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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

There's something electric about Opening Day in Major League Baseball. Even if our hometown San Diego Padres didn't get off to the strongest start this season, there's still a kind of joy in the not-knowing—in the anticipation of what might be. Each game holds possibility. Will they win? Will they lose? Will a breakout player emerge? Will everything shift in a single inning? Baseball has a way of surprising us like that. Just when a team seems out of contention, they can rally and make an unforgettable run.

Life, of course, carries its own unpredictability—but with far greater weight. The turns we face are not just about wins and losses, but about real moments that shape us: illness, change, new beginnings, loss. And while a baseball season eventually comes to an end—offering a natural pause—life keeps moving forward. We don't get an offseason from its joys and challenges.

That is part of why Easter matters so deeply. Easter morning has come and gone, but the resurrection is not behind us—it is alive within us. The empty tomb is not the conclusion, but the beginning of a new way of living. The risen Christ meets us in the everyday rhythms of our lives—sleeping, eating, waking, laughing, working, playing—and through it all, God is drawing us toward new life, no matter the twists and turns.

May this be the truth you carry in the days ahead: that God is present in it all, continually inviting you to trust, to hope, and to live into the promise of new life. Thanks be to God and go Padres!

SERMON SERIES BEGINNING APRIL 12

THE BOOK OF JONAH



Session Highlights

FEBRUARY 25 AND MARCH 25, 2026 MEETINGS | JOHN SPAFFORD, CLERK

At the February meeting, the Session had the pleasure of welcoming new Operations Director Althea Holford, and hearing about her background, and God’s call that brought her to our church.

Pastor Karla provided an update on the renovation, and said the scope of work for the sidewalk repair required by the City as a permit condition has been reduced with significant savings.

Finance chair Amy Radonich presented an application to the Synod of Southern California for a \$50,000 grant to be applied to the planned solar installation, and the Session approved the proposal.

At the March meeting, the Session completed the approval of the leadership and membership of all the church committees and teams.

The expenses associated with renovation construction errors were reviewed, and Session discussed the plan to recover the expenses.



Learn more about the impact of the Endowment by scanning below.



The Endowment

AT POINT LOMA CHURCH

For more than 50 years, faithful gifts to the Endowment have quietly supported the life and ministry of our church. What makes the Endowment unique is its lasting impact: each gift is invested, and only the earnings are used—year after year—to fund meaningful projects beyond the operating budget. That means a gift given decades ago is still making a difference today.

You can see that impact in the spaces and ministries that shape our community life—places where worship, connection, and outreach continue to grow in new and unexpected ways.

The Endowment is more than a fund; it’s a legacy of faith, generosity, and vision. Many choose to give in celebration of a joyful milestone, in memory of a loved one, or as part of their long-term planning. However you give, you are helping ensure that future generations will experience and share God’s love through this church.

In the coming month, we’ll be sharing more about the Endowment and the impact it continues to have in our community. We invite you to learn more and consider how you might be part of this lasting work.

To learn more or explore ways to give, visit pointlomachurch.org/give or contact the church office.



Generation to Generation

RENOVATION UPDATE

We're seeing incredible progress on the Generation to Generation renovation just a few months into the year! The elevator structure is now fully built out, and a brand-new exterior staircase—located next to it—provides convenient access from the preschool playground to the second-floor Kids Worship space and classrooms. Framing is nearly complete in both the Kids Worship (2nd floor) and Café (1st floor) areas, and a portion of the Chapel roof has been removed as work continues. Behind the scenes, essential systems like electrical, data, and HVAC are now fully installed, and drywall is going up, bringing these new spaces to life.



You can also begin to imagine the new second-floor patio for Kids Worship—an inviting outdoor extension that will double as a key walkway connecting the elevator to the choir room. On the exterior, walls are being prepped for stucco, already visible around the new staircase. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Generation to Generation campaign—your generosity is making a lasting impact on our church and the wider Point Loma community. If you haven't yet made or completed your pledge, you can still participate at pointlomachurch.org/give.

Safety and Emergency Response Training

May 3, 11:00am

This training is required for church elders and volunteers and is also open to anyone who is interested in keeping our community safe and healthy inside and outside of church! We will review our emergency response plan, campus map and safety equipment / systems.



Discover Our Community Class

May 31 & June 7

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.

register today

Register



EXPERIENCE JESUS



Jonah Sermon Series

Beginning April 12, we are jumping into a new series on Jonah. The book of Jonah isn't primarily about a fish--it's the story of a faithful God pursuing a wayward heart. Through Jonah, we will learn together about God's relentless mercy for everyone.

Special Sundays

April 26
Youth Sunday
9am - Sanctuary & Online
10:30am - Chapel

May 3
Children's Musical
9:30am one combined service

SD Sings! Festival

Our children and adult choirs were one of the featured choirs in the San Diego Sings! Festival 2026 last month. Here are some photo highlights! *Photo Credit: Ghost Light Photography 2026*



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
June 27, 2pm & 7pm
June 28, 2pm

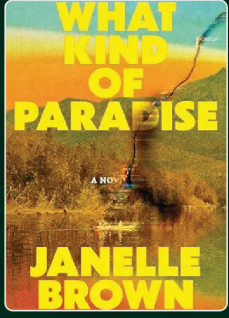
July 3, 7pm
July 4, 2pm
July 5, 2pm

July 10, 7pm
July 11, 2pm & 7pm
July 12, 2pm

JOURNEY INTO DEEPER FAITH

FAITH & FICTION BOOK CLUB

Next Meeting	Currently Reading: <i>What Kind of Paradise</i> by Janelle Brown
14 APR	Location: Church Front Office
	Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM



Faith and Fiction Book Club April 14, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

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

May 19: *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

Youth

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Youth Summer Camp

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

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



JOIN IN WEEKLY!

