

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Thursday, September 3, 2015

Dear friends and neighbors,

As a child, I loved to watch beauty pageants - the costumes, the dances, the exotic faces and skin colors from all over the world. It wasn't until I got older than I understood the jokes about "world peace." It seemed that if a contestant didn't know what to say during her interview, she simply said, "world peace" with a big smile on her face - and got excellent scores for doing so.



Now, we talked last week about Mother Teresa encouraging us all to use our smiles (or Christian weapons of mass destruction) to kick-off peace in our homes and communities. But I don't know if those empty beauty pageant smiles were exactly what she meant. We know that no one is ever always happy - and smiling can take its toll if you are battling depression or mourning a serious loss or illness. But I read once that it takes twice as many muscles to frown than it does to smile - so why not make our lives a little easier and show our pearly whites this week?

Heck, if the Germans can do it, anyone can! The more I've listened to recent reports about the Syrian and Libyan refugees streaming across Europe, the more I have longed to be back in Munich. At first, the media reported widespread hatred for asylum-seekers across Europe, the burning of refugee homes, and political disdain.



This week, the tiny country of Iceland started a crowd-based website where individuals offered to pay for plane tickets and accommodations for refugees. And my friends in Munich sent stories about city officials turning a train station into a emergency shelter. They plead with the public to stop bringing food, clothing, and other donations because they had nowhere to store all of the things that had been so generously given. Police officers worked overnight and government agents set up shop on street corners. Cots were brought into local elementary school gyms to insure that no one slept on

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Sunday, Sept. 6

Sermon: What We Believe? #6 - from our *Social Principles: Is World Peace Just a Beauty Pageant Fantasy?* Rev. Emily Flemming

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

Reader: Deb Tabor

Greeter: Karen Schwenn

Flowers: The Littles

Refreshments: The Tabors
(after worship at 12pm)



Pastor's Message (continued)

the ground. I sobbed as I pictured the long lines of people carrying nothing more than a backpack or a few plastic grocery bags, begging for a chance to escape the violence in their home countries. What can we do with all that pain and loss and despair? A smile surely won't cure it all, but it's a darn good starting place!

I know this weekend is Labor Day, but you won't want to miss this Sunday's conclusion to our 6-week sermon series on the UMC *Social Principles*. We'll be talking more about world peace, and actually begin to create peace by sharing bread and the Cup together (as well as a few smiles and laughs, I hope!) I know many of you may be traveling, but I would love to see you on Sunday at 11am. I'll be there with a smile on!

Pastor Emily

Announcements

This month will be my last month to coordinate the **Senior meal**. If someone would like to take on this ministry of the church, I would be happy to talk with you about all that is involved. We as a church could look at other ideas for a community meal. Please prayerfully consider if this is something you would enjoy doing and let me know. - Deb Tabor

Our fall **Rummage Sale** has been scheduled for Thurs-Sat. Oct. 1st-3rd. Jani Little is coordinating, but we will need lots of help. Please consider donating goods, time, etc.



Prayers

Joys: wonderful to see Stu and Diana in church last Sunday - ongoing prayers for his recovery, Steve Mikesell back in Lyons, Jean's oldest grandson Nathan turned 23 (after being born at 3 lbs) and she and Jerry got to spend quality time in Estes watching Tim rope, for Ron's 50th high school reunion, for our special music each Sunday.

Concerns: Donna Lee back home recovering from hospitalization and lung problems, Debbie's cousin Chris's procedures, Jani and family in the 2nd anniversary of her sister Becky's passing, pipe major Bill Cleary's recovery from trach surgery, the Curton family in the loss of their dog, Annie's niece Katherine, Richard Bennet, Vance's mother Betty, Kathy Ralston, Adams family, Cheryl's radiation, Liz's aunt Sally, the Fikes

You may make prayer requests by contacting Pastor Emily Flemming (Emily@lyonscommunitychurch.org) or Prayer Team Chair Kitty Keim. (kathkeim@earthlink.net).

Be There or Be Square!

Next Sunday, in commemoration of the 2nd anniversary of surviving the flood, we'll all have a chance to show off our Good Manners and enjoy some delicious dessert at our annual Ice Cream Social, 12-1pm in Wesleyan Hall (downstairs). The whole community is invited, and we'll be graced by the toe-tappin' sounds of an amazing local band Good Manners, complete with percussion and woodwinds from our church's own Ian Brighton!



Good Manners plays 20's and 30's era swing as well as salsa, calypso and samba. Songs like "Ain't Misbehavin" and "I'm Beginning to See The Light" will inspire you to get up and jitterbug even if you don't know how! Since we expect a good crowd, dancing may take on place outside on Main t, reminiscent of the block parties that sprang up all



over town in our first 3 days post-flood. So please join us with Ian and his bandmates for a jumpin' good time: Brian Schey (vocals, ukulele), Kim Franco (vocals, percussion) , and KC Groves (vocals, bass).

Interactive Preparedness Workshop

Thursday, September 10, 6:30pm-8:30pm.
LDS Church at 200 2nd Ave, Lyons, CO 80540

Interactive Preparedness Workshop Course Description

Community leaders who attempt to teach individual preparedness typically focus on broad principles that are difficult to implement (e.g. telling the public to “Have a Plan”), or to-do lists of solutions that are relevant only to a small audience (e.g. a pamphlet for Spanish-speaking elderly widows preparing for a hurricane). Conversations preparedness are also infused with “FUD:” Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt.

In contrast, this workshop presents a robust, approachable method for learning individual preparedness. Participants will participate in several focused, facilitated group discussions with peers from their community, using the workshop's method and materials. The workshop helps individuals self-identify preparedness solutions and perform an individualized preparedness gap analysis. The seminar provides a method to match solutions with individual needs, while peers brainstorm and share useful preparedness ideas.

The key to the workshop is to teach participants to prepare for disruptions, rather than disasters. Disasters of many types cause similar disruptions. For example, a hurricane, ice storm, tornado, flood, or house fire all disrupt heat. Likewise, a terrorist attack, civil unrest, and domestic violence each disrupt physical safety. By preparing for a finite number of disruptions, a person can prepare for an infinite number of disasters. Aaron Titus' model integrates multiple dimensions of individual preparedness in a fun, interactive and approachable workshop setting which has been presented to more than 5,000 participants across the country.

Participants will leave the seminar with:

- An individualized preparedness plan they created, based upon peer feedback.
- An individualized preparedness gap analysis.
- A comprehensive framework to understand, organize and discuss emergency preparedness concepts.
- A roadmap for creating a personalized 72-hour kit

About Aaron Titus

Aaron Titus is the Disaster Product Manager for VisionLink, attorney, Mountain West VOAD secretary, and the Northern COVOAD representative for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As a VOAD representative in New Jersey, he coordinated 30,000+ volunteers during the Sandy, Derecho, and Irene responses. He is also Project Manager of Crisis Cleanup (crisiscleanup.org), an open source collaborative work order system that has helped more than 300 relief agencies help 15,000 families in 21 disasters, in 18 states and 4 countries. He regularly presents to emergency professionals around the country about emergency preparedness and response.

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