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# KOST CHURCH

An Evangelical Free Church

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*Love God. Love people. Make disciples.*

Welcome to worship, whether in-person or online!

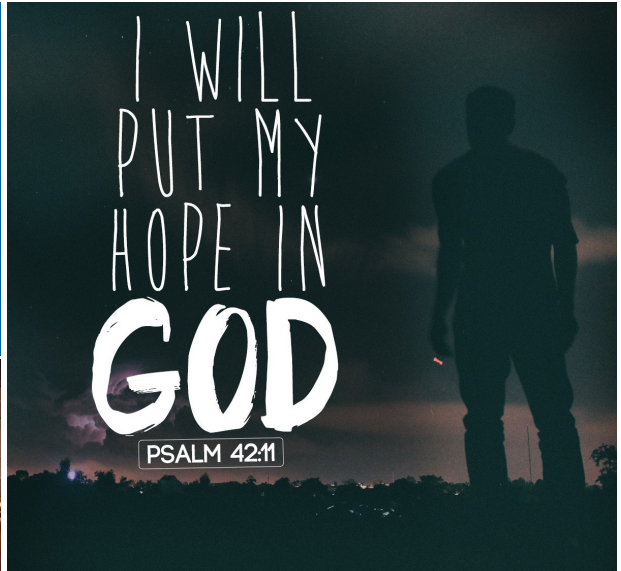
If this is your first time worshipping with us, thanks for visiting! Please fill out a contact card (in the pew rack or online) and let us know a little about yourself.

Did you miss a service? All of them are available to watch or re-watch on Kost's YouTube page, at kostchurch.org and on Facebook as well.



Respawns 6th Anniversary All-nighter is this Friday, May 3rd! All young men 6th-12th grade are invited to join us for a night full of video games, good food, Bible study, and a massive Nerf war. Information packets are available in the lobby!

Our annual Spring Work Days have been scheduled. We need all hands on deck 9-12 May 11<sup>th</sup> for general projects and again 9-12 May 25<sup>th</sup> for window cleaning. Many hands make light work! Please plan on joining us on one or both of these dates as we take care of the property God has blessed us with.



## THIS WEEK AT KOST

- Sunday** 9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Fellowship Time  
11:00 am Sunday School
- Tuesday** 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- Wednesday** 7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
9:30 am Women's Bible Study (*Live a Praying Life*)  
6:30 pm Youth Group
- Thursday** 6:00 pm Weekly Prayer
- Friday** 6:00 pm Respawn 6th Anniversary All-nighter
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10:45 am Fellowship Time  
11:00 am Sunday School



Thank you for your faithful financial support of Kost Church.

Gifts can be given online @ kostchurch.org/give or dropped off in the offering plate.

*You are loved!*

Please let us know what you need:

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## District Blitz Recap

Thank you so much to each of you who contributed financially and/or in prayer for our teens at District Blitz last weekend! Glenn Olson, the North Central District of the EFCA student ministries director shared this recap:

It is impossible to communicate or even know what God did during this weekend, but I would like to give you some snapshots of what I saw God doing.

### Stats

- 2,924 attended from 95 Churches.
- 8 hours of optional prayer with 250, 750, 1000, 1200, 1200 attending each of the prayer times. In the prayer room we only had 750 chairs which meant many were standing or sitting on the floor.
- 16 Seminars took place.
- The offering for clean water in Africa raised over \$11,423. The Well in Uganda needed \$10,500.
- Afternoon ministry projects cleaned 4 parks, helped 3 elementary schools, a homeless ministry and a foster ministry.

The first two rallies helped us realize the problem of sin. Then Saturday night was "the great exchange" ... our sin for the righteousness of Christ and the joy that comes with the Gospel. Hundreds responded and then each youth group had students share in small groups.

A powerful thing happens when in a conference one third to half of the attendees are praying for 45 minutes before each session.

I have two favorite parts during the weekend...

1. The prayer times in which students and adults are talking to their Heavenly Father. In my heart I feel like God is saying to me "Thank you for putting together a place in which my kids are communicating with me... and me with them."
2. I love seeing all the small groups of students with an adult leader after each message gathering to discuss and process what they heard.

## 2024 WALK FOR LIFE



- Easily register as a walker
- Receive your own personal fundraising page
  - Track pledges
  - Social Media sharing
  - Your own link to send directly to family and friends
- Show up on walk day
- Have fun and WALK!



Please join us as we walk for life, liberty, and TRUTH!

DATE

**18 MAY 2024**

TIME

**9A CHECK-IN  
930A KIDS RACE  
10A WALK BEGINS**

LOCATION

**BLUEBIRD PARK  
ISANTI, MN**

2024 PRIZES:

GRAND PRIZE -  
Adirondack set  
from Cartfull

- MN Vikings gift basket
- \$125 Leader gift card
- \$100 City Center Market gift card
- Northwoods Roasterie coffee gift basket
- 2 Superday Passes to Wild Mountain
- Culver's of Cambridge custard for a year

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Did someone say, "Potluck !?!?" We haven't had an official potluck since before Covid. On May 5<sup>th</sup> following Sunday School we will have a potluck. Please bring a main and a side dish/dessert or two side dish/desserts. Drinks will be provided. Plan on joining us for a time of community building and good food!

Don't forget to read the attached form about Kost Family Dinners and sign up today!



*Thank you for your financial and prayer support for District Blitz!*

This conference is put together by youth workers for youth ministries. This year we learned that having regular passionate people in ministry on stage communicating the simple Gospel is what students are craving in this world that is post Christian world.'





# DISCIPLES DO WHAT DISCIPLES DO | VARIOUS PASSAGES

- Wouldn't it be incredible if it were said of us, "And the word of God continued to increase, and the

\_\_\_\_\_ in *Chisago County*, and a great many of the *local residents* became obedient to the faith."? (Acts 6:7)

- When \_\_\_\_\_ do what \_\_\_\_\_ are supposed to do, \_\_\_\_\_ grow deeper as \_\_\_\_\_ and can pass that discipleship on to other \_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 1 Thessalonians 4:3a, Ephesians 4:13-16, Romans 8:29a)

Life more abundant (John 10:10)  (no input from me)	+	Spiritual growth and training for godliness (Philippians 2:12-13, 1 Timothy 4:7-8)  (requires input and effort from me)	=	Ongoing transformation into a wholehearted follower of Christ (Ephesians 4:13-16)  (output)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- God-given blessings</li> <li>- God-allowed &amp; God-given trials</li> <li>- God-ordained circumstances</li> <li>- God's use of my mess-ups &amp; sins</li> <li>- God's consequences (discipline) for personal sin</li> <li>- God's influence through His people</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loving God and loving others sacrificially (Matthew 22:36-40)</li> <li>- Mortifying sin (Colossians 3:5)</li> <li style="text-align: center;"><i>and...</i></li> <li>- Worship (Psalm 100:1-5, John 4:24)</li> <li>- Biblical instruction and application (Colossians 2:6-7, 2 Timothy 3:14-17)</li> <li>- Service (1 Peter 4:7-11, Psalm 2:11, Romans 12:11)</li> <li>- Connection with other believers (Mark 12:30-31, Romans 12:9-21)</li> <li>- Prayer (Ephesians 6:18)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>More Christlikeness manifested...</i></li> <li>- Knowledge of God fueled by His Word</li> <li>- Prayerful communication with God               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Worship of God ---</li> <li><i>Passionate love expressed towards God --- Life lived with determination &amp; passion because of love for God</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>- Extravagant love towards the people whom God created and loves</li> <li>- Holiness and victory over the sin God hates</li> <li>- Fruits of the Spirit, which is God's character lived out in me</li> </ul>

- When I am \_\_\_\_\_ to do what disciples do, I don't force God's hand in my personal spiritual growth
- A disciple doing what disciples do is very \_\_\_\_\_ with the discipleship bug
  - Is my discipleship the sort of discipleship that is \_\_\_\_\_ to others?

# KOST FAMILY DINNERS

## Family dinners/suppers are the best!

They're such a great time of connecting, laughing, and enjoying each other's company.

Over the next few months we're

looking for couples/families who would like to gather together 4-5 times to share a meal and get to know each other better.

Some of you may know this as *DINNER FOR EIGHT*.

### 1. Just what are we talking about here?

Kost Family Dinners is a great way to meet folks from church that you may not already know. It's also a good way to get to know your church family better. Groups of 8 or so individuals will be formed. Those groups plan their own meals and get together once a month for 4-5 consecutive months. You share meals at participants' homes, at local restaurants, the church or wherever the group decides. The emphasis is on fun and fellowship, so you don't have to be a gourmet cook to participate.

### 2. How does a Kost Family Dinners group work?

Simply fill out the registration form at the bottom of this sheet and put it in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Josh or Jen. Josh and Jen will put the groups together and connect with group leaders. The group leader will contact members to arrange the details for the first gathering. Dinner groups are encouraged to be creative in the meals they enjoy together. The group leader will plan future dinners with the members of the group, typically rotating hosts.



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## PLEASE SIGN ME/US UP FOR KOST FAMILY DINNERS!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact: text email phone call

Phone number or email:

I'd be willing to be a group leader: yes no

\_\_\_\_\_

I'd like my children to be included: yes no

Number of children: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions to note: \_\_\_\_\_

### **3. What does the group leader do?**

This is the point person for the group. The group leader contacts group members to select the location, date, and food sign-ups for the first gathering and planning future hosts/meals with the rest of the group.

### **4. Who cooks the meals?**

It's potluck! Usually the host will make the main dish, and other participants will bring coordinating sides or desserts. Potluck dinners are also a good way to simplify meal planning and distribute costs equally among everyone in the group. Consider picking a dinner "theme night" (i.e. Italian night, backyard barbeque, soup night, etc.), and everyone can bring a dish that goes along with that theme. Some groups may also choose to visit local restaurants or other venues.

### **5. I don't have room to host a dinner, or I really can't cook!**

Our desire is for you to spend time together getting to know each other and include everyone. Your group may choose to repeat a host home or host a dinner at church. We want everyone to feel that they can participate.

### **6. What about families with children?**

Your group will determine the answer here, bearing in mind that your preference for the kind of group you are interested in will have been taken into account initially. Please be sure to indicate your group type preference on the registration form.

### **7. What will we talk about?**

Anything and everything! The only question we'd highly recommend being a part of every gathering is, "How have you seen God at work in your life lately?"