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Pastor's Reflections

"You just never know...", that's what Don Bottum said to me on Sunday morning when I told him about Jerry Binger's death the night before. That really is a profound statement and one that should make each of us pause and think about our relationship with the one who knows our thoughts, our actions and our eternity—Jesus Christ. I am a "list maker" and feel a sense of fulfillment each time I cross something off my list. In fact sometimes I write something on my list that I have already done just so I can cross it off! I also make New Year's resolutions and try to challenge myself to try something new or do something that will make me better in some

small way. (I will never give up Diet Coke again like I did in 2010.)

I like to plan ahead but "you just never know" what is going to happen later today. Oh—We can plan for all sorts of wonderful things but our plans might be forced to change at any moment. Instead of heading to the grocery store we might end up headed for heaven and our big meeting with God. That's why it is important to constantly strive to know Jesus Christ better by Bible Study (we have one starting 1/13!), by prayer, by resolving to stand up against evil in all its many forms, by communicating our love for one another in the way that we act and speak... because "you just never know."
Peace, Pastor Lorah



Members of Tulare United Church - mark your calendar for January 23, 2011. This is the date of our annual meeting. Rev. Roy Caudill, our Dakotas Annual Conference District Superintendent (UMC), will provide the morning message. Following worship there will be a lunch served by the TUC Women. The annual meeting will follow lunch. All groups of the church must have their annual reports and financial statements to the church office by January 12, 2011 so the reports can be put together and printed a week before the meeting.

Financial Peace University is sponsored by the Redfield Area Ministerial Association and the Redfield Kiwanis. This class is for you if you are saving for college or retirement, struggling financially or well-off. There is a cost for materials but assistance is avail-

During *Financial Peace University*, you will discover a world of freedom by using proven, biblical principles to permanently break free from the bondage of debt.

Free preview at 4:00, January 9, 2011 at the United Methodist Church (Redfield)

Classes start January 16, 2011 at 4:00. There are 13 two hour sessions that will change your life.

Contact Pastor Lorah at 596-4156 for more information

Dave Ramsey's
Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY

able so don't let that stop you from being debt free in 2011.

**TUC BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2010**

The TUC Board met in the Fellowship Hall at 7 PM. Those Present: Eric Knock, Erma Ames, Diana Erickson, Linda Tomsha, Ivan Teveldal, Judy Wagner, and Pastor Lorah Houser Jankord. Absent: Tasha Hull. Chairman Eric presided, Pastor Lorah opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer’s report were reviewed. It was noted that Larry Hoekman submitted a bill for materials only for repair of the parsonage patio doors water damage. Motion by Erma, seconded by Diana, to approve minutes and treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

Old Business: Ivan glued down a couple broken tiles just inside the main entry doors, and also helped pick up and haul away damaged materials from the parsonage project. Thank you, Ivan. Also thanks go to Larry Hoekman, Nate Peterson, Shane Dooley, and Rick Binger for their help in getting the project done.

Pastor Lorah reported she had sent 29 letters inquiring about church membership and had received 6 replies back so far.

The Sunday School room in the southeast corner of the church has been very cold. It was suggested that a portable heater be purchased to be used in that room. Also, it is in need of another light fixture. Motion by Ivan, seconded by Erma, to purchase a small portable heater. Motion carried.

Pastor Lorah would like to check into putting up at road sign along the highway for TUC. She will inquire at the Highway Dept about getting one.

The Economic Development Committee is working on applying for a grant to help fix the roof and paint the Salem Church. They would need to provide some labor to match the grant amount.

New Business: Our Annual Meeting will be Jan 23. Rev Roy Caudill will be guest speaker that day. It was decided to ask the TUC Women if they would like to serve the meal. All Annual Reports will be due by Jan 17. Linda will be going off the board and will be in charge of making nominations for that position.

