

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

Construction fencing, ladders, portable toilets, and plywood--these are the words I have recently added to "the long list of things I never thought I would need to know as a pastor". Yet, I couldn't be more excited! It was a privilege to gather this past month in our vacated Children's Courtyard for an official Groundbreaking Ceremony on our education buildings. What made it a privilege was recounting the group effort that has made this renovation possible. There is no one in our church community, including many souls who have passed on, that isn't involved in some way with this project, and that makes this more than just a construction effort.

Renovating our campus is a spiritual experience.

When reflecting on what it means to be the body of Christ in Point Loma, we must always consider how God will use the gifts we have offered for God's glory. Now that the building is being built, the next step is to dream and pray and make plans for the ministry which will arise out of our new spaces. What does God have in mind for the future of our church? As we continue to walk faithfully in our discipleship, God will introduce new ways that God wants us to go. During this season of building, may we continue to be a people who open our hearts and hands--may we be people who grow deeper in faith--so that when the construction fencing has been removed and the workers have moved on to another site, we have the courage to respond to new ways of being in our life together.

Inside this issue!



ANNUAL REPORT

2024

CHURCH NEWS

Generation to Generation Renovation Update

Last month we celebrated the start of construction with a groundbreaking ceremony. Read the latest blog post about the celebration and watch the recap video at pointlomachurch.org/gen2gen. Check back on the blog for the latest updates throughout construction.

When school resumed after winter break, kids quickly settled into their new classrooms in the Family Life Center. As a reminder, the FLC bathrooms are for preschool use only Monday-Friday from 7:30am-5:00pm and the exterior corridor between the FLC and the preschool courtyard is closed to non-preschool visitors. The parking lot adjacent to the FLC is now closed to vehicles but remains a pedestrian walkway with ramp access to campus.



Session Meeting Highlights | John Spafford, Clerk

December 18, 2024

Each year the Session's last meeting features the examination of the next class of elders. New Elders-elect Cara Thome, Amber Eck and Michael Huff, and previously ordained Elders Stu Jewell and Barbett Woods, had attended training by Pastor Karla, presented a statement of faith, and were questioned by the Session. All were confirmed as the Elder's Class of 2027, and warmly greeted.

Much of the meeting was devoted to reviewing church finances and budgeting. Finance Chair Elder Rob Hanna made his final assessment before retiring that "everything looks fine" with the 2024 budget.

Incoming Finance Chair Elder Amy Radonich noted as she presented the 2025 preliminary budget that, "while '24 has been good to us, there are challenges ahead." The Session dug deeply into the financial forecast.

The meeting concluded with Pastor Karla's heartfelt appreciation of the service of the departing elders: Lynn Ziegenfuss, Katie Fulhorst, Rob Hanna, Cynthia Queen, Claudia Grauf-Grounds, Bob Lemke, and Jason Pritchett. All rose to thank these good and faithful servants.

January 22, 2025

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, 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 2024 church finances, noting there were "reasons to celebrate" our healthy church finances. The Session then reviewed and approved the 2025 church budget, carefully prepared by the Finance Committee. Details of the budget will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting on Feb. 9. Session thanked God for our financial health, and prayed for God's blessing in the coming year.

Finance Vice-Chair Doug Werner reported that we are approaching the 2025 stewardship goal, and the committee will continue to encourage our members to pledge. He noted that while giving remains strong, pledging to that giving is decreasing.

Endowment Funds Committee Past-Chair Steve Smith presented a proposed re-write of the Endowment Funds Bylaws. It provides little change in policies and operation, but with much clearer language. The Session will vote to approve the new Bylaws in February.

The meeting concluded with Pastor Karla's update on the Renovation.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2025
SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

9:30am Combined Service
10:30am Congregational Meeting
11:00am BBQ on Turf

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | FEBRUARY 9, 10:30AM

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 9. There will be ONE combined worship service at 9:30am in the Sanctuary and on livestream. The meeting will begin immediately after Worship. For those in person, we will have a BBQ lunch together on the Turf after the meeting (and well-before the Big Game!). Purpose of the Meeting: Review the 2024 Clerk's Report, review the 2024 finances, vote on the Session-approved 2025 Church Budget, vote on the Pastor's Terms of Call, receive the Annual Report.

