

March 23, 2011

Greetings in Christ!

Winter is certainly getting old. A couple of us were outside yesterday in the balmy 37 degree sunshine. It felt great. As we walked and drove we saw lots of deer, horses, cattle with newborn calves, and many signs that spring is really coming! Suddenly it will be here and we'll be complaining about all that we have to do during Spring. Thank God for each year, each season, each month, each day, each hour, each minute and each second He gives us here on earth. And, take heart someday we'll be with Him.

Creation and Life issues in the news:

Controversy over creationist Libertyville teacher

The issue of a Libertyville High School instructor teaching creationism in the science classroom is likely to be brought up in the public comment section of tonight's Community High School District 128 board meeting.

Atheist activist Rob Sherman is expected to make an appearance in an attempt to get the creationist-promoting teacher fired.

District officials have said they have spoken with science teacher Beau Schaefer and confirmed that he was teaching creationist beliefs at the high school. Schaefer has not returned calls seeking comment.

The school board is scheduled to go into executive session to discuss the employment of an unidentified employee and take action on that discussion Tuesday evening. It is not known if that employee is Schaefer. District officials say any personnel issues will be discussed behind closed doors. To read more, follow this link: <http://www.chicagobreakingnews.com/news/local/chibrknews-controversy-over-creationist-libertyville-teacher-isnt-dead-20110322,0,420355.story>

Nature Watch: Migratory robins are returning. Some robins stay around through the winter, hiding out in pines and along river bottoms. Eastern Bluebirds have been sighted in southern Minnesota and soon will make appearances here. Sap still isn't running steady. We've put in a few taps this year as an experiment. Perhaps next year, we'll get more serious about it. Maple trees are the favorite, but birch trees and walnut trees as well as box elder trees can also be used. In Alaska, there are very few maple trees so they do their syrups from the plentiful birch trees. Animals are changing with the sun going higher in the sky. Animals such as martins and minks are losing their white coats for darker coats. Deer will start to shed quickly into their darker summer coats. Road kill this week: lots of deer carcasses, 2 raccoons, 1 pheasant, 1 coyote, 1 skunk and several squirrels. We want to remind those of you with wood duck and bluebird houses to get them cleaned out before nesting starts. Geese continue to pair up and set on nests. Bald eagles are prevalent in the area, often seen eating on road kill in the ditches.

Program Information:

Creation Photography and Art

Join other photographers and artists who have a special desire to learn how to capture God's magnificent creation through their art. Led by a professional photographer, you'll see nature as it gives birth, blooms, takes to the sky, and brings forth beauty.

Ages: 12 and older (including adults)

Dates: June 5-10

Cost: \$265

Deposit: \$75



Bulletin insert: God is the creator of all. He would never create something that would contradict His word. So the science that He created does not contradict His word, but rather enhances our understanding of it. When we see what appear to be contradictions, perhaps we should question the scientist rather than God's Word.

From the Task force: Representatives from Lutheran Island Camp and our Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center will be doing presentations at the upcoming Minnesota Association of Christian Home Educators conference in Duluth. We'll also have a display there. The dates are April 15-16. We're excited about a visit several staff had recently with a gentlemen who has had training in using horses for therapy with children and families. We are going to look into some great program ideas he had.

God's Word: He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke. Psalm 104:32

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 MACHE conference in your prayers.

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

Resource of the week: <http://www.birding-minnesota.com/MN-Ckfst.htm> This week's resource is the checklist for Minnesota birds. Keep track of native species, migratory birds, and species that happen to stop by for a visit.

Question and Answer:

Question: I've seen squirrels recently with no tails. Did they freeze off?

Answer: Unlikely, more likely is predator's grabbing hold. Crows can also be devious and catch squirrels tails in their beaks and fly up to a height and then drop them, stunning or crippling them. We've seen that happen more than once. Sometimes the squirrel is lucky and the tail breaks before it gets too high off of the ground.

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