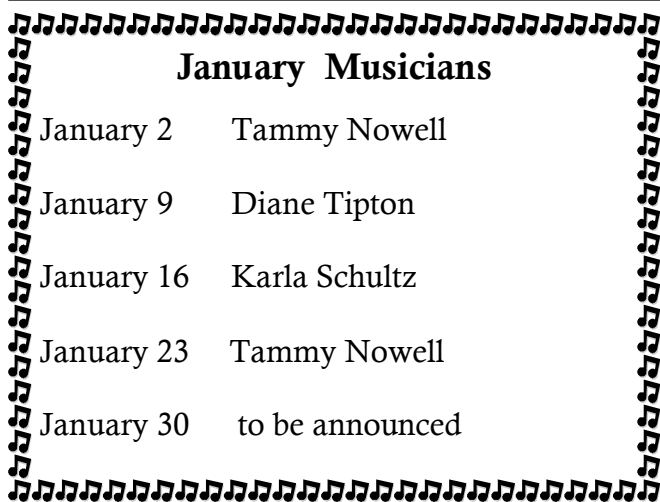

Permission was given to Jan Murphy’s Relay for Life Team to serve a meal after church some Sunday if they wish. We reviewed a preliminary budget for next year, it will be finalized at the next meeting. Donna Johnsen wishes to have her income reported on a W2, instead of a 1099. We would pay FICA taxes for her next year. Pastor Lorah’s Housing Allowance for 2011 was set at \$8400. Motion to accept these changes was made by Diana, seconded by Erma. Motion carried.

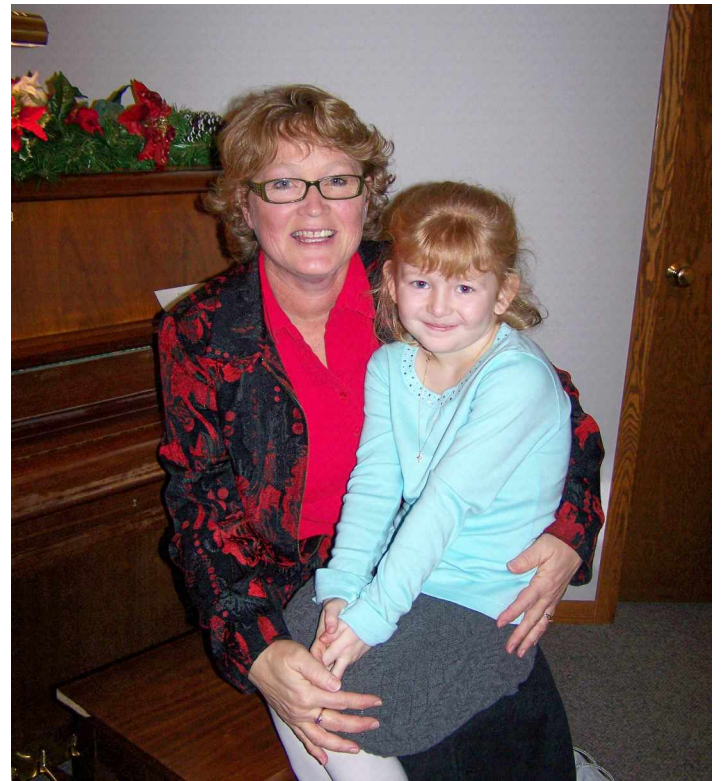
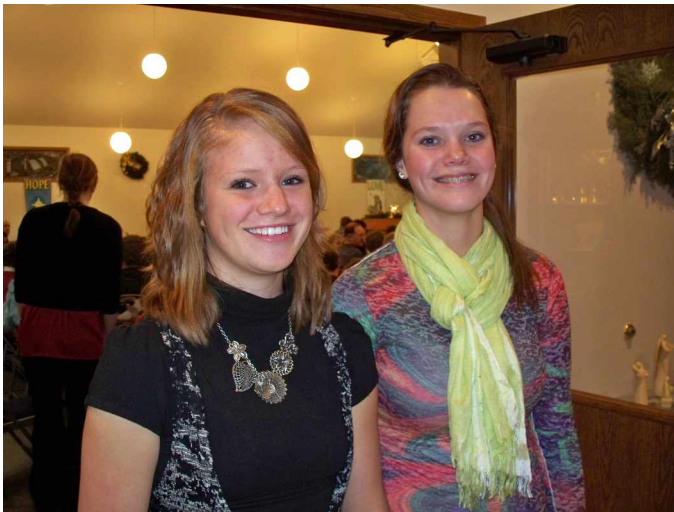
Pastor Lorah expressed thanks to Sandi McNeill, and Nick & Bekah Ihnen for conducting worship on Dec 12.

Coming Events: Dec 16-Bible Study. Dec 19-Praise Band, Bell Choir, and Ray Ernster special music at morning worship. SS Christmas Program at 6 PM. Dec 24-worship at 5:30 PM. Dec 26-no SS. Dec 31 to Jan 2-Pastor Lorah gone to Iowa to officiate at her nephew’s wedding. Jan 9-Dave Ramsey Financial Preview Night. Pastor Lorah to Epiphany gathering in Aberdeen. Jan 12-TUC Board meets at 7 PM.

