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FROM THE PASTOR Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many of us are familiar with the story of the Book of Acts. In it we see how the Christian faith, carried by leaders like Paul and Barnabas, spread from Jerusalem to Antioch in Syria to Greece and finally to Rome. Those of us who have roots in Europe are also recipients of this westward movement of the Gospel.

Many of us don't realize that the news of God's love in Jesus also traveled to the East from Antioch. It traveled on the "Silk Road", carried by leaders like Thomas and Barnabas, eventually all the way to China. The road from Jerusalem to China is 4,172 miles while the road from Jerusalem to Rome is a mere 1,434 miles. When the Portuguese arrived in India in the early 1500s, they discovered native Christians there who traced their faith back more than 1400 years to St. Thomas.

The Church of the West spoke Greek and Latin at first, and its Bible reflects that. The Church of the East spoke Syriac and their version of the Bible was in that language. Syriac is related to Aramaic, the language of Jesus.

In the ancient imperial Chinese capital at the far eastern end of the Silk Road, Chang'an, now Xi'an ("she-an"), there is a stele commemorating the arrival of the Gospel there. A stele is an inscribed stone slab or pillar used for commemorative purposes. It speaks of the "luminous religion" that arrived at the imperial court in 635 A.D. when Syriac missionary Alopen presented the Christian Gospel to the emperor in that city.

The stele is a nine-foot-tall limestone block with text in both Chinese and Syriac describing the existence of Christian communities in several cities in northern China. Buried in 845, probably during religious suppression, the stele was not rediscovered until 1625. The stele can be seen today in a museum in Xi'an, China.

The Gospel has traveled on a long road that leads in many directions. May we also carry that Good News along that road no matter which direction we might go.

This article is based on a book review. Read the review at <http://www.crossings.org/thursday/2014/thur061214.shtml>.

Have a blessed summer! Pastor Tom

NOTES:

- ◆ **Gethsemane's 50th Anniversary** is coming up. Mark your calendars for the celebrations October 4 and 5. And let Shar Giard know if you have names and addresses of former members. Thanks!
- ◆ **VBS volunteers are invited to the Strobel Home on Monday, June 30 at 7 p.m.** for VBS orientation and ice cream. Please let Katie Strobel know if you plan on attending.
- ◆ **We Still Have Openings in Preschool** for the coming school year for 3s and 4s. Check our website or call the church office for more information.
- ◆ **Camp Lutherwood and Resurrection Church present DAY CAMP** the week of July 28, from 9 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. It will be a time of worship, Bible study, games, arts and crafts, recreation, singing, group time, and outdoor closing worship. Campers will discover how Holy Days (holidays) might be celebrated, not just once a year, but every day. To register, go to www.rlcpdx.net. The cost is \$25/child.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRIES

SAVE THE DATE AND SPREAD THE NEWS:

SONTREASURE ISLAND VBS

JULY 14-18 FROM 9 TO 11:45 A.M.

Kids between 4 years and 6th grade are welcome to participate; all others are invited to volunteer. A few important volunteer positions still need to be filled: Class Guides and Assistants (help your group move through the Bible Lesson, Craft, Games, and Music stations), Games Leader, Kitchen/Snack Helpers, Clean-Up Crew (after noon each day), and Friday Picnic Crew. Please sign up at the VBS display or contact Jennilee Porch.

Registration forms are at the church and on the website.

