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### **Pioneer Bank Welcomes Back Mike Kunkel as Market President in St. Peter**

*St. Peter, MN (August 14, 2025)* – “Pioneer Bank is proud to welcome back Mike Kunkel, whose proven expertise and community commitment make his return as Market President and Business Banker in St. Peter especially meaningful.”

In this role, Kunkel will oversee the St. Peter branch and partner with area businesses, offering tailored financial solutions to help them grow and succeed.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Mike back to Pioneer Bank,” said David Krause, CEO of Pioneer Bank. “Mike is not only an accomplished banking professional—he is a proven leader who understands the values of community banking. His return brings both continuity and renewed energy to our St. Peter team and the customers we proudly serve.”

Kunkel brings over nineteen years of experience in the financial services industry, specializing in commercial lending, relationship management, and strategic growth. Previously serving as Market President in Mankato, he developed a reputation for strengthening client relationships and championing community-focused solutions.

“I’m honored to return to Pioneer Bank, an organization known for its integrity, service, and commitment to local communities,” said Kunkel. “The opportunity to rejoin this exceptional team in St. Peter is exciting, and I look forward to building on our strong foundation by supporting businesses and deepening connections with the community.”

Kunkel’s return underscores Pioneer Bank’s mission to combine trusted leadership with a personal, community-first approach—ensuring customers and businesses have the financial tools they need to thrive.

### **About Pioneer Bank**

Pioneer Bank is a community bank with seven locations throughout southern Minnesota including Mankato, North Mankato, St. James, St. Peter, Madelia, Mapleton, and Lake Crystal. Pioneer Bank offers expertise in personal, business and agribusiness banking with

bankers and staff that provide experience that is unparalleled. Pioneer Bank is very active in the communities they serve and has been a five-time national finalist for the Extraordinary Banking Award, a national organization that marks the excellence for the best banks in America. In addition, Pioneer Bank has been named a Top Workplace in Minnesota by the Star Tribune multiple times. For more information visit [www.bankwithpioneer.com](http://www.bankwithpioneer.com). Member FDIC.