



Pastor's Corner: August 2026

Looking Ahead to Fall: Growing Together in Faith

It is hard to believe that we are already moving through August! Summer always seems to go by quickly. Vacation Bible School has wrapped up, families are squeezing in those last summer activities, and before long our students and teachers will be heading back into the classrooms for another school year.

The beginning of a new school year and the approach of fall bring us back into familiar routines. Calendars begin to fill up, practices and activities start again, and life takes on a different rhythm. Here at Tulare United Church, fall also means the return of many of our ministries and opportunities to grow together in faith.

Sunday School will begin again after Labor Day weekend. We are looking forward to welcoming our children back as they continue learning about Jesus, growing in their faith, and discovering what it means to be part of the family of God. I encourage parents and families to make Sunday School and worship an important part of your family's weekly rhythm this fall.

Confirmation will also begin this fall, meeting on the **2nd and 4th Sundays of each month following worship.** Confirmation is an important season in the lives of our young people as they begin to explore more deeply what they believe, what it means to follow Christ, and what it means to make their faith their own.

There is also exciting news for our **Youth Ministry!** This fall we are looking to bring **Junior High Youth Group back** while continuing our **Senior High Youth Group**, with both groups meeting at the same time. Youth Group will begin after Labor Day and meet on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings of each month.**

As we prepare for those Wednesday evenings, we are also looking for people willing to **provide a meal for our youth.** You do not have to teach a lesson or lead the group to make a difference. Providing a meal is a simple and meaningful way to support our young people and those working with them. If you, your family, or a group within the church would be willing to provide a meal on one of our Youth Group nights, please let us know!

Our adults need opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth too. It has been wonderful to see our **Women's Group** get started and begin meeting once a month. As we look toward fall, I would also like to put an idea out there for the men of our church: **What about a Men's Group?**

Perhaps it is time for the men of our congregation to begin gathering once a month as well not necessarily for another formal meeting, but for fellowship, conversation, encouragement, prayer, and growing together as Christian men. Maybe that means breakfast, supper, coffee, a Bible study, or simply gathering around a table once a month. For now, I simply want to start the conversation. **Men, if this is something you would be interested in, let me know.** If there is interest, we can sit down together and decide what a Men's Group could look like.

As our children return to school and our church ministries begin again, fall gives all of us an opportunity for a fresh start. Our schedules will get busy, but in the middle of that busyness, let us remember to make room for the things that strengthen our relationship with Christ and with one another.

Whether you are a child returning to Sunday School, a student beginning Confirmation, a teenager coming to Youth Group, a woman gathering with the Women's Group, or a man interested in helping us begin something new, **there is a place for you to grow, serve, and belong.**



I am excited to see what God has in store for Tulare United Church as we head into another fall together. Let us continue to pray for our students, teachers, administrators, and families as another school year begins and let us pray that God will use each of these ministries to help us grow deeper in faith and closer together as a church family.

Have a blessed remainder of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you this fall!

In Christ,
Pastor Derek

Our care facility's residents

Redfield Eastern Star

Ramona Schultz

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

Offering QR code



YOUTH GROUP
Meal Sign-Up

FEED THEM. ENCOURAGE THEM. INVEST IN THEM.

A MEAL MAKES A BIG IMPACT!
Providing dinner for Youth Group helps create a welcoming space for students to connect, grow, and belong.

WHEN	WHAT TO PROVIDE	YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE
1st & 3rd Wednesday Evenings After Labor Day (Exact time TBD)	A main dish, side, or dessert enough to feed 15-25 students (and leaders!)	Your meal helps students feel loved, welcomed, and cared for!

CAN YOU HELP?
Choose a date that works for you and sign up today!
We will update the QR code when it is available.

QR CODE COMING SOON!

QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP:
Kacey Nowell
605-450-0476

Thank you!
FOR SUPPORTING
OUR YOUTH!



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).

August

2nd- Paula Ames & Peg Brooker

9th- Tim & Vianne Masat

16th- Paige & Seth Tollefson

23rd- Kaylee & Braxton Hines

30th- Todd & Ann Bushong

August Birthday's and Anniversaries

August 1 - Rielle Knock, Lance Hofius, **Amy & Lee Vannier,**
Chuck & Tammy Morgan, Layla Morgan

August 2 - Kristie Binger, Brenna Koester

August 3 - Wade Schultz

August 4 - **Brett & Robin Jens**

August 5 - Judy Wagner, Harper Fliehe, Judy Barnard, Landon Bushong

August 6 - **Eric & Roxanne Knock**

August 7 - Dawsyn Otto, Case Becker, Emma Ihnen

August 9 - Cami Houghtaling, **Cody & Karla Schultz,** **Sandra & Jeff Wagner**

August 10 - Deb Kopplin, Kandy McNeill, **Tony & Shelly Binger,**
Kenneth & Tammy Nowell

August 11 - Darlys Buchholz, **Josh & Kasey Nowell,** Jeremy Bottum,
Seth & Paige Tollefson

August 14 - Sherry Binger, **Tyler & Jennifer Burton**

August 15 - Candace Stoner, Gradyn Binger

August 16 - Ramona Schultz, Ray Ernster

August 17 - Waylon Koester

August 18 - **Cody & Jade Shields**

August 20 - Joshua Nowell

August 22 - Eli Schultz, Randy Buchholz, **Scott & Lindsey Binger**

August 25 - **Tom & Deb Schultz,** Tanek Eggers

August 27 - Tyler Burton, Raya Cole

August 28 - Devan Otto Hoekman, **Troy & Nicky Watson**





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August 29 - Lee Gatzke, Diana Johnson, Teagan Watson, **Jeremy & Emily Nowell**

August 30 - Sean Domke, Richard Roeber, Goldie Peterson

August 31 - Amanda McIntyre



SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Aug 1
				● 10am Women's Coffee		
2 Communion Sunday	3 VBS	4 VBS	5 VBS	6 VBS ● 10am Women's Coffee	7	8
9	10 ● 10am Quilters' Group	11	12	13 ● 10am Women's Coffee	14	15
16 OES Service @3 pm	17 ● 7pm Star Meeting	18	19 TUC Board meeting 7 pm	20 ● 10am Women's Coffee	21	22
23	24	25 ● 10am Coffee with Pastor Derek	26	27 Pastor is gone to a Leadership Conference ● 10am Women's Coffee	28	29
30 Pastor is gone to a Leadership Conference Landon Bushong Leading worshi Womens Group 6:30 pm	31	Sep 1	2	3 ● 10am Women's Coffee	4	5



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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



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A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY

WOMEN'S GROUP

August 30th | 6:30pm

Location TBD

Members & Friends of TUC welcome,
as well as kids | snacks provided

REACH OUT TO ANITA BUSHONG
WITH QUESTIONS (402)981-1596

Coffee

WITH
**PASTOR
DEREK**



2ND TUESDAYS

Mark your calendar
and join us!



**AT THE OES
NURSING HOME**

Eastern Star Home
Redfield, SD



10:00 AM

Come for a cup of coffee,
stay for great conversation
and encouragement!

Good coffee.
Great
conversation.
Stronger
community.

Let's share
life, hope,
and faith
together.

All Are Welcome!