

October 5, 2011

Greetings in Christ!

Another glorious week in west central Minnesota! It has been a fantastic gift of God to be able to enjoy hikes, water activities and the beautiful fall colors.

Creation and Life issues in the news:

Times Atlas Apologizes for Global-Warming Error

Climate-gate, Himalaya-gate, and now ... Atlas-gate?

Publishers of the [Times Comprehensive Atlas of the World](#) scrambled Tuesday to correct a controversial statement that [Greenland](#) had lost 15 percent of its permanent ice cover over the last 12 years -- an assertion scientists labeled "incorrect and misleading."

The claim came in a HarperCollins press release on the publication of the 13th edition of the atlas, stating that global warming was "turning Greenland 'green.'" The gradual melting was also depicted in the atlas itself, as cartographers carved out huge chunks of ice to reflect the apparent results of a warming planet.

That was a mistake, scientists say. Poul Christoffersen, a glaciologist at the [Scott Polar Research Institute](#) at the University of Cambridge, said the 15 percent decrease in permanent ice cited "is both incorrect and misleading." He believes the actual number is closer to 0.1 percent. "It is regrettable that the claimed drastic reduction in the extent of ice in Greenland has created headline news around the world," Christoffersen said. "There is to our knowledge no support for this claim in the published scientific literature."

Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2011/09/20/times-atlas-apologizes-for-misleading-greenland-ice-melting-claim/#ixzz1Zqt4eW5t>

Nature Watch: It has been a spectacular week for watching nature. Birds are flocking for their journey south. One of the pastors spotted a loon that was already in its winter plumage. We've spotted lots of raptors in the area including owls, hawks and eagles. Deer have not started the rut yet. We spotted a buck and two does and a fawn laying together under a large oak tree over at Christ Serve Ranch. There are lots of turkeys around. Colors are just about to peak in our area and with rain predicted on Saturday night, many leaves will likely fall. Fishing has been very good in the area with a 21 inch walleye taken out of East Battle Lake. Corn harvest has started in earnest with moisture levels at 20% or so. Beans are coming off fast and the potato harvest is wrapping up quickly. Sugar beets are about 20% finished. The dry conditions have caused the lake to drop a good two feet or more from its highs. Road kill watch this week has included an increasing number of skunks and raccoons with a snake or two. We've also spotted a few salamanders crossing highways. There are 6 varieties of salamanders in Minnesota. Follow today's link to find out more.

Program Information: We still have room for several of the upcoming creation-science events including the Creation Photography workshop and the Responding to evolution. Check on the Lutheran Island Camp website for more information.

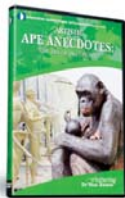
Bulletin insert: Even though we've had a beautiful fall, winter is coming. Plan now to enjoy it as another gift of God.

From the Task force: We praise God that we are able to announce that both the Lutheran Island Camp and the Minnesota North District Board of directors has approved moving ahead with the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch. We are in the final negotiations and hope to be able to announce a closing date soon. In the mean time we want you to realize that this is just the beginning of an exciting journey to provide the first Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center in the country. It will take lots of volunteers, prayers, gifts, equipment, and energy to get everything moving along.

God's Word: ⁴² “This is what the LORD says: As I have brought all this great calamity on this people, so I will give them all the prosperity I have promised them. ⁴³ Once more fields will be bought in this land of which you say, ‘It is a desolate waste, without people or animals, for it has been given into the hands of the Babylonians.’ Jeremiah 32: 42-43

Prayer List: 1.) Join us in giving thanks to God that the land is being bought. 2.) Ask God to lift up on a regional and national basis many more volunteers, donors, and leaders for His Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center 3.) Ask God to support our staff and board in the decision making they are making. 4.) Praise God for the beauty that surrounds us. 5.) Give thanks to Him for the grace we do not deserve.

Link of the week: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/young_naturalists/salamanders/index.html



Resource of the week: **Artistic Ape Anecdotes:** This DVD shows how detailed illustrations have been imaginatively created from fragmentary fossils! While the content of this popular, illustrated presentation DVD is the same as one you may have with the same title, it now includes extra features. Not only does it have a new cover design, it also has English sub-titles, has been ‘re-badged’ to feature the CMI logo and contact details and includes a 3-minute promotional segment.

Question and Answer:

Question: How soon can people start using Christ Serve Ranch?

Answer: We are working on nearly 40 different programs that will be held there next summer. In addition we are going to be identifying some programs that may start as soon as January. Keep watching for them.

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