

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul:

neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.



"....the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

GOSPEL HYMNS

Listen how beautifully they helped little ones and aged. They peal out of the harbor of God's saints. The words of the hymns can be found in **Gospel Hymns, Revised**. The following accounts show what really matters most!

One or more of the melodies were perhaps different; at least one word is different, "she" for "he" . . . yet, these gospel hymns, how they treasure the need at life's crisis points . . .

The name of the eldest son of J. H. and Jennie Alling was Asa. He came to worship regularly. While many boys were using their spare time in fun and sport, he was doing good. Aged and infirm benefited from his kindness. Friday, April 15, he complained of being ill, but insisted on going to school. He returned in distress, and went to bed. Cerebro-spinal meningitis had taken hold. He knew his sickness was fatal. "Ma, I shall be the first of our family over yonder, but I will stand on the shore and wait for you all to come." He requested his mother to sing for him, "Pull for the shore", but grief was too much. A lady came to see him; he said, "You sing for me. Sing, 'Hold the fort!'" She did. "Now sing 'Hallelujah! 'Tis done'" The last hours closed rapidly. "Ma, I shall not live till morning; I am so tired, and will go to sleep. If I do not wake up, good-by; good-by all." Soon after, he reached the shore, toward which he had pulled so earnestly.

Maggie was a dear daughter. Just before Maggie breathed her last, she said to mother, "Mother, when you come to heaven, I shall be at the gate waiting for you. I shall be the first to bid you welcome." The time came that mother was drawing near the gate. Her eldest daughter was nearby, caring for mom. "Mother, shall I sing your favorite hymn?" "Yes, 'Waiting and Watching for me!'" She sang the first stanza . . .

When my final farewell to the world I have said,
And gladly lie down to my rest;
When softly the watchers shall say, She is dead,
And fold my pale hands o'er my breast:

And when with my glorified vision at last,

The walls of that City I see,
Will anyone then at the beautiful gate

Be waiting and watching for me?

Just as she was repeating the words, "Will anyone then at the beautiful gate . . .", her mother sprang up. "There's Maggie at the gate!"

Augustus Toplady is author of the heart-enriching words, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee . . ." Frequently, Augustus called himself a dying man, and yet the happiest man in the world. He said, "Sickness is no affliction . . . death itself no dissolution; and yet how this soul longs to be gone; like a bird imprisoned in its cage, it longs to take its flight. Had I wings like a dove, then would I fly away to the bosom of God, and be at rest forever." Beautiful words were uttered shortly before he died: "O what delights! Who can fathom the joys of the third heaven? What a bright sunshine has been spread around me! I have not words to express it. I know it cannot be long now till my Saviour will come for me, for surely no mortal can live, after glories that God has manifested to my soul. All is light, light, light—the brightness of His own glory. O come, Lord Jesus, come; come quickly." Then he closed his eyes.

Mary was sick. One evening her life was fading away. She said, "I will be absent from our next church meeting on earth, but I will be in heaven." Her parting words to husband and children were, "Be good and meet me in heaven." After she could speak no more, while those around her at her request were singing, "I am going home to die no more", she raised her feeble hands. She clapped them two or three times. Thus she died.

Mrs. Grace Davis was sick. The doctor was nearby. "Just think, doctor, to be forever with the Lord." One afternoon she said, "I am homesick for heaven." To one she said, "Everything you do for God is on compound interest . . . It will be doubly repaid you . . ." Her loved hymn was, "Jesus, Lover

of My Soul." The night before she died, she said, "There is light all around me." Fifteen minutes till her final flight, someone speaks to her. "Mother, though you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you need fear no evil, for God is with you. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow you, and you are going to dwell in the house of the Lord forever." There came a responsive smile. In a few minutes she drew a gentle breath, and was gone.

Frances Ridley Havergal was inspired to write the beautiful words, "Take My Life and let it Be". She neared death. "Spite the breakers, Marie, I am so happy; God's promises are so true. Not a fear." She sang:

Jesus, I will trust Thee,
Trust Thee with my soul:
Guilty, lost and helpless,
Thou hast made me whole . . .

