

# Fall Back Egg bake

**On Sunday, November 5th, Daylight Savings Time ends...so you know what that means...Egg bake breakfast will be served during fellowship time with all donations going to the Backpack food program at school. So don't forget to set your clocks back so you can be at church on time!**

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## FAMILY SPOTLIGHT



Brad and Susie Schroeder have five kids. Anna is married to Gage Davis. She is a Senior at the University of Sioux Falls, studying Art and is involved in their band and choir. Gage is an airplane mechanic in Sioux Falls. Josiah is a freshman at the University of Sioux Falls, majoring in Theology and English while also competing in Cross Country and Track. Levi is a junior in High School. Caleb is an 8th grader and Sam

is in 6th. They are involved in a variety of sports, music and other activities.

Brad works for EROS data center and also raises sheep. He coaches 5th and 6th grade football, is a children's leader for Bible Study Fellowship, leads a group of boys at SHINE, helps facilitate the Friday morning men's Bible study and is on the Booster Club. Susie helps on the farm, is a Bible Study Fellowship leader, is the SHINE coordinator, and teaches Sunday school. She substitute teaches during the school year, and has a garden business during the summer.

We have lived in the Canistota area for 15 years, moving here from Sioux Falls. God provided a couple of locations around Canistota for us to learn to love country living, before bringing us to the sheep farm between Canistota and Marion where we have been for about 10 years. When we moved out here it was difficult to leave our church family in Sioux Falls, but we knew in order to be involved with our community we needed to get involved with a local church. We joined the United Church and have come to love this church family. We appreciate how welcoming it has been, and how involved it is with the community with a passion to share Christ's love. Something interesting about our family is that we love camp! We are thankful for a church who supports and encourages kids to go to camp. We particularly love Camp Judson. Brad and I grew up going there, our kids are out there for winter and summer youth camps and we are out there for Family camp. Three of our kids and our son-in-law have worked out there and Anna and Gage got married there. It is a very special place to us.





# YES—You Should Go To

**C**hurch attendance is a must! Television and radio ministries are not substitutes for going to church. The bible warns us about, “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is”... (He. 10:25) Even Jesus went to church - it was His custom and it should be ours as well! “And He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue (church) on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read.” (Lu.4:16) Jesus is our example in all things-including going to church! (1Pe.2:21)

**H**earing the word of God through preaching is one of the benefits of going to church... “and how shall they hear without a preacher.” (Ro.10:14) Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Mt.18:20)

**U**nity, support, encouragement, and fellowship with other Christians are fostered through the church which is the house of God, and the pillar and ground of the truth. “Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.” (Ph.2:2); (1Ti.3:15)

**R**evivals, restoration efforts in the community, and other out-reach ministries are functions of God’s church. This is not possible if everybody stayed home lying in bed with a remote-control in their hand. Able bodied believers should go to church and participate in its ministries! Furthermore, fruit separated from its vine will soon die. Jesus is the true vine in the church, and we need to stay connected to Him in church lest we die spiritually! (Jn.15:1-8)

**C**hrist built His Church just before He ascended to heaven. His church has been active on earth throughout the ages and will exist right down to His second-coming. (Mt.16:18) This is the church that the devil hates! “And the devil was wroth (angry) with the woman (church) and went to make war with the remnant (last part of the original church founded by Jesus 2000 years ago) of her seed which keep the commandments of God and has the testimony (spirit of prophecy) of Jesus Christ.” (Re.12:17; 19:10)

**H**ave you been looking for a church, but didn’t know which one to select? The following New Testament Scripture, found in the last book of the bible, tells you what to look for:

**“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” (Re.14:12)**





## So God Made A Farmer

And on the eighth day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker." So God made a Farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper, then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board."

So God made a Farmer.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to wrestle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait for lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies, then tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon - and mean it." So God made a Farmer.

God said "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt and watch it die, then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.' I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make a harness out of hay wire, feed sacks, and shoe scraps, who at planting and harvest season will finish his 40 hour work week by Tuesday noon, and then painin' from 'tractor back' put in another 72 hours.

So God made a Farmer.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double-speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place.

So God made a Farmer.

God said "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bales, yet gentle enough to yean lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink combed-pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadowlark."

It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners.

Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed, and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church. Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says that he wants to spend his life 'doing what Dad does'. So God made a Farmer.

-Paul Harvey



# Farmer Appreciation Sunday

**Sunday, November 19**  
**during worship service at**  
**United Church of Canistota**

Potluck meal during fellowship time. Main dish provided.

Calling all farmers,  
dairy farmers, ranchers,  
& farmers of any kind!



## PASTOR SPOTLIGHT

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

November 1st was All Saints Day, a day in which we remember the "great cloud of witnesses" who have gone before us, celebrate their lives, and treasure the memories we shared with them.

In reflecting on All Saints Day, I cannot help but think of a woman I met only twice, when I visited her in a nursing home, but I knew I was in the presence of someone special. She was affable yet tenacious, inquisitive yet a fountainhead of wisdom. She died a couple months after our second visit. At her funeral, which I watched online, the pastor recalled the thoughtful and relevant ways in which she served her church and community. She quilted blankets for a local homeless shelter well into her 80s, but also participated in youth lock-ins by serving her famous "cowboy cookies" and leading the youth in the Hokey Pokey. She "embodied faithfulness, love, and vigor for life," the pastor said. I count her among the "great cloud of witnesses." Someone whom when I think of them draws my attention to "things above."

Who in your life do you remember as someone who pointed to "things above?" A loved one – family member or friend – or perhaps someone you met but a handful of times, but someone, who when you remember them, you recall with fondness? As we enter into a season of Thanksgiving, may their memory serve as a source of joy and comfort for you, and may God's peace be yours.

Prayer for All Saint's Day:

O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



**Interested in joining United Church?**

**New  
Member  
Gathering**

**Sunday,  
November 26**

**Classroom off  
fellowship hall**



**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Nov. 5th—Fall Back Egg Bake (All proceeds go to the Backpack Program)**

**Nov. 12th—Veterans Recognition**

**6:00 pm Confirmation Class**

**Nov. 19th—Farmers Recognition**

**Nov. 22nd—Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 7:00 pm**

**Nov. 26th—New Member Class**

**7:30 pm Council Mtg**

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