

Special Message from Pastor Kim



March 24, 2026

To my dear friends at CELC,

I need to inform you about a decision I have made. I will be ending my interim position at your church at the conclusion of service on May 10, 2026, Mother's Day.

The reason for this decision is in part because Bob and I will be traveling in May and early June for two grandsons' high school graduations. One in Kansas and one in Oregon. That's lots of traveling.

When I get back from Oregon, I will be traveling with my sister Lois to Scotland for two weeks. We are in a choir directed by a friend of hers that takes these trips every year. This is the first one we will do together.

When I get back from that it will be July.

I am going to try my best to retire again.

After being sick these last weeks, I realize my constitution is not what I want it to be. My body and my mind, and my husband and my sisters, are telling me it is time.

This will leave a huge hole in my heart as you all have found a place there in this short time, we have been together. I remain confident that CELC will find the right pastor to continue working with you in your extraordinary ministries. God's got this!

I will keep you all in my heart and prayers. Thank you for letting me be a part of this wonderful church.

Blessings,
Pastor Kim Sterner

Message from CELC Council

We at CELC have come to know and love our Pastor Kim while she has been with us. We are very sad to see her go, but must understand her reasons.

Having Pastor Kim with us during this part of our transition has been a special gift. We now must trust that God will answer our prayers and provide us with a new pastor who will best meet the needs of our congregation, and allow us to continue to pursue our mission.

Our Fellowship Committee will provide an opportunity to celebrate Pastor Kim and Bob and wish them both Godspeed at a farewell dinner on Friday, May 8. More details to follow. We will also have a special coffee after church on her final day with us, May 10.

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