Discover Our Community

IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Feb 16 & 23, 12:00 pm
pointlomachurch.org/register

DISCOVER OUR COMMUNITY CLASS | FEBRUARY 16 & 23

This two-part 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 PLCPC, if you choose. Lunch is provided for in-person participants. Childcare is available if requested. Register on our website for both in person and online attendance.

EXPERIENCE JESUS

Revelation

A CONVERSATION BETWEEN PASTOR KARLA AND RO SMITH

Podcasts Releasing Tuesdays

Point Loma Church

Point Loma Church Podcast

Want to re-listen to a sermon or dive into more learning opportunities? On the Point Loma Church Podcast we share each week's sermon, and we also release educational series led by staff.

You can access the podcast in audio form by searching "Point Loma Church" on the apps Spotify, Apple Podcasts, or iHeartRadio. The podcast is also available in video form on Youtube.

- **Currently releasing: Revelation Podcast**
Join Pastor Karla and RO Smith as they have a conversation unpacking the mysteries and misconceptions of revelation and how it applies to our lives today.
- **Find out more at pointlomachurch.org/podcast**

Sing in the Easter Choir

Rehearsals Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm • Starting February 27
Email alicia@pointlomachurch.org to join

SIGN IN THE EASTER CHOIR

Experience the joy and celebration of worship by singing with other adults for our Easter services.

Rehearsals Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm

Starting February 27

Email alicia@pointlomachurch.org to join.

COMMUNITY MURAL WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 8 | 9:00-11:00 AM

**COMMUNITY MURAL WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 8, 9:00-11:00AM**

Let's put Choosing Unity into practice as we join with the entire Point Loma community to make our unique mark on a community mural. Learn about pattern-making and then participate in creating a community mural that will be on display in the FLC. This workshop does not require artistic experience, is open to all ages, and is free.

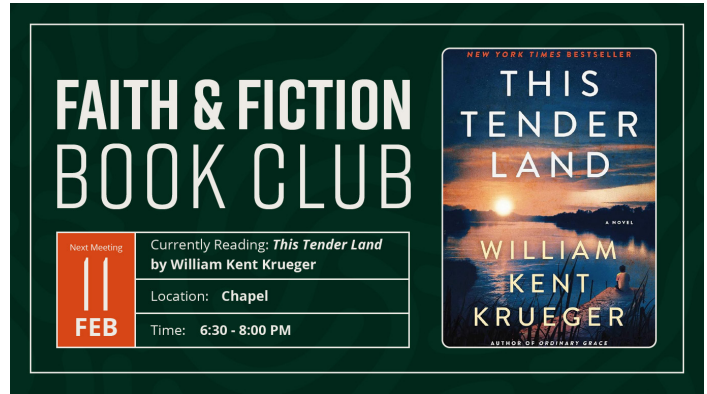
JOURNEY INTO DEEPER FAITH



DEBRIEF THE SERMON SUNDAYS, 10:30-11:15AM

Come and experience Jesus in a deeper way as we unpack his teachings from 1 Corinthians through conversations and reflection. We meet in a hybrid model of in-person and online. Join us in the FLC or look for the zoom link in the chat after the online services. Questions? Email Cheryl Louie at clouie3@gmail.com

Head to pointlomachurch.org/adult for a full list of opportunities for growth and fellowship at Point Loma Church!



FAITH AND FICTION BOOK CLUB FEBRUARY 11, 6:30-8:00PM | CHAPEL

Once a month, we delve into the realms of fiction to explore the 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! This month, we'll be reading "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger.



Red Brick Preschool | redbrickpreschool.com

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The preschool has done an awesome job converting parts of the FLC into classrooms.

Check them out!



children & family MINISTRY

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A Note from Sarah

We are a few weeks into our new curriculum on Sunday mornings: The Great Big Bible Walkthrough! So far, the kids are really connecting with it, asking some great “wondering” questions, and coming to some beautiful conclusions about what God is like based on the Bible story.

This month, we’d like to thank Judy Pritchett for her many hours of work with the three students in the Bible Memory Program! Georgia Leigh, Madeline Kaczmariski, and Porter Waldron just graduated and received their Bibles a few weeks ago. Thanks to everyone who celebrated them!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb 7, 5-7pm

Parents' Night Out

Feb 11, 6:30-8pm

Faith & Fiction Book Club (in Chapel)

Feb 20, 5-7pm

Make and Take
(Macrame plant hanger)

Mar 2

Family Jam Sandwich Social

MOMCO EVENTS:

Feb 4

MomCo Bible study

Feb 11

MomCo: “Cultivating a Healthy Relationship with Food”
with Tammy Manse, Registered Dietitian

Feb 18

MomCo Bible study

Feb 25

MomCo: “Marriage in the Trenches of Motherhood” with Alair Olson, MFT

June 2-6

VBS 2025

pointlomachurch.org/register

Sign up now!



VBS REGISTRATION OPEN

June 2-6, 9:00am-1:00pm

At True North VBS, kids will learn how Jesus is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

Sign up kids grades kindergarten through 5th grade today!

pointlomachurch.org/register





Brick Youth

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RYAN'S RECAP

Well the new year has come and gone and with that comes a whole new year of activities. A huge thanks to all the parents who have already volunteered to help make this year so amazing!

Winter camp at Forest Home in January was an absolute blast! Spending a whole week getting to know God with our students is always a highlight of my year.

Looking forward, we are excited to start a Confirmation class on Sunday February 16th at 9am. In this class we will dig deep into the Word with our young people. Students 7th grade and older who are interested in taking communion can sign up at pointlomachurch.org/youth.

JOIN IN WEEKLY

Sundays 10:30am

All Youth Service

Sundays 4:30-6:30pm

Middle School Youth Group

Mondays & Tuesdays

3:30-5:30pm

Teen Center

NO YOUTH GROUP

Feb 9 All Church BBQ

HIGHLIGHTS FROM WINTER CAMP AT FOREST HOME



YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS

7th grade and up

Sundays 9am-10am

February 26-April 27

Break for Easter Sunday

Graduation May 4 (Youth Sunday)

Cost: \$35

REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH



MEN'S RETREAT | FEB 22-23

Let's kickoff 2025 with a Men's Retreat! We will connect with God and each other as well as have times of reflection, rest and learning. There will be a great balance of depth, fun and some surprises! We are staying local so you won't have far to go and can sleep in your own bed.

Register for
retreat



WINE, WOMEN & WORD | FEB 19, 5-7PM

This is a time of relaxed fellowship, meeting new women and fun conversation. We will enjoy a meal together of a baked potato bar, salads and homemade desserts. Registration and payment online now required. Please register by February 16. For questions, contact Judy at jnissen2019@gmail.com.

Register for
the event



Senior Adult MINISTRY

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VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON WITH JEFFERSON SCHILDGEN FROM RAT PACK REBORN

February 11, Family Life Center - \$7 at the door Doors open 10am, Entertainment 11am, Lunch 12pm

Celebrate Valentine's Day early at this special luncheon featuring entertainment by Jefferson Schildgen. The band leader of the music group "Rat Pack Reborn," Jeff will entertain us with his smooth crooning voice with songs from the Great American Songbook. Menu will consist of a tender pork ribs, mashed potatoes, vegetables, roll and a Valentine dessert. Reserve your spot by Friday, February 7.

MODERN MEDICINE AND CONSIDERATION FOR OLDER ADULTS

**February 19, 11:00 - 12:30pm
Family Life Center**

Geriatrician and Church Elder C. Gresham Bayne MD will present his views on the different nature of a physician's practice from a half-century ago, and some recent studies showing how modern, protocol-based medicine can actually be harmful to the frail elderly. Dr. Bayne is a board-certified emergency room physician with residencies in general surgery and emergency medicine and is now in his 51st year as a licensed physician. RSVP to Elaine.

Deacons Pancake Breakfast



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

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE DEACON FUND

You're Invited!



FEBRUARY 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...

FEBRUARY 2

By John Boaz in loving memory of his wife Marianne and her mother Mary Fisk.

FEBRUARY 9

By Dimi Michalek in memory of my parents Norris and Anne Howe.
And, in loving memory of Carolyn T. Meredith and Joel Calhoun by her family.

