

# WEEKLY UPDATE

# KOST CHURCH



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October 4th,  
2026

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](https://youtube.com/@kostchurch/streams)), at [kostchurch.org](https://kostchurch.org), and on Facebook as well.

GREATER IS HE THAT IS  
IN YOU THAN HE THAT  
IS IN THE WORLD.

1 JOHN 4:4

Communion will be  
celebrated next Sunday,  
October 11<sup>th</sup>

This morning we  
welcome Chad and  
Alissa Christiansen and  
their family to Kost. The  
Christiansen's are



missionaries we support with In the Gap Ministries  
in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Chad will be giving  
us a ministry update during the service this  
morning.

Our annual October church business meeting is  
coming up on October 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

Ruth Bruns, former Kost attendee, passed away at  
the age of 92 on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Her funeral service  
will be Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11 am here  
at Kost. There will be a visitation at 10 am.

## THIS WEEK AT KOST

|           |                                                                                         |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | 9:30 am Worship Service<br>10:45 am Fellowship Time<br>11:10 am Sunday School           |
| Monday    | 6:30 pm Pickleball                                                                      |
| Wednesday | 7:00 am Men's Bible Study<br>9:30 am Women's Bible Study<br>6:00 pm Youth Group @ Lakes |
| Thursday  | 6:00 pm Elder Meeting<br>6:30 pm Women's Bible Study                                    |
| Friday    | 5:00 pm Re:Create<br>No Ladies Craft Night                                              |
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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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## Operation Community Connect – Resource Fair

*"Connecting People to Services They Need"*



Chisago County is excited to invite you to the 8th annual Operation Community Connect (OCC) event.

Join us to learn more about and get connected to community resources available in Chisago County.

### Learn More About

- County Resources
- Food Resources
- Housing Resources
- Employment Resources
- And more!

### Free Items Available

- Free Lunch
- Free Hygiene Supplies
- Free All Season Coats

*While supplies last*

### Services and Activities

- Health Screenings
- Activities for Kids
- Immunizations

## FREE EVENT

**Open to all Chisago County Community Members!**

### EVENT DETAILS

**Thursday, October 15, 2026**

**10:30 am – 1:00 pm**

**North Branch Area High School**

**38175 Grand Ave, North Branch**

**Thank you to our event sponsors!**



Event organized by Chisago County Health and Human Services. Questions, call 651-213-5233.



**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 9/1: \$116,336  
Yearly Spending as of 9/1: \$121,034  
Yearly Shortfall as of 9/1: \$4,698

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:**

**\$3,405**

*Weekly need to cover budget:*  
**\$3,458**

PLEASE PRAY

- ✚ Rod Roberts, William Gullick, Louis James, Ron Bowman, & Kevin Anton
- ✚ For opportunities and ideas for reaching out to those living in Kost's neighborhood
- ✚ For the youth group teens as they join with Lakes' Student Ministry

Wednesday for worship and an important and relevant message from God's Word

- ✚ For our elders as they prayerfully seek the Lord's will as they plan for next year's budget
- ✚ 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**



## An Epic Realignment

James 5:1-6

- Know the twin Scriptural truths that the \_\_\_\_\_ of money is the root of all kinds of evil [1 Timothy 6:7-10] *AND* that one cannot \_\_\_\_\_ two masters by loving both God and money [Matthew 6:24]
- Accept the twin realities that I am \_\_\_\_\_ by the world's standards *AND* that struggling financially does not mean that I am \_\_\_\_\_ from loving money
- Heed the twin warnings against \_\_\_\_\_ living [James 5:1-3, 5-6] *AND* \_\_\_\_\_ those I owe money to [James 5:4]
- Remember the twin Gospel truths that God is a \_\_\_\_\_ God *AND* God is on a mission and has invited we who've been rescued from our sin, sealed with the Holy Spirit's promise and power, and called His children, to \_\_\_\_\_ of that mission (meaning our gifts, our energy, and our resources have been given to us so that we might participate in the war against darkness in this world)
- Practice the triple solution to money love by having a better love for a greater \_\_\_\_\_ [Psalm 19:9-10, Philippians 3:8] *AND* learning and practicing \_\_\_\_\_ [Philippians 4:11-13, 1 Timothy 6:6] *AND* practicing \_\_\_\_\_ [Proverbs 11:25, Hebrews 13:16, 2 Corinthians 9:11]

Next week's passage: **JAMES 5:7-12**

October 4, 2026 | **JOSHUA JENSEN**