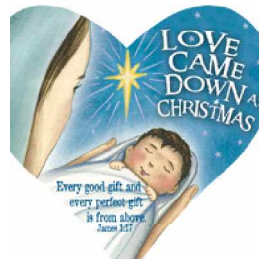
Submitted by: Judy Wagner

If you are assigned to usher, video record or candle light and can not be there that Sunday please find someone to switch with you and take your place and let the church office (596-4156) know so we can correct the bulletin. Thank you.

 <p>January Musicians</p> <p>January 2 Tammy Nowell</p> <p>January 9 Diane Tipton</p> <p>January 16 Karla Schultz</p> <p>January 23 Tammy Nowell</p> <p>January 30 to be announced</p>	 <p>January Ushers</p> <p>Jan 2 Rex & Sherry Binger</p> <p>Jan 9 Jason & Kristi Fliehe</p> <p>Jan 16 Paula Ames & Elsie Brooker</p> <p>Jan 23 Clayton & Sheryl Kloss</p> <p>Jan 30 Sandy Wagner & Paul Domke</p>
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Above: **Lexi Binger** and **Paige Binger** greeted and ushered for the “Love Came Down at Christmas” Sunday School Program on December 19, 2010. Right: **Mercedes Jones**, all dressed up in her Christmas dress, enjoyed the cookies afterward supplied by the Sunday School parents.



Above: **Danielle Nowell**, daughter of Joshua & Kasey, sang “Shining Star” and “Happy birthday Jesus” with her Grandmother **Tammy Nowell** for the Christmas Eve service. Tammy and Diane Tipton were the pianist and organist for this beautiful service of song and scripture.

Candlelighters

- Jan 2 Ally Binger & Wyatt Johnson
- Jan 9 Coby Stoner & Kole Kohnen
- Jan 16 Ashlyn Otto & Zachary Binger
- Jan 23 Wyatt Brooker & Bailey Binger
- Jan 30 Dawsyn Otto & Trajan Fliehe

Video Recorders

- Jan 2 Andrew Frankenstein
- Jan 9 Shelby Stanfiel
- Jan 16 Tristin Fliehe
- Jan 23 Lexi Binger
- Jan 30 Clay Jens

In case of inclement weather please check the web site for service and activity cancellation.

Graduation Congratulations! to:

Jennifer (Binger) Burton received her nursing pin at a ceremony on 12/10/10 at South Dakota State University's College of Nursing. The next day she graduated from SDSU's College of Nursing with high honors. Jen will have a registered nurse position beginning in early February on the Medical Floor at Avera St. Luke's in Aberdeen. She and Tyler say "thank you and the congregation for all your support and prayers this past year. It has been a big and busy year for us, and we are so grateful to have such a loving church family. Thank you and God Bless"

Jen and Tyler will always be remembered for "the wedding in the pasture" on August 14, 2010. Jen is currently our preschool Sunday school teacher.

Ashley Bonebright graduated from Lake Area Technical Institute (Watertown) in December with cosmetology degree. She is considering starting pre-mortuary in the fall.

Congratulations on your accomplishments!

It is always wonderful to see our college students in church when they are home on break. Please keep them in your prayers as they start the new semester:

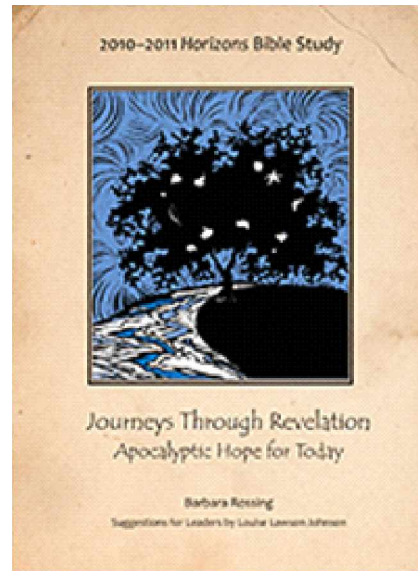
Aimee Lenocker, Emma Jankord, Bailey Kopplin, Sam Domke, Patrick Artz, Taylor Jens, Kailee Koester, Steph Binger, Karen Rose, Shane Gross, Dan Ames, Jennifer Jungwirth, Jason Frankenstein and Tasha Hull.

