PM ON ZOOM

We will be unpacking Kevin Nye's book which shows us that from the margins, Jesus has something to teach us all about grace—something that could change the landscape of homelessness entirely if we're ready to hear it.

Register for  
the study



# JOURNEY INTO DEEPER FAITH



Red Brick Preschool | [redbrickpreschool.com](http://redbrickpreschool.com)

**Nicole Hage, Preschool Director**

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Preschool started last month! Enjoy some photo highlights from our first week of school.



## Brick Youth Group

**Ryan Silvia, Director of Youth & Young Adults Ministry**

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### JOIN IN WEEKLY!

**Teen Center**

- ◆ Mondays & Tuesdays, 3:30pm - 5:30pm
- ◆ Video Games, Snacks, & More!
- ◆ Upstairs In the Youth Center

Operated in partnership: +

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**BRICK YOUTH GROUP**

**HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUTS**

DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY @ 5:30PM

**WEDNESDAYS 3:00PM-6:00PM**

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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**BRICK YOUTH GROUP**

# children & family MINISTRY

**Sarah Butterfield, Director of Children & Family Ministry**  
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## A Note from Sarah

After a fun-filled summer in Kids' Cafe learning about Jesus by exploring ocean animals, we are diving into September's theme: shining Jesus' light! On Sunday mornings, kids ages 4 to 11 will learn to shine Jesus' light by showing compassion and caring enough to help meet someone else's needs.

Our memory verse this month is: "Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16, NIRV)

This month, there are lots of opportunities to gather in fellowship, to grow closer to God in community.



THE MOMCO

Motherhood is complicated. Mom friends help.

Every other Tuesday, 9:30-11:30am

JOIN US!

**make & take**  
Thursday, Sept 19  
5:00 - 7:00 PM • \$15  
Chalkboard Menu Board  
POINTLOMACHURCH.ORG/REGISTER

## MomCo | Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30am

MomCo (formerly known as MOPS) is back, serving moms of elementary-aged children and younger. Join us from 9:30 to 11:30 on September 10 for Lisa Howe's presentation on "Surviving Sibling Struggles." Childcare is available! Additionally, there is a MomCo Bible Study on the alternating weeks. Join us on September 3rd and 24th as we study Jeremiah, and learn to live courageously and embrace God's purposes.

## Make & Take | September 19, 5:00pm

Our popular seasonal Make and Take events are back on September 19th! We will be in the Family Life Center from 5 to 7 PM, making a beautiful menu board. Whether you're getting serious about meal-planning or need a gift for a new bride or mom, we hope you'll join us. The cost is \$15 and covers materials, childcare, and refreshments.

Register for  
Make & Take



## Parents Night Out September 27, 5:30-7:30pm

You won't want to miss our Parents' Night Out happening Friday, September 27th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. We'll feed your kids and entertain them with plenty of games while you enjoy a date night or just some time to yourselves!

Register for  
Parents Night Out



**Parents' Night Out!**  
SEPTEMBER 27 • 5:00 - 7:00PM  
Pizza & nursery care for kinder and under  
Games & pizza for grades 1-8  
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## Family Camp | October 12

And finally, we are so excited to host Family Camp on October 12! We will be spending the day at Indian Hills Camp in Jamul and enjoying two meals together, group games, a scavenger hunt, as well as zipline, archery, gold Mining, and laser Tag! Please register on the website by September 28th.

Register for  
Family Camp



**Family Camp**  
OCTOBER 12, 9 AM - 7 PM  
INDIAN HILLS, JAMUL, CA  
Register now!  
pointlomachurch.org/register  
Register by 9/28

✳️ **P.S. Mark your calendar for our next Faith and Fiction Book Club on Oct 5, 7-8:30pm!**  
We will be discussing *Miss Benson's Beetle: A Novel* by Rachel Joyce

# Adult Discipleship Groups

## Looking to journey deeper into faith this fall?

We have a number of bible study and discipleship groups available for adults of all ages and stages of life. Below are just a few of our groups that are picking back up this month for you to consider.