Near the end, "she looked steadfastly as if she saw the Lord . . . such a glorious radiance upon her face. For ten minutes we watched that almost visible meeting with her King, and her countenance was so glad, as if she were already talking to Him . . ." Soon she was on the other horizon.

Minnie was twelve, gentle and sweet. She was very ill. Mother had told her that Jesus could ease her pain, so often, when she was suffering you might have seen her little hands clasped in prayer. Shortly before she breathed her last, she sat up in her bed. "The angels have come for me, I must

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go! . . . I would not want to stay here for anything." Then she looked up to heaven. "Look at the little children! O ma, I must go! . . ." The day before she died, she sang her favorite Sunday School song: "There is no name so sweet on earth . . ." Soon, she closed her eyes.

Gertrude was 24. The last months were very full of suffering, but there was no complaint. As the end approached, her sufferings became more intense. The Sunday night before she went home, all thought death was near. She asked her friends to sing the beautiful hymn, "Fade, fade each earthly joy, Jesus is mine!" For days she had scarcely spoken above a whisper. Then in a voice strong and clear she said, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" . . . Tuesday afternoon, the end came.

Mother was going home. "Ma, are you sure the way is all clear? Is everything under the blood?" "Yes, darling, you will find me in the City of Light". She asked her to read her precious Bible to her, repeating, In my Father's house are many mansions . . . And sang

I know I am nearing the holy ranks,
Of friends and kindred dear;
For I brush the dew on Jordan's banks,
The crossing must be near.

Then raising both hands, she clapped them. "Hallelujah, He has come. I am going to tell all my friends goodbye." She slept about two hours, and was gone.

Watts last day seemed a golden sunset. He sang, alone, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord Is laid for your faith in His excellent word." Shortly before passing, he said, "All is well, all is well." He passed sweetly from this life, calm as a May morning, his feet placed firmly on the Rock of Ages.

Nannie was nearly out of her teens. She suffered much. She knew, three days before she died, her days would be short. On the day she died she sang, "I am so happy in Jesus, From sin and from sorrow so free." Once she said, "Jesus is so near. Do you not feel that He is near, mamma?" Suffering became very intense. "O, what shall I do?" She was told to look to Jesus. He was the only one who could help her; she looked up and

said, "Yes, Lord!" She exclaimed, "O "He is coming, He is coming! O Jesus, come and take me now—I am ready." A few minutes before she left she waved her hand. "Goodby all," and she went to be forever with the Lord.

Grandma Shears was near departure. Many cheering songs were sung, such as, "O think of the home over there." Her mental powers gradually gave away, but God cleared the mental skies. For an hour she lay calmly, saying, "It is bright over the river; oh, so bright over there". She passed sweetly away.

Frank was very sick. He said, "Johnnie, sing, **There'll be no dark valley when Jesus comes.**" For days he had been able to talk only in short, broken sentences, but now to the surprise of all, he joined in and sang bass with a full, strong voice, while a beam of heavenly glory rested on his face. Another song with wonderful appropriateness he sang alone:

I will sing you a song of that beautiful land,
The far away home of the soul,
Where no storms ever beat on that glittering strand,
While the years of eternity roll.

He said: ". . . I had rather have salvation than to own all the world; the world passeth away, but salvation is forever . . . I like a faith good for a cloudy day, as well as a sunshiny day."

When his niece came in, he took her by the hand and sung in a low, sweet voice:

Oh the soul-thrilling rapture when
I view his blessed face.
And the luster of his kindly beaming eye:
How my full heart will praise Him
for His mercy, love and grace,
That prepares for me a mansion
in the sky.
Oh the dear ones in glory, how
they beckon me to come,
And the parting at the river I recall;
To the sweet vales of Eden they
will sing my welcome home,
But I long to see my Saviour
first of all.

A moment later he said, "I can see through. I am going now." Then, after a severe paroxysm, he said, "I am so tired . . . I am going", and he went home.