FEBRUARY 16

In loving memory of my dear Linda, by Fred Daughtery.
And, by Tom and Geri Nielsen in loving memory of their parents, Gerhard and Tove Nielsen and Henry and Dorothy Dahl.

FEBRUARY 23

In honor of Dianne Grafton's birthday, and in memory of Bruce Jackson's (84) and Dottie Orr's (96) on February 20th. By Robert Tripp Jackson,
And, in loving memory of of Scody Hage on his first Heavenly Birthday Bonnie, Will, Nicole, Rylie and Ryan.



LIFE EVENTS

Deaths

Patrish Butler passed away on December 23, 2024. A Celebration of Life will be held at The Thursday Club at a date to be determined.

Sharon West passed away on December 29, 2024. A graveside service will be held at Fort Rosecrans on January 31, 2025 at 10:30 am. Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker will be officiating.

Ernest Pennell passed away on January 2, 2025. A Celebration of Life will be held on February 1, 2025 at 11am in the Sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker will be officiating. A reception will follow at the San Diego Yacht Club.

Al Hoefler passed away on January 3, 2025. Services are pending.



ANNUAL REPORT

2024

NOTE FROM PASTOR KARLA

I always appreciate this time of year when we have the opportunity to look back and see what God has done in our midst. I am often overwhelmed with gratitude by how much we have accomplished together and, more importantly, how much God has accomplished through us! We started out the year putting our *Faith Forward* through the study of the book of Matthew. This prompted a summer series, while I was on Sabbatical, of hearing a variety of voices from our pulpit of people engaged in the frontlines of Matthew 25-type ministry. Emerging out of that series, *Choosing Unity* became a central concern of our church and world. Through having tough dialogue with one another, facilitated by Olive Branch Conversations, we have been able to come together around issues that make many communities split. So whether it be building for the future with a renovation, hosting an asylum-seeking family in our temporary shelter, or worshipping together across a variety of mediums and in a plethora of styles, we are a church that does what we say we will do. We are indeed attempting to Love Everyone to LIFE with Everything we Have. May you be as overwhelmed with gratitude as I have been reading what God has done through us in 2024!

Continuing to be filled with hope for the future,
Pastor Karla

EXPERIENCE JESUS

Experience Jesus is the invitation to encounter the living Lord through worship services, music and the visual arts.

Development of Common Values for All Services

This year the Worship Ministry Team agreed upon common values to be carried forward into all of the worship experiences to bring a consistent, yet unique experience to all worshippers. The values are: Impactful, Authenticity, Creativity, Invitational/Inclusive and Reliance.

“Walk with Me” Lenten Art Show

The Visual Arts Ministry Team and Online Ministry produced a video series highlighting the creative process of seven artists who created an original piece of work based on scripture. 100 people attended the hybrid Artist Talk where artists shared insights and discussed perspectives on the *Walk with Me* Lenten Art Show.

Matthew 25 Summer Guest Speaker Series

While Pastor Karla was on sabbatical over the summer, we hosted an inspirational and thought-provoking line-up of 8 guest speakers for all of us to experience spiritual growth. Modified techniques allowed for live streaming of the guest speakers' sermons.

Online Engagement

Average attendance for the online service is 179 people per week, which is split evenly between worshippers on YouTube and the church website. YouTube in 2024 experienced 38,159 views which equals 2,486 viewing hours and 808 subscribers.

The online community came together for Bible studies, learning events such as a Virtual Garden Walk and Holiday Traditions, Restorative Yoga, in addition to the weekly worship services.

Music Programs Soared

With expanded promotional efforts, 29 children participated in the children's music program this fall. The Children's Musicals, as always, was highly attended by families and friends near and far with over 400 people in attendance for the Spring musical and 550 for Christmas Eve between online and in the sanctuary.

The Online ministry produced acoustic sessions filmed in the Chapel and released on YouTube to provide representation of our contemporary worship and chapel service online.

Outside of the worship services, there were also concerts for the community to enjoy including the Bryan and Friends concert in August and Master Chorale Concert in November. An amazing Christmas Concert for the community had 791 attending in-person and 304 views online, representing an additional 540 attendees due to multiple people viewing online together.

