



The BEACON

Shines with Grace Lutheran Church News

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From the Pastor's Desk

We continue in the Easter Season for the Sundays in May. An ancient tradition replaces the Hebrew scriptures for Easter readings from the Acts of the Apostles. The sections from Acts have two themes: the early preaching, and the mission beyond Judaism and Palestine. This early preaching, or kerygma, focuses on what is the primary message of the Gospel, "what was handed on." On the fifth, sixth and seventh Sundays of Easter, Acts show us that the Spirit chooses people beyond Judaism: Philip of Ethiopia, Cornelius, and the choice of Matthias.

The readings immerse us in our relationships with one another. That relationship is based in love and is familial. We are brothers and sisters to one another. In any other context these sentiments seem reasonable, but in the context of the resurrection more is being said about the destiny of the new humanity. The baptism at Easter constitutes a new humanity in which all of the old divisions no longer hold true. It means more than simply being nice to one another. The risen body of Christ manifest in the community is the first gift of the resurrection and the beginning of a new age. So we must hear these texts with resurrection ears.

The gospel passages for the Easter season are about Jesus' risen life and relationship with the community. The greeting, "Peace be with you," is given and is used almost exclusively in the scriptures for a post-resurrection greeting on the lips of Jesus. Peace in this context is more than a lack of conflict; it represents the wholeness achieved in spite of conflict. Jesus identifies himself and the risen life with peace.

The greeting of peace occurs within an appearance before the assembled disciples. That appearance is part of a tradition of appearances structured with similar content. We should note the form and content. The resurrection appearance is always at Jesus' initiative. He wills it, not the disciples. It is met by both confusion and recognition. Recognition often comes through familiar signs such as the breaking of bread or eating. Recognition is accompanied by acknowledgement of Jesus' lordship and often an act of worship such as bowing low. That appearance also includes a mission given by Jesus, the promise of the Spirit, and a pledge of remaining with the community. Taken together, the appearances represent Jesus' post-resurrection life, and they constitute belief that extends to us, since we too live in the post-resurrection era.

In the context of our life at Grace we are looking for discernment and the presence of the resurrected Christ in our worship life and in our continuing Search Process. This month the Call Committee hopes to submit a name to the Church Council after hearing a candidate preach. We seek the prayers of the whole congregation as this important process continues to unfold and as we seek the presence of the risen Christ in our movement forward.



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CHURCH COUNCIL

News

Jack Jones, Chairman of the Human Resources (HR) Committee, introduced Anna May Lauer whom the HR Committee recommends hiring as the Administrative Assistant starting as early as April 30, 2013. Anna May answered questions for the council. After Anna left, Cindy Strobeck motioned to accept the HR recommendation after reference and background check, Doris Jones second, all favor, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

*Finance: None

*Human Resources: Suggested a new computer be purchased for the office to go with the new software. The new software may make it possible for the pictorial church directory to be created using the new software to store pictures in the data base, and then we could print our own pictorial directory.

*Music & Worship: May 19, 2013, Pentecost Sunday, will be the dedication of the new hymnals. Confirmation Sunday will be June 2, 2013. Council decided not to have the bulletins bound into a book for the year anymore. They will be kept on the computer for three years.

*Parish Education: No meeting

*Property: The elevator telephone will be hooked up. Discussed snow removal cost.

*Youth Group: None. Council discussed getting volunteers to do activities with youth and joining other churches for activities. Synod has a staff person to help with activities.

Stewardship: No meeting yet.

CALL UPDATE

The call committee has interviewed the candidate recommended from synod with a very positive outcome. The committee is scheduled to visit the candidate, to observe a worship service conducted by the candidate, on Sunday May 5th. After which time, a recommendation will then be made to the church council for the next step in this process.



The Children's Choir Rocks!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE IS FORMING

The Stewardship Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the welcome center. An upcoming workshop is being offered by Lower Susquehanna Synod stewardship in June and several ideas have been voiced by council. Please join Beth



Kolosch for this organizational meeting for sharing ideas and to create a vision of what Grace Lutheran stewardship will be in the future. If you are unable to attend but would like to serve on the committee please contact Beth Kolloch at 717-487-5585.



