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Greetings in Christ!

This past Sunday most of us did something that was truly amazing. We took back time. We gave ourselves an hour more to sleep, to work, to watch television, or whatever we wanted. The consequences of that hour change could be seen the next morning as we headed to church with more sunlight than the previous week. Of course there were other consequences with changing the time. We lost an hour of sunlight in the evening and we'll lose that same hour next spring. Time cannot be created without consequences. That would be a good thing for scientists to think about when they add millions of years to God's calendar.

**Creation and Life issues in the news:** Christ Serve Ranch and the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center will be highlighted in an upcoming Fargo Forum. We ask for your prayers for our staff and volunteers who will be interviewed about these projects. As many of you know, we have come under some attacks by those who view Creation as a fairytale and the Bible as a storybook. Even some in our own church have attacked our creation programs as "unnecessary", too controversial, or not within the mission of Lutheran Island Camp. Yet an ever increasing majority of people are beginning to understand the significance of what Lutheran Island Camp and the Creation-Science task force are trying to accomplish. And, support continues to grow for the project we have undertaken. And, in the last year alone we've had nearly 700 people attend programs related to our efforts here at camp and in other venues. In 2010 we plan for even more.

As soon as we find out when the story will appear, we will send out a special edition. Several people have already contacted us about reading the article on-line and commenting on it.

PORTLAND, Maine -- Voters in the northeastern state of Maine repealed a state law that would have allowed same-sex couples to wed, dealing the gay rights movement a heartbreaking defeat in the corner of the country most supportive of gay marriage.

**Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) -- [While its work on a pro-abortion health care bill drags on and on, the Senate may vote this week on President Barack Obama's first judicial pick.](#)**

Senate Democrats may open the debate on the nomination of pro-abortion federal judge David Hamilton for a spot on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Nature Watch:** Water temps are really plummeting and one of these mornings we'll see a solid skim of ice on the lakes in the area. The first ice fishing houses will be right behind. The rut is really going on with deer in the area. We see continuous signs of scraping done by bucks in the area. The deer are moving around. Leaves plummeted off of trees this past week. Brought on by a wet and windy week most trees have now lost all of their leaves and it opens up the beauty of the woods. Leaves make a great natural mulch to cover septic systems, cover perennials, and can be composted for great garden or planting soil.

**Program Information:** Should we be blessed with the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch in the next few months, we'll be needing lots of help to work on the property next year. We've scheduled 4 different servant events in June and July for groups from around the upper Midwest to come and join us to work on various projects. Dates and rates will be announced very soon.

**From the Task Force:** We continue to have interest expressed in our Friends of Creation Science Limited Liability Company. There is information of the website: [http://christserveranch.org/content\\_45.php](http://christserveranch.org/content_45.php) . Would you like to host an information meeting?

We encourage you to invite some friends over or have a meeting at your church to hear about what we are doing with Christ Serve Ranch and the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center. We'd also love to have you stop by for a tour. Please call in advance. Just give us a call, send an e-mail, or drop us a note.

**God's Word:** "Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. 12. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good." Genesis 1:11-12

Prayer List: 1.) Your prayers are requested for Bill's infant grandson Gavin who continues to have a battery of tests in St. Cloud and now at Children's Hospital in the Twin Cities 2.) Pray for the safety of all those involved in harvesting deer over the next couple of weeks and give thanks to God for the bounty of that harvest. 3.) Please keep our efforts to purchase Christ Serve Ranch in your prayers. 4.) Please remember our staff, volunteers, and instructors who will be interviewed for the Fargo Forum article in your prayers and pray that the article will be a blessing to many. 5.) Give thanks that many pro-life candidates were elected yesterday.

**Link of the week:** <http://www.christiananswers.net/creation/>

Resource of the week: **Lessons from Nature** is a book written by David Schonberg, a local sweet corn grower in the Alexandria area. It is available from Caravan Books in Alexandria. It is a delightful book.

Question and Answer:

Question: How can I teach my children about Creation?

Answer: There are many resources available from reputable publishing houses such as Concordia. Answers in Genesis also has some excellent resources. Brian Young has several excellent books and a great set of DVDs. Finally, next summer, June 18-20, we will be holding a family retreat on "Teaching Your Family About Creation". The cost is very reasonable.

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