

October 7, 2009

Greetings in Christ!

October has arrived and with it the final quarter of the year and some significant changes in weather. Harvest is going full steam and God's abundance is certainly obvious again this year. For many, autumn is a time of reflection and for planning. Just as the farmer or gardener is excited about the harvest, they are also thinking about what they could have done to make it better and have already started thinking about next year's crop. While God doesn't want us to worry about the future, He does give us the ability to think about the future and to plan. Now is a great time to plan for the coming months.

***Creation and Life issues in the news:*** After 15 years of rumors, researchers in the U.S. and Ethiopia Thursday made public fossils from a 4.4-million-year-old human forebearer they say reveals that our earliest ancestors were more modern than scholars assumed and deepens the evolutionary gulf separating humankind from today's apes and chimpanzees. To read more on this story, follow this link:

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB125440678661956317.html?mod=WSJ\\_hpp\\_MIDDLETopStories](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB125440678661956317.html?mod=WSJ_hpp_MIDDLETopStories)

(Editor's note: they are getting closer to the truth? Sadly, the whole Lucy fraud is still viewed as truthful even after it has been disproved. )

**Nature Watch:** There are lots of ways that prognosticators use to predict what kind of winter it is going to be. They range from caterpillars, to acorn shells, to the height of muskrat houses. Here are a couple of more: how high is your neighbor's woodpile? How many rural mail carriers buy new snow tires? How expensive is fuel oil? How expensive does a typical airline flight to Mexico get? When do farmers want their seeds delivered in the spring?

Leaves continue to change color and they are beautiful this year. Most plants have stopped growing. Apples are mostly ripe now with crap apples and decorative crabs being sought after by deer, birds, raccoons, and other animals. Recent rains are wonderful for regenerating the water tables and setting up next year's crops for a good start. Lake and river levels had gotten quite low, but this regeneration will really help us enter the winter with better water levels in small, shallow lakes, and ponds.

**Program Information:** We've now established the information for an excellent program next June. Here is the description which you can also find on our website:

### **Teaching Your Family about Creation**

Your children are inundated with evolution, ridicule of the church, and false information from infancy on. It can be a real challenge to come up with ways to combat all of the wrong thinking that is being thrown at them. Brian Young will do a series of presentations to help parents and children understand God's truth about creation and the importance of understanding that truth. This is a family event.

**Dates:** June 18-20

**Rate:** \$75 per person, children 5 and under free, maximum of \$300 per family. This rate is available for any of the above Family Weekend Getaways.

Lutheran Island Camp now has most of its 2010 programs on the website and there is a nice increase in the number of programs under the title of Creation-Science.

**From the Task Force:** From Task Force member Judy Kretzschmar word comes of a Lutherans for Life event this coming Sunday: Colonel John Eismore, board member of the national Lutherans for Life organization, will be speaking for the Lutherans for Life Dessert Banquet this Sunday night at First Lutheran Church, 619 Broadway N. in Fargo, at 7:00 PM. There is no charge and no pre-registration necessary. For more information you can call Kim Wagner at (701) 866-4747 or me at (334) 324-1812. Our Task Force feels strongly that creation and life issues are tied to each other.

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**God's Word:** <sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. **Jeremiah 29:11-12.**

Prayer List: 1.) Pray for success for the upcoming Lutherans for Life Dessert Banquet. 2.) Remember our efforts to find investors to purchase Christ Serve Ranch. 3.) Give thanks for the recent gifts that our Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center has received. 4.) Pray for those teachers and scientists who look at the truth but cannot see it. 5.) Rejoice with us as one of Task Force members, Teri Norman, celebrates the heavenly homegoing of her grandmother Viola Munstermann, just short of her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Link of the week:** [http://islandcamp.org/content\\_71.php](http://islandcamp.org/content_71.php) This is the link to the summer 2010 Creation-Science programs scheduled at Lutheran Island Camp. Registrations are now open.

**Resource of the week:** <http://lcmsfoundation.org/MNNGP.asp> this is a link to information about David Priebe, our resource of the week. David is a member of our Task Force and is the gift counselor for the Minnesota North District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Dave can help you plan a legacy gift to the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center. He can also help Minnesota residents purchase membership units in the Friends of Creation-Science Limited Liability Company that will eventually purchase and own Christ Serve Ranch.

Question and Answer:

Question: When will the membership units in the LLC become available?

Answer: We can start selling them as of October 15, 2009. Contact Bill Schultz at the address below if you are interested.

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