Pastoral Acts

Baptisms/Births

On April 14, Olivia Carol Handy was baptized. She is the daughter of Robert and Amanda Handy.

Deaths

On April 7, Betty Isabel Eckenrode was laid to rest. The funeral was held at Susquehanna

Memorial Gardens at the graveside. Pray God's peace and comfort will be with the Eckenrode and Reber families.

On April 9, Richard Griffiths was laid to rest. The funeral was held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville, PA at the graveside. Pray God's peace and comfort will be with the Webster and Griffiths families.



STRANGERS IN KENYA



The Twelve Tasks of Hercules (if he flew around the world with small children)

Well, we made it back to Kenya, thanks to the grueling necessity of air travel with a baby on our laps (okay, okay, mostly Heather's lap). We found ourselves repeatedly saying, "We made it!" as our journey progressed through various stages.

Which made me realize—it's not really one big trip but a series of tiny tasks which can each individually sink you along the way. Hercules probably thought he was a tough guy when he took on his twelve tasks, but that softy didn't sit in close proximity to his own young ones for 36 hours straight.

Task 1. Packing 50 pound bags. Hercules was probably best suited for this heavyweight task, yet could he have simultaneously entertained his children while packing and weighing and repacking and weighing over a dozen pieces of luggage? The task is no easier as you reach the end, as the children's toys and books are all zippered away for the journey.

Task 2. Loading the vehicles. Again, I wish I had Herculean strength for this one, but it takes more brain than brawn to stack up bags while leaving room for the little ones and making sure the stack doesn't collapse and crush anyone essential to the trip.

Task 3. From curbside to Check-in. Not losing track of a bag or a wandering child is an equally taxing job. We've never lost anything or anyone during this task, but Heather's mom once had a camera stolen in the chaos in San Diego.

Task 4. Security checkpoints. Valuable electronics and precious breakables all overload our carry-on luggage and backpacks. Each one must be unpacked for scanning. Coats and shoes must be stripped. Strollers must be broken down. If one escapes further scrutiny, simply repacking four carry-ons and redressing multiple human beings are your next tasks. If one arouses terrorist suspicion with scrapbooking items and baby bottles, the task may be lengthened by twenty minutes for extra dissection and reassembly.

Task 5. Plane boarding. The parade of people and possessions is narrowed to the slim aisles of an airplane. Children are corralled into proper rows. Sufficient bin space is sought and—if found—luggage is hoisted high into the overhead space for precise positioning. If space is not found, valuable breakables are chucked underneath the plane by airplane staff, voiding all earlier hopes and efforts.

Task 6. Sleep/awake cycles. You want babies to sleep, but not too much. You want kids to stay awake, but not the entire time. It's a delicate balance where no one is completely fried to the point of meltdown, but each family member arrives to the destination on an entirely different sleep cycle.

Task 7. Layover endurance factor. We've had international layovers as short as four hours and as

long as 12 hours. Exhaustion has fully set in as you now want to sleep, but know you should stretch and walk. It feels like purgatory. At least when you're on a plane you know you're moving; terminals are terminally hellacious.

Task 8. Layover city routines. Tasks 4 and 5 repeated. Every European stopover we've had has required a second trip through security, and of course another re-loading of the airplane. No easier than the first time.

Task 9. Customs and immigration. They have you fill in these forms declaring what kind of produce and imports you're bringing with you, and you probably won't have a clue what exactly to "claim" and what not to. It's pretty serious business and probably can land you with heavy fines or jail, I guess. Do your best on the forms. And pray for a fast-moving line and cheerful custom inspector once it's time to de-plane. Otherwise, you and your small children may spend the night in the clink.

Task 10. Luggage retrieval. One day I dream this will be a less difficult experience. I'll have two strapping sons and an eagle-eyed daughter to locate our bags and haul them to our getaway van/truck. Right now, this is a ridiculously impossible task. Even if all the big luggage fits on two carts, you still have carry-ons that needed wheeling. When you recall the fact that you've just traveled for 36 hours—it's likely that your small children, neither strapping nor eagle-eyed, are probably crying passionately in a heap in the center island of the baggage carousel. Did I mention this is all "best case" scenario? Some of your luggage may never even arrive.

