

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Tiny Flies Inspire Big Advances in Hearing Aids



The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them. – Proverbs 20:12

Do you know how your ears help you pinpoint the location of whatever you are hearing? Two factors come into play. First, you hear the sound louder in the ear that is closer to whatever is producing the sound.

And second, the sound arrives at the closer ear a little sooner than the other.

So how does the tiny *Ormia ochracea* fly pinpoint sounds? Her ears are so close together, the sound arrives at one ear just a millionth of a second before the other! As Dr. Jonathan Sarfati tells us in his book *By Design*, this was no problem at all for the One who designed the fly.

God gave the tiny fly a bridge – a flexible lever – that couples both eardrums together. According to Dr. Sarfati, "The resulting resonance effectively increases the time difference about 40 times, and the eardrum nearest the sound vibrates about 10 decibels higher ... which is a big difference!" Thanks to this ingenious design, "the fly's mechanical and signal-processing technology is being used to improve hearing aids, which normally can't tell direction, and it could also be used to design miniature directional microphones."

Dr. Sarfati concludes, "Once more, the design in nature has taught top human designers some lessons." And yet, scientists continue to give credit to evolution "without the slightest explanation of how the mechanical structure and nervous coding system could arise by small mutations and natural selection."

Ref: Jonathan Sarfati, Ph.D., *By Design: Evidence for Nature's Intelligent Designer – the God of the Bible*, pp. 42-43 (Creation Book Publishers, 2008). Photo: Female *Ormia ochracea* resting on a fingernail. Courtesy of Jpaur. (CC BY-SA 3.0)

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Sunday, December 31, 2017

Accompanist: Matt Murphy

Greeters: LeeRoy & Ginger Nelson Scripture Reader: Lindy Johnson

Nursery: Aaron & Erica Skogen Usher: Mike Kresak

Children's Church: Erica Skogen

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, and Christian Greetings

Hymn #271....."Standing on the Promises"

Opening Prayer

Hymn #349....."Trust and Obey"

Offering/Offertory

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Scripture Reading.....John 15:1-17

Children may be excused for Children's Church (3 yrs-2nd grade)

Sermon..."Abiding in Christ".....Chaplain Harlan Moss

Closing Hymn #379....."Take My Life and Let It Be"

Benediction

Postlude

***Nursery is available for children infant thru 3 years old

(Please contact an usher for information and/or direction.)

***Hearing Amplifier Available – Please contact an usher

Please join us after the worship service for coffee and treats in the fellowship room.

No Sunday School today

Classes resume next Sunday

For Your Information and Prayer

- Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Awana Clubs
- Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study at Charlotte Rottluff home, 1413 Rushmore Dr (Autumn View I), Brandon

Upcoming Events:

- January 7th White Cross Love offering and Video and Bandage rolling/potluck (please bring main dish and side dish; Last Name A-M does setup, Last Name N-Z does cleanup)
- January Alpha Center World’s Largest Baby Shower (all month)

Next Sunday: January 7, 2018

- Greeters: Doris Conradson
- Usher: Mike Kresak
- Nursery: Ginger Nelson and Katrina Nelson
- Scripture Reader: Joan Murphy
- Children’s Church: Trevor Skogen and Andrea Skogen

OUR GIVING:	Sunday, December 24, 2016
General Giving	\$ 4,160.00
Awana	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 4,170.00
(Approximately \$2,500 is needed each week to meet expenses)	

***** Praise & Prayer*****

- Marene Smith**, pray for healing for broken arm
- Joan Murphy**, cancer has returned, pray for healing and wisdom for decisions
- Mary Tripp**, sister of Theresa Friesen, undergoing radiation treatment
- Ron Benson**, brother of Mike Benson, for heart health issues
- Amanda Benson**, as her sending church, Amanda has asked that we lift her up in prayer as she is in the mission field.
- Serving Our Country:** Josh Onnen, Air Guard; Chad Carlson, Air Guard (Son-in-law of Carl & Lindy Johnson); Kristina Lee, Air Force (Grandchild of Ray & Dee Olson); Amir Rottluff, Navy (grandson of Charlotte Rottluff)

Our Prayer Partnership

- Beaver Valley Lutheran Church, Valley Springs
- President Greg & Heather Henson, Sioux Falls Seminary

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Nigeria

Increase of Violence in Plateau State Source: World Watch Monitor

After a period of relative calm, violence has resumed in Plateau state – resulting in the deadliest sectarian violence in Nigeria’s recent history. The fatalities were perpetrated by Fulani herdsman who have been primarily targeting Christian farmers in the country’s Middle Belt. In fact, many experts now report that the attacks of this militant Muslim group have killed more people than those committed previously by the notorious Boko Haram terrorists.

According to a non-governmental organization on the ground, Stefanos Foundation, repeated attacks against Christian communities took place this September and October, leaving more than 75 slain. Throughout the course of the violence, 12 villages have been attacked. In addition to the casualties, 489 homes have been burned and 13,726 people displaced.

The violence continued to claim more lives in November. During the early hours of November 13th, two men, Christopher Dung and Bulus Dantoro, were ambushed and killed in Wereng village of Riyom Local Government Area. A week earlier, nine others were shot dead and four more injured as they returned from a weekly village market in the same government area. The injured victims identified the perpetrators as Fulani militants. Then, on November 30th, at least four more people were fatally injured after Fulani herdsman, who were armed with guns, opened fire at a mining site in Jol village, also of Riyom Local Government Area.

On December 8th, at a delegation of Christian leaders from the Church of Christ in Nations, it was revealed that some of those responsible for the attacks have been arrested, although they have not been publicly identified as Fulani herdsman. Further investigations are being made.

Please prayerfully uphold the many injured and displaced victims of the recent targeted attacks – those who have suffered immensely at the hands of the perpetrators. In the midst of their pain and heartache, may God demonstrate His loving kindness by ministering greatly needed healing, provision, comfort and strength. Pray that His wisdom and direction will be granted to those in positions of governmental authority so they can ensure justice, stability and peace for the inhabitants of this troubled area. Intercede also for the perpetrators of the violence in hopes that the hatred within each of their hearts will be replaced with a new spirit – one that is tender and responsive to His transformative love (Ezekiel 36:26).