Jennifer and Tasha are both working on their Masters degree.

During finals week Tulare United Church sent Christmas cards with \$10.00 gift cards (sponsored by TUC Women) to all our members in college or technical school. Thank you notes are on the bulletin board and there were many verbal thank you's too. This is the age that most people don't attend church regularly so let's remind these students how important they are to Tulare United Church and to God!

"In recent years, an enormous prophecy industry has marketed frightening images and interpretations of the book of *Revelation*, leaving many Christians intimidated by this amazing, often misunderstood book. Although brimming with mysterious symbolism, *Revelation* ultimately is a book of hope that sustains those who are oppressed. In the nine lessons of *Journeys Through Revelation*, Barbara Rossing leads us to a renewed creation in which God comes to live with us on earth. This hope-filled vision speaks to us in the midst of the urgent crises of our day. In a time when all creation stands at a turning point, *Revelation* can help guide the choices we make as we seek to live into the renewal that God promises for the world. *Journeys Through Revelation* was

written by Barbara Rossing, professor of New Testament Theology at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago and author of *Rapture Exposed: The Message of Revelation in an Environmental*



tion. A fer-

ronmentalist, she speaks on ecology and the environment, as well as biblical and religious topics. She has served as a local pastor, chaplain at Harvard University Divinity School and director for global mission interpretation for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)."

This Bible study will begin on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 1:30. Plenty of study books have been ordered and the cost is \$8.00 plus shipping.

Bible study is for men, women, members, non-members, Bible literate and Bible illiterate ...so tell your friends and neighbors.

If you've always been a bit intimidated by *Revelation* come join us as we "tackle" it together.

More college students to keep in your prayers: Megan Binger (who will spend part of the semester in AZ), Tanner Binger

Have we missed any others?



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Happy New Year! Did you know there is also a “Christian Year”? Some also call it a liturgical year or a church year. It is made up of cycles the most familiar are Advent and Lent.

From January 18-21, Pastor Lorah will be at Sioux Falls Seminary for continuing education. The name of the course is “The Liturgical Calendar” so in the months to come we will be hearing more about the reasons that we have a church year and why it is important.

January 6 is celebrated as Epiphany. It is the end of the Advent/Christmas season—remember the “Twelve Days of Christmas”? From 12/25 to 1/6 is the twelve days. In Latin culture the name of the day is “Dia De Reyes” which is translated as Three Kings Days. We proclaim Jesus coming for all people.

Junior Youth Group spreads Christmas Cheer
Members of the Junior Youth Group: Kennedy Tomsha, Chelsy Schultz, Cooper Gordon, Shelby Stanfiel, Tristin Fliehe, Kyle Kohnen, Grayson Binger went Christmas caroling in Tulare and then to Eastern Star and Golden Living Center in Redfield. They also delivered treats in jars that they decorated. Adult leaders of the group are Karla Schultz, Scott Domke and Eily Jo Wagner. Mabel Marzahn is pictured in the group above and Phyllis Ehrich joins them in the picture below.



Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to the church, but such a small amount when you go shopping? Isn't it strange how 2 hours seems so long when you're at church and how short it seems when you are watching a good movie? Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you are praying but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend? Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel? Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row tickets to concerts or games but they do whatever is possible to sit in the last row in church? Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute? Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others; but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip? Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say but we question the words in the Bible? Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven but they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there? Isn't it strange how we send jokes in e-mails and they are forwarded right away but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?

This email message was shared with me by Jerry Binger on 12-23-10... Isn't it thought provoking?

Ally Binger & Wyatt Johnson both had speaking parts in the Christmas program. Colyn Fliehe, Blaze Binger & Maverick Jones could have been three little singing angels!



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January Sundays at TUC

January 2 (cancelled due to weather)

10:00 Worship with Gail Brock preaching

January 9

8:45 Sunday School

10:00 Worship

January 16

8:45 Sunday School

10:00 Worship with Communion

January 23

8:45 Sunday School

10:00 Worship with Rev. Roy Caudill
preaching

11:15 Meal followed by **Annual Meeting**

January 30

8:45 Sunday School

10:00 Worship with Youth Bells ringing and
Sunday School singing

11:30 Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser for the
Relay for Life Team

Tulare United Church is affiliated equally with both the United Meth-
odist Church and United Church of Christ denominations. We are a
“united” and “uniting” church. All are welcome here!



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Established: 1997
Church Building
Dedicated: 1999