JOURNEY INTO DEEPER FAITH

Journey into Deeper Faith fosters the ongoing faith formation of people from seekers to committed Christ-followers and leaders at all stages of life; from children, families, youth and adults.

Preschool

The Red Brick Preschool continues to prepare children for elementary school and increase their independence. In addition to building a lifelong foundation for academic success, the preschool also teaches children about the Bible and Jesus' vast love for them through daily prayer, monthly Chapel, and Bible stories. This past year, the Preschool enrolled 113 children. The Preschool staff has shown great leadership and adaptability as they cleaned closets and classrooms and transitioned into temporary classrooms in preparation for the renovation.

Children's and Family Ministry

The learning opportunities for children included our weekly Kids Worship, averaging about 20 children each Sunday, and VBS which served 170 children with 85 volunteers (mostly youth). There were also opportunities for parents to grow together through a Tuesday Morning Mom's Bible Study, and a bi-weekly MomCo meeting. A new book study was offered to parents on the book *Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From* provided community and support to parents.

We created meaningful connections for the entire family through engaging activities like Bingo Nights, Parents' Night Out, and a Family Day Camp. Our outreach efforts included a variety of opportunities to connect with both new and existing families, such as the monthly Family Jam (renamed Sandwich Social), quarterly Make-and-Take events, EasterFest, a Back-to-School BBQ, Trunk or Treat, and Red Brick Christmas. Together, these events welcomed over 1,000 people to our campus, fostering a strong sense of community and belonging.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Sunday mornings during the Chapel service our youth gathered to walk through the same scripture as the adults in worship. Then, Sunday night, they came together at Youth Group to discuss how they can apply the message at home, school and with their friends. This year 10 new regular students joined our thriving Youth Group!

The Teen Center, in partnership with the YMCA, provided a safe after-school space for Junior High and High School

students. It took a little while to get off the ground, but now they see an average of 10 students that pop by the church on Mondays and Tuesdays. Beyond weekly programming, our youth enjoyed serving at Ladle Fellowship and participating in the Youth Sunday worship service. They also loved hanging out over the summer at camp and summer parties.

Adult Ministry

We had many opportunities for adults to grow deeper in their faith in 2024 from on-going bible studies and seasonal classes to contemplative retreats. Some highlights from these offerings included:

- The Sunday Scripture Group averaged 12-15 weekly attendees and studied *The Chosen* series.
- The quarterly Debrief the Sermon Series group averaged 10-15 hybrid participants.
- The Tuesday Women's Bible Study averaged 45-50 weekly hybrid attendees.
- Bible 101 led by Rev. John Moser and Evan Gratz took place in the winter.
- A Wednesday Men's Study averaged 8 weekly attendees.
- The Centering Prayer group, which met online, averaged 6-10 weekly attendees.
- A Lenten Study averaged 25-30 weekly attendees.
- An Advent Quiet day had 12 participants.
- The Monday Morning Men's group meeting for conversation and accountability averaged 8-10 weekly attendees.
- Three Part "The Art of Conversation" workshop by Olive Branch Conversations:
 - Part 1 – "The Art of Conversation" was attended by 75 (hybrid)
 - Part 2 – "Facilitation 101" trained 25 to facilitate small group dialogues
 - Part 3 – "Community Facilitated Dialogue" had 15 small groups
- The Men @ Work group, who engaged in bible study followed by work projects on the church campus, averaged 12 weekly attendees.
- Faith and Fiction was a new monthly opportunity to delve into the realms of fiction to explore the connections to faith.
- Over 100 women and children met on our campus every Thursday for Community Bible Study.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

The Strengthen the Church Mission Group builds our community through gatherings of authentic fellowship and seeks to care for the needs of people through ministries of prayer and care.

Deacon Ministry

The Board of Deacons set goals to (a) clarify and integrate Deacon Ministry within the STC Mission Group purposes and (b) focus and enrich Deacon roles to more effectively manifest the call to compassion, witness and service.