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday Mornings, 10:30am
during Chapel service

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, 4:30-6:30pm

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

TEEN CENTER

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

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

children & family MINISTRY

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Family Trivia | April 10

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



Family Jam | April 26, 11:30am-1:00pm

We have a build-your-own sandwich lunch after the Chapel Service on April 26. This event is open to all, and children and families are especially encouraged to come talk, eat, hang out, and play!



A glimpse into our kids in action on a recent Sunday.

MomCo

MomCo is a group of moms from all walks of life with kids ages 0-5 (or elementary-aged too!), living life together. We meet Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am. Check out our upcoming events!

April 14: MomCo meeting with speaker Wendy Snyder from Fresh Start Parenting - Tackling behavior issues and sibling drama

April 21: Bible study

April 28: MomCo meeting with speaker Kayla Karesh, LMFT "Systems and Structures to Make Family Life Work"

May 5: Bible Study

May 12: MomCo End of Year Celebration

For more information on joining us at MomCo, email sarah@pointlomachurch.org

THE BOOK OF JONAH

Debrief the Sermon

APRIL 12 - JUNE 14
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE
AND ON ZOOM

SUNDAYS

10:30AM-11:15AM

Debrief the Sermon Spring Series

Has Pastor Karla's sermons stimulated your thoughts or some questions? Join us for conversation and reflection as we unpack the sermon together. We'll meet starting April 12 and will go through June 14. We meet from 10:30-11:15 in a hybrid model of in-person in the Church Office 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

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

Senior Adult MINISTRY

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SPRING LUNCHEON WITH ENTERTAINMENT BY COWBOY JACK JOHNSON

**Tuesday, April 14 | Doors open 10:00am, Music 11:00am,
Lunch 12:00pm | Family Life Center | \$7 at the door**

Celebrate spring with some toe-tapping country music performed by the legendary Cowboy Jack Johnson. Western attire is encouraged at this event where we will enjoy a menu of homestyle fried chicken, savory potato salad, buttered corn, roll and dessert. RSVP by Friday, April 10.



CALL GLENN AGAIN | DOORBELL CAMERAS & SECURITY SYSTEMS: KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

Wednesday, April 22, 11:00-12:30pm | Family Life Center

Recent stories in the news have raised awareness about the use of doorbell cameras and home security systems for individuals who may live alone. If you would like to learn more about how these systems work and what options are available, this presentation is for you. Local, trusted contractor Glenn Millar of Call Glenn Again will present the different types of systems, how to choose what's right for you, and answer your questions. Join us for this important topic and come away informed and empowered. RSVP requested.

Women's Fellowship



Women Connecting Dinner | May 6 Registration Open March 15!

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



Register!

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

TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



Thank you to all who contributed to the Lent Food Drive!

We are continuously in awe of
this community's generosity!

Join Us on the Rancho Genesis Mission Trip

July 12-18 | Information Meetings April 19 @ 10am & April 26 @ 4:30pm in the FLC

Come serve with others of all ages from PLCPC for a week this summer at Rancho Genesis! This private Christian camp is located on 40 acres of beautiful rolling hills, just south of Ensenada, Mexico. While there, we will share God's love with the children of a local orphanage through serving, playing, and caring for the children. Register by May 10. Contact John Leimbach, jleimbach@cox.net or Lauren Mueller, lauren.m.mueller@gmail.com, for more information.

Registration closes on May 10.



Register!



Photo Highlights from EasterFest!

We had a wonderful time celebrating on Palm Sunday at EasterFest as a community. Check out some of the fun that was had!



**There was a misprint of new member Julie Hicks' bio in the previous Spire.
Here is her correct bio:**



Julie Hicks and her husband recently moved to Point Loma. They are thrilled to be here! While she has lived in many different areas over the years, her roots are in the Bay Area. They are also excited to be a bit closer to their daughter, who just moved to Santa Monica. Her hobbies include gardening, cooking, hiking, walking her dog, going to pilates, volunteering and being with friends and family. She is so thankful for the warm welcome at PLCPC and looks forward to becoming an active part of the community.

LIFE EVENTS:

Baptisms

Adriana Rutherford, Rose Renee Rutherford, Wesley Ward Rutherford, Henrik Lindstrom, and Ketsia Eden Karesh will be baptised on April 19, 2026.



APRIL 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...

APRIL 12

For Elizabeth Wootton. We celebrate and honor you, today and forever. All our love, your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Bette is celebrating 100 years of life on April 9!

And, by Ken Bertino in loving memory of his Mother Phoebe Elizabeth.

APRIL 19

By Mary Harker in loving memory of her parents Willis "Wig" and Jane Cotton Fletcher

And, by Bill and Carol Irwin in loving memory of their sweet daughter Monica Khoury.

APRIL 26

In loving memory of Howard and Ruth Kirtland from Michael and Marie Huff.

And, in loving memory of their daughter, Janine Perrill, by her parents Judy and Henry Pritchett.




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COMING UP

Women Connecting Dinner

**You Belong
& You Matter
In Every Season**




**May 6, 5:30pm
Portuguese Hall**

Visit pointlomachurch.org/register
or scan the QR code to register!



**Rancho
Genesis**

July 12-18



**MISSION TRIP
TO ENSENADA,
MEXICO**