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Greetings in Christ!

The Bible tells us so. It begins in Genesis and goes through Revelation and every word is the truth. What we read in Genesis gives us the joy of our salvation. We read about our sin, God's promise, the fulfillment of that promise, and the joy of our future resurrection.

Creation and Life issues in the news: Scientists Find Starfish That Never Grows Up

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One starfish species doesn't seem to want to grow up. Scientists have discovered a disc-shaped [animal](#) in the deep Pacific Ocean whose body plan is stuck in the juvenile phase of the life cycle.

The animal, a species of the genus *Xyloplax*, lives along the deep-sea floor, where being small can be beneficial. It spans just millimeters in diameter and lacks the telltale arms typically seen in adult starfish. [[Image of Xyloplax starfish](#)]

"I would say that just being a little disc-like creature allows you to get in the nooks and crannies of pieces of wood where there's all this microbial soup and [they can] live like bedbugs and slurp up the stuff around them," researcher Daniel Janies, a computational biologist at The Ohio State University (OSU), told LiveScience.

Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2011/05/04/scientists-starfish-grows/#ixzz1LR8wrP9l>
(maybe they just found some juveniles??)

Pro-life Billboard Banned In Australia, But Euthanasia Ad Ok

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May 2, 2011 — The Advertising Standards Bureau (ASB) in Australia has banned billboards that read "The casualty list of every abortion: 1 dead, 1 wounded."

The billboard campaign was produced by HowGoodIsThat.org. In a YouTube video clip explaining its 'casualty list' campaign, the organization describes abortion as a "holocaust against the next generation of Australians."

After receiving complaints, the ASB found the billboard to be “contrary to prevailing community standards on health and safety and did breach section 2.6 of the Code.”

Section 2.6 of the Code states, “Advertising or Marketing Communications shall not depict material contrary to Prevailing Community Standards on health and safety.

Nature Watch: Farm activity is finally picking up, but soil temps remain low. Record temps for today are 90 and 20 degrees. That is a 70 degree spread! We’ve been pleasantly surprised at the number of nesting pairs of loons that we’ve seen in the area. We also saw flickertails today as well as our first gold finches of the year. We’ve started seeing some perennials peeking through the grass and leaves, but they sure seem to be hesitant to come out. We have our first dandelions on the south side of a building where the soil warms up quickly. Frogs have been very active with their mating calls. We had a beautiful cardinal singing away today. It may be marking out territory which could mean some fun watching for the little ones later this summer. Our wood duck houses seem to be attracting some breeding pairs. We saw some aggressive beaver activity over at Christ Serve Ranch today. Also saw several deer and Gary, current owner, saw a coyote early this morning. Road kill this week included a rabbit, 2 squirrels, a turkey, several muskrats, two mink, several fresh deer, and a small fox.

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: Preparing for College is a weekend event at Lutheran Island Camp led by Brian Young. During the retreat high school students will be given the tools to discern the truth and how to respectfully question “theories” that have put forth as truth.

From the Task force: We enjoyed a good visit with Mr. and Mrs. David Lauer of Washington State. They traveled here to visit our Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center and Christ Serve Ranch. They are just the latest in a number of people from around the country who have stopped by to see and hear about the things we are doing.

God's Word: ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. ¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:11-12

Prayer List: 1.) Please pray for our country, our leaders, and the people. 2.) Give thanks for the continuing support we receive from so many of you. 3.) Ask God to continue to bless our staff with

courage and stamina to get all the things done that need to be done. 4.) Please ask God to grant safe travels to the Lauers as they travel back to Washington. 5.) Please continue to pray that we will be able to move forward with the purchase as soon as possible.

Link of the week: <https://www.csm.org.uk/index.php>



Resource of the week: In this day of the atheistic or agnostic stereotype that is attached to the man of science, it is refreshing to study the lives of several great scientists who professed Christ as their Savior. In these short biographies, we have presented a distilled version of each man's scientific accomplishments as well as the evidence of his Christian faith. These testimonies demonstrate that true scientists can also be genuine Christians, and that faith in God and in the authority of the Bible is not a sign of inferior intellect

Question and Answer:

Question: Are you planning any thing for families?

Answer: Yes, our first week long event is scheduled for next May and will be focused on families who home school. We currently offer a weekend retreat called "Teaching Your Family About Creation" which is held in June. We hope to add several more events by the end of next year.

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