

December 16, 2009

Greetings in Christ!

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, let us not forget that His birth, life, death, and resurrection are all real events. They were recorded in the Gospels but they were also foretold in the Old Testament and were the fulfillment of a promise given to Adam and Eve. Those events are a gift to each of us.

Creation and Life issues in the news:

Fresh Salamander Tissue Found in Solid Rock

by Brian Thomas, M.S. *

Researchers have described remarkably well-preserved tissue discovered inside a salamander fossil. The fully intact muscle tissues also had blood-filled vessels, and they had not been mineralized like most fossils. This “fresh meat” find is depicted as the “highest quality soft tissue preservation ever documented in the fossil record.”¹ But given its assigned age of 18 million years old, it shouldn’t be there at all.

The fossil had been stored in Madrid’s Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales. According to the researchers’ report in *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, it was “recovered during commercial mining of the oil shales at the beginning of the twentieth century and does not appear to have been treated or prepared prior to our analysis.”²

To read more of this article, follow this link: <http://www.icr.org/article/5117>.

Nature Watch: Bitterly cold weather has replaced the mild temps of November. All area lakes have now frozen over and a few people have ventured out on the ice which is as deep as 10 inches in some places. We hear reports of good fishing. During this next week the sun will be close to the earth but at an angle that continues to shorten our days and provide us with winter. Early next week we start the journey toward the longer days of May and June.

Program Information: We continue to get registrations for the Teen Trek Winter Extravaganza coming up in January. This will be an excellent event for youth ages 14 and older. Brian Young will be leading the retreat. Heather Ruesch, Christian Performance artist, has agreed to provide a brief concert as a part of the Creation and Life Issues Convocation on April 18th at Our Redeemer Lutheran in Moorhead. Put the date on your calendar.

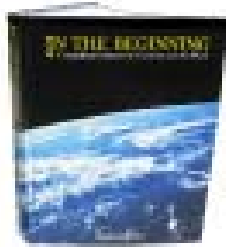
From the Task Force: We continue to hear from folks who have seen coverage of the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center in their local newspapers. This past week we heard that there were stories in several Wisconsin papers as well as papers as far away as Victoria, Texas. We hope to schedule more information meetings after the New Year.

God's Word: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the

earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
Psalm 19:1-4

Prayer List: 1.) Continue to remember our legislators as they debate and vote on the Health Care bill. The current version will not protect the unborn. 2.) Give thanks to God for his sharing of gifts to us through you. We have received several wonderful gifts and every gift is appreciated. 3.) Please pray for positive results for several grants that have either been written or are in the works. 4.) Ask God for continued strength, wisdom, patience and perseverance for the staff. 5.) Thank our Creator for the gift of his Son as payment for all the sins we have done.

Link of the week: <http://www.projectcreation.org/index.php>



Resource of the week: **In the Beginning: Compelling Evidence for Creation and the Flood**, written by Dr. Walt Brown.

Question and Answer:

Question: What Lutheran Church are you affiliated with?

Answer: The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We welcome all denominations as well as the unchurched or those minimally churched.

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