To this end, Deacons updated policies and procedures, created job descriptions for individual ministries, launched an online deacon ministry, and initiated a visitation ministry to serve the home-bound. Within the board, the role of Chaplain (Rev. John Moser) was introduced and a spiritual growth component was developed to support deacon's and their service.

In addition to these broad goals, the Deacons supported the Strengthen the Church Mission group purpose of fellowship, caring and connection by

- Delivering flower bouquets each Sunday – 226 in 2024
- Sending 347 greeting cards throughout the year
- Coordinating Sunday Coffee on the Porch
- Hosting Two Pancake Breakfasts
- Maintaining connection with 15 college students

- Offering ongoing grief support to 16 individuals
- Greeting visitors and congregants at worship each Sunday

Prayer

The Prayer Chain Ministry offered Prayer support for 119 prayer requests sent out in 2024 with 219 prayer partners.

Prayer Quilts

100 prayer quilts were made this year. We donated 22 quilts to the ministry of Chula Vista Presbyterian Church to help them with their supply.

Knitting Group

The 12 members of the knitting group meet monthly for knitting, crocheting and conversations. In 2024 they donated 41 knitted or crocheted blankets to New Day Urban Ministries and Military Outreach Ministry.

Memorial Guild

This essential ministry of the church made up of 27 members, offers support for grieving loved ones through the coordination of memorial receptions. There were 16 memorial services and 9 memorial receptions in 2024 and many families received supportive services.

Men's Ministry

We held our first ever "Man Camp" in May at Rancho Viva in Jamul. 30 men attended the day and enjoyed fellowship, teaching and quiet time together. It was a great success and we will look forward to doing something like it again in the future.

45 men attended Mensgiving in November at the home of Joe and Cara Thome for a nice catered meal, fellowship and hearing from guest speaker, Pastor Greg Bostrom from Christ Presbyterian Church in Carlsbad. The men enjoyed this event and we look forward to its return in 2025!

Women's Ministry

Some highlights of the many opportunities for women to grow in relationship this year include:

- Women's Retreat at the Bahia Resort in Mission Bay where Eileen Moran Van Gieson was our speaker, and she spoke on the theme "Rooted and Grounded in Love." Over 100 women attended the retreat.
- We held 5 Wine, Women & Word gatherings in homes and one venue (3rd Corner). Attendance has continued to rise, especially when hosting in homes with 25-30 women attending.
- Women Connecting Dinner had 100 women in attendance with Rev. Courtney Ellis speaking.
- We hosted a summer tea at Jennings House with 22 women attending, and hosted a Women's Health Seminar in November with 15 women attending.

A new workshop was held this past year for couples in committed relationships focusing on transforming conflict into connection.

Couples Workshop

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Senior Adult Ministry

This year saw high participation in the Senior Ministry with a noticeable change in the age range of participants from previously people aged 80+ to now people in their 60s through their 90s. This expanded age range inspired new ideas for senior programs and congregational care offerings such as:

- Monthly luncheons with a variety of themes, musical styles and tasty menus
- Lectures on timely topics such as retirement preparation, composting, hearing loss, Medicare updates, and downsizing
- Interesting outings to places such as Specialty Produce & tours of assisted living residences
- Veterans Concert
- San Diego hosted the POAMN Conference (Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network) with support and

involvement of PLCPC

Congregational Care

We launched Red Brick Visitors with the Deacons to visit and support our eldest church members who are unable to attend church, started a support group for parents and grandparents of college students, and ministered to 21 people by offering GriefShare two times in 2024.

Serving within the Church

Serving the church is essential to our discipleship. This past year, our mission group along with representatives from Transform Our World, made revisions to our serve section of our website. Serving opportunities within our church and through our mission partners are now highlighted. These revisions allowed for better access to serving opportunities and tracking of volunteer engagement.

TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

Transform Our World reaches out to the world with the Gospel of Christ through mission, sheltering, and community service within and beyond our walls.

Mission Partner Grants

Each year, through the generosity of this church community, we take a portion of our funds to support our mission partners through grants. In 2024, we distributed seven local grants totaling to \$40,700, two regional grants totaling to \$17,500, and seven international grants totaling to \$61,500.