TRAVEL-TIME and TOWARD A GREATER CITY

The editor

The greatest of all is God. Man's mightiest achievements soar in his mind. God's power is written in the heavens . . . the magnitude and marvel of a sunset . . . the beauty of a deeper and mightier magnitude, the infinite power shown in His love . . .

February 18 . . . up at 3:30 or so. Mother and I were soon on our way. We would see many interesting things, beautiful scenery. It would be educational. Delightful were the light fields, God's own people. We would be privileged to find spiritual welcome at Decatur (Alabama), Hillsboro, Ft. Sam. Phoenix, Wichita, Lamont and Gridley areas, the Peoria area, near Morton and Roanoke. It is a privilege to be with saints, a treat, a luxury, a refreshing. No other can begin to compare with this.

We travelled in the dark awhile, that first morning. There was radiant beauty in the East. There were the various things of the way . . . 40 degrees or colder in Ft. Wayne and area . . . evidence of coming cities . . . traffic . . . 465 at Indianapolis . . . rush hour.

There were the icy bushes of the Louisville area. Evergreens stood out with color different. South . . . southward. The snow began to thin away. The journey toward heaven is in a glorious direction, to a wonderful climate. There are many indications of a coming City so beautiful not even earth's finest begins to compare . . . And we draw nearer.

Alabama is on our time—Eastern Standard then. We stopped at Athens. We stayed in a Holiday Inn at Decatur, rooms 101 and 104. The waters of the Tennessee were not too far away. A passing motel . . . others since have occupied those rooms, which were ours to use for a night, momentary stopping-place. Such is this life.

Bro. Lynn and Sis. Miriam Klopfenstein live in Decatur now, 1905 Azalea Circle. A dial . . . there is services that evening. A time is appointed. In that city, listed over 29,000 people, Lynn and Miriam in holy love bring up four children, Ann, Mark, Mary and Rhoda.

We went together to Hillsboro services—Mountain Home.

Through the little village of Hillsboro with its country store, and going down Sulphur Springs Road. Then the church. They have stood. (Now there are churches at Athens and Landersville.) Through the years, the brethren have gathered. Holy footprints of Bros. Amos Hartzler, Ernest Graf and others left a blessed beauty. Henry Stricklin was a pioneer member; now this evening his grandson gathers.

Bro. Junior Hale, minister, was in charge. Children and young people took part, presenting a program. Bro. Hale directed study of the first Adam and the Last Adam. Decatur—city of opportunity. The golden opportunity, the gems that sparkle in oncoming ages, these can be found in such places as "Mountain Home."

I still have some Sacred Poem books on hand which I have written. They are 60c postpaid. Henry Kipfer, Grabill, Ind. 46741.

FRANKFURT, GERMANY

David Kaeb

"Ask ye what great thing I know, That delights and stirs me so . . . Jesus Christ, the crucified.

"This is that great thing I know, That delights and stirs me so . . . Jesus Christ the crucified."

With our Zion Harp's chiming, these were the words sung to close the Easter services at the Neuhutten church. Several of us who recently arrived in Deutschland are thankful that we were able to spend Easter at the Heinz Maurer residence and assemble at church on Sunday.

There are several of us now stationed in the Frankfurt area. Jim and Kathy Heininger and Dwayne Laukhauf are stationed at Aeßschaffenburg, while Al Kuenzi, Sam Somerhalder, and Dave Bach are in Hanau. I am working at the hospital in Frankfurt.

Al Kuenzi has been bothered by a deviated nasal septum. He underwent surgery March 9, and since has been released from the hospital here in Frankfurt.

FRANCESVILLE, IND.

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

Christ is the Head of This House
The Unseen Host at every Meal

The Silent Listener to every
Conversation.

These words from a plaque were given to Sis. Deborah Wuethrich, daughter of Bro. David and Sis. Barbara Wuethrich, at her wedding to Bro. Ned Speicher. The evening wedding seemed so heavenly, in colors of blue and white. Bro. Wendell Gudeman said to them that many times they will say "I love you", but sometimes they will have to say "I'm sorry". Ned's grandfather, Bro. Theo. Beer then gave a touching prayer that their home can be beautiful on the outside, but it can even be more beautiful on the inside, with "Love".

