Jesus: The Last Lecture

By Pastor Joe

On September 18, 2007, computer science professor Randy Pausch stepped in front of an audience of 400 people at Carnegie Mellon University to deliver a last lecture called “Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams.” With slides of his CT scans beaming out to the audience, Randy told his audience about the cancer that is devouring his pancreas and that will claim his life in a matter of months. Randy’s lecture has become a phenomenon, as has the book “The Last Lecture”. Over 2,000 years ago, Jesus also faced the end of his life and delivered his last lecture. Starting February 22, and ending April 12, Pastor Joe will be preaching a series entitled, “Jesus, The Last Lecture,” based upon the Gospel of John.

In conjunction with this Sermon Series, Tom Rasmussen, Elder of Adult Education, will be leading a Lenten Study on Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 starting March 3rd and concluding March 31st. As a group, we will explore the implications of Jesus’ message. What does he want his closest friends to know and what can that mean for us? Please join Tom as he takes a deeper dive into the gospel of John each Tuesday evening in March!

Lenten Sermon Series: Jesus: The Last Lecture

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Musings . . . By Pastor Joe

After I shared about going to the National Pastor’s Conference, someone jokingly said, “a bunch of pastors together is like a pile of manure. It’s a lot better when you spread them all around.” I sometimes think that a lot of pastors gathered together could fill a 100 hot air balloons and keep them afloat for days. Joyfully the week in San Diego, was time well spent. The speakers were major authors of a lot of the books I have been reading, the music was outstanding, and the seminars informative. I have already enrolled to go again next year. What did I take away from the conference? Given the nature of our changing society, I realized that there is no magic bean or special program that make a church grow or be more effective in ministry. I was reminded again that people genuinely want to make a difference in this world for Christ, and there are a variety of ways for that to occur. I was encouraged to know that others were on a similar faith rediscovery journey. I hope and pray that when all of us pastors gathered together and sang and prayed, that God was blessed, because I know I was.

TRINITY TREASURES

By Annette Slaybaugh

Ruth Calnon organized a hugely successful evening math workshop for 4 and 5 year olds this last month for Trinity Treasures and TPC families. There were 14 four and five year olds “students” and their parents participating. Ruth and Stacy Adams (one of our congregation members who teaches a 3rd and 4th grade combo at Highlands Elementary school) each took a group and lead them through the math center activities. Each family received a kit of math activities to take home with them to “practice math” with their children. Including parents and other siblings there were around 35 people for the pizza dinner that preceded the workshop. Terry Calnon worked hard in the kitchen on the meal set up, service and cleanup. This was the second parent workshop Ruth has presented this school year for Trinity Treasures. Feedback from the parents indicates that it is greatly appreciated! Our goal is to present programs that help parents prepare their children for school. Ruth is planning on presenting more workshops, so if you are interested in helping with one please give her a call. And if you are a parent with little ones, be on the lookout for the next opportunity to come join in the fun!!

NEW MEMBERS

By Connie Hoselton

The latest addition to Trinity’s church library is “Un Christian, What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity And Why It Matters.” It was cited in the February In Touch under Pastor Joe’s musings.

In this eye opening book, David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons, along with more than two dozen leading voices within Christianity upack the major criticisms leveled against Christians. Understand why those negative images exist and how you can best represent Jesus to your friends, neighbors, co-workers and many others.

Your life is an unopened book. Is it Un Christian?
Each year a Trinity Presbyterian College of Idaho Scholarship is made available through the Paul and Elea‐
nor Tate Endowment Fund, and a Trinity Presbyterian Whitworth Scholarship is made available through the
Catherine McSween Hill Trinity Presbyterian Whitworth College Matching Scholarship Fund.

Who may apply?
Students who are members of Trinity or whose families are Trinity related will receive first preference. If
no one from Trinity applies, students from other Presbyterian Churches in Boise Presbytery or Synod of the
Pacific may be considered.

