

June 9, 2010

Greetings in Christ!

God blesses us in so many ways! The beautiful weather we experience in June is just one example of His wonderful creation. We pray that you will have an opportunity to enjoy lots of time in the out of doors. Please feel free to come out to Lutheran Island Camp for a program, a tour of the camp and/or Christ Serve Ranch or to simply visit.

Creation and Life issues in the news: Plants Have Memories

June 09, 2010 — Have you ever noticed how plants have an uncanny ability to know, without eyes or brains, when the time has come to bloom? Even when spring comes early or late in some years, they sense the right time, and out come the flowers. This is even more remarkable when you consider that the natural environment is a noisy place. The temperature is rising and falling every day and night. Storms come and go. Early warm spells might trick the plant into thinking spring has arrived just before more snow, with disastrous results for the plant. How does the plant tease out the right signal from all this noise, and remember the overall seasonal trend? And then, when blooming time has come, how does it tell the rest of the plant to go into action? Some Japanese scientists have helped get a partial glimpse the amazing memory system of flowering plants, and it's all done with controls on gene expression. To read more, follow this link: <http://www.creationsafaris.com/crev201006.htm>

Nature Watch: Turkey buzzards have arrived back in our area. We've spotted several of them in recent days. These garbage collectors have become a significant addition to the scavengers in our region. They focus on carrion left from dead animals who have died from disease, car crashes, and other causes. We continue to watch numerous "flocks" of ducks and geese in our area as their young continue to grow. A few of them have lost numbers due to predation but overall there seems to be good numbers again this year. We hear from fisherman that bass have completed their spawn. Fishing should continue to pick up as larger fish come in to shallow waters to banquet on the new hatches of fish, plenty of insect activity on the water, and the rains of the last few days that take nutrients into the water.

Program Information: We are pleased to let you know that Brian Young will be doing a presentation on Creation. That presentation will take place at the newly remodeled chapel at Lutheran Island camp on Wednesday, June 30 at 7:00 pm. Please visit our website to find out more about other upcoming programs.

From the Task force: The Task Force had an excellent meeting this past Monday. They received a number of reports including reports on the Creation and Life Issues Convocation, summer programs, financial information, and the Limited Liability Company. They assigned a number of tasks to various committees and discussed some of the future plans for the property once it is purchased. They received some positive reports from members who had visited with potential donors and investors.

The word is getting out about the things we are doing with Creation-Science. In the past week we've talked with people in Florida, Michigan, Canada, and North Dakota. We also hear that there will be some national recognition in the coming weeks.

God's Word: ¹⁵ It was you who opened up springs and streams;
you dried up the ever flowing rivers.

¹⁶ The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.

¹⁷ It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth;
you made both summer and winter. **Psalm 74:15-17**

Prayer List: 1.) Please remember staff members Marvin and Mary Swyter in your prayers as they celebrate the life of Mary's mother who passed away this past Sunday morning. God grant them the blessed assurance of His grace and salvation. 2.) We give thanks for our dedicated Task Force members who work hard on setting up information meetings, contacting potential donors and investors, and for their ongoing support of staff. 3.) Open the hearts of those who are becoming aware of the vision of the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center at Christ Serve Ranch. 4.) Many of our campers will be traveling in the next few weeks. Please ask God to grant them safe journeys. 5.) Ask God to provide a special blessing for those youth who will be attending our Christ Serve Leadership Training June 10-15 and our Young Scientist programs June 13-18.

Link of the week: <http://7wonders.nwcreation.net/index.html> If you are traveling in Washington state, you might want to visit this Mt. St. Helens museum. They show the many ways that the eruption 30 years ago this Saturday blew apart geological theories on the age of the earth.



Resource of the week: http://www.creationinstruction.com/scart/product_details.asp?ItemNum=500 Dinosaur's, Ice-Age and the Pre-Flood World by Brian Young. Available for 19.95 from http://www.creationinstruction.com/scart/product_details.asp?ItemNum=500

Question and Answer:

Question: Will Brian Young be back this fall?

Answer: Yes, he'll be leading our Confirmation Kick-off September 10-12.

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