

March 17, 2010

Greetings in Christ!

Yesterday was St. Urho's Day. A total fabrication developed by two co-workers who wanted an excuse to celebrate two days in a row. The first St. Urho was put forth in the "Ode to St. Urho". Supposedly this St. Urho drove frogs out of Finland with his voice after drinking sour milk and eating fish soup. Later renditions changed the frogs to grasshoppers intent on destroying the grape vines in Finland used for wine. Neither ever existed. Sometimes our sinful human nature looks to worship idols who are perceived to solve problems that do not exist. We sometimes give them Nobel Prizes and pass legislation that will make them millionaires. That we call St. Albert's Day.

Nature Watch: It may well be an early spring! Snow cover has been almost completely depleted and lakes in the southern part of the state are beginning to have a foot or two of open water around the edges. Some ponds and most rivers have now opened up. Ice on lakes melts from the bottom up and thus can be very deceiving. This is also a time when certain fish species start to school around areas rich in oxygen. Their movement in the water is enough to speed up melting in those areas, causing deceptive ice cover. Birds are moving north with sightings of swans, crows, crackles, and robins this past week. We expect to see herons arriving any time. Chipmunks have made an appearance as have skunks and numerous squirrels. The squirrels are working on two things: love and finding food. At this time of year they will go after everything from nuts to dog food to garbage. They have enemies too. One of their most persistent are the crows that have newly arrived. Crows will often grab squirrels by the tail and lift them up into the air, then drop them, temporarily stunning them. They then attack them, using their sharp beaks.

Program Information: We are very pleased to announce that Dr. Reed Lessing will be the primary presenter for our **Responding to Evolution** retreat this fall (October 15-17). The topic will be "God's Creation, We Are All In It Together." More information will be coming soon. You can go to our website, www.christserveranch.org. for information on the upcoming Creation and Life Issues Convocation.

From the Task force: The task force will be meeting on March 29th to review progress on various projects and to receive updates on the LLC. They will also receive an update on relationships with several institutions of higher learning (colleges and seminaries) and the development of some future partnerships with foundations.

God's Word: While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. Genesis 8:22

Prayer List: 1.) Please continue to remember the people of Chile and Haiti in your prayers. Especially remember the family of Pastor Louis, Lutheran pastor who was murdered in Haiti last Friday. 2.) Continue to lift up the pending health care legislation and those who are remaining steadfast in their opposition to federal funding of abortions. 3.) Please pray over recent letters of inquiry submitted to several foundations concerning support of our Creation-Science programs. 4.) Please remember the many young people who now are, along with their parents, considering attending our Young Scientist camps. 5.) Lift up our staff as we travel the state doing registration jamborees, visiting with potential donors to the Make a World For Christ Campaign, and holding various informational meetings.

Link of the week: <http://www.answersingenesis.org/outreach/speakers/david-menton/bio/> This is the biography of Dr. David Menton who will be the featured speaker at the upcoming Creation and Life Issues Convocation in Moorhead at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on April 18th at 2:00 pm. We've attached some bulletin and newsletter inserts.



Resource of the week: This is the DVD called Wounded Healer by Heather Ruesch, Christian vocalist. She will be singing at the Creation and Life Issues Convocation.

Question and Answer:

Question: Is the Creation and Life Issues Convocation open to non-Lutherans?

Answer: Yes, many of the people attending last year's convocation were from other denominations.

We welcome all who believe in the inerrancy of God's Word and support the value and sanctity of life.

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