



October 29, 2021

Friends of Bethel,

We have great news to share! Pastor Kris Kurzejeski is returning to Bethel! Our plan is for her to rejoin us as our bridge pastor in a full-time role beginning in December. We deeply appreciate the work our church council has done in working with us through this process, asking questions and providing guidance to ensure good decisions. On October 11, they voted unanimously to approve this plan.

This means our strong ministerial team is back, and more grateful than ever to be able to serve God and you together! Perhaps this is one positive outcome of facing some of the challenging life circumstances affecting all our lives these past months—the time and room to think about what’s important and what we most need to fulfill our calling with the joy and energy Pastor Kris talked about missing when she left in August. We have been able to see, and talk about, how we can work together more effectively as a pastoral team, using one another’s’ strengths, and doing so with understanding, and open communication. We are excited about where God is leading us in this new beginning!

Feel free to reach out to any of us with any questions you may have. Please join us in celebrating this unexpected and exciting development.

In God’s Great Love,

Pastor John Lestock

Pastor Kris Kurzejeski

Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg