

WEEKLY UPDATE

KOST CHURCH



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LOVE GOD | LOVE PEOPLE | MAKE DISCIPLES

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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.

We have nursery service available for your little one if you are interested. Our nursery is down the hall from the sanctuary.

Did you miss a service? Past sermons are available to watch or re-watch on Kost's YouTube page (youtube.com/@kostchurch/streams), at kostchurch.org, and on Facebook as well.

Each of you should use
use whatever gift
you have received to serve others, as
as faithful stewards
of God's grace in its various forms
1 Peter 4:10

Please be sure to take time to read the two attached flyers to this bulletin. They contain important information for you to know about!

Our annual October church business meeting is coming up next Sunday, October 25th, during the Sunday School hour. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this short meeting that covers things like the upcoming year's budget and leadership. There will be no regular Sunday School that day.

THIS WEEK AT KOST

Sunday	9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Fellowship Time 11:10 am Sunday School
Monday	6:30 pm Pickleball
Wednesday	7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:30 am Women's Bible Study NO Youth Group
Thursday	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Elder Meeting
Friday	5:00 pm Re:Create
Sunday	9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Fellowship Time 11:10 am October Business Meeting NO Sunday School

October is pastor appreciation month! Let's show Pastor Josh how much he is loved and appreciated. There is a basket on the table in the lobby by the church mailboxes for you to place cards and/or gifts. Also, please take a notecard and write out a prayer for pastor Josh, sign your name, and place in the jar. You could use scripture and personalize it using Josh's name. "Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work." 1 Thess. 5: 12-13 — Kost Care Ministry

Due to Josh and Cooper being involved with Chisago Lakes football games, there will be no youth group meeting this week. Regular meetings will resume 10/28!

Thank you for your faithful financial support of Kost Church.

Gifts can be dropped off in the offering plate or through direct payment from your bank.

YOU ARE LOVED!

To contact our pastor:

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Thank you for your prayers for Jen Jensen's first Snailing It pastor's wives retreat of the year in West Virginia. It was a complete success and a huge blessing to those in attendance. The next retreat is in Nebraska at the end of this month and will include both Jen and daughter-in-law Raegan as well as our own Michelle Van Gorkom!



Operation Christmas Child (OCC) ~ A Gospel-Focused Outreach Event

Shoebbox season is here! Through Samaritan's Purse, since 1993, over 244 million gift-filled shoeboxes have been distributed to children in 175 countries as an expression of God's love and a way of introducing the Gospel to them and their families. Since 2009, 52 million shoebox recipients have enrolled in the 12-lesson program to learn how to follow Christ and share Him with others. You can fill a shoebox or build one online (Online boxes are needed too since these are the ones that go to hard-to-reach places). Suggested items as well as what not to include are available online or on the display table in the narthex. You can also donate items or make a monetary donation and place it in the designated box in the narthex (cash or check made out to Samaritan's Purse). Please let me know if you build one online.

The goal this year is 65 boxes!

BOXES DUE: SUNDAY, NOV. 15th. Any questions contact Sandy at 651-357-4352 (call or text).

Our new sermon series, beginning next week:



Need to talk? Need prayer? Our Stephen Ministers provide free confidential emotional and spiritual support. Just speak with an individual with a blue and white nametag.

FINANCES

Yearly Income as of 10/1: \$126,926
Yearly Spending as of 10/1: \$138,837
Yearly Shortfall as of 10/1: \$11,911

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:
\$4,272
Weekly need to cover budget: \$3,458

PLEASE PRAY

- ✚ Sandy Schoess' recovery
- ✚ For those who continue to struggle with illness and ailments
- ✚ For it to be easy to be generous towards the Ukraine project and Operation Christmas Child
- ✚ For the joint party with Respawn & Re:Create

- ✚ For help for each of us @ Kost to live out the epic faith James has held out for us to live
- ✚ For Pastor Josh as he studies and prepares for our new sermon series
- ✚ For us as a church—that we intentionally and boldly live out gospel truth in our families, our communities, our workplaces/schools, and our church

KOST CHURCH

EXISTS TO GLORIFY GOD BY REACHING OTHERS, SO ALL CAN GROW TO MATURITY IN FAITH AND BEAR FRUIT IN CHRIST'S LOVE

BECAUSE SCRIPTURE TEACHES US TO
LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, AND MAKE DISCIPLES



Epically Missing?

James 5:13-20

- One who's practicing an epic faith in Jesus will hopefully not be _____ the practice of any of these epically important things!
- _____ when suffering {the Lord hears and answers} [5:13]
- _____ (both kinds) when cheerful (an attitude of gratitude) {the Lord is good and faithful and worthy of praise} [5:13]
- Getting prayer _____ from the elders of the church when sick and/or weak {the Lord is healer of both body and soul} [5:14-15]
- _____ sin to one another for assistance in overcoming the sin as well as for assurance of forgiveness {the Lord has atoned for every single sin and is working restoration into the lives of those who love Him} [5:16]
- _____ praying for the specific sin struggles of another {the Lord loves in the present, but because of His great love, He works transformation} [5:16-18]
- Patiently and persistently _____ those who are wayward in their faith back to being in step with Jesus {the Lord will always receive back the wanderer} [5:19-20]
- _____ ...James has given clear instructions about how to achieve practical holiness and spiritual maturity. Stand with confidence, serve with compassion, speak with care, submit with contrition, and share with concern. A believer should be what God wants him to be, do what God wants him to do, say what God wants him to say, sense what God wants him to sense, and share what God wants him to share. Spiritual maturity involves every aspect of life. *J. Ronald Blue*

Next week's passage: PSALM 61:1-8

October 18, 2026 | JOSHUA JENSEN