Sheltering Ministry

At PLCPC we maintained a temporary shelter to provide asylum-seeking families a place to live in a stable/safe environment while learning to navigate the asylum-seeking process and allowing them time to find more permanent housing. In 2024, we sheltered a Venezuelan family of six. The family was with us for 12 months and in January, 2025 they moved to an apartment. Their apartment security deposit and first 3 months rent were paid for with funds dedicated to help families seeking shelter.

***Grace Can Lead Us Home* Online Book Study**

As a response to the ministry of one of the summer guest speakers, Kevin Nye who focuses on unhoused populations, a group of about 25 people engaged in a discussion of Kevin's book and formed a focus group to continue discussion in 2025 on the church's engagement with serving those without permanent homes.

Lunch and Learn Events

As an extension of the summer guest speaker series, the Transform Our World mission group organized three Lunch and Learn events. The purpose of these gatherings was to learn more about the organizations and guest speakers' experiences in their respective "frontline ministries." Steve Denney from Children's Heritage Foundation, Jim Martin from International Justice Mission and Rev. Dr. Seth Clark from the Border Church were the featured speakers.

Lenten Food Drive

This was the first year the Transform Our World Mission Group coordinated the Lenten food drive (previously organized by the Deacons). The congregation successfully donated food and financial gifts which directly supported three of our local ministry partners: Loaves & Fishes, New Day Ministries, and San Diego Military Outreach Ministry.

Backpack, Bus Pass, and Blanket Drive

We completed a successful drive in support of the New Day Ministry and UPLIFT Ministry to provide needed supplies of backpacks, bus passes and blankets.

Rancho Genesis Intergenerational Mission Trip

In July, 18 people, ranging in age from 10 to 82, attended a 6-day mission experience in Mexico. The group had a unique opportunity to show God's love to children at a Mexican orphanage.

San Diego Military Outreach Ministry Christmas Toy Store

Once again, we collected toys from the congregation throughout November then converted the chapel into a one-day Christmas Toy Store. We provided no-cost toys to over 60 junior enlisted military families serving in San Diego.

MISSION SUPPORT

Mission Support includes Personnel, Facilities, Finance (including our budget/accounting, stewardship, audit, and endowment), and overall operations for church administration.

Facilities

We are grateful for the work done in 2024 to conceive of a three part structure for paying emergency capital costs, expected/scheduled costs, and operational costs (costs that keep the lights on) of our church facility. This will help us be more proactive in the future with necessary repairs. In addition, a comprehensive list of needed repairs, classified by criticality for safety or otherwise, was created for easy tracking for the future. During 2024, there were eleven safety projects completed to improve the church facilities.

Personnel

In 2024, the Personnel Committee revised the Employee, Volunteer and Preschool Handbooks (huge effort!) with special thanks to Elder Joey Sagawa for his persistence and outstanding coordination of this effort. The Personnel Committee also provided successful oversight of Pastor Karla's Sabbatical by supporting the church and preschool staff in her absence.

Finance

In 2024, the Finance Committee created and approved a Finance Handbook outlining our current financial practices. They also worked to procure a construction loan, approved by the congregation and Presbytery, for our renovation in 2025. The year ended with a balanced budget.

Other Ministry Activity

The following groups work on behalf of Session.

- **The Building Committee**, led by Sue Skala, worked tirelessly throughout the year with the architect and construction management company to oversee the renovation. They finalized construction plans, selected materials, and went through the loan approval process. They also submitted plans to the city to begin the project.
- **The Staff Review Task Force**, under the leadership of Claudia Graff-Grounds was formed at the end of the year as we look to align the church staff with our Vision, Mission, and Values.
- **The Communications Strategy Working Group**, working with the Elder Leads for the Mission Groups, was formed to create an overarching strategy for the church.

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AT POINT LOMA CHURCH

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UNITED IN PRAYER

Sermon Series
March 9-April 20

ASH WEDNESDAY

Dinner & Service
March 5

ART EXHIBIT

March 5-April 20

QUIET DAY

March 8

COMMUNITY GROUPS

March 9-April 20

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Dinner & Service
April 17

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross
at OB Churches
April 18

PALM SUNDAY EASTERFEST

Service & Party
April 13

EASTER SERVICES

April 20
9:00am & 11:00am