Students, Christian or non‐ Christian, graduate or undergraduates are considered in the following order:
1st: students who are members of Trinity Presbyterian Church
2nd: students who are active at Trinity, but not members
3rd: students who are not active at Trinity, but whose parents or guardians are members
4th: students who are not active at Trinity, but whose parents or guardians are active, but not members
Income levels are not used to decide who will receive the scholarship. The scholarship is intended to
encourage students related to Trinity Presbyterian Church and/or Boise Presbytery to consider a Christian liberal
arts college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

The application procedures and application forms can be obtained by contacting Carlos Diaz, 345-2063, or
cadiaz@cableone.net. Deadline for applying for the College of Idaho and Whitworth Scholarship 2009‐2010
academic year is April 15th, 2009. Selection of the scholarship recipients will be May 15th 2009.

By TyAnn Drake
As the new Elder of Stewardship, I would like to
say thank‐you to everyone who supports the life of
this church. Trinity is blessed because of you. With
your pledges and financial support we are able to
reach those who other wise may not have a place to
go. What a wonderful opportunity to come to a
warm, welcoming place. My prayer is that we will
be constantly stepping out in faith to meet each
and every need that comes our way. My joy is to
serve with you in the name of Christ.

If you have not already done so, I ask that you
please turn in your 2009 pledge card. Our finance
team are in the final stages of finalizing our 2009
Church budget, and every pledge helps us to budget
responsibly. Blessings to you and your family.

By Erma Hultmann
As the new Fellowship / Membership Elder, I’d
like to gather a group of people to help with various
Fellowship activities. These events include the
brunch following the children’s theater play produc‐
tion in the Spring. Some others are the Easter Egg
Hunt, Trunk or Treat, and the reception following
the Christmas concert to name a few. Would you
be able to help at some of these different events
throughout the year? You don’t have to help with all
of them, just the ones whenever you are available
too. Whatever your talents, we sure could use you!
We need help with setting up, decorating, cooking,
baking, cleaning up, transporting, brainstorming,
and or planning.

If you think this is something you’d like to volun‐
teer for, please contact Erma Hultmann at 433-9212
or email: johnanderma@gmail.com.

By Jill Gable
“Where is your treasure?” This is the theme of the 2009 One Great Hour of Sharing campaign, whose
purpose is to share resources and change lives. Recognizing that our treasure is God’s children, One Great
Hour of Sharing helps us keep individuals, their families, and their communities central in our hearts. The
three Presbyterian programs we support through our gifts are: The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, The
Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self‐Development of People. These programs join our hearts with God’s
by providing decisive aid when disaster strikes and by helping refugees rebuild their lives. Your gift
strengthens struggling communities with basics like education, health care, tools, seeds, and wells.

Beginning in Mid‐March, you will be able to contribute to the 60th anniversary, One Great Hour of Shar‐
ing campaign. When we care for God’s treasured children, we ourselves are transformed. “Where your
treasure is , there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21
### March 2009

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Luke 22:42 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| 9 a.m. Worship/Church School  
Koffee Klatsch, Library  
9:30 a.m. Youth Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Worship/Church School  
12 p.m. Confirmation class | 7 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting | 7 p.m. Lenten Adult Study  
7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #161  
7:30 p.m. Pickup Basketball - varies | 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
4:30 p.m. Kids choir/theater  
5:30 p.m. Girls bible study  
6:30 p.m. Youth group  
7:00 p.m. Mens Bible Study | 57:15 a.m.  
Women’s Breakfast  
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7 p.m. Youth Rock Climbing |     |
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10:30 a.m. Worship/Church School  
12 p.m. Confirmation class  
5:00 p.m. MOPS meeting | 5 p.m. Trinity Treasures Advisory meeting  
7 p.m. Deacon Meeting | 7 p.m. Lenten Adult Study  
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6:30 p.m. Youth group  
7:00 p.m. Mens Bible Study | 7:15 a.m. Women’s Breakfast  
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7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #161  
7:30 p.m. Pickup Basketball - varies | 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. Treasure Valley Applique Group  
4:30 p.m. Kids choir/theater  
5:00 p.m. Youth group: Kutless concert  
7:00 p.m. Mens Bible Study | 7:15 a.m. Women’s Breakfast  
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FEBRUARY SESSION SUMMARY

by Susan Hartmann, Clerk of Session

Session met on February 16th.

