

May 19, 2010

Greetings in Christ!

God is blessing us with beautiful weather this week. We pray that you will remain safe as you continue the many outdoor activities that this weather brings on. The beauty of spring reminds us of how beautiful those first days must have been for Adam and Eve as they walked the beauty of the Garden of Eden. But with that beauty also came temptation and a desire to willfully disobey God in favor of nature. The fruit of the tree became the first idol.

Creation and Life issues in the news: **The New Normal on Abortion: Americans More "Pro-Life"**

For second year straight, "pro-life" and "pro-choice" closely matched

by Lydia Saad

PRINCETON, NJ -- The conservative shift in Americans' views on abortion that Gallup [first recorded a year ago](#) has carried over into 2010. Slightly more Americans call themselves "pro-life" than "pro-choice," 47% vs. 45%, according to a May 3-6 Gallup poll. This is nearly identical to the 47% to 46% division found last July following a more strongly pro-life advantage of 51% to 42% last May. (to read more, follow this link: http://www.gallup.com/poll/128036/New-Normal-Abortion-Americans-Pro-Life.aspx?utm_source=tagrss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=syndication&utm_term=Politics#1)

Nature Watch: Fox kits are now out of the den and may be seen along fields and woods. Goslings are increasing in numbers and can be seen paddling along in between parents. They are often tasty morsels to large northerns and muskies. Blue bird fledglings are now flying. The first humming birds have arrived. Wildflowers continue to blossom with bluebells showing up this week. Lilacs and apple blossoms continue to be fragrant in the northern part of the state. Lillies of the Valley are now blossoming. Many gardens are completely planted with a few things coming through. We've seen many farm crops that are up and doing very well. Deer are becoming very active, some of that due to more activity in the woods with turkey hunters and with lots of activity in the fields by farmers.

Program Information: we want to remind people that Dr. Reed Lessing, an Old Testament scholar from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis will be the presenter for our Responding to Evolution event this next fall. The dates have been set for October 15-17. More information will be coming soon. We were pleased that the Minnesota Association of Christian Home Educators highlighted our summer Creation-Science programs.

From the Task force: The Task Force is once again happy to announce that another membership unit in the Friends of Creation-Science Limited Liability Company has been spoken for by a party in the Twin Cities. We now have 8 of them spoken for and several other parties are considering them. This does include any that Lutheran Island Camp may purchase. FLAG 1100 has started a new series of ads for us that focus on the coming summer programs. We appreciate the efforts of Scott Hennen and his staff in helping us get the word out about our Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center. God blessed us this past week with several gifts to support the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch, including a wonderful gift from Our Redeemer church and school in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin and another from the Wheaton Zone LLL.

God's Word: I have no need of a bull from your stall
or of goats from your pens,

¹⁰ for every animal of the forest is mine,
and the cattle on a thousand hills.

¹¹ I know every bird in the mountains,
and the creatures of the field are mine.

¹² If I were hungry I would not tell you,
for the world is mine, and all that is in it. Psalm 50:9-12

Prayer List: 1.) We ask for another prayer of thanksgiving for the commitment for another membership unit. 2.) Give thanks for the wonderful support of Scott Hennen and FLAG 1100. 3.) Remember our Task Force in your prayers as they visit with people around the country about our projects. 4.) Keep the farmers, boaters, hunters, and fisherman in your prayers that they might remain safe. 5.) Keep our staff in your prayers.

Link of the week: <http://creationtips.com/>



Resource of the week: **Unlocking the Mysteries of Creation. 240 pages of beautifully designed photography and artwork** amplify the engaging text. This book will help you discover the scientific accuracy of the Bible; unveil the fallacies of evolution; and build unshakeable confidence in God's Word. Designed to help families build a trustworthy Biblical worldview, it introduces a vast treasure of faith-building resources. One of the most user-friendly and comprehensive introductory books ever published on the subject of Biblical creation.

Question and Answer:

Question: What is the progress on raising the funds for Christ Serve Ranch?

Answer: God has blessed us through the Friends of Creation-Science LLC. Right now we have \$106,000 in cash, \$200,000 in pledges, a \$100,000 gift available upon purchase, and \$150,000 committed to the LLC. That is \$556,000 of the \$850,000 needed to purchase. For purchase purposes we cannot use the \$200,000 in pledges unless we are able to get financing based on them.

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