"Her loneliness will no longer press her down". Dear Sis. Laura Gudeman's prayer was suddenly answered, that she could go to her companion Bro. John, who suddenly passed away 8 months ago. Bros. Elmer Bucher and Wendell Gudeman told her two loving children, Sis. Maxine Gutwein and her brother, Richard, that they must now say these words, "Mother cannot come to us anymore, but we can go to her". Three grandchildren survive, who never will forget their grandmother's concern for their undying souls. And we of the J.O.Y. Circle can surely say, Dear Laura put Jesus first, other's second and self last; she is the first flower in our "Heavenly Bouquet".

The telephone rang Monday morning: "We have a baby son; he is a little gift from heaven". These were the words of our Elder Bro. Wendell Gudeman. He and Sis. Marcella named him Mathew. Their neighbors, Bro. Rod and Sis. Mary Huber are rejoicing with a baby girl, Candice.

We have had some "in and out" of the hospital. There are some blessed feelings about them all, as when Sis. Angela Von Tobel became ill, her only daughter, Sis. Katherine Huber came to visit her from South America.

Some gold news—Bro. Ludwig & Sis. Louisa Welker could enjoy their Golden Wedding Anniversary, with their children coming home to them, as far as California. Now the "silver" news will start with a poem:

Dear Mother and Dad,
Greetings!

I am the son you said call "Mark".
Number three in this family I stand

With joy and with laughter, with
tear and a sigh,
With memories of love without end

I am the son who had been to
school,
Through volumes and libraries did
roam:

Only to find that the answers to
life
Were lived, taught and walked in
in my home.

Dad you're my Professor,
My lecturer and guide;
Mom, my counselor who stands by
my side.
Your life is a book which we all
can read,
And blessed we'll be if this way we
do heed.

Such a home I desire, so I prayed
for God's plan,
And soon He did answer, and God
gave me Jan.
We look to the future and promise
each other
To live for the Saviour as you,
Dad and Mother.

This was read by Bro. Mark Gutwein (who is engaged to Sis. Janet Stetzler) on his parents, Bro. James and Sis. Marion Gutwein's Silver Wedding Anniversary Day. Their eight children all read to them a "surprise poem", written by a relative, who then had a prayer for their future years.

In closing, would like to share with you some friendly Florida trip memories . . . Three incidents made me think I'm sure going to try and be friendlier. As we put our turn light on to go wrong on a one way street, a Southerner kept honking her horn, gave us a big smile, and waved to turn the "right way". Then stopping at a station for gas, the attendant checked our oil and said with a big smile, "Fine—you don't need any; aren't you glad?" Later as we were slowly looking to get on the main highway, we heard a voice from another car, "There's the main highway". So the thoughts come to a person, that is like God. He lovingly wants to point and help us on the straight and happy road.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY Veronica Bucher

"What glorious state, to be a
lamb of Jesus, To feel the faithful
Shepherd's loving grace. In all the

earth there is no higher standing
 than this . . . to follow in the
 Saviour's ways."

We again rejoice as Mike Rin-
 kenberger (La Crosse) has an-
 swered the calling to turn to God in
 repentance. Though the battles will
 come, we still find wonderful peace
 and happiness in following "in the
 Saviour's ways." Our group is also
 happy to have a new sister-in-
 faith. Sis. Bev Kipfer of Bluffton
 was taken into the fold on March
 29. May God's grace and strength
 be with these two souls in their
 new walk of life.

Our best wishes go to Bro. Tom
 Frank of La Crosse, whose engage-
 ment was announced to Sis. Caro-
 lyn Metz of Forrest. Tom will
 finish his studies at Purdue this
 spring. We wish them God's rich-
 est blessings in their life together.

On March 18 we were thankful
 for the presence of Bro. Clarence
 Kachelmuss of Forrest, who tra-
 veled many miles to be with us.
 The inspiring message was ended
 with this food for thought: "The
 man that promised he would repent
 at the eleventh hour died at
 11:30."

