

WEEKLY UPDATE

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KOST CHURCH

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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.

Beginning this morning, we return to the New Testament for our Sunday morning messages—turning to the parables of Jesus.

Parables—stories with a point—were one of the main ways Jesus communicated Biblical truth to His followers. Those truths still apply today and we will distill them together in this 18 week series.



If you are in need of prayer or counsel or just a listening ear, one of our Stephen Ministers would love to connect with you. Just find one of the individuals wearing a blue nametag in the sanctuary or lobby following the service.

Membership: In the near future we will be offering a membership class for all those who might be interested in being members of Kost Church. Membership at Kost signifies a commitment to the church and its congregation and grants the right to vote on congregational issues as well as to serve in some roles within the church. If you would be interested in learning more about this class or being a member, please speak with one of our elders or Pastor Josh.

THIS WEEK AT KOST

Sunday	9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Fellowship Time
Wednesday	7:00 am Men's Bible Study NO Youth Group for the summer
Friday	5:00 pm Respawn
Sunday	9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Fellowship Time 2:00 pm Wedding Shower

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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Where can you serve?

It is time to reactivate our nursery! To do so requires a nursery coordinator. This person would arrange the recruiting and scheduling of volunteers and make sure to keep the nursery in good shape. If you'd be willing to serve in this way, please contact Pastor Josh.

This fall, we will need 2 or so additional Sunday School teachers for our children. Ideally, these individuals are members of the church and have a gift and passion for teaching kids. If you think you might be interested, contact Pastor Josh to begin the conversation.

Upcoming Events

Next Sunday on August 3rd at 2 pm at the Shafer Town Hall is a Tool-Thyme Wedding Shower for Liam Jensen and his bride to be, Raegan! You're all (guys and gals) invited and welcome! Please RSVP by speaking with Jen Jensen or texting 715-681-1209. Kost Church Family, your help would be so appreciated: <https://tinyurl.com/4dxj5s6n>



The Purpose of the Parables

MATTHEW 13:10-17

- If Jesus and His disciples were doing ministry in east central Minnesota today, they might visit _____, but they would almost certainly visit _____ - small towns and out of the way places are valued by Christ [Matthew 9:35-36]
- Every single lesson Jesus ever taught has _____ - including His parables
- The Lord's greatest lesson was the lesson He taught at _____
- For those indwelt by the Holy Spirit, _____ parables is possible – for those not indwelt by the Holy Spirit (unbelievers), parables serve the purpose of _____ against the Gospel even more

Next week's passage: MARK 4:1-9, 13-20

July 27, 2025 | Joshua Jensen

PLEASE PRAY

✚ For Theresa Carlson's mom
✚ For people in Kost's neighborhood to submit their lives to Christ

✚ For those traveling over the next few weeks
✚ For those who are under the weather
✚ For us as a church—that we intentionally and boldly live out the things listed to the right →

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