

April 15, 2009

Greetings in Christ!

Creation and Life Issues in the news: This is “Ceasar Day”. As Christians we are told to be good citizens and paying our fair share of taxes is one way that we do that. But what if our tax money goes to support things that we don’t believe in such as abortion, stem cell research, or the promotion and teaching of evolution. There are lots of tea parties planned for today throughout the country. All are protesting government taxes and spending. How do we as citizens protest the spending of that money on to support what we may perceive as sin?

Nature watch: We spotted a brush wolf in the area last week. He looked very healthy. Chipmunks made their first appearance on Monday. They could be seen sunning themselves on tree trunks. Geese have paired up and are nesting with eggs not to far off. Song birds are really showing up in abundance. Several large flocks of robins came through the area this last week and we saw our first bluebirds. Just in the last day the grass as taken on a green tinge. The deer have arrived back on the Island. Several have been seen right up close to the buildings. We also saw the first beaver of the year and woodchucks are active once again.

Program information: We’ve just booked Brian Young for a Program called “Responding to Evolution” which is scheduled for October 16-18. He will also be the guest speaker for our annual Reformation for Today German dinner on the 18th. More information will be coming out.

From the Task Force: We were saddened and joyful to hear that Gerald Schlichtmann, long time supporter of Christ Serve Ranch and the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center has been called home to his Lord and Savior. Gerry supported Christ Serve Ranch with time, talent and treasure. He was on the original advisory panel in 2006 and had shared his expertise with us ever since. Gerry’s health has been failing for many years, but his mind was always sharp and challenging. We’ll miss him greatly but rejoice that he no longer suffers.

The Task Force will be meeting on Monday, April 20th. We’ll be reviewing reports from the various subcommittees

and looking at a number of ideas on how we can best move forward. We are still looking for volunteers who can help in the areas of fund development and promotion. Please contact Bill Schultz at Lutheran Island Camp if you are interested.

God's word: "Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. 12. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good."  
Genesis 1:11-12

Prayer list: Please remember these items as you bring your petitions to the Lord. 1.) Those many people who have been affected and will be affected by the flood in the Red River Valley. These events remind us of God's power and of our purpose to support one another. 2.) Pray that the property remains available until we are able to raise the funds needed to purchase it. 3.) Pray for the courageous young people in high school and college who take respectful stands questioning evolution and Darwinism as factual. 4.) Pray for safe travels for our friend Brian Young who is traveling around the upper Midwest sharing the truth of creation and salvation and for Ken and Bill as they travel to Michigan. 5.) Pray for Gerry Schlichtmann's family that they might know God's peace and grace and celebrate Gerry's new life in Christ.

Resource of the week: Dr. Eric von Fange is a noted author on Creation. He has written several books. Ken Erlandson and Bill Schultz will be traveling to Adrian, Michigan next week to meet with Dr. von Fange and will be receiving a gift of several hundred books and the use of some dinosaur bones and DVDs.

Link of the week: <http://www.tccsa.tc>. The Twin Cities Creation Science Association is an excellent resource for lectures and resource materials. They have a number of excellent programs coming up in May.

Question and Answer: (Please feel free to pose questions about Creation, our project, or other Creation and Life Issues topics. We may invite guests to provide answers)

Question: What is the FLAG campaign?

Answer: AM 1100 “The FLAG” is a conservative talk radio station based in the Fargo-Moorhead area. They have agreed to help us raise \$500,000 over the next few weeks. We hope you’ll take the time to listen to the station. The campaign will be kicking off soon.

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