

August 5, 2009

Greetings in Christ!

Our Creator God blesses us so abundantly with a creation that has flexibility. Just think of how flexible plants and animals are to be able to survive extremes in temperature, nourishment, wind speed, and so many more variables. Even God's most wonderful creation, man, has so much flexibility built in naturally and then this wonderful brain God has given us allows us to create shelter, grow crops, adapt to harsh environments, and to learn from our mistakes and pass that knowledge on to future generations.

Creation and Life issues in the news: Al Gore on Tuesday (July 7) compared the battle against climate change with the struggle against the Nazis.

The former vice president said the world lacked the political will to act and invoked the spirit of Winston Churchill by encouraging leaders to unite their nations to fight climate change.

He also accused politicians around the world of exploiting ignorance about the dangers of global warming to avoid difficult decisions.

Speaking at Britain's Oxford University at the Smith School World Forum on Enterprise and the Environment, sponsored by the Times of London, Gore said, "Winston Churchill aroused this nation in heroic fashion to save civilization in World War II."

He added, "We have everything we need except political will, but political will is a renewable resource."

Gore admitted that it was difficult to persuade the public that the threat from climate change was as urgent as the threat from Nazi Germany.

Nature Watch: We watched as our flock of geese (now numbering 17, down from a high of 21) are now starting to understand flight. The youngsters have been seen taking off on flights of up to 20 feet in recent days. They are all getting ready for a journey south that will be starting very soon. Young mammals born this spring and early summer are now subsisting on diets other than just mother's milk. Fawns are nibbling on sweet grasses, little chipmunks are scavenging for themselves, young skunks are starting to hunt grubs on their own. More and more time away from a protective mother often leads to unforeseen adventures as hawks, ospreys, owls, and eagles supplement their diets with young morsels. The first colors are starting to show in a few maple trees. First to turn are some of the non-native trees imported into our yards. The sun's angle will soon melt the wax that attaches the leaves and fall colors will not be far behind.

Program Information: Groups of young people and families will want to watch our Summer 2010 schedule for special Creation-Science group opportunities. We will be putting together a number of events for small to larger groups. These will be announced in coming weeks.

Thanks to the generosity of a number of Sunday Schools, we've been able to purchase our first telescope. We expect it to arrive sometime in the next week or two and hope to

have it set up and useable for programs this fall. This one has a computer that will help us identify and locate celestial exhibits rapidly.

From the Task Force: Tours are available for anyone who would like to come out and visit the property we hope to purchase for the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center. We call the property Christ Serve Ranch. It's located 3 miles from Lutheran Island Camp and is an excellent place for us to develop great learning for youth and adults. Just give us a call at 218-583-2905 and ask for Bill.

God's Word: All flesh is not the same: Men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. 1 Corinthians 15:39.

Prayer List: 1.) We ask for you continued prayers for the ladies who were injured at Lutheran Island Camp last Saturday while on a horse drawn wagon ride; 2.) Please continue to pray for the Task Force as they work on their respective projects; 3.) Prayers are requested for wisdom and discernment as Congress recesses to hear from constituents on the Healthcare Reform bills being considered. Please ask for guidance as to how you might support the rights of the elderly and unborn. 4.) Please pray that additional leaders and donors would be brought forth to help support the purchase of property to establish the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center. 5.) Please pray for strength to be given to those of us who daily fight the battles against Satan and his desire to undo all the good things that God blesses us with.

Link of the week: <http://www.whoisyourcreator.com> This link contains a number of discussion links about creation.

Resource of the week: Brian Young-

Our friend and educator **Brian Young** will be in Minnesota this fall for several programs. He has some availability for churches, schools, and organizations from October 26 through the 31st. He does a number of excellent presentations that can range from an hour or more to several hours over a couple of days. His cost are reasonable and your congregation or group will receive thanks many times over for inviting him. You can contact him by phone at 402-756-5121 or by e-mail at creation1@juno.com.

Question and Answer:

Question: What is a miracle?

Answer: We generally consider a miracle to be any event that goes beyond what our expectation of what nature's laws are. Perhaps a better definition would be an event in which God intervenes to set aside the regular order of things He has created. By that definition, miracles can only be done by God, even though He may use someone as His tool.

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