### Sunday Scripture Group

Sundays | 10:15 am | Parlor

Looking at scripture through the lens of contemporary commentary, this group will be watching the TV series *The Chosen* to help with our own Christian journeys through life.

### Community Bible Study

Thursdays | 10:00 am - 11:45 am | In-Person & Zoom | Resumes Sept 12

This interdenominational Bible study is for women of all ages and backgrounds. New members are welcome at any time! This year we are studying Matthew with small group discussions and lectures. Are you a mother with small children? We have a fabulous children's program for infants through preschool!

### Woven Book Study

Mondays in October, 7:00-8:00pm | Zoom

Woven is about how we move away from a fear-based, list-keeping, rule-driven model for kids, and what we can do instead. It's especially great for those of us who might feel overwhelmed or anxious about talking to our kids about God without passing along any of our own baggage around faith! Register at [pointlomachurch.org/register](http://pointlomachurch.org/register) for the Zoom link!

### Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 9:00 am - 10:30 am  
Resumes Sept 10

Led by Pastor Karla, the group this fall will be looking at the Apocrypha, the collection of books that are placed between the Old and New Testaments in the Bible used in the Catholic Church.

Visit [pointlomachurch.org/adult](http://pointlomachurch.org/adult) to learn more about our adult discipleship groups.

## STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

### Deacons Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 9:30-11:00AM  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE DEACON FUND

*You're Invited!*



### Do you have a child or grandchild in college?

The Deacons want to stay connected with your children and grandchildren who are in college. We send them small gifts and prayers during the school year. Please send names and mailing addresses to Susan Wright at [snoo.wright@gmail.com](mailto:snoo.wright@gmail.com) or call her at 619 322-1075

### Upcoming Men's Fellowship Events



email [evan@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:evan@pointlomachurch.org)  
for address

#### MENSGIVING

Nov 19, 5:30-8:00pm

#### MEN'S RETREAT

Feb 22-23



# Senior Adult MINISTRY

Elaine Burrell, MSW, CSA, *Director of Senior Adult Ministry*  
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## WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON FEATURING PETE SELTSE

**Tuesday, September 10, 10:00am, Family Life Center - \$7 at the door**  
**Doors open 10:00am, Entertainment 11:00am, Lunch served 12:00pm**

Welcome back to our monthly luncheons for senior adults! This month Peter Seltser will entertain us with his fun personality and popular music from the 60's and 70's. Enjoy a menu of Chinese Chicken Salad, fruit and dessert. Bring a friend! RSVP by Friday, September 6.

## NEXT PHASE MOVE ASSISTANCE: DOWNSIZING, PACKING & UNPACKING

**Wednesday, September 18, 12:00-1:00pm, Family Life Center - \$10 at the door**

Whether you are thinking of downsizing, moving, or just simplifying your life, it can be overwhelming to think about where to begin. Meet Margaret Zamora, owner of Next Phase Move Assistance, and learn about the help that is available for downsizing, packing, unpacking and estate clearing. Have all of your questions answered at this interactive workshop. RSVP required.

## TEEN TECH 4 SENIORS

**Saturday, September 21, 1:00-3:00pm, Family Life Center**

Back by popular demand! At this workshop, you will be paired with a friendly, tech-savvy teenager to work with you one-on-one for up to an hour to increase your proficiency using your cellphone, tablet, laptop or smart watch. They will help you troubleshoot basic problems, teach you how to optimize the functions of your device, and adapt it to meet your needs. Reservations required by September 18. Please indicate the type of device you need help with.

## SELF DEFENSE FOR MATURE ADULTS

**Wednesday, September 25, 1:00-2:30pm, Family Life Center - \$10 at the door**

As we get older, we may feel more vulnerable as some senses such as sight and hearing start to decline. At this class you will learn awareness and prevention strategies and be shown techniques to defend yourself. Knowing what to do, when to do it, and how to do it, make all the difference. Taught by Gale Bryan, Self-Defense instructor. RSVP required.

