

WEEKLY UPDATE

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23rd, 2025

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.

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.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

**SERVING
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CHURCH**

Deck the halls!

Maia Hinderman is seeking help with decorating for Christmas this coming **Saturday, November 29th**, from 1-5 pm. Please let her know if you can help out.

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	Happy Thanksgiving! NO Women's Bible Study
Friday	NO Re:Create
Saturday	1:00 pm Christmas decorating
Sunday	9:30 am Worship Service NO Fellowship Time or Sunday School

Giving Opportunity

Next Sunday is the final Sunday of the month – when we collect food items for our local food pantry and diapers and wipes for Options For Women Pregnancy Center. Please bring your non-perishable food items and diapers and/or wipes with you to worship next Sunday.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX MINISTRY RESULTS

We surpassed our goal! We collected 66 shoeboxes (which includes 16 online boxes) and \$270 in monetary donations.

Thank you to all who supported this ministry.

God Bless You!

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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Christmas Longings

Advent begins next Sunday, November 30th! We will be pausing our parables series for an Advent series entitled "Christmas Longings." Who hasn't wanted to see God show up, to find some good news, encounter a new beginning, or find

someone to believe in? Who hasn't longed for that at a personal level and who hasn't looked for it in our families, communities, or nations? We will look at Old Testament prophecies and their allusions in the New Testament while anticipating the day when Jesus will return and all our longings are fulfilled.

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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

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

Start the Christmas season with joy!

Spring Lake Lutheran
8440 Erickson Rd NE
North Branch
www.sllchurch.org

Advent Tea

Sunday, Nov. 30 • 2pm

Presenting our speaker...

Jenni Thyng

www.joyinallseasons.com



Holidays are the time for getting together, laughing, reminiscing and being thankful for the 'Reason for the Season'. Jenni Thyng is a high-energy, dynamic vocalist and speaker whose passion is to share her love of The Lord. After the program, join us downstairs to enjoy some beautifully decorated tables and the warmth of some Christmas tea and goodies.



Christmas @ Kost 2025

- 🎄 Wednesday December 17th
6:30 pm Youth Group Christmas Party
- 🎄 Friday December 19th 6:00 pm Kost Ladies Christmas Gathering
- 🎄 Friday December 19th 5:00 pm Respawn Christmas Party
- 🎄 Wednesday December 24th
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

stephen MINISTRY

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

Giving as of 11/1: \$160,608

Spending as of 11/1: \$172,121

Shortfall as of 11/1: \$11,513

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING: \$4,135

Weekly need to cover budget & shortfall:

\$4,940

PLEASE PRAY

- ✚ Gratefulness for salvation and for all the ways God has provided for us!
- ✚ For the 66 shoeboxes we have collected and the children who will receive them
- ✚ Gary Cottrell cancer has returned
- ✚ For many in our congregation who are

or have experienced sickness in the last few weeks

- ✚ For Advent season here at Kost
- ✚ For us as a church—that we intentionally and boldly live out these things →→→→→

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The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

LUKE 16:1-13

- Jesus is _____ advocating dishonesty or endorsing embezzlement in this parable!
- This is a parable about _____ with all that God has entrusted to me for the building of His Kingdom
- Am I _____ like the dishonest manager?
 - Do I _____ clearly?
 - Am I _____ of the _____ and the implications my choices today have on it?
 - Am I actively _____ ?
- How I use my _____ matters – I am to use them for growing as a disciple and the making of other disciples
 - That doesn't mean that I necessarily have to live life as a pauper or a monk - God has given me things to _____, but I must always ask, "Do I _____ or does my _____ me?" and, "How am I using my _____ for the building of God's Kingdom?"
 - My use of my _____ is a helpful barometer of my zeal for God's Kingdom
 - Am I grateful for my _____ ?

Next week's passage: ISAIAH 64:1-9

November 23rd, 2025 | Joshua Jensen