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Greetings in Christ!

We salute our veterans on Veterans Day! Your sacrifices have allowed us to continue to worship, express our thoughts, share God's Word, and live in a free country. Thank You!

Creation and Life issues in the news: We hope that you have had an opportunity to read the article in the Fargo Forum. You can see by going to the on-line version. The article was on the front page but is now under the Life section, under Faith. There have been many comments, many challenging our sanity, intelligence, and whether or not we are actually child abusers because we dare teach that the Bible is the inerrant word of God. Please encourage family and friends to support our efforts through their prayers. (WCCO.com, the Willmar paper, the Pioneer Press and other papers in the Forum company have all picked up the article) We need prayer warriors right now! You can also encourage them to sign up for the Wednesday e-news, and to support our purchase of Christ Serve Ranch.

Richard Dawkins, the evolutionary biologist and author of *The God Delusion*, has helped launch an atheist summer camp for children. Alongside the more traditional activities of tug-of-war, swimming and canoeing, children at the five-day camp in Somerset will learn about rational scepticism, moral philosophy, ethics and evolution.

Camp-goers aged eight to 17 will also be taught how to disprove phenomena such as crop circles and telepathy. In the Invisible Unicorn Challenge, any child who can prove that unicorns do not exist will win a £10 note - which features an image of Charles Darwin, the father of evolutionary theory - signed by Dawkins, Britain's most prominent atheist. To read more, follow this link: <http://www.thefirstpost.co.uk/49759,people.news.quest-edwin-kagin-samantha-stein-richard-dawkins-funds-atheist-children-summer-camp>

Nature Watch: The deer harvest has been going on in earnest, but with mixed results. Some parties we've visited with have had no luck at all, while others are at about 70% success. Just depends on where you are. The warm temperatures of the last few days have been a blessing for farmers in the area as well as for wildlife. This late into the fall without significant freeze up extends the food sources and allows for a little more fat to be added. Bird populations have been moving through rapidly. Last week we saw snow birds. Sea gulls are still around, but numbers seem to be decreasing. The leaves are all down except for those few trees that hold onto them through the winter. All of the hunting activity brings out the scavengers looking for gut piles and for wounded or dead animals not found by hunters. Because of that increased activity, it is good to keep domesticated animals like dogs and cats from wandering.

Program Information: This past week we had several people request some additional adult programs on creation-science. We are looking into what we may be able to do along those lines. If anyone has a specific topic, please let us know. Don't forget our upcoming Teen Trek Winter Extravaganza, January 8-10, 2010. Brian Young will be the guest presenter.

From the Task Force: The Task Force extends their thanks to the people who have recently contributed or shared plans to invest in our efforts to move forward with the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch. We're also excited about the groups that have contacted us about coming to servant events at Christ Serve Ranch.

God's Word: ²² "The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works,
before his deeds of old;

- ²³ I was appointed from eternity,
from the beginning, before the world began.
- ²⁴ When there were no oceans, I was given birth,
when there were no springs abounding with water;
- ²⁵ before the mountains were settled in place,
before the hills, I was given birth,
- ²⁶ before he made the earth or its fields
or any of the dust of the world.
- ²⁷ I was there when he set the heavens in place,
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,
- ²⁸ when he established the clouds above
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,
- ²⁹ when he gave the sea its boundary
so the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.
- ³⁰ Then I was the craftsman at his side.
I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence,
- ³¹ rejoicing in his whole world
and delighting in mankind. Proverbs 8: 23-31

Prayer List: 1.) Please remember staff member Mary Swyter in your prayers. Mary was involved in a crash on her way to work. She is recovering from surgery on her ankles. 2.) Please remember Brian Young and his family in your prayers. Brian has been the subject of numerous attacks in the comments on the Fargo Forum article. 3.) Please prayer for those people who have lost their way and drifted from the Word, the Truth, and The Life that we have in Christ. Their anger and emptiness is so apparent in the comments we've had since the Fargo article appeared. 4.) Ask our Creator to create in the hearts of those blessed financially the desire to move forward with the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch through the Friends of Creation-Science, LLC. 5.) Keep Scott Hennen and AM 1100 the FLAG in your prayers as they continue to work with us to educate and inform people about what God is doing through our efforts.

Link of the week: <http://creationwiki.org>

Resource of the week: **From Darwin to Hitler** by Richard Weikart. This excellent book looks at the moral judgments made based on the theories of Darwin. These judgments led in large part to the cruelty of the Nazis and Adolf Hitler, but also explain a great deal about the lack of moral clarity that exists for many in today's society.

Question and Answer:

Question: What is a creation scientist?

Answer: A creation scientist is like any other scientist except they have a world view for their science which is based on the belief that God exists and created our universe and the things in it. A Biblical creationist believes that the Bible, especially the first 11 books are real history. As a scientist, they use the same scientific methods, the same experiments, the same natural laws that any scientist does. We define creation science as the study of how God manifests Himself through us and the universe that surrounds us. We have an insatiable curiosity about God's creation and we want to study it and get to know it as best we can.

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