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Dear Friends in Christ!

It has been quite a week here at Lutheran Island Camp. As many of you are aware, last Monday the Fargo Forum did a front page article on our Creation-Science Camps. Needless to say that generated quite a lot of comments. If you would like to read the article and comments, please go to www.christserveranch.org and follow the links. You can also sign up for our Wednesday e-news, which focuses on our creation programs, while you're there.

Make a World for Christ Appeal: This past weekend we trained about 25 council visitor teams and will be training at least that many this next weekend. These are teams of laypeople and a few clergy who will be contacting Minnesota North District congregations about their participation in the *congregation phase of the appeal*. Over the next weeks these visitors will be contacting congregations to set up visits to church councils in January through March of 2010. The congregation phase of the campaign will actually take place in the fall of 2010. Please welcome these volunteers when they call.

We want to again encourage our many congregations to consider joining us for one of the **Island Christmas Dinners**. You can find out more at our website. We have some great entertainment, wonderful meals, and an uplifting experience as we share Christmas stories from our childhood and the real story of Christ's birth. Call or e-mail your reservations in.

We are very pleased to announce that this year's speaker for our **Creation and Life Issues Convocation** will be noted speaker Dr. David Menton of Missouri. We have made arrangements for him through Answers in Genesis. The date has been set for Sunday, April 18th in the Fargo-Moorhead area. The time will likely be at 2:00 pm in the afternoon. More information will be coming out, but we wanted you to get it on your calendars.

The **2010 Women's Retreat** will be later this year. We've scheduled it for the weekend of April 16-18. Dr. David Menton will be the quest speaker.

Mary update: We want to thank all of you for your prayers and for your cards and e-mails directed to our merry Mary. She was discharged from the hospital last Wednesday but will face at least 6-8 weeks off of her feet and then several months of physical therapy. We miss her terribly, especially her cheerful smile and disposition. For those of you concerned about how Marvin is behaving. He is doing a wonderful job as husband, partner, and friend to his wife. We are all surprised!!! Please keep them both in your prayers.

There are many great events coming up for all ages. Don't forget our **Winter Adventure for 8-12 year olds**, scheduled for February 12-14 and our **Teen Trek Winter Extravaganza** January 8-10 with Brian Young.

Question and Answer:

Question: When can we start signing up for summer camp 2010?

Answer: The schedule will be up on the website within the next few days. We encourage you to select your event and get your registration in right away. We already have several extra groups booked for this summer and that may have an impact on what we are able to handle for some events.

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