WEEKLY UPDATE KOST CHURCH part of the Evangelical Free Church of America family of churches 37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, Minnesota 55056 | 651-583-3281



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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.

We will be celebrating communion today!

You are invited to lunch following the service today! Ronnie Bowman is sharing lunch with us from yesterday's funeral luncheon. Stick around to enjoy some good food as well as some good conversations together.

<u>This week at Kost</u>

9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Lunch together
7:00 am Men's Bible Study
NO Youth Group for the
summer
6:30 pm Ladies Craft Night
@ Jodi Brask's
2:00-6:00 pm Emma
Grad Party
Fathers Day
9:30 am Worship Service
NO Fellowship Time

THE LORD GIVES HIS PEOPLE

STRENGTH

THE LORD BLESSES THEM WITH **PEACE**

Looking to get involved?

You are invited to join other friends from Kost every Sunday morning at 9 am to pray for the morning service and other pertinent needs. Open to anyone who would like to pray. 9 am in the adult classroom behind the library.

Would you like to be part of our prayer team? The prayer team receives notifications regarding prayer needs for our congregation so that prayers can be lifted up in a timely fashion. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Josh.

We have added church mailboxes for all of you who have been new to Kost in the last year. Periodically check your mailbox for church communication and things from others in our church family.

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: Pastor Josh Jensen pastorjoshjensen@gmail.com kostchurch@gmail.com (715) 681-1208 Do you have an "L" shaped couch that is in good shape that you are looking to get rid of? Respawn might be able to take it off your hands. It has to be a unique configuration/size to fit inside our group game room. Reach out to Liam Jensen (715-209-2504) if you think you might be able to help out.

Where can you serve?

We are seeking additional volunteers for our tech team on Sunday mornings. Training is provided. We need both sound engineers and computer operators. Sound engineers need some musical aptitude as well



as a good ear and the ability to learn the functions of our mixing board. Computer operators need an attentiveness to detail, a passion for worship, and the ability to follow a simple process to make our slides visible at just the right time. If you'd like to help out, or just learn more, please contact Pastor Josh.

We continue to need additional individuals to prepare and serve coffee & treats for our Sunday morning fellowship time. If you'd be willing to help out, please sign up on the sign-up sheet by the mailboxes in the lobby or contact Carol Nelson.

Upcoming Events



You are invited to Emma Earley's graduation open house—Saturday, June 14th here at Kost from 2-6 pm.

Gentlemen, mark your calendars! Our 4th annual MEATING is coming up soon. July 18th, men of all ages are invited to join us for a night full of good fellowship, fun games, and tons of incredible food. Don't miss the greatest grill-out of the year. More details to come!



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- ✿Amanda Preisler's recovery
- Those grieving the loss of a loved one
- ✤Jodi Brask's recovery
- For those struggling with anxiety or depression
- ✤For the strengthening of marriages in

our church family

- ✤For our teens to be salt and light at their places of employment
- ✤For a few hearts to be stirred to help fill some of the positions we need filled here at church
- ✤ For us as a church—that we intentionally and boldly live out the things listed to the right →

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

AS WE ARE **BIBLICALLY COMMITTED** AND **GOSPEL SATURATED**, OUR CORE VALUES ARE

THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST IN ALL

THINGS LIVING IN GRACE SATURATED COMMUNITY WITH ONE ANOTHER TRANSFORMATION

INTO THE LIKENESS OF CHRIST MULTIPLICATION OF NEW DISCIPLES

DISCIPLES ARE THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST WHO ARE EVER GROWING AND TRANSFORMING THROUGH THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS WELL AS THROUGH THE GOD-**EMPOWERED** SCRIPTURAL PRACTICES OF WORSHIP, BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION AND Application, Prayer, CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY, AND SERVICE

OUR VISION IS TO BE A CHURCH FAMILY NOTED FOR ITS LOVE THAT IS WHOLEHEARTEDLY DEVOTED TO JESUS CHRIST AND IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY, REGION, AND WORLD WITH GOD'S LOVE THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS. GENEROSITY, AND SERVICE



REALLY SERIOUSLY MESSED UP



ESTHER 2:1-18

As Christians we know that Esther's story both

Christ's atonement and redemption of humanity

As Christians we know that God's sovereign hand ______ that leads from suffering to meaning, from pain to purpose, from grief to good

We must ______, for the same faith that saves us is the faith that is meant to sustain us even when we are afflicted, even when we are bewildered.

As Christians we know that ______ is where God makes things perfect and right

; We must not ______ what God only offers in the life to come

As Christians we know that our overarching

flow out of our relationship with

of

Christ and not our experiences

- We must ______ "the joy of the Lord as our strength" [Nehemiah 8:10]
- We must ______ of letting the meeting or not meeting of our desires be the sole or strongest determiner of our feelings towards this life, ______ that God always has a purpose and a plan and He never wastes anything that happens to His children
- We must not just _____ with the status quo if something can be done to change a situation, but neither do we depend on "______" to be the only way to experience happiness