## ADVANCED CARE PLANNING CLASS

**Monday, September 30, 1:00-4:00pm, Family Life Center**

Join us for a panel discussion with leading experts on health care planning including tips on completing your health care directive. A notary will be on-site to assist with completed documents. Refreshments provided. Register by contacting Elaine or contact SHARP directly at 1-800-82-SHARP (74277) or sharp.com/classes.

## FOREVER FIT GENTLE EXERCISE WEEKLY CLASS

**Every Wednesday • 9:00 - 9:50am • Family Life Center • Instructor: Elke Ertle**

**Register**

**ONLINE** [pointlomachurch.org/register](https://pointlomachurch.org/register)

**CONTACT ELAINE** (619) 223-1633 Ext. 210 | [elaine@pointlomachurch.org](mailto:elaine@pointlomachurch.org)



## Fellowship Groups

**Grow in community this fall!** Consider joining one of our ongoing fellowship groups!

### Knitters & Crocheters

Second Thursday of the Month  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Parlor

- Contact: Hope Roel, hopearoel@outlook.com

### Prayer Quilt Ministry

Meetings: First Saturday of the month  
Prayer Team: Third Wednesday of the month  
9:00 am | Zoom

- Contact: Maureen Blackhall, maureenblackhall@cox.net
- Request a prayer quilt: redbrickprayerquilts@gmail.com

### Men@Work

Tuesdays | 8:30 am | Library & Zoom  
Resumes Tuesday, September 10

- This congenial bunch of mostly retired guys meets over coffee to discuss life, our families, our wishes, and pray a bit. We study the Bible and discuss its meaning. The kids call us "The Grandpa Group." It fits!

## Photo Highlights from the Back-to-School BBQ!



# TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**September 8**  
8:00 am - 1:30 pm

Did you know that your one blood donation can save up to three lives? Our community is currently experiencing a need for all blood donors. Save lives on September 8!

**Donate blood and get a complimentary ticket to Sea World's Howl-O-Scream event!**

(Open select dates from 9/27/24-11/2/24)

## Serve at PLCPC!

Check out all the ways to serve around campus at [pointlomachurch.org/serve](http://pointlomachurch.org/serve)



Scan here



## 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 1** In loving memory of Fran Styles, born September 1, 1927, by her daughter Michelle Styles.  
And, in loving memory of her husband Richard by Dianne Grafton.

**SEPTEMBER 8** By Kathleen McKnight in loving support for her Sacramento grandchildren: Bee, Elizabeth, Benjamin and Joanna McKnight.

**SEPTEMBER 15** By Bill Gallaher in loving memory of his wife, Mildred Keyes Gallaher.  
And, in loving memory of my dear Linda, by Fred Daughtery.

**SEPTEMBER 22** By Merrie Friberg Shinn in loving memory of her daughter, Barbara, Tom her husband of 50 years, and her mother, Grace.  
And, by Kathleen McKnight in joyful celebration of the birthday of her grand-daughter Ava Kathleen McDonald.

**SEPTEMBER 29** By Jean and Carl Federici in loving memory of their parents Norman & Anna Green and Frank & Jean Federici.

And, by Jim, Rachel, and Sabrina Davis in loving memory of Dorothea Hosea who touched so many lives and is remembered by so many friends and especially her family.



*Save these dates!*



POINT LOMA CHURCH

# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 29 • 10:30 AM**

Combined Worship Service • 9:30 am  
SANCTUARY AND LIVESTREAM



INDIAN HILLS  
POINT LOMA CHURCH  
FAMILY CAMP  
OCTOBER 12

# Family Camp

OCTOBER 12, 9 AM - 7 PM  
INDIAN HILLS, JAMUL, CA

**Register now!**  
[pointlomachurch.org/register](https://pointlomachurch.org/register)  
Register by 9/28