



THE F.I.S.H.

FELLOWSHIP IN SERVICE TO HIM



FEEDING HUNGRY

Every 4th Saturday of the month Hope Lutheran Church feeds the hungry in our community at the Winter Visitor Center in Plant City. In march Hope's Youth were the ones preparing, cooking and serving the hungry in our Plant City community! Feeding them physically with some delicious meatball subs, which were very appreciated and enjoyed. Feeding them spiritually with the Words of Life. Living boldly by being Jesus hand's reaching out to others with His grace and mercy and serving the less fortunate with the good news that He cares about them and we care about them.



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#YouthCrew



“Always be prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you—doing so with gentleness and respect” (1 Peter 3:15).

LOVED & SENT

“So many people are starving for identity and meaning today. *Loved and Sent* describes how God took extraordinary action to address those two fundamental human needs. The author walks through his own quest for identity and meaning, revisiting core Christian convictions in a narrative style and making sense of why they matter today. As Christians, we often stutter when someone asks, “*Who are you? What do you believe? Why does it matter to you?*” We get a unique chance to share our heart, and we say too much—or nothing at all. Discover in this thought-provoking book who you are and why you matter, and then you’ll have something of greater value to share with someone else.”

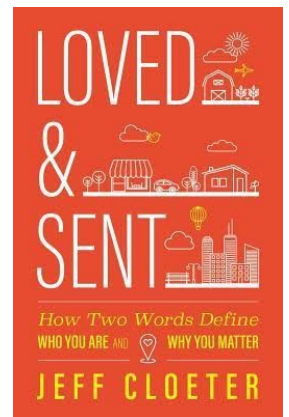
YOUTH GROUP

Christ calls us as disciples and sends us to make disciples. This means that as disciples of Jesus we are *always being prepared to give an answer for the hope we have in Him* (1 Pt 3:15). Thus, to help prepare us to give that answer we are focusing on insights from *Loved & Sent* by Jeff Cloeter. One insight helping to prepare us is to give our answer in a *clear, concise, consistent* and *compelling* way. Clear by communicating the heart of the message. Concise by keeping it short and sweet. Consistent by centering the message in Christ. Compelling by boldly proclaiming in a



meaningful way what it is about Jesus that makes His news so great.

The Apostle Paul does this in Athens in Acts 17:22-31. His message is short and sweet and centered in God’s Word. The message is meaningful; it hits home with



the very religious culture of Athens. This is where we have one of the greatest Spirit inspired verses of the Apostle Paul, *"In him [Jesus] we live and move and have our being"* (17:28).

Therefore, in the midst of all the fun and games of youth group we are preparing ourselves to give a clear, concise, consistent, and compelling answer to anyone who asks us for the hope we have in Christ Jesus our Lord!

YOUTH LOCK-IN @ Hope

Friday-Saturday, April 28-29



The event we had all been waiting finally arrived. From 8:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M., Friday night through Saturday morning, we had 12 hours of fun and fellowship. With games and activities ranging from *glow in the dark capture the flag* to watching movies in fellowship fall, to painting and decorating memorial stones (see. Joshua 4) to lay around Plant City, we had a blast.

Theme for Youth Lock-In...Saved to Serve. Christ has boldly saved us in order for us to boldly serve others as He has loved us and gave His life for us. How He serves, we serve. So in the same way that He got down on His hands and knees and washed our feet and told us to do likewise. We did likewise. Boldly serving one another in Jesus' love by washing each others feet.

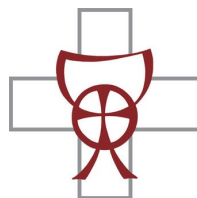


#LiveBoldly #SavedtoServe



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY MAY 7, 2017

Join us on May 7, 2017 at 9:15 for one epic day as three of our youth will be confirmed! *Come and hear Jules Kinkead, Joslin Kinkead, and Andrew MacDonald* make public profession of their Christian Faith in Christ Alone. *Come and see* the confirmation projects they have worked so hard on, displaying what their confirmation verse means to them and showing how God is actively present and shaping their life. *Come and gather* with our three confirmands at the Lord's Table in Holy Communion to receive the true body & blood of our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus, for the forgiveness of all our sins and the strengthening of our faith. *So come!*



WORD FROM LUTHER



In this 500 year anniversary of the Reformation here a quote from Martin Luther...

"When the devil throws our sins up to us and declares that we deserve death and hell, we ought to speak thus: 'I admit that I deserve death and hell. What of it? Does this mean that I shall be sentenced to eternal damnation? By no means. For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction in my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Where He is, there shall I be also.'"

Letters of Spiritual Counsel, trans. and ed. Theodore G. Tappert (Vancouver, British Columbia: Regent College, 2003)



REFORMATION 500

FISH T.A.L.E

Reeling you in with all the happenings of Hope's Youth. Dedicated to encouraging, equipping, and casting youth out into the mission field—ready to give an answer for the HOPE they have within (1 Peter 3:15), in order to catch people with the gospel—to *Connect People To Jesus!*



NERF TAG

Get ready for some fun :) this May as we join with Youth at Grace Lutheran Church in Winter Haven, FL for some Nerf Tag!

RIVAL
NERF
TAG

\$15 Admit One
Ages 9 and up

Saturday, May 20th
1:00–4:00 pm

Grace Lutheran School Gym
Under 18 Adult Chaperone Required

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