

WEEKLY UPDATE

KOST CHURCH

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January 25th,
2026

LOVE GOD | LOVE PEOPLE | MAKE DISCIPLES



THIS WEEK AT KOST

Sunday	9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Fellowship Time 11:10 am Annual Congregational Meeting (no Sunday School)
Monday	6:30 pm Pickleball
Wednesday	7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Youth Group
Thursday	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Friday	5:00 pm Respawn
Saturday	4:00 pm Game Night
Sunday	9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Fellowship Time 11:10 am Sunday School

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.

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

Our annual congregational meeting will happen **TODAY**, January 25th during Sunday School time (No SS today). This will be a time to remember and celebrate what God has done in the last year in our church and look forward to what He may be doing next. Please plan on joining the rest of the Kost family for this important meeting.

You are invited to a traditional game night (not video games) at Kost Saturday January 31st beginning at 4 pm. Please bring a favorite game and a snack and beverage to share. Direct any questions to the Kottarathil's.



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!

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PART 2

PSALM 135:1-21

- Psalm 135...
- Reminds us of what is true about our God
- Keeps us mindful of what is true about our God
- Comforts us with what is true about our God
- Encourages us with what is true about our God
- Psalm 135 also provides a great example of how to pray

- Prayer is a _____ between you and the Creator of the universe, a time of intimacy between you and your Savior that affords the opportunity to verbalize your praise, your thoughts, your fears, your joys, your sadnesses, and your needs and invite the most powerful Person in the universe to take action in your life
- God _____ us to pray, actively _____ to our prayers when we are in right relationship with Him, and _____ according to His sovereign will – and because He loves us, He is for us and always answers according to what is best for us



Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference | March 20-22, 2026

JW Marriott Minneapolis Mall of America

A getaway with a goal: **oneness**. No marriage is static. Each day, each choice — you're either moving closer together, toward oneness ... or drifting farther apart. At the intersection of a faith-based marriage conference and romantic retreat from everyday life, Weekend to Remember helps couples do just that — choose oneness. Whether you're sending up an SOS for marital rescue or looking to foster an already flourishing connection, Weekend to Remember is your best next step toward being, and staying, one.

Register at events.familylife.com/event/Minneapolis2026 by **TOMORROW** Jan. 26 to receive 50% off registration price.



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.



Giving as of 1/1: \$0

Spending as of 1/1: \$0

Shortfall as of 1/1: \$0

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING: \$5,394

Weekly need to cover budget:

\$3,456



†For the ongoing/escalating situation in the Twin Cities

†For Kost to be pursuing God's plan wholeheartedly for building His Kingdom in our area in this coming year

†For those in our fellowship with chronic pain

†For Jodi Brask

†Praise for the completion of Northbrook Church's new building

†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

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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

And according to the New Testament letters of both Romans and Galatians, another of the supernatural heart changes the Spirit creates in all Christians is to cause them to cry, "Abba! Father!" (Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6). Thus when someone is born again, the Holy Spirit gives that person new Fatherward desires, a new heavenward orientation whereby we cry, "Abba, Father!" **In other words, all those indwelled by the Holy Spirit really want to pray.** The Holy Spirit causes all the children of God to believe that God is their Father and fills them with an undying desire to talk to him. [So] why would people become bored when talking with God, especially when talking about that which is most important to them? Is it because we don't love God? Is it because, deep down, we really care nothing for the people or matters we pray about? No. Rather, if this mind-wandering boredom describes your experience in prayer, I would argue that if you are indwelled by the Holy Spirit—if you are born again—then the problem is not you; it is your method.

Donald Whitney

- Prayers without variety eventually become _____
- Our prayers most often focus on these things: family \\ future \\ finances \\ work \\ Christian concern \\ current crisis
- When you pray, pray through a passage of scripture, particularly a _____

What you are doing is taking words that originated in the heart and mind of God and circulating them through your heart and mind back to God. By this means His words become the wings of your prayers. Donald Whitney

- Psalm 135's outline is my outline for my prayer
 - Hallelujah! [1-2]
 - God is good [3]
 - God is personal and undiscriminating [4]
 - God is greater than all other things and does whatever He pleases [5-6]
 - God rules the universe [7]
 - God protects those who matter to Him [8-12]
 - God's record is spotless on all accounts [13]
 - God saves and involves Himself personally in the lives of those whom He has saved [14]
 - It is foolishness to put one's hope in anything but God [15-18]
 - Hallelujah! [19-21]