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Greetings in Christ!

Welcome to an abbreviated edition of the Wednesday e-news. Most of our staff are off for a few days this week. In the mean time we are working hard on plans for the 2012 summer season including some wonderful events that we pray will be held at Christ Serve Ranch

Creation and Life issues in the news: Biden Says He's Not 'Second-Guessing' China's One-Child Rule

Vice President Biden is facing criticism after telling a crowd in [China](#) that he doesn't have a problem with the country's one-child policy. The vice president addressed the policy while answering a question about the U.S. budget deficit at a [university](#) in Chengdu on Sunday. He was trying to explain how China has a looming entitlement crisis on its hands because its strict enforcement of the one-child-per-family rule has essentially eroded the "safety net" for seniors. Fewer children means fewer people earning [money](#) and supporting retirees.

Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2011/08/23/biden-says-hes-not-second-guessing-chinas-one-child-rule/#ixzz1VuJpHscJ>

Nature Watch: We spotted an opossum road kill this week near the St. Cloud area. All of the young geese are now flying and they are visiting local grain fields, messing up sidewalks and driveways, and making preparations for their journey south. We are starting to see more birds congregating for migrations. Lots of monarch butterflies lately. Mosquitoes continue to be more than abundant.

Program Information: We are looking for a group or congregation to go through our first Equine Assisted Therapy and Leadership program. Because of a grant, the rates will be greatly reduced.

Bulletin insert: Gods creation is abundant this year. Don't forget to share that abundance that you might have in your garden with friends, neighbors, and the local food share.

From the Task force: Thanks for your continued support

God's Word: ¹⁸ When I said, "My foot is slipping,"
your unfailing love, LORD, supported me.

¹⁹ When anxiety was great within me,
your consolation brought me joy. Psalm 94: 18-19

Prayer List: 1.) Please continue to remember Pastor Randy Maland in your prayers. 2.) Please keep in your prayers our volunteers who are being trained in the Equine Assisted Therapy program this week. 3.) Please keep the staff in your prayers as we prepare for a number of meetings and presentations. 4.) We are preparing for Summer 2012. Please pray for us. 5.) Please keep youth returning to college in your prayers as they prepare to respectfully question the theories put forth as truth and to boldly proclaim the truth of Christ's gift of salvation

Link of the week: <http://www.heartofwisdom.com/Acrobat/CreationResources.pdf>

Resource of the week: See above

Question and Answer:

Question: Will people stay at Christ Serve Ranch?

Answer: There is a small house on the property and many great areas for campsites. We'll be having most campers stay at Lutheran Island Camp, but there are going to be quite a few programs when campers will be able to camp at CSR.

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