Task 11. The final leg. One more time packing up a car, and then unpacking. One more time arranging children in car seats, and then carrying them in the house asleep (or carrying them into McDonald's asleep where they will then precede to sleep under the table with face on the floor). One more time of fighting off sleep to entertain groggy or spastic children. If you're lucky, it's a short ride. If you've angered the gods during the first ten tasks, you'll get a ticket for going down a one-way leaving the airport, your church's old van will break down, or you'll lose a piece of luggage off your roof. Maybe even all three.

Task 12. Sleeping through for two straight nights. After 36 hours with little to no sleep, you'll want to sleep for 16 hours the first night, and you will. After sleeping for 16 hours the previous night, you'll only want to sleep about four hours the second night, and you will. However, if you can manage to not oversleep the first night too much and not under-sleep the second night too much, the third night should be a decent night.

And sincere rest is all you'll beg for after completing your twelve tasks.



The Food Pantry has a special request for the members of Grace Lutheran Church. At each distribution, there is one thing that our clients hope for...look for...ask for! Sometimes their voices are *Soft 'N Gentle* when they ask. Often their hands reach out like an *Angel Soft*--ly! Many times we know their names, **Kimberly Clark** and **Scott** but sometimes we just know that they are *Charmin* people. In fact, once, a *Northern* lady arrived wearing a *Coronet* on her head and hovered around the welcome center like a *White Cloud* until distribution was over. As we serve our clients, we try to act *Naturelle*, but every once in a while we want to get a little crazy. This is one of those times because we are challenging you to bring 250 of the four roll packs of **TOILET PAPER** for our June 10 distribution. Now don't try to flush this request away! We need your help regularly to keep us going!



SUMMARY OF BENEFIT FOR FOOD PANTRY

This year's Dried Arrangement Benefit for the Food Pantry only netted \$70 in donations. That doesn't sound like much, but consider that only six people donated. I think the congregation is getting saturated with these items, so next year I will still provide what I can for those, who are interested in the plants and cuttings I have. Those who take something from me next year would then have to make a donation to the Food Pantry on their own. There will be no formal sample and order day, and no formal collection of donations. I am actually surprised it has gone on as long as it has.



With brotherly love,
Michael



FAMILY SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Since Family Summer Sunday School is going Hollywood beginning in July, we will need some help with our props. We will need swords, helmets, seven of those plastic horns that people often blow at baseball games, a boat/ark, a whale, stuffed animals(2 of each kind!), baskets, a sling shot, a stuffed dove and a cloud on a stick. If you have any of these things, please notify Ellen Warntz before our July 7 start up. The boat/ark can be a row boat or Boston whaler on a trailer so that we can use a ramp to climb up to the "ark". We will need it for July 21 and July 28, and we will probably keep it at church in the block building.

Remember, we will begin making our costumes and props at the first Sunday meeting which is July 7. It is our hope that the church will provide a large t-shirt for every child that will be decorated for use each Sunday. 'The Battle of Jericho' will be the first production on the lawn. Mark your calendars now for a morning of fun and excitement on July 14!

BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS HELPERS

If Bible School is to happen this year, we really need volunteers to help. The best would be all you teens out there to step up and show the adults how its done. It is fun and requires no training. There are jobs for all, including teaching, assistants, food helpers, craft helpers, games people – or if you have a talent to share, let us know it. Maigan is looking for volunteers who can commit to the July dates. She is also happy to have people in the pre-planning and others to help in the big week. If no one volunteers, we will have to cancel.



Bible school is a summer ritual many of us remember as a great time with fond memories. Do not let this generation miss out. There is really no effort involved other than coming and being with the kids. It is so easy, you will wonder why you haven't volunteered sooner. We welcome all ages to help out. Let's make this a great summer of Christian fun for our younger parishioners. If you would like to volunteer, fill out a Bible School slip located at the information table during the Spirit Cellar Service, register online at our website: www.gracelutheran.com by clicking on the 'kids and youth' tab, or email Maigan at mouthymaigan@comcast.com or call Maigan at 717-817-4133

Cut out and return to the office. This could be a great business sponsorship or a memorial gift

Grace Concert Series



Yes, I(We) want to support the Grace Concert Series this season.

