

May 25, 2011

Greetings in Christ!

The weekend came and went without the end of the world – except for the 122 people who died in tornadoes. It's easy to disregard those who claim to know when the earth is ending. We know that no man, including the son of Man knows the time. What we sometimes forget is that our lives here on this present earth will end someday. Are you prepared?

Creation and Life issues in the news: Nutcracker Man' Ate Like a Cow (or Pig) (editor's note: wonder what the next guess will be?)

The strong-jawed human relative nicknamed "Nutcracker Man" likely didn't crack nuts at all, preferring to graze on grass like a cow instead, [scientists](#) find.

These findings could dramatically alter conventional wisdom regarding what the earliest members of the human lineage and their relatives ate.

The extinct hominid, officially called *Paranthropus boisei*, ranged across East [Africa](#) 1.2 million to 2.3 million years ago, living side-by-side with the direct ancestors of humanity. It earned its nickname because of its massive jaw and huge molars. [[Human Origins: Our Crazy Family Tree](#)]

"Nutcracker Man never has been used in the scientific literature, but that's the common name," said researcher Thure Cerling, a geochemist at the [University](#) of Utah.

It was long assumed that because of its powerful jaw, *P. boisei* lived up to its nickname and ate nuts, seeds and other hard items. Still, a recent study of its teeth did not turn up the kind of pitting one would expect from hard meals, hinting that it [actually dined on softer fare](#).

Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2011/05/03/nutcracker-man-ate-like-cow-pig/#ixzz1NNrtbUrD>

Nature Watch: We're now able to "row" up the corn that has been planted and potatoes are starting to pop through. Rhubarb is ready to pick and make crisp that can be shared with Lutheran Island Camp staff. We now have a nice hatch of goslings here at camp. We've seen lots of them in the neighborhood as well. Predators will be enjoying some of these young. Adults will be molting (losing feathers) during this time and will be confined to very limited flight. It's part of God's plan to protect the little ones. Raccoons are the road kill most observed lately, although there are also a lot of fresh deer kills along the road. Wild flowers will soon be blossoming. Water levels in area lakes and streams are quite high with records being set for the length of time above flood stage. We also see a number of low lying areas that normally don't have water, currently sustaining ducks and geese. Lots of birds that hunt the shallows are doing well with the expanded ponds and shallows. Ticks are now becoming abundant and we've seen a few mosquitoes. Lots of other bugs are starting to show up including at least two hatches of Mayflies already. We'll be watching for dragonflies in the next few days.

Program Information:

Preparing for College

Are your teens ready? Whether your teen is heading to college or into the workforce they will be faced with challenges to their faith. Brian Young will provide resources and information needed by young people so that they can faithfully reflect their Christian values and beliefs as they head off on their own. This weekend may be the best gift your child ever receives.

Ages: 16-20

Dates: June 10-12

Cost: \$89

Deposit: \$50

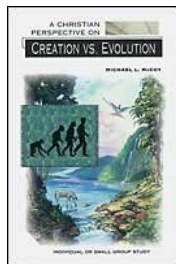
Bulletin insert: Is your child ready for college? Are they ready for the attacks on their faith? Will they be able to give answer to those who challenge them with theories presented as facts? Lutheran Island Camp has an event for youth 16-20 that will help them be prepared for college.

From the Task force: The Task Force is very pleased to announce that the Clara and Spencer Werner Foundation has awarded a \$30,000 gift grant for the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch. We want to acknowledge the work that Task Force member Wayne Hilchen did in procuring this grant. We continue to be blessed by gifts from people who are getting excited about the programs we will be able to offer.

God's Word: No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Mark 24:36

Prayer List: 1.) The summer staff has arrived. Keep them in your prayers. 2.) Give thanks to God for the generosity of the Werner Foundation. 3.) Give thanks for the other donors who continue to generously support our efforts. 4.) Keep those who have been so tragically affected by recent storms in your prayers. 5.) Pray that God would continue to provide us with wisdom as visitors stop by to see Christ Serve Ranch.

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



Resource of the week: **Evolution**

Christian Perspective: Creation vs.

(4 Sessions) Each course in the Christian Perspective Bible Study Series provides the insights and reflections of an author who has personally confronted an issue that touches us and challenges our lives of faith in one way or another.

Designed for individual or group use, these studies are organized into thought-provoking chapters that include questions for reflection and discussion.

A Christian Perspective on Creation VS. Evolution explores the worldview of the evolutionist, contrasting the philosophy and beliefs of those who believe in evolution with the biblical teaching of creation. This course offers helpful suggestions for responding to evolutionists and the influence they bring to the classroom, the media, and society in general through a faithful witness to our faith and to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Question and Answer:

Question: Who serves on the Task Force?

Answer: The Task Force was established by the Lutheran Island Camp board of directors. There are currently 19 members. They include several pastors, teachers, businessmen, scientists, mothers and fathers, and others with a passion for Creation-Science.

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