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I have to thank Glenwood School in Hamilton, Ontario for providing the initial reason as to why this sequence of events even happened. I have been working as a Substitute Secretary with them for the past three months while their regular full time secretary was on a leave of absence. Today was my last day. *sniff* I will miss them all loads and loads. It was a blast.

So here's some of the good-bye e-mail I sent out to the staff at Glenwood today that sets up the story behind the headline . . .

On that whole interconnectedness of life front and how fate works in funny ways.

If it wasn't for Barb going on leave, my friend Debbie leaving her LTO gig at Glenwood for a full time perm job with the Board, and me coming in to be your new sub all sorts of cool and exciting things never would have happened.

For example, I never would have covered my office door with the characters from Lost wearing Santa Hats due to Jan and Sue's door decorating contest. I never would have asked Brenda to take a picture of my door and put it on a disc for me so I could post a picture of me standing next to my Lost door on to my Facebook page to share with my friends. I never would have read Jeff "Doc" Jensen's weekly TOTALLY LOST column on Entertainment Weekly Online that same day and thought he might get a giggle out of seeing my door. He never would have got to read my Lost Church service and decided to feature me in his column.

Although he has been teasing my eventual appearance on Entertainment Weekly for three weeks now . . .

1. "Next week, our official month-long countdown to the premiere of Lost begins! A band will perform! Free pie will be distributed! Zombies will show up! And I can assure you that at least one of those three exclamatory promises will come true! PLUS! You will meet the acquaintance of another Lost Super-Fan whose unique

creative engagement with the show truly deserves to be called spiritual." - Dec 29, 2009 - Lost: The M:I 3 Connection

2. "I had a whole different column planned and nearly written for today. It contained an essay-theory on the themes of redemption and addiction in Lost. It was going to reveal secret themes embedded in one of the most famous scenes of the Lost pilot. It was also going to introduce you to a super-fan named Lyla Miklos, who created a program for an entire church service using characters, motifs, and scenes from Lost. " - Jan 5, 2010 - Lost: 28 Days to Go!

3. "My dissertation on redemption, my theory about addiction, and my profile on Super-Fan Lyla Miklos - all of THAT will finally arrive next week." - Jan 15, 2010 - Lost Exclusive! The As-Yet-Unseen Third Supper Promo Image!

Well that week has finally arrived!!! I am humbled and somewhat beside myself because I thought I would just get some kind of a shout out or honourable mention in his weekly column. Well hum diggity!!! I'm not only featured. I am named in the sub-title and take up the majority of the focus of his write up!?! Wow!

Here's a little sneak peak . . .

Lost: A Shot at Redemption

Doc Jensen makes his case that the castaways' journey can be seen as an allegory for addiction recovery (with a special focus on Jack). Plus: A chat with super-fan Lyla Miklos, who talks about the Lost church service she's written

By Jeff Jensen | Jan 21, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR A SUPER-FAN: LYLA MIKLOS

Fate-or-Coincidence? (Part One)

As I was beginning to find and pull together the aforementioned Lost/Sunday School lesson, I received an email from one Lyla Miklos, who wanted to share with me her story about decorating her door at work with Lost imagery. I thought that was sweet and neat and all, but what really got my attention was her by-the-way mention that she had also created an entire church service built around the narrative, characters, themes, and motifs of Lost. As someone who has always been intrigued and moved by the show's exploration of the themes of faith,

redemption, and the maybe-crazy/maybe-true stories we tell ourselves about ourselves, I wanted to learn more about Lyla's engagement with Lost, as I sensed she and I connected with the show in a similar way. Lyla stands for the manymanymany fans for whom the show has reflected themes and expressed ideas that have challenged their worldview, informed their own ongoing development or examination of their worldviews, and just generally moved their deeper being.

http://www.ew.com/ew/article/0,,20313460_20337825,00.html

BTW: I only noticed as I put this e-mail together for all of you that he has a picture of Naveen Andrews as Sayid with the caption "FEELING HOT, HOT, HOT Super-fan Lyla Miklos can't pick one character she most identifies with, but she knows who she likes!"

LOL!

For those of you who have no idea what my obsession with the TV Show Lost is about and have never seen the show you should check out the video at Sci-Fi Wire which sums up the past five seasons of the series in an 8 minute and 15 second video.

* END OF GOOD-BYE E-MAIL SHARING *

No sooner had Jeff's newest column hit the net I also got a shout out from fellow Lost fan and writer Nikki Stafford on her Blog.

Here's some of what she has to say . . .

Imagine my excitement when reading Jensen's latest column about the Lost Superfans (which have included many other awesome bloggers and Losties out there like our beloved DocArzt), and seeing that I've been referenced! Not by Jensen, but by the person he's interviewing. Superfan Lyla Miklos wrote a Lost church service (seriously, read the article to find out how amazing she is!) and she says at one point that I might have played a small role in it happening: The more I watched Lost the more I felt in my bones that there was a church service sitting right in front of me. After I read Nikki Stafford's Finding Lost it helped to organize and cement some of the ideas that were bubbling in my brain. I was able to give the concept some form and shape and focus.

To read her entire blog post go to <http://nikkistafford.blogspot.com/2010/01/ive-been-mentioned-in-entertainment.html>

I think I just have a nerdy warm glow all over knowing that both Jeff Jensen and Nikki Stafford think I'm cool.

My 15 minutes of fame has been a blast!

As for this year's sci-fi or pop culture themed church service from yours truly????

I haven't decided just yet what I want to speak on this year, although I did tell Jeff when he interviewed me that the title *The Lord of The Rings: In Defense of a Just War* was bouncing around in my head after reading Obama's Nobel Peace Prize Speech at the end of last year.

But we'll have to wait and see. Depending on how awesome a finale the masterminds at Lost come up with there could be a sequel to my original Lost service in the works.

Stay tuned.