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Greetings in Christ!

We pray that God is blessing you on this beautiful winter day! It is a joy to observe His creation with a mantle of snow.

Creation and Life issues in the news: (NewsCore) - On the 38th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion, thousands of supporters of the pro-life movement gathered in Washington, D.C., Monday for the annual March for Life.

Participants in this year's rally were comprised of mostly young people, including students from Catholic high schools, colleges and youth groups, The Washington Post reported. But in the wake of the wave of Republican victories in the midterm elections, the event also attracted several pro-life lawmakers.

"We need your help to persuade the abortion president," Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.) said, according to the Post, while Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) said Roe v. Wade "wrongly led to a three-and-a-half-decade-long Holocaust that's a strain on our national conscience."

Meanwhile, Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.), a favorite of the Tea Party and founder of the Tea Party Caucus in Congress, delivered the keynote address at the 2011 Rose Dinner, held every year following the March for Life. March for Life's website says Bachmann has "distinguished herself as a pro-life leader in Congress" and "has developed a reputation as a 'principled reformer' who stays true to her conservative beliefs while pushing for real reform of the broken ways of Washington."

Nature Watch: We have been hearing birds calling the last few mornings. The warmer weather seems to have put some life into their voices. Some people like to feed deer. With corn prices running much higher, people are looking for alternatives. There are commercial products, but other favorites for deer that are less expensive include sunflower seeds, bird seed mixes, sugar beets, and alfalfa pellets. Grassy hay can also work. Check with your local grocer to see if they have apples that are beyond their freshness date. Deer will begin to chew on small trees and branches. We have a good chance of above freezing temps later this week. That should settle the snow. We've been visiting with folks who are all sharing a concern that water levels are as high as they've seen them. Local rivers and streams that normally dry down in the Fall, never did and are continuing to run. Flood watching will be an ever increasing activity this spring. A good melt in February would be a help, followed by colder temps. It is a beautiful time of the year to get outside and enjoy.

Program Information: We had yet another group sign up for our Servant Event. Praise God. Our Creation Science program brochure is now available for anyone who would like one. Just e-mail us and we'll get one out right away.

Bulletin insert: Studies show that 70-80% of our youth leave the church after age 18. Many started questioning their faith when they were in Junior High School. Often this came as a result of teaching of evolution in science classes, but it can also be as subtle as watching "science" shows on the Discovery Channel. We need to teach our children to question respectfully and to proclaim the truth of God's creation boldly.

From the Task force: We are very pleased to announce that we received commitments for two

additional membership units this past week. Our plan is that a group of individuals, churches, and organizations would step forward to purchase Christ Serve Ranch on our behalf. To that end we've established a limited liability company. We are looking for as many as 30 investors to purchase units costing \$30,000 each. Last week two families stepped forward with their support.

God's Word: ¹ Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. | John 4:1

Prayer List: 1.) Please remember to pray for the unborn children whose mothers are contemplating ending their pregnancies. 2.) Please keep the LLC in your prayers and ask God to encourage others to step forward to invest in it. 3.) Give thanks to God for the many people who are signing up to come to camp and Christ Serve Ranch. 4.) Give thanks to God for a good year for Lutheran Island Camp in 2010 and ask for continued blessings in 2011. 5.) Ask God to give spiritual strength to those who are defending the Gospel.

Link of the week: <http://www.creationresearch.org/>



Resource of the week:
this book currently)

Author: David C. Thompson (our staff is studying

How does your Christian faith fit into the culture that we live in today? Non-Christian worldviews may be influencing your beliefs without you even realizing it.

Using Scripture passages and real-life examples, the author, Pastor David C. Thompson, explains the confessional Lutheran worldviews plus a number of truths about Secular Humanism, Pantheism, Modernism, and Postmodernism.

This book explains how other beliefs may creep into our lives through the media, college professors, and even popular books for children and teens. At the end of the book, there are study and discussion questions for each chapter. Read this book today and find out *what is going on*.

Question and Answer:

Question: Do all Lutherans believe God created the universe?

Answer: The first article of the Apostles Creed, which Lutherans do confess, stipulates that God was the maker of heaven and earth. However, what that means to some Lutherans may be different than for others. Here at Lutheran Island Camp and the Creation believe in a literal interpretation of Genesis and that God did create the universe in 6, 24-hour days.

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