Treasurer: Elder, Terry Calnon’s motion to approve the 2009 budget passed.

Christian Education, Adult: Elder, Tom Rasmussen, has put together a Ministry Inventory Chart in an effort to see how the congregation connects with one another and to assess the need for new opportunities to connect.

Trinity Treasures: Elder, Annette Slaybaugh’s motion for Trinity Treasures to use the coffee bar on designated weekday mornings as a fundraiser passed.

Christian Education, Jr. High - College: Elder, Adam Bramble, reported that 17 youth and 5 adults attended the youth retreat in McCall. He noted that the two Worship Services that JT led were wonderful.

Missions: Elder, Carlos Diaz, has resigned his position as Elder and Session voted to accept his resignation. A search will be underway to find a replacement for him.

Stewardship: Elder, TyAnn Drake, reported that Trinity has received 113 pledges for $237.034.

Christian Education, Nursery - 6th grade: Elder, Phil Fry reviewed names for background checks. It was strongly suggested that 18 year olds and younger be accompanied by an adult when actively involved with the youth. Session passed a motion that volunteers for Trinity Treasures pass a background check.

Evangelism Elder: Greg Collier, reviewed the current Dex Yellow Pages advertising contract and cancelled the automatic renewal provision of the contract.

Pastor Joe attended the National Pastor’s Convention in San Diego. He heard some great speakers & purchased books for study.

INCOME STATEMENT

January 31, 2009

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MOPS

By Michelle Bissey

The Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group will continue exploring our 2008-2009 theme, Adventures in Mothering, through April. If you are a mother of a preschooler (birth through kindergarten), please join us for a fun filled evening at our next meeting. Our meetings consist of prayer, a potluck style meal, learning from guest speakers, and participating in creative activities. Our meetings are a great way to connect with other mothers and to build friendships.

We would like to give a special thank you to Tom and Lorene Rasmussen for the fabulous lesson on love they provided during the February MOPS meeting! Thank you!

The next MOPS meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 8th, 2009 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Kim Sutherlin, a mother of five, will speak about the importance of making time for yourself. We will be making placemats for our craft project. You may bring drawings or pictures to put in the placemat before it is laminated. Nursery care is available. Please contact Sheila Giffen at 333-0543 or Melissa Hale at 867-1350 if you have any questions about attending a meeting. For more information view our website at www.tpcmops.blogspot.com
**Upcoming Events**

**LENTEN CLASS**
Please join Tom Rasmussen, Tuesday evenings, March 3rd – 31st, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. as the class explores the implications of Jesus’ message in the gospel of John.

**XWISE**
Rock Climbing on Friday, March 6th from 7 – 10 p.m.  30 hour famine Friday, March 13th – 15th.

**Confirmation classes**
Sunday March 1st – March 15th, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  Youth group meets each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.  Contact JT at 949-8695 for more information.

**MOPS**
Our MOPS group meets on Sunday, March 8th from 5 – 7 p.m.  Our guest speaker is Kim Sutherlin, a mother of five, who will speak about the importance of making time for yourself.

**2ND WIND LUNCHEON**
Are you near retired or already are? Then this group is for you. Join us for a catered lunch Lenten day, March 20th at 12:00. The cost is $7.50 per person, please RSVP by Wednesday, March 18th to the office at 336-0665.

**COMMISIONING OF TOM RASMUSSEN**
You’re invited to a special ceremony as Tom Rasmussen is commissioned as a Lay Pastor on Sunday, March 29th at 4 p.m. There will be a reception immediately following in the church commons.

March, 2009

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