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Greetings in Christ!

God blesses us through wonderful resources such as the CIA (Creation Instruction Associates) and Answers in Genesis. Both of these organizations focus on evangelism and the wonderful tool that good solid knowledge about the truth of creation can provide to all of us on the front lines of evangelistic opportunities. They understand that what we are doing is not about fighting against evolutionists, but rather sharing the Truth of the Bible with those who are desperate to hear that Good News.

Creation and Life issues in the news:

A Painful Reality

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Imagine holding the youngest surviving premature child, born at just 21 weeks. We wouldn't dare jostle her too roughly, let alone abandon her to the harshest of procedures. But had she not been born yet, even that very week, pro-abortion activists would think little of subjecting her to an excruciatingly painful death.

The people of Nebraska are saying "no more." This week, the state legislature enacted groundbreaking pro-life legislation. The Pain-Capable Child Protection Act is the first in the nation to ban abortions after 20 weeks gestation *not* because of infant viability, but because preborn babies at that age can feel pain.

It's new thinking that **could successfully challenge *Roe v. Wade***. The Supreme Court always considered the age of viability to be the earliest point states could ban abortion, but Nebraska suggests a new, more compelling standard. Since our highest court has never heard an argument based on scientific evidence about fetal pain, there *is* no precedent. This would be an original case, and one with potential for success.

The Court already opened the door in 2003 when they affirmed the right of states to ban certain procedures which "might cause the medical profession or society as a whole to become insensitive, even disdainful, to life, including life in the human fetus." If that doesn't fit the bill, I don't know what does. To read more on this article, follow this link: <http://www.lifeissues.org/breakingnews.html>

Nature Watch: We often track road kill that we see to get some idea of the kind of animal activity that is out there. This week's road kill inventory includes several pheasants, all male; three raccoons, one mink, 5 muskrats, 10 skunks, two deer, a hawk, a brown squirrel, two grey squirrels, thousands of bugs, and one goose. We've been blessed to observe a number of tom turkeys in full strut as the breeding season moves into full force. Geese are flying lower as their molt begins. They are losing feathers and will soon be nearly flightless. It's God's plan to help them better care for the 5 to 12 (or more) young ones that will soon hatch. We noticed that there don't seem to be as many robins this year. But there are certainly an increased number of ducks of various varieties. Loons have been calling a great deal lately, including well into the night. Watch for them close to shore as they do their fishing. They are likely setting on their nests which will have only one or two eggs. Small grains are now up in many places, with potatoes being planted and some corn starting to go in.

Program Information: We praise God for the wonderful weekend with Dr. Menton from Answers in Genesis. Other volunteers from Answers in Genesis joined them both at Lutheran Island Camp and at the Creation and Life Issues Convocation at Our Redeemer in Moorhead.

Don't forget to encourage the youngsters in your life to look at coming to one of our Creation-Science camps this summer. We have some great events at Lutheran Island Camp. You can find those programs by following this link: http://islandcamp.org/content_71.php

From the Task force: We want to acknowledge Task Force member Judy Kretzschmar for her diligent service as hostess for our Women's Retreat. Judy helped with registration, devotions, music, mixers, and many other duties to make sure that the women attending this year's retreat had a delightful time.

God's Word: And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day. Genesis 1:11-13

Prayer List: 1.) Praise God for the great success of this past weekend. 2.) Thank God for the many gifts that we received to support our Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center at Christ Serve Ranch. 3.) We remember the Marv and Mary Swyter family as both of their mothers have been hospitalized. 4.) We continue to ask for God to support our efforts to purchase Christ Serve Ranch through your generous donations and investments. 5.) We ask God to bless upcoming information meetings on our Creation-Science programs.

Link of the week: <http://www.tccsa.tc/> This is the website for the Twin Cities Creation Science Association.



Resource of the week: **Lucy, She's No Lady.** Confused about the discovery of Lucy, a "missing link" between monkeys and humans? Anatomist Dr. David Menton leaves no doubt that the famous "Lucy" fossils belong to a knuckle-walking, apelike creature ... who was *not* a lady!

Question and Answer:

Question: Are you "anti-evolution"?

Answer: We are pro-evangelism. We believe that the theories of evolution are leading many people away from their Lord and Savior. We also believe that the truth of scriptures is what can bring them back. In order to "give answer" we believe that our pastors, teachers, families and children need to understand the sciences that God created during those six days of creation and with that understanding they are better able to share the Gospel.

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