<p><u>JULY Birthdays</u> 1 Brandon Schie 2 Sue Gillen Gavin Hills 5 Karen Arendt Shar Giard 6 Clara Shortt Shannon Kelsay 8 Elaine Kahler Penny Thoreen Scott Blohm 12 Bob Law Katie Crouse Braden Kelley 13 Kevin Blohm 15 Vern Hopp Jack Hurlman 17 Bea Jarvie 19 Marian Aleckson</p>	<p>20 Melissa Solberg 22 Pr. Tom Hiller 21 Joyce Woods 31 Larry Stoffregen Mikayla Williamson</p> <p><u>JULY Anniversaries</u> 7 Bud/Kay Qualheim (68th) 7 Ray/Melissa Natasia (7th) 16 Gerald/Helen Tilkens (65th) 19 Rod/Karla Hills (34th) 22 Tom/Darlene Lewis (36th) 30 Russ/Melissa Solberg (8th)</p>	<p>Prayer Concerns—Ongoing: <i>Those who are ill, homebound, or in need of other prayers:</i> Sharon’s Lee’s nephew Kevin, and her niece Terry; Marian Aleckson; Mickey Dochow; Doris & Harold Hansen; Elmer Schmidt; Dick Burgess; Lillian Huston’s son Jim; Paulette Kelley’s brother Randy; Bill Herbert’s sister Judy; Tiffany Herbert; Colleen Barnett and her niece Linda; Carol Steele’s cousin Arlan Scott; Dwain Estes; Dorothy Shouse; Jerry Tilkens; Linda Babcock and her grandson Josiah; Katherine Eshleman; Pr. Randy Shutt; Aiden Lindstrom; Rita Nesbitt’s son John; Galvin & Virginia Irby; Bob & Audrey Magnuson; Roseann Foster-Mikhail’s mother Rose; Jennifer Peck; Tyler Riehl; Nettie Ubrick’s nephew Troy, and her friends Tim, Juanita, Mary, and Ruby; Bill & Cameron Herbert’s goddaughter Carey; Randy Treanor; Bonnie Aplin; Lucille Langseth; Colleen Barnett and her friend Ellen; Roland & Virginia Haacke; Ida Olson; Joe Rapp; Rita Nesbitt; Wynn & Jim Stafford; Jo Nelson’s friend Greg; Carol Steele, and Ginny Barton’s friends Golda and Carolyn.</p> <p>Urgent: <i>Those who are ill or in need of other prayers:</i> Shar Giard’s friend John; Jonathan Herbert’s friend, Mitch; Becky Keiper’s niece Julie; Lillian Huston’s sister Sylvia; Karen Reagan’s son Pat and his family; and Bev Sperling’s brother Ron.</p> <p><i>Those who are grieving:</i> The family and friends of Sharon Lee’s friend Ines; and the students, parents, teachers, and families of Reynolds High School.</p>								
<p>Homebound Brothers and Sisters: Lucille Langseth, Marian Aleckson, Mickey Dochow, Katherine Eshleman, Dick Burgess, Dorothy Shouse, Bev Sperling, Ida Olson, Jerry Tilkens, Wynn Stafford, and Harold & Dorothy Hansen (Refer to your directory or call the church office for contact information.)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">— GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH —</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Income & Expense Budget Report through February 2014</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Budgeted Expenses</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Actual Income</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Actual Expenses</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Actual Difference</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">\$151,595</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$147,137</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$145,664</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,473</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Average Weekly Attendance for February: 2013: 124 2014: 124 Cathey Myers, Fin.Man.</p>	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Actual Difference	\$151,595	\$147,137	\$145,664	\$1,473
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 (See the website (glcportland.org) for updates on the calendar.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
DAYBREAK HERE THIS WEEK	June 30 9:30a-MHCC Ex. 7p-Band 7p-VBS Mtg. at Strobel's	JULY 1 8a-Men's Breakfast 10a-BibleStudy 7p-SwingBand	2 9:30a-MHCCEX 5:30p-Clutterers	3 9:30a-Quilting	4 9:30a-MHCCEX <i>Office Closed</i> 4th of July	5	
	6 8 & 10:30a-Worship 9:15a-EdHour	7 9:30a-MHCC Ex. 6:30p-CYF Meeting 7p-Band	8 8a-Men's Breakfast 9a-Preschool Bd. 10a-BibleStudy 1:30p-Mutual Ministry 7p-SwingBand	9 9:30a-MHCCEX 5:30p-Clutterers 5-9p-VBS Working Mtg. 7p-Church Council?	10 9:30a-Quilting	11 9:30a-MHCCEX <i>Office Closed</i>	12 9am-VBS Work Party
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