I (we) pledge the following toward the annual campaign:

\$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other _____

(Semi-Monthly) (Monthly) (Quarterly) (Single) Other _____

Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA)
220 North Charles Street
Red Lion, PA 17356
717.244.5987
NotesofGrace4u@yahoo.com

_____ Enclosed is my check for my entire pledge.

_____ Enclosed is an initial payment toward my pledge. Please send me a reminder of my pledge later.

Name as you wish it listed in our program

Grace Envelope Number

Street

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Email

ANNUAL MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE FUNDRAISER

The Plus is Actually a Minus

Our annual remembrances for Mother's Day is already over, but did you know that all of the money collected goes directly to the building fund. The proceeds from the Father's Day remembrances also go towards the building fund. As always, the recommended donation is \$1, but that is only a suggestion. If you can be more generous, there is no maximum for contributions.

Why should you, you ask? Last month *The Beacon* reported that the building fund is in need of funding. We reported there was \$74,292 in the fund. What we forgot was the minus that goes in front of that. The building fund is not an endowment, but a combination of loans and lines of credit for repairs. We have paid down some and now the figure is in the \$60,000 range. We had some roof damage from Hurricane Sandy where the slate tiles meet the rubber membrane blew water up underneath that we have to repair because the plaster ceilings are all getting soaked and in some cases, coming down in chunks.

You may prefer to donate via a yellow Building Fund envelope. Yellow building fund envelopes can be picked up in the Treasurer's office. The building fund not only keeps our roof in good repair, but goes to maintain the expensive things like the steeple and instruments, and the money often goes out in big chunks. If you are blessed with some leeway in your budget, consider a donation to the building fund. You can rest assured that the money you donate will have very visible results you can see and be proud of.

HOW TO SUBMIT TO THE NEWSLETTER

We welcome all submissions to the newsletter. The newsletter is a great place to ask for help, publicize an event you are planning in the church, tell people about something you or your family is doing, thank members, celebrate a victory. The possibilities are endless! The vision for the newsletter is to communicate between members in a clear and interesting format. If you would like to submit to the newsletter or help in any way, here is what you can do:

*If you are comfortable with computers, you may email Jennifer Rudolf at: swimmerjenusa@yahoo.com. Please make sure your document is either a .doc or .pdf file. If you are including digital artwork, make sure it is at least 300KB in size.

*If you prefer paper, just drop off your submission in the mailbox marked 'newsletter' outside the office door. The mailboxes are located on a table across the hall.

Please keep in mind that the deadline for submission is the 20th of each month for the following month's newsletter. If you have pictures or graphics that complement your submission, include them along with directions or suggestions on their use. Please include your contact information in every submission so the editor can get in touch to clarify or fact-check. If you are interested in a monthly submission or article, we welcome that as well.



HAPPENINGS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Ryan Murphy visited the United States briefly for two weeks at the end of April. Unfortunately, he was here to

help his dad, who is recovering from a major illness in which he had to be hospitalized. Emily Neff, Ryan's sister has also been busy helping their father recover. Ryan requests everyone to pray for support for the family and recovery for Rick.

The Rudolf's have expanded their family. Jen and Germar were certified as foster parents in March and they now have two little ones, Elaina age 3 and Timmy age 5. They join Natalie, who is so excited to be a big sister.

SPRING CONCERT OFFERED

Grace Lutheran presents another wonderful choral concert worth hearing. The York Ecumenical Choral Society is presenting its annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 19, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Our very own Jack Jones is a member, and Wicky Barnes will be playing our organ for the concert. The Spring Concert is called, "Evening Service in the Lutheran Tradition." A free will offering will be asked.

The Choral Society was founded by Dr. Gene Paul Strayer to promote fine choral works from the Protestant, Western Catholic and Eastern Orthodox traditions. The Choral Society is directed by Rodney Barnett who is the Organist/Choir Director of St. John Episcopal. For more information please contact Rodney at 244-5020 or by email: rjbjsb@verizon.net.

OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The council has hired Anna Mae Lauer as our new office secretary. She hails from Spring Grove. She has another part time job that she likes, but wants another fulfilling position. She is very savvy with computers and has accounting computer experience as well. She says streamlining cumbersome tasks is one of her specialties, which is right up our alley! Anna has experience in many business settings. An interesting tidbit about her is that she has worked the York Fair for 39 years.

She is a lifetime member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Stoverstown, PA and has served actively as a volunteer in almost all areas over her church over the years. She also volunteers with the Auxiliary to Lutheran Social Services, York Chapter. Welcome Anna when you see her. She began her duties on April 19.



The Graceful Women will meet May 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the welcome center. Our discussion will be on "Celebrating the Women in Our Lives." Everyone is always welcome to attend our meetings. We have a good group and it is always open to anyone.



LUTHERAN SUMMER CAMP 2013



Lutheran Church Camping in Central Pennsylvania is an extension of the congregation's ministry in the unique setting that our camps provide. Children, youth and adults learn, worship, witness and serve within a Christ-centered Lutheran tradition.

- Summer Youth Camp at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa- All camp programs include games, swimming, campfires, Bible study, crafts, songs, Christ-centered worship, nature activities, and well-trained counselors who care.
- Family Camp at Kirchenwald- Camp Kirchenwald proudly presents the family vacation everyone can enjoy! Celebrate your family in this unique camp experience.
- Family Camp at Nawakwa- Families of all sorts of shapes and sizes have been coming to Nawakwa for over forty years! For two weeks each summer, family units move into Nawakwa's cabins and lodges and create a unique community indeed!
- Elder Camp at Nawakwa- This week is specially designed for adults 55 and older. It runs alongside, and sometimes runs circles around, our youth camp, from Sunday to Saturday.
- Summer Day Program at The Wittel Farm- Your group's assignment, should you choose to accept it (and you most definitely should!) is to report to the Wittel Farm for a day this summer to take on Exploration of God's Creation.
- The Diaconos program at Kirchenwald- is designed for youth groups to custom-plan a week filled with a combination of service opportunities and adventure outings. With the Diaconos staff, you can schedule a week that perfectly fits the needs and abilities of your group.

If you are interested in more information, including pricing and more detailed descriptions, visit: www.LutheranCamping.org, or see Karen Turner. You may call Karen as well at 244-7002.

Healthy Living

CANCER SCREENING OFFERED BY WELLSPAN

Head And Neck Cancer Alliance, York Cancer Center-Wellspan, and S.P.O.H.N.K. (Support People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer) present an opportunity for oral, head and neck screenings on May 9, 2013 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the York Hospital Dental Center, 2nd floor, Marie Ketterman Building.

50,000 Americans are diagnosed with mouth, head and neck cancers. People who use tobacco and alcohol are especially at risk. Symptoms include:

- Sores in the mouth
- Pain or lumps in the mouth or neck
- Difficulty swallowing
- Tongue problems
- Sore throat
- Voice changes

If found early, these cancers can be cured. Referrals will be made at the time of the exam. For question, please call Diane McElwain at 741-8100.

UPDATING THE DATABASE

The Beacon forgot to report Larry and Marie Fales' wedding anniversary on April 26. This is not the first time the master list the editor has for publishing the birthdays and anniversaries has been wrong or missing information.

The Beacon would also like to begin reporting on big wedding anniversaries and celebrate the couple on a wonderful, yet challenging journey, especially at the milestones of 10, 20, 25, 50 and more years together, but we have little information as to the year of most of the marriages in our congregation. We are planning to update the database by sending everyone a printout of their family information for review and correction.

The church software is also being upgraded. There are so many more options with the system, including making our own directory as we need them and tracking Stewardship talents. Stay tuned for more details as the time approaches and please help us to complete the church records.



