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Greetings in Christ!

Have you used God's creation to witness lately? Take a child fishing or for a hike in the snow or for a sleigh ride or observing birds or deer or turkeys or the stars in the heavens. God demonstrates His magnificence through us and the universe that surrounds us.

### **Creation and Life issues in the news:**

#### **Climate Researchers Manipulated and Hid Data**

FOXNews.com

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The study by London paper *The Guardian* relies upon e-mails leaked by hackers from the University of East Anglia's climatic research unit (CRU). The paper found serious flaws in measurements from Chinese weather stations, noting that documents from them could not be produced. To read more about this story follow this link:

[http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2010/02/02/climate-researchers-manipulated-hid-data/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%253A+foxnews%252Fscitech+%2528Text+-+SciTech%2529](http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2010/02/02/climate-researchers-manipulated-hid-data/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%253A+foxnews%252Fscitech+%2528Text+-+SciTech%2529)

#### **Rapid Variation in Dog Breeds Is 'Regulated,' Not 'Evolved'**

**by Brian Thomas, M.S. | Feb. 2, 2010**

Almost all new dog breeds have been established in the last few hundred years. Due to this fast genetic diversification, researchers have been investigating how “descent with modification” occurred so quickly in the dog genome.

Studies of the genomic differences between various dog breeds are yielding information at a faster pace than scientists' abilities to interpret it. Nevertheless, some general trends are clear.

Eight researchers led by Joshua Akey, assistant professor of genome sciences at Washington University, examined DNA sequence data from ten dissimilar canine breeds. In their study that appeared on the cover of the January 19 issue of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, Akey's team searched for tiny DNA differences that may specify the various breeds that can be recognized by sight. For more, follow this link:

<http://www.icr.org/articles/type/9/>

**Nature Watch:** The sun has greater and greater strength as it moves up in the horizon and our days lengthen by nearly three minutes a day. Average high temps will soon be moving forward. We have already started to hear some new bird songs as birds begin to shift from survival mode to breeding mode. Pheasants have been seen regularly again as have turkeys and deer, all out looking for morsels of feed. We've had 2-3 inches of very fluffy snow that has brightened up everything and provided excellent conditions for skiing, snowmobiling, hiking, and snowshoeing. Here are some great nature things to do in February: plan out and buy seeds for your garden, visit an arboretum, read a birding magazine, go scat hiking, go ice fishing or spearing, do a photography hunt for deer or other wild animals, lay out under the skies at night.

**Program Information:** We have more youth coming out for winter outdoor education later this month. If your school or home school group would like to join us, we'd love to have you. Lutheran Island Camp is currently doing an appeal to raise camperships for several of its camps and is offering up to \$500 grants to parochial schools to send youth to Young Scientist Camp.

From the Task force: Thank you to the members of St Paul Lutheran in Perham for their recent gift to Christ Serve Ranch. We also recently received a nice gift for First English in Dorset. The task force will be meeting later this month (February 22).

**God's Word:** Heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the LORD your God, the earth with all that is in it. **Deuteronomy 10:14**

Prayer List: 1.) Please continue to remember the people of Haiti in your prayers. 2.) Please continue to prayer for our efforts to purchase Christ Serve Ranch. 3.) Please pray for Christian educators throughout the country that they might find ways to share the truth about creation 4.) Please keep Brian Young in your prayers as he travels through India and then returns to a busy speaking schedule. 5.) Please keep our pastors in your prayers as they begin to prepare for a very busy Lenten season.

**Link of the week:** <http://www.reasons.org/>



**Resource of the week:** **CONCORDIA EDITION** developed by our friend Rodney Rathman, this resource would be excellent for schools.

Question and Answer:

Question: Where do you find all of the resources?

Answer: Many are recommended by subscribers, others are found by searching the internet. We do not endorse any of the materials or websites but share them with our subscribers for their review and use.

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