



Pastor's Corner – September

Tulare United Church,

September always feels like a season of new beginnings. Summer begins to give way to fall, school is back in session, routines return, and here at Tulare United Church, we begin another exciting season of ministry together.

As we enter this new church year, I keep coming back to the importance of doing life together. The Christian faith was never intended to be lived alone. God calls us into a community where we worship together, study His Word together, serve together, encourage one another, and help the next generation discover what it means to follow Jesus Christ.

That is especially important as our children and youth ministries begin again. **Sunday School kicks off September 13 at 9:00 a.m., followed by worship at 10:00 a.m. and a church potluck afterward.** This is more than the beginning of another program year. It is an opportunity for our entire congregation to recommit ourselves to investing in our children, youth, and families.

Our Confirmation classes will also begin this fall, meeting on the second and fourth Sundays of each month following worship. Confirmation is an important time for our young people to dig deeper into Scripture, understand the Christian faith, and discover what it means to personally follow Jesus. I encourage our congregation to pray for our confirmation students and support them throughout this journey.

Our Youth Group will gather on the first and third Wednesday evenings, and we are inviting members of the congregation to help provide meals. Something as simple as preparing a meal can make a tremendous difference. Gathering around a table gives our young people a place to talk, laugh, build relationships, and know that their church family cares about them.

We are also beginning **Coffee Fellowship on the third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m., served by our youth before our 10:00 a.m. worship service.** Come early, grab a cup of coffee, and spend some time visiting with one another. Church is about more than occupying the same pews for an hour on Sunday morning. It is about developing relationships and truly doing life together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Growing in the Word Together

As we begin this fall season, I also want to encourage each of us to find opportunities to get into God's Word. Sunday morning worship is important, but our growth as disciples cannot stop when we walk out the church doors. We need opportunities to open our Bibles, ask questions, learn from one another, and discover how God's Word speaks into our everyday lives.

Our Women's Group continues to provide an important opportunity for fellowship, encouragement, and spiritual growth. Ladies, if you haven't participated before, I encourage you to consider becoming involved. These gatherings are an opportunity not only to enjoy one another's company but also to strengthen one another in faith.

And men it's time for us to get something going too! This fall, I would like to gather the men of Tulare United Church for an initial meeting where we can sit down together and determine what a Men's Group might look



like, when we can meet, and what works best for everyone's schedules. My hope is that it becomes more than simply another meeting on the calendar. I would like us to develop a group where men can gather for fellowship, encourage one another, and most importantly, study the Bible together and grow as Christian men.

You don't need to be a Bible expert to participate. In fact, that's part of the purpose of gathering. Bring your Bible, bring your questions, and come ready to learn together.

This fall we also continue our journey through 1 Samuel during Sunday worship. Through Samuel, Saul, David, and the people of Israel, we are discovering what happens when God's people learn to trust Him, obey Him, and follow where He leads even when the road ahead is uncertain.

My hope for Tulare United Church this fall is simple: that we grow together. Not simply in attendance or activity, but in our love for Christ, our knowledge of His Word, and our relationships with one another.

Come worship. Come study. Come serve. Come fellowship.

Invite someone to church. Join us for Sunday School. Stay for the potluck. Come early for coffee. Help feed our youth. Pray for our confirmation students. Get involved with the Women's Group. Help us launch our Men's Group. And above all, open your Bible and make God's Word a part of your daily life.

As Hebrews 10:24–25 reminds us, *“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another.”*

There is a place for you here. May this fall be a season in which we worship together, learn together, serve together, and grow deeper in Christ together.

Blessings,

Pastor Derek
Tulare United Church

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

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 18–25 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.

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

Thank you!
FOR SUPPORTING
OUR YOUTH!



Sioux Falls, SD 57106

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).

September 2026

- 6th Rick & Judy Wagner
13th Jen & Tyler Burton
20th Cody & Theresa Marzahn
27th Tony & Shelly Binger

September Birthday's & Anniversaries

- September 1 - Stephanie Tipton, *Randy & Shirley Schultz*, Theresa Marzahn
September 2 - *Galen & Machele Albers*, Richard Tubandt
September 3 - Hope Vannier, Ophelia Houghtaling
September 5 - Robin Jens, Richard Bottum, Abby Wagner,
September 7 - Wayne Binger, Milton Kopplin, Kevin Siebrecht, *Richard and Judy Wagner*
September 8 - Kaycee Stoner, *Shane & Kianna Binger*
September 9 - Riley Fliehe, Jake Miller
September 10 - Rhonda Stroh
September 11 - Regan Lutter, Cambree Hoekman
September 12 - *Curt & Leslie Ford*
September 15 - Jodi Jungwirth
September 17 - Colin Tipton, Malaya Tipton, Lindsey Binger, Wayne Nelson
September 18 - Deanna Koester, Cade Marzahn
September 19 - Kendyl Siebrecht
September 20 - Ezekiel Artz
September 21 - *David & Amber Jandel*, Bob Bruening
September 22 - Tony Watson
September 23 - Randy Schultz, *Tommy & Jill Tomsha*
September 24 - Mary Buchholz, Joshua Bonebright
September 25 - Cooper Nowell, Presleigh Jandel,
September 28 - Leone Schultz
September 29 - Kristi Fliehe



Your **SUPPORT** Makes **A DIFFERENCE**



Thank you for your faithful generosity!

*Every gift helps us continue sharing God's love,
serving our community, and growing together in faith.*

**SCAN TO GIVE
ONLINE**



Thank you!

GIVE MONTHLY,
Make an Eternal Impact.



If you are not able to make it to church,
there are several easy and secure ways
to give and continue supporting the
ministry of Tulare United Church.