May Celebrations



David Dennish	5/02
Joe Jacobs	5/02
Jo-Ann Barefoot	5/05
Ethen Shaffer	5/05
Nathan Biles	5/08
Eric Grim	5/09
Edna Sheckart	5/11
Doris Golden	5/16
Veronica Carter	5/17
Judy Dellinger	5/17
Lindel Rotz	5/19
Robert Fishel	5/20
Diane Thompson	5/20
Anna Davis	5/21
Alisha Mundis	5/22
Linda Ricci	5/24
Cathleen Coleman	5/25
Zachariah Turner	5/26
Mildred Howard	5/28

Wedding Anniversaries



Paul and Carol Vigna	5/03
Brian and Beth Kollosch	5/04
Robert and Hazel Hammers	5/06
James and Sharon Bucher	5/10
Billy and Patricia May	5/10
Jeffrey and Holy Barker	5/11
Kevin and Kendra Shaffer	5/18
Andrea and Mark Stanley	5/22
Robert and Wendy Miller	5/24
Primrose and George McCallum	5/25
Nancy and Keith McCleary	5/29
Janet and James Isett	5/30



ATTENTION 2013 GRADUATES, PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

As in past years, we would like to honor those students who have graduated from high school, college or trade school who have gotten their diploma since June of 2012 or will received their diploma in May or June of 2013. Please contact Janet Murphy, Pat Mummert or Ellen Warntz to fill out an information card and lend us a framed photos, which will be returned, to use in our showcase during May and June. We need this information and the photo by May 5. Thank you



MUSICAL NOTES *"When in our music God is glorified..."*

Planting Seeds Grace For Christ through Invitation



Sunflowers Track The Sun

Most plants are attracted to light but the flowering head of the sunflower actually tracks the sun, following its path and moving toward where it is in the sky all during the day. I read somewhere that sunflowers track the sun when they are in bud stage. Isn't that how it usually goes for us as Christians? When we first come to know the Lord, we get excited about knowing all about Him and living for Him, but after a while we sometimes grow a little preoccupied with other things and get our eyes off of the Lord.

Wouldn't it be great if as a Christian we'd track the Son of God and follow Him all day long? No matter what was going on in our lives and throughout our day, we wouldn't take our eyes off of the Son.

Sunflowers Need to be Stabilized

The second thing I've learned about the sunflower is it needs to be firmly planted in the soil in order to grow. Sunflowers grow so tall and their stems become so heavy that they will topple over if they aren't stabilized in the ground.

I know as a Christian it's very easy to topple over if we are not grounded in the Word of God. We need to know what and why we believe what we do, so our feet stay firmly planted and we won't falter in our Christian growth.

Sunflowers Produce Seeds

Did you know that a single sunflower can have up to 2,000 seeds? When we think about sowing seeds as a Christian, just think of the potential reach that each of us can have to spread the Gospel. It could be limitless if we would just sow those seeds. The people of Red Lion are waiting for our witness and our invitation. What seeds have you planted this Spring at Grace? Have you participated other than attending worship?

Sunflowers Produce Oil

The oil the sunflower produces is considered a good oil with healthy benefits. As Christians we should be producing the fruit of the spirit (love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.) All of those have some healthy benefits on us as Christians and on others that we meet. Has your example bared fruit?

Sunflowers Resemble The Sun

Sunflowers not only follow the sun but when you look at them, they resemble the sun too. Resembling the Son should be one of those things we do as a Christian. Being Christ-like is an essential part of being a Christian. Do others see Jesus in us?

When I think about the lessons from the sunflower, my mind goes to the fifth chapter of Ephesians where it speaks about following God and all the ways we are to act as Christians in our everyday Christian lives. It's what getting up and following the Son all day and being a SON-flower is all about. It boils down to walking in the spirit, following God, and living Christ-like as a Christian should. We need to invite others to Grace Church by each of us planting more seeds in our neighborhoods and work places. Grace Church is all about sowing: Life, Love and Laughter. Grace Church is about caring for everyone, to include the marginalized people in our communities. Grace Church is about doing God's work and learning though our experiences together. Our mission here is to be seeds of grace that we may sow "the Seed of Grace," Jesus Christ, in the hearts and lives of many. Miracles of great faith are happening among us right here and right now. Pray for each other that through our examples we would share and shine Christ's light as we grow the Kingdom of God through being and helping to make disciples. Praise be to Jesus Christ!

So, are you living like a SON-flower? What seeds of hope will you sow?

Blessings,
Jeffrey



May 2013

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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