

June 17, 2009

Greetings in Christ!

**Creation and Life issues in the news: The paleontologist who captured the public imagination — and was subjected to professional condemnation — with "Ida" the fossil disclosed Wednesday that he paid nearly \$750,000 for the specimen.** Jorn Hurum bought the almost-complete skeleton for the Natural History Museum in Oslo from an amateur collector who had kept it in his basement for 25 years. He believes that Ida, a 47-million-year-old primate, is a missing link in human evolution.

Fellow scientists denounced the discovery as hype and criticized Dr. Hurum, saying that the purchase could stimulate a black market in fossils. Fox News May 29, 2009 (Other articles indicate that this is much hype about not much at all. For \$750,000, we could probably find lots of “fossils”.)

**Nature Watch:** For the first time in quite a while otters were spotted romping around the recreation field at Lutheran Island Camp. This is unusual as otters, which are native to this area, were in a significant decline. However, with the lowering prices paid for pelts, there has been a resurgence of otters, beaver, martins, and mink. Goslings have now started getting their mature feathers and will soon appear like their parents. Recent sightings of turkey poultts indicate that they turkey population will continue to grow. Fledglings are bouncing out of wood duck nests as well as other waterfowl and song birds. Babies in the raccoon, skunk, and beaver families are starting to make appearances and are very susceptible to predators from the sky, from the canine family and from the automobile family. We desperately need rain and growing degree days to get grasses and crops growing. Corn, beans, and even small grains are at least 3 weeks behind where they should be. Hay cutting continues. Lilacs are ending their blooms but are being replaced by many other bushes, perennials, and wildflowers. The mosquito hatch has been substantial, but there appears to be another hatch of dragonflies that have shown up as well. Painted turtles and other native turtles are laying eggs. We encourage you to resist the urge to pick them up as they are carriers of many diseases including salmonella. Most of the eggs will lay dormant for quite some time.

**Program Information:** This weekend we will be sponsoring a great retreat for college bound teens. It is called Preparing for College and is a must for any student in high school or college. Brian Young will be presenting topics guaranteed to help these students deal with the many challenges that their faith will face from college professors committed to ridiculing a Creator God. Call now to sign your teen up. We do have some scholarship funds available.

Now is the time to get your 8-11 year old signed up for one of the two Creation Safari Camps scheduled for July 12-17 and July 19-24. Check out our website for more information. [www.christserveranch.org](http://www.christserveranch.org).

You're invited: (we already have over 70 people signed up, but still have room)

What: Brian Young will be speaking at Lutheran Island Camp

Topic: What are some of the false teachings found in school textbooks (it will reveal inaccuracies in many of the mainline school textbooks). This year 2009 has been designated as the year of Darwin (celebrating his 200<sup>th</sup> birthday). Brian, will also talk about the recent “supposed” missing link that was found within the past 2 months.

When: Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:00 -8:00 P.M.

Where: Lutheran Island Camp in the newly remodeled chapel.

Please call ahead to reserve a spot for that evening (218-583-2905). A free will offering will be taken to support the continued work of the Creation Science Environmental Learning Center

**From the Task Force:** Much of the task forces energy is focused on ways to purchase the Christ Serve Ranch property. The development committee may have some new direction after their meeting tomorrow. Be watching for updates. The next full task force meeting will be on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

**God's Word:** <sup>22</sup> " This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup> On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. Ezekiel 17:22-23. (We trust God will help the sprig of Christ Serve Ranch grow)

Prayer List: 1.) Please remember our various task force committees as they continue to work on many projects. Special prayers are requested for the development committee as they strive to move forward with purchase arrangements. 2.) Continued prayers are requested for Brian Young and the participants of the Young Scientist Camp. Brian is also doing a number of special presentations. 3.) We ask for your prayers as summer arrives and with it the many challenges of full schedules. 4.) We ask for your prayers for guidance as plans are made for next years Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center programs.

**Link of the week:** [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) is an excellent tool for Bible Study, scripture search, passage look-up, and so much more.

**Resource of the week:** The Story of Creation. This is an Arch book available through camp and Concordia Publishing. It is appropriate for ages 5-9.

Question and Answer:

Question: Who is Brian Young?

Answer: Brian is a wonderful part of our team here at Lutheran Island Camp. He has been working with us for nearly three years. Brian was a Lutheran parochial school teacher who had a passion about creation and how to teach it. Several years ago he decided to turn that passion into an avocation and vocation. He travels around the upper mid-west teaching in parochial schools, doing presentations, and sharing his faith. Brian is an excellent apologist for creation and a Biblical world view, but if you ask him he is

first and foremost an evangelist dedicated to sharing the Gospel. He can be reached through his website: [www.creationinstruction.org](http://www.creationinstruction.org) . There is also a link on our website

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