

April 6, 2011

Greetings in Christ!

Thick fog greeted us here this morning. It is an indication of warmer temps to come and when those warm temps hit the cooler ground and ice – we get fog. This is a wonderful time of the year with lots of changes happening

Creation and Life issues in the news:

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Kansas lawmakers pass anti-abortions bills — and this year, they'll get signed into law

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The Kansas City Star

T OPEKA | It used to be easy for the Kansas Legislature to pass new abortion laws. Getting them signed into law was another matter.

But freshman Gov. Sam Brownback, a Republican and longstanding abortion opponent, is expected to sign two bills that passed the Legislature with overwhelming support Tuesday. One of the bills deals with lateterm abortions, the other with parental consent.

Former Democratic Gov. Kathleen Sebelius was far less receptive to signing anti-abortion measures into law, and this year, the Legislature is more conservative.

"We've always been able to pass ... pro-life legislation; it just gets vetoed," said House Speaker Mike O'Neal, a Hutchinson Republican. "What's ironic is we now probably have veto-proof numbers and don't need the numbers because you've got a governor who's willing to sign the legislation." To read more, follow this link: http://www.lifeissues.org/breakingnews/2011/Kansas_law_passed.pdf

Nature Watch: Road kill this week: two raccoons, 1 pheasant, 1 pocket gopher, 1 coyote, two skunks, 1 muskrat, 7 deer, 1 turkey, and 3 squirrels. We saw our first chipmunk of the season. It scurried across the path with its little tail up in the air. We also saw our first turkey vultures of the season. This is a relatively new bird in our area. We've heard that snow geese are starting their way north and that the first migratory pelicans have entered southern Minnesota. Water is flowing freely in most of the rivers and streams and out into some lakes. Water is beginning to show up along the edges of lakes and ponds. Spawning runs are now happening out of several large lakes up into streams and in spawning beds. We've watched as muskrats are making their first appearances in smaller ponds that have some open water. Eagles continue to set on nests. Wood ducks (saw some this morning) should be arriving any time now along with blue birds. We've been entertained at night by a couple of owls calling back and forth to each other. Hundreds of deer are yarded up throughout the area. The snow virtually disappeared in one day (yesterday). We observed the Red River moving up by about 1 foot yesterday. Streams and tributaries leading into the Red are really full. Ice is still strong enough to hold fisherman although in a few more days, it may not be. Our sap is running, but not real fast yet. We're trying out a few taps to see what it is like. Maple trees are a dominant species in this area so we are interested in seeing what we could do. Saw a big tom turkey strutting on the Island.

Program Information: We are pleased to announce that Dr. David Peter will be one of the speakers for our Responding to Evolution retreat in October 21-23, 2011. He'll also be presenting at an Advent/Lenten Sermon series October 24-25.

Bulletin insert: Take a walk this week and see God's wonderful creation through the eyes of a believer. God gives to us the gifts we need to sustain us. Make a list of the gifts God has given you and continue to add to it everyday.

From the Task force: Every month we receive gifts from several individuals from around the

country. They are not huge gifts, but they certainly are given from the heart. We so much appreciate every gift that we receive.

God's Word: Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. Acts 14:17

Prayer List: 1.) Please keep those affected by floods in your prayers. 2.) Continue to keep staff and their families in your prayers. 3.) Pray for continued progress and final success in our efforts to purchase the property. 4.) Pray for the families making decisions about coming to Creation-Science events this summer. 5.) Keep our efforts at the MACH'E conference in your prayers.

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



Resource of the week: *Only the Bible can Explain It* DVD \$10 from CMI

The facts, the fiction and the furor. Naturalistic scientists are constantly challenging creationists to explain a host of observations, such as the Ice Age. Atmospheric scientist, Michael Oard, takes them up on the challenge and finds that the Ice Age is also a challenge to the naturalistic worldview. This is because the climate aftermath of the great Genesis Flood provides an ideal mechanism for a rapid Ice Age.

Question and Answer:

Question: How will you be purchasing the property?

Answer: We've established a limited liability company (LLC) made up of people who support the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch. That group of people have invested \$30,000 each into the LLC. The LLC will purchase the property and lease it to the camp until the camp has raised enough money to buy the property from the LLC. If you are interested in purchasing an LLC membership unit, please give Bill Schultz a call at 218-583-2905. or e-mail him at licplanning@islandcamp.org.

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