ALL GIFTS STAY LOCAL.

All the support goes to support the
continued ministry of TUC.

4 WAYS TO GIVE



1. VANCO ONLINE GIVING

Give safely and securely
online using Vanco.
One-time or recurring
gifts can be set up
in just a few minutes.

**SCAN THE QR CODE
ABOVE TO GET STARTED!**



2. SET UP GIVING THROUGH YOUR BANK

Schedule automatic
monthly giving directly
from your bank account.

It's convenient,
reliable, and helps us
plan for the future.



3. IN PERSON

Place your offering in
the giving plate during
worship or drop it off
at the church office.

Every gift—big or small—
makes a difference!



4. BY MAIL

Mail your offering to:

**Tulare United Church
PO Box 109
Tulare, SD 57476**

*Thank you for your
continued support!*

*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

— 2 Corinthians 9:7

TOGETHER, WE CAN DO MORE FOR GOD'S KINGDOM.

Thank you for being a part of the ministry at TUC!





September at TULARE UNITED CHURCH

Worship. Grow. Serve. Belong.

Fall is a wonderful time to reconnect, get involved,
and grow together in faith and fellowship.

We hope to see you this month!

SUN
6



COMMUNION SUNDAY

Worship at 10:00 AM

THU
10



WOMEN'S COFFEE

10:00 AM

SUN
13



SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF!

- Sunday School at 9:00 AM
(begins every Sunday starting Sept 13th)
- Worship at 10:00 AM
- Confirmation Class following worship
- Potluck following worship –
meat provided; bring a side dish
to share!

MON
14



QUILTERS' GROUP

10:00 AM

THU
17



WOMEN'S COFFEE

10:00 AM



FOOTBALL MEAL

6:00 PM

SUN
20



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

9:30 AM



WORSHIP

10:00 AM

- Cade Marzahn Board – 12:00 PM
- Women's Group – 6:30 PM

THU
24



WOMEN'S COFFEE

10:00 AM



FOOTBALL MEAL

6:00 PM

SUN
27



WORSHIP

10:00 AM



CONFIRMATION CLASS

following worship



Every Sunday
STARTING SEPT. 13TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 AM

Join us each Sunday morning
beginning September 13th
for Sunday School!

WORSHIP

10:00 AM

*All ages. All are welcome.
All belong here!*



*Come be part of what God is doing
at Tulare United Church this fall!*

*There is a place for you
to worship, grow, serve,
and belong!*



Coffee
WITH
PASTOR DEREK

*Good coffee.
Great conversation.
Stronger community.*

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 good conversation and encouragement!

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

All Are Welcome! ♥

TUC WOMEN'S GROUP CRAFT NIGHT

Help us make tie-blankets for
Sleep in Heavenly Peace in Huron



**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

SUN SEPT 20 | 6:30PM
@ TUC FELLOWSHIP HALL

BRING SCISSORS!
FABRIC & LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED

Coffee FELLOWSHIP

GOOD COFFEE. GREAT PEOPLE. STRONGER TOGETHER.



3RD SUNDAYS
AT 9:30 AM



AT TUC
TULARE UNITED CHURCH



**COFFEE, TREATS
& FELLOWSHIP
FOR EVERYONE!**

SERVED BY

Our Youth!

Come for the coffee. Stay for the fellowship.

♥ WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! ♥



Church Board Minutes

TUC Board Meeting 8.19.26

The meeting was called to order by Josh at 7:03pm, with everyone present except Jake Miller. Pastor Derek led us in prayer. Lance approved tonight's agenda, with a second from Spruce. July Meeting minutes were approved by Lindsey, seconded by Deanna.

With the July Financial Report next on the agenda, it was noted that the church is shorter by \$535 vs last month, with a negative balance of \$14,955.47. We discussed whether this number comes back around with Sunday School coming up and attendance usually improving after summer is over. We also talked about how often this negative balance was brought up to the congregation and whether it was reaching enough people, and is often enough. Lindsey mentioned the idea of putting a YTD balance in the bulletin each week, along with the weekly attendance and offering number. It was decided that this YTD number will be updated monthly, and listed in the bulletin weekly. Financial report was approved by Spruce, seconded by Lance.

There was nothing new from the Pastor-Congregation Relations Committee, the Memorial Committee, or the Worship Committee.

For Buildings and Grounds, Lance had fixed the light bulb in the sanctuary, Derek cleaned up the bushes in the front of the church, to the south, and Lance and Maddison cleaned the carpets in 2 Sunday School rooms and the fellowship hall.

Christian Education Committee is meeting Sunday Aug 30 after church, where they will also discuss the Sunday School picnic. The question was posed to the board last week if we'd like to donate burgers and hot dogs to the pot luck, or if we would like to do a traditional pot luck. After some discussion, it was decided that Derek would smoke some pork provided by himself and Lance, and Josh and Kasey would supply buns, but overall would be a traditional potluck.

North Star insurance bill was approved to be paid for the year. The bill increased \$322 this year.

New business – the website is live and a work in progress. Next order of business was to discuss the laptop used for the projection each week. Lindsey did some research on hardware specifications that work best with ProPresenter and it was found that our current laptop was underpowered, with little memory left and 5 years old. Lindsey made a motion to spend up to \$2500 from the undesignated memorial funds for a new laptop with adequate requirements for the program it's used for, with Lance seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's report included announcing that Spruce will be preaching on August 30th, and confirmation will be starting on Sept 13th after church. He will be reaching out to the confirmation students soon.

Next meeting will be held on September 9th at 7pm. Motion to adjourn from Lindsey, seconded by Dave.



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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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Monday – Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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