

April 27, 2011

Greetings in Christ!

We pray that your celebration of the resurrection of our Lord was joyful and filled with the sure and certain knowledge that we will celebrate our own resurrection day some day.

Creation and Life issues in the news: Has Quest for the Elusive 'God Particle' Succeeded?

The news was simply too exciting to keep under wraps: A Swiss particle accelerator may have found a long-sought subatomic bit called the Higgs Boson -- something never before seen, but thought to be the fundamental unit of matter. It's called the "God Particle" because it is the one thing that lends mass to all other stuff.

But is it too good to be true? Or merely blabbering physicists, battling it out for a spot in the public eye?

The controversial rumor is based on a leaked internal note from physicists at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), a 17-mile-long particle accelerator near Geneva that sits on the sharpest part of the cutting edge of science. The note details an unexpected "bump" in emissions that may be proof of the long-sought particle.

If the find is true, it's a game changer for science, explained Dmitri Denisov, a physicist with Fermilabs in Illinois.

"I would compare it to the discovery of electricity," he told FoxNews.com.

Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2011/04/25/quest-elusive-god-particle-succeeded/#ixzz1KjDEu76F>

Earth Day: Abortion Has Killed 1-2 Billion Worldwide In 50 Years

Colin Mason and Steven Mosher

LifeNews.com

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4/21/11 — The media is abuzz with news about humanity's numbers. Sometime during the latter part of this year or early next year—the exact date is still a little fuzzy—there will be, for the first time in history, 7 billion people alive on the planet at the same time.

Left-wing pundits are already splashing ink all over this subject. National Geographic is taking the entire year to decry this increase in numbers, spinning off countless articles, sleek videos, and photo sets warning of the "overpopulation" disasters that supposedly await us. To read more:

<http://www.lifeissues.net/news.php?newsID=00030197&topic=>

Nature Watch: With the travels of this past weekend it was interesting to note the differences in nature. In Nebraska and further south the blossoming trees were in full bloom and beautiful. There was actually more field activity in the areas around St. Cloud than anywhere else until below Omaha. We saw some interesting road kill as well: several coyotes, a badger, several beaver, a turkey, 5 deer, including a fawn for the first time, two fox, several raccoons, and 3 skunks. And, there were lots of insects on the windshields the further south we got. Around our area we are seeing a few fishermen enjoying the ice free lakes, the grass has greened up even more and there are many plants starting to pop through the soil. Trees are beginning to show shades of green and some maples and ash are starting to bud. It won't be long before we start to see babies including fawns, ducklings, goslings, and other little critters. Warblers have arrived at the Island and they did it in style with a large group of 50 arriving early this morning at the beach.

Program Information: We've scheduled a weekend Creation-Science event for middle school (Grades 5-9) students for this fall. It is scheduled for September 16-18. Brian Young will be presenting on a variety of topics certain to be of interest to students of this age. This is the kind of event to bring your entire junior high youth group to or youth from a parochial school. More information will be coming out soon and will be posted on our website. The cost will be \$89 per person with a \$10 discount per person for groups of 10 or more. We do have some campership funds available.

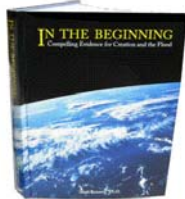
Bulletin insert: Each spring God renews our surroundings with Spring. Take time to celebrate His gifts to you by taking a walk with someone, perhaps an elderly parent or a small child and share this renewal with them.

From the Task force: We thank God for a recent commitment from a group of families to help us purchase Christ Serve Ranch. They let us know that at least \$60,000 and possibly up to \$90,000 will be coming soon to help. We are getting very close and just need a few more significant gifts or investments to hit our goal. Praise God!!!

God's Word: "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the **creation** of the world." John 17:24

Prayer List: 1.) Give thanks to God for His gift of renewal in springtime. 2.) Lift up those who are affected by tornadoes and storms. Keep them safe, Lord. 3.) Give thanks to the many faithful pastors who led us through the Lenten journey and to the empty tomb on Sunday morning. 4.) Please remember our staff in your prayers as we move forward with the many activities of the spring and summer. 5.) Please pray that God would work in the hearts of those last few donors and investors that we need to have the property purchased.

Link of the week: <http://www.apologia.com/>



Resource of the week: In The Beginning: Compelling Evidence for Creation and the Flood. By Dr. Walter Brown, PhD.

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Question and Answer:

Question: Do you use your horses year round?

Answer: We use some of them year round and are working on plans to do even more of it. Horses are one of God's most beautiful creations and the relationship between men and horses has been important for thousands of years. We want to explore how horses can help people in new and different ways.

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