



Pastor's Corner – July 2026

Tulare United Church,

As we celebrate the month of July, I am reminded of the words of the psalmist:

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." — Psalm 118:24 (ESV)

Summer has a way of slowing us down just enough to notice God's blessings all around us. The fields are growing, families are gathering, children are enjoying their freedom from school, and we are reminded that God continues His faithful work in every season of life.

It is hard to believe that it has been nearly a year since I began serving as your pastor. Looking back over these months fills my heart with gratitude. Together we have worshiped, celebrated baptisms and weddings, mourned losses, prayed through difficult moments, laughed together, and watched God continue to work through this church family. Thank you for welcoming me so warmly and allowing me the privilege of serving alongside you. Tulare United Church truly is a place where Christ is alive and people genuinely care for one another.

As we look ahead, there are many exciting opportunities for us to continue growing together.

Our **Vacation Bible School** is coming up **August 3–6**, and we are looking forward to welcoming children from our church and community. Please be praying for every volunteer, every family, and every child who will attend. Pray that seeds of faith will be planted that will bear fruit for years to come. If you would still like to help, there are many opportunities to serve.

This fall will also mark the beginning of our **Confirmation Class**, meeting on the **second and fourth Sundays** beginning in September. Confirmation is an important step in helping our young people understand Scripture, grow in their faith, and prepare to publicly profess Jesus Christ as Lord. Please keep these students in your prayers as they begin this journey.

Another exciting milestone is the launch of our new church website. The finishing touches are coming together, and we are eager to share it with everyone very soon. The new website will make it easier to stay informed about upcoming events, sermons, ministries, prayer requests, and resources throughout the week. We hope it becomes another way we can stay connected as the body of Christ.

Throughout the summer, I encourage each of us to remain faithful in worship. Vacations and busy schedules are a wonderful part of the season, but our relationship with Christ is nourished as we continue to gather together in worship, study His Word, and encourage one another. Whether you're here every Sunday or traveling for a weekend, remember that the Lord walks with you wherever you go.

As we continue our sermon series through 1 Samuel, we are discovering what it means to trust God, listen to His voice, and faithfully follow Him even during uncertain times. The life of Samuel reminds us that God often works through ordinary people who are simply willing to say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant hears."

Thank you for your faithful prayers, generous hearts, and servant spirit. It is a joy to minister alongside each of you. I am excited to see what God has in store for Tulare United Church during the months ahead.



May the Lord bless you and your family this July. May you find rest, joy, and renewed strength in His presence, and may we continue to grow together in faith as we seek to make Christ known in our community.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Derek Runge
Tulare United Church

Our care facility's residents

Redfield Eastern Star

Ramona Schultz

Milt & Dorothy Kopplin

Ardyce McIntyre

Donna Johnson

PO Box 150, Redfield, SD 57469

Legends on Lake Lorraine

Ulla Gatzke

2815 South Westlake Dr. Apt. 439

Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Offering QR Code to give offering for
Sunday's

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GREETER/USHER LIST

Thank you for ushering at Tulare United Church. Please find a substitute if you cannot usher and call the church office (596-4156).

July

5th- Dwight & Ann Bottum

12th- Rich Bottum & Linda Tomsha

19th- Galen & Deanna Koester

26th- Susan Binger & McKinzie Kolda

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 1 - Darlys Kloss, Cynthia Marzahn

July 2 - Mandy Miller

July 4 - **Travis & Beth Kohnen**

July 5 - Brittany Woodward, Sadie Masat

July 6 - Krue Lutter, Mason McNeill, **Jason & Michelle Binger**

July 8 - Wynn Koester

July 9 - John Nowell, **Patrick & Katlynn Artz**

July 10 - Katlynn Artz

July 11 - Shane Binger, Asher Binger, Michelle Ames, **Bryan and Barb Lenocker,**

July 12 - **Spencer & Kandy McNeill,** Carter Binger, Beckett Rose

July 13 - Hunter Binger, Jill Tomsha,

July 14 - **George and Jean Semmler**

July 15 - Dustin Otto

July 16 - David Brooker, Tonya Smith

July 17 - Susan L. Binger, Sandra McNeill, **Dennis and Linda Smith,**

July 19 - **John & Koree Nowell, Jerika & Cooper Gordon**

July 20 - Linda Smith, Travis Kohnen, Casey Stoner, Lincoln Nowell

July 21 - Paula Ames, Sally Hofius, Tanner Hofius,

July 22 - Spencer McNeill, **Travis & Brenna Koester**

July 23 - Elaine Binger, Sheryl Kloss, Dannyn Peterson, Kordel Kohnen

July 24 - Brett Binger, Cyndi Bachman, **Brandon & Tonya Smith**

July 25 - Kristi Martin, Roger McIntyre, Patrick Artz, Wes Nowell,

July 26 - **Tom & Linda McNeill,** Roy Knock

July 27 - Reese Wagner

July 28 - **Randy and Mary Buchholz,** Taylor Watson

July 30 - Cooper Gordon, Koree Nowell



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July 31 - Dan Bottum, *Tanner & Amanda Binger, Tom & Kristi Martin*



SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
No womens group for June				10am Women's Coffee		Happy 4th of July
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion Sunday				10am Women's Coffee		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Pastor Derek Gone	10am Quilters' Group		7pm Church Board meeting	10am Women's Coffee		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	7pm Star Meeting			10am Women's Coffee		
26	27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1
				10am Women's Coffee		



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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Pre-School through 12th grade students

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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www.facebook.com/TulareUnitedChurch



Contact us

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TUC Women's Group is hosting a

FRIENDS & FAMILY BBQ

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH 6:30PM
@ SPRUCE & ANITA'S HOUSE
37341 180TH ST, REDFIELD

MEAT & DRINKS PROVIDED | BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT
TO SHARE, ALONG WITH YOUR LAWN CHAIR!

join us for bonfire, s'mores, yard games & fellowship

contact Anita with questions @ (402)981-1596

Coffee Time

★ You're Invited! ★

All Are Welcome! Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Eastern Star Home for a warm and inviting morning gathering. Enjoy a cup of coffee and engaging conversation with Pastor Derek.

Time: 10 AM

Location: Eastern Star Home

Come as you are, bring a friend, and make new ones! We look forward to seeing you there!

