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Greetings in Christ!

Many of us have given the lives of our children and grandchildren over to the schools in our communities. It behooves us as parents and grandparents to keep in touch with the things our children are being taught and to teach them to respectfully question information that may be put forth as truth.

Creation and Life issues in the news:

Global Cooling Forecast

It was announced at the recent annual meeting of the Solar Physics Division of the American Astronomical Society (AAS/SPD) at New Mexico State University that the next 11-year solar sunspot cycle, Cycle 25, will be greatly reduced or will not occur at all. Magnetic fields erupting from the sun will be so weak that few if any sunspots will form. The current sunspot cycle, Cycle 24, started out late and slow and will likely produce a very weak solar maximum in 2013.

This report from the National Solar Observatory (NSO) and the Air Force Research Laboratory at Kitt Peak in Arizona indicates that the familiar sunspot cycle may be shutting down for a while, causing global cooling.

Migration of Internal Current Flows

Frank Hill, associate director of the NSO's Solar Synoptic Network, was the lead author on one of three papers presented at the conference on sunspot cycles.¹ Using data from six observing stations in the Global Oscillation Network Group (GONG), his team translated pulsations caused by sound waves reverberating in the sun using models of its internal structure.

They found that east-west zonal currents inside the sun, called the torsional oscillation, migrate toward the equator and match new sunspot formations for each cycle. They successfully predicted the late onset of the current Cycle 24. Hill said in an AAS/SPD press release. To read more:

<http://www.icr.org/article/6257/>

Nature Watch: Some of staff had some road trips over the last couple of weeks and commented on seeing lots of unusual things. We'll share some of those including road kill that included a badger, two coyotes, several deer, many, many raccoons, a young fox and two turkeys. On our various trips we saw that much of the corn in Iowa and southern Minnesota is starting to turn brown and some fields of beans are also turning. We saw potatoes being harvested, corn silage being chopped, and lots of hay cut. Grain harvest seems to be complete. We are currently losing about 3 minutes and 14 seconds of sunlight each day. We now are down to about 14 hours of sunlight. We have now entered into fall even though the equinox isn't for another couple of weeks. Fall weather patterns are starting to show up. They tend to be slower moving and with higher pressures, providing less wind and more sunlight. This will continue on into October. Bird migrations are beginning to start. Are you having trouble with mice and other rodents this year. You are not alone. Maybe you would like to know more about them. Check out our link of the week.

Program Information: We are excited about our Young Scientist program which will be held next week. It is for homeschool students. We pray that God will bless the students while they are at

Lutheran Island Camp. We have begun working on the plans for programming for 2012. At this point we have at least two events scheduled every week next summer that would be held either primarily or exclusively at Christ Serve Ranch. Those programs will help us meet the increasing demand for many of our most popular programs. We have at least 4 weeks when we'll need to provide lodging at CSR because of commitments we already have!

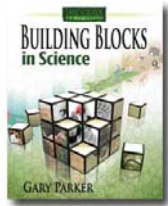
Bulletin insert: Have you prayed for the students in your life this week? They face many challenges to their faith. Pray that God will sustain and uplift them.

From the Task force: We thank God for the recent gift we received which was designated to purchase another membership unit in the Friends of Creation Science LLC.

God's Word: ² We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³ We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Prayer List: 1.) Please continue to remember Pastor Randy Maland in your prayers. He is now at home. 2.) Praise God for the \$30,000 gift he led a family to give toward the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch. 3.) Pray that God would lift up just a few more donors and investors. 4.) Pray that God would bless our plans for 2012. 5.) Give thanks for the bounty of this year's harvest.

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



Resource of the week:

Building Blocks in Science In this first book of a new series, former evolutionary biologist, Gary Parker, offers a biblically-grounded, evolution-free look at early man. He explores some of the most interesting areas of science: fossils, the errors of evolution, the evidences for creation, early man and human origins, dinosaurs, and even "races."

Question and Answer:

Question: What habitats does Christ Serve Ranch have?

Answer: There are at least 8 biomes on the property. They include prairie, lake, pond, native forest, glen, cultivated forest, marsh, and lawn.

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