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Greetings in Christ!

One of the wonderful blessings of our efforts to purchase Christ Serve Ranch has been the opportunity to witness to people who call us to ask questions about our motives in starting our Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center. Some wonder if a Lutheran organization actually believes in God creating the earth. Still others want to know more about our values, our doctrines, and our desire to teach creation-science. Finally, there are those who express their thanks and offer their prayers and support. Each day provides so many new opportunities and we thank God for every one of them

Creation and Life issues in the news: Our own Stephanie Erlandson, task force member, made the news on Tuesday of this week. Stephie was interviewed by Scott Hennen on his radio program. She shared some of the challenges she has had recently in her science classes. Steph did a great job of sharing her faith and her knowledge of the science that questions some of the theories promoted by Darwinists. We hope to get a copy of the interview and have it available on our website.

Nature Watch: Deer fawns are being born right now. We all need to take extra care driving as these little ones struggle to get around for the first few days of their life. They are also very susceptible to attack by coyotes, fox, and stray dogs. Blue birds are showing up in ever increasing numbers. We've also seen a real increase in the number of Baltimore Orioles and expect hummingbirds to arrive momentarily. The colder than normal weather of this spring has likely slowed down the fish spawn, but water temperatures are starting an upward climb.

Program Information: we want to remind everyone of the Teaching Creation Science workshop coming up in June. This excellent program is worthwhile for teachers, pastors, parents, Sunday School teachers and others who want to be able to share their faith by teaching others about our Creator.

From the Task Force: Our finance committee continues to work on various ways that Christ Serve Ranch can be purchased. One idea is that people who have funds to invest and want a good return would come together and purchase the property and rent it back to the camp while we raise the remainder of the funds needed.

God's Word: ⁵ They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. ⁶ They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds. Psalm 145: 5-6.

Prayer List: Please continue to remember the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch in your prayers. We need a miracle of some sort in order to move ahead with the purchase. Please remember our camp staff in your prayers. Many of them will be arriving on Memorial Day and we pray them safely here, ready to work. Please remember our Task Force in

your prayers as they prepare to come together on June 1. Please remember the farmers of our area who are working very hard to get crops planted.

Link of the week: <http://www.biblegateway.com> this is an excellent link to find Bible passages and for study of God's word.

Resource of the week: the Freshwater Society Minnesota Weatherguide Environment Calendar. This calendar provides great information on what to watch for in nature throughout the year.

Question and Answer:

Question: Will you be doing winter programs at the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center?

Answer: Yes, we'll have winter campouts, hikes, sleigh rides, and many opportunities to share God's great wonders that are present only in the winter.

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