

September 9, 2009

Greetings in Christ!

September is a month of transitions. Average temperatures drop; amount of daylight decreases dramatically; the growing season comes to an end in our area; and preparations are made for winter by humans and animals alike. Our Creator gives us abundant harvest of the things we need to sustain life. He is also preparing, through His Holy Spirit, for a harvest of a different sort. We need to be prepared for that as well. We need to be prepared to witness to those who do not understand the Creator, His creation, or His love through His Son, Jesus.

Creation and Life issues in the news: And on Thursday this week, the Toronto International Film Festival opens with a gala presentation of the world premiere of [“Creation.”](#) the first full-length film about Darwin for the big screen. It’s directed by Jon Amiel, and Paul Bettany plays Darwin; Bettany’s real-life wife, Jennifer Connelly, plays Darwin’s wife Emma. Unlike Charles and Emma, however, Connelly and Bettany are not first cousins.

The script of “Creation” is based on a book called “Annie’s Box: Charles Darwin, his Daughter, and Human Evolution,” by Randal Keynes. Keynes is one of Darwin’s great-great-grandsons. His book is thus part-biography, part-family memoir. To read more, follow this link: <http://judson.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/09/08/the-creation-of-charles-darwin>

Nature Watch: Birds are beginning to flock together for their journeys south. Lots of blackbirds are gathering into huge flocks. We’ve been seeing more turkeys as of late. They are moving out from the woods and are searching for food sources other than acorns as grains ripen. Various hunting seasons that have started also start moving wildlife out from their hiding spots. Spotted in the area have been bear, bobcats, mink, and woodchucks. This also becomes a time in our area to be especially watchful when traveling on the highways. We’ve been observing Bald Eagles on the lake. They are perching high in dead trees, then swooping down for tasty fish that travel to close to the surface. Leaves are turning quite rapidly. We are starting to see lots of reds, golds, and browns among the greens. Some trees and shrubs are losing their leaves.

Program Information: Now is the time to begin planning for your youth ages 10-15 to join us for our Young Scientist programs in 2010. They’ve been scheduled for June 13-18 and June 27-July 2. Brian Young will once again be the leader. We’ve also scheduled three weeks of Creation Safari camp for younger youth. Those weeks are tentatively scheduled for July 11-16, July 18-23, and August 8-13. Don’t forget to register for our **Responding to Evolution** weekend October 16-18. You can find out more by following this link: http://christserveranch.org/content_68.php

From the Task Force: Plans are well underway for our Open House at the property that we hope to purchase, Christ Serve Ranch. There will be food and beverages, wagon rides, displays, resources, door prizes, and much more. The property is located on County road 5 north of Clithral. It is scheduled for Sunday, September 20 from 2-4 pm. We are also pleased to announce that 1100 AM the FLAG is now entering into phase 2 of our work with them. We encourage you to listen and support this effort.

God's Word: “But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity^[a] that is in Christ.”
II Corinthians 11:3

Prayer List: 1.) We pray that one of the first things children learn is that God created them and the world they live in; 2.) We ask your prayers for all of the farmers, agriculture laborers, and their families at this busy time of year. 3.) Please continue to pray for a successful Open House at Christ Serve Ranch on September 20th. 4.) We ask for your prayers as we continue working with attorneys and accountants to set up the Limited Liability Company and that investors would be raised up. 5.) Please petition for God's blessings on the renewed 1100 AM the FLAG campaign.

Link of the week:

http://www.lifeoftheworld.com/lotw/article.php?m_vol=13&m_num=2&a_num=2 This is an article that appeared in the most recent edition of Life of the World. It is an article written by Ken Ham entitled “The Darwin-Lutheran Connection”.

Resource of the week: <http://www.icr.org/aaf> This week's resource is the Acts and Facts monthly magazine from the Institute for Creation Research. The link will take you to the September edition.

Question and Answer:

Question: How much time does the staff of Lutheran Island Camp spend on Christ Serve Ranch and how does it affect the camp.

Answer: Right now only one staff person spends much time on the project because we all have other responsibilities. Bill Schultz is the primary staff person working on the various programs and projects. He was assigned by the board chairman to serve as the staff person for the Task Force. He spends about 10-15 hours a week (we wish it were more) working with the Task Force, on newsletters, developing programs, etc. That time is volunteer time for him at this point. We rely on excellent volunteers to carry on much of the work related to Christ Serve Ranch. We believe the CSR and the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center will have a major impact on the future of the camp.

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