

February 10, 2010

Greetings in Christ!

God's abundant love has cleansed us white as the snow we recently received. What a beautiful lesson creation gives us with the newly fallen snow.

Creation and Life issues in the news: **We were delighted by the tenor of the Tim Tebow ad during the Super Bowl. What a wonderful family. Mr. Tebow's family has been involved with mission work in the Philippines for nearly 30 years.**

**Nature Watch:** The recent snows refreshed the landscape but also stressed the wildlife. Every inch of snow means another inch that has to be walked through, dug through for food, and will cause potential problems with spring flooding. Extra snow does help some animals. For example the grouse use the snow to dive into when on the run from predators. As you look around now, you'll see that squirrels and other smaller animals find the snow more challenging. The extra weight of the snow also begins to affect the ice, forcing water up through cracks and causing slush to show up under the snow. It is critical to watch for deer now as they will tend to walk along roads and snowmobile paths rather than through the deep snow.

**Program Information:** We have scheduled several events for this coming fall that you'll want to put on your schedule. Included is "Responding to Evolution" which will be held in October (15-17). We've had the first folks sign up for our special trip to Wyoming!

From the Task force: We're now on Facebook. Well, we just started and it will take a little bit of time and effort to get things set up, but we're working on it. I hope you'll become a fan. The Task Force will be meeting on Monday, February 22. Don't forget that your donation tomorrow, February 11<sup>th</sup>, to [www.impactgiveback.org](http://www.impactgiveback.org) will be matched by the Dakota Medical Foundation. Be sure to select Lutheran Island Camp as the organization you donate to.

**God's Word:** He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.' **Job 37:6**

Prayer List: 1.) Pray for support through the Impact foundation and the matching funds available. 2.) Give thanks for the generosity of those many people who continue to support our efforts. 3.) Pray that God would bless our upcoming mailing about our Young Scientist programs to nearly 500 parochial schools throughout the upper Midwest 4.) Pray for wisdom and understanding as well as safe travel for the Task Force meeting coming up. 5.) Continue to pray for staff and volunteers who are working on programs, opportunities, and making visits for participation in the LLC.

**Link of the week:** <http://www.focusonthefamily.com/> this is the link to the Tim Tebow ad and additional information from Focus on the Family.

**Resource of the week: Luther's Small Catechism.** Check out the First Article. There are some in our church who believe that it is controversial.

Question and Answer:

Question: How far away do campers come for Young Scientist camp?

Answer: We've had campers come from as far away as Nebraska. We've already had inquiries from as far away as Indiana for this summer.

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