BREMEN, INDIANA

Emma Unsicker

The inspiring Easter messages
 that we heard from our ministers,
 and from our children in the
 Easter program, gave us all new
 hope and joy, for we know **God
 Lives**. We should keep this resur-
 rection joy in our hearts all year
 long, not only at Easter-Time.

God is still a "waiting God", with
 sorrow in His Heart for His wan-
 dering children. Jesus died for a
 purpose, to take on His shoulders
 the sins of all mankind. Why not
 make Jesus your friend and own
 Him as your Lord and Saviour?

We would like to thank all our
 friends who came to visit us on
 Easter.

Our prayers are with Sis. Annie
 (William) Leman, who was taken
 to the hospital with a heart at-
 tack.

This poem has been a great com-
 fort to me. May it be an encourage-
 ment to others.

Life Lessons

Learned as the years roll onward
 And leave the past behind
 That much that I have counted
 sorrow
 But proves our God is kind;

That many a flower I longed for
 Had a hidden thorn of pain,
 And many a rugged bypath
 Led to fields of ripened grain.

The clouds but cover the sunshine;
 They cannot banish the sun—
 And the earth shines out the
 brighter
 When the weary day is done.
 We must stand in the deepest
 sorrow
 To see the clearest light,
 And often from wrong's own
 darkness
 Comes the very strength of right.

We must live through the weary
 winter
 If we could value the spring,
 And the woods must be cold and
 silent
 Before the robins sing.
 The flowers must be buried in
 darkness
 Before they can bud and bloom,
 And the sweetest and warmest
 sunshine
 Comes after the storm and gloom.

So the heart from the hardest trial
 Gains the purest joy of all,
 And from lips that have tasted
 sadness
 The sweetest songs will fall. . .
 For as peace comes after suffering,
 And love is reward of pain,
 So after earth comes heaven,
 And out of our loss, the gain.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

A son, Don William, was born
 Feb. 1 to Don and Terry Bowen.
 Maternal grandparents are Bro.
 Bob and Sis. Ilene Haefli. A daugh-
 ter, Kimberly Renee was born to
 Norbert and Barbara Schneider on
 March 20. Paternal grandparents
 are Bro. Ernie and Sis. Anna
 Schneider.

The engagement of Sis. Naomi
 Fischer and Bro. Theophil Haefli
 was announced to our congrega-
 tion.

Bro. John Schwind died March 8.
 Surviving are his wife, Sis. Tena
 (Sinn); two sons, Edwin of Spring-
 field and Bro. Walter of Roanoke;
 his stepmother; five sisters; and
 one brother.

Funeral services were held at
 Wilton Mortuary for our friend,
 Nelson Gray, who died March 16.
 His wife, Sis. Alice (Herman); one
 son, Herbert; and one daughter,
 Irene Louise survive.

Sis. Tillie Luthi, who lived at the
 church home on Skyline Dr., died
 March 17 at Proctor Hospital. Sur-
 viving are two step-daughters,
 Mrs. Clara Veatch and Mrs. Eva
 Gillott; one brother, Emil Fried-
 inger; and one sister, Sis. Edna
 Mogler.

There are a number of dear ones
 among our assembly who are in the
 hospitals. They are Sisters Emma
 Hoerr, Louise Ruff, and Katherine
 Lubitz, Bro. Al Hunziker; and
 Johnny Hoerr, 6-year-old son of
 Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Hoerr,
 who broke his arm in a fall. Bro.
 Will Herbst moved to the Home in
 Eureka. May we ever remember
 our dear ones in our prayers.

We appreciated the visits of our
 visiting ministers, Bros. Eli
 Somerhalder, Noah Herman, and
 on Palm Sunday, Bros. Hartzell
 Kaisner, Dan Koch and Ed Hohu-
 lin. Bro. Dan and Bro. Ed assisted
 our Elder Bro. Roy Sauder in serv-
 ing Holy Communion, after serv-
 ices. It was truly a blessed day. In
 the evening, our Sunday School
 classes presented their Easter pro-
 gram. May they always hold these
 times dear. Our sincere hope is
 that they may learn to know their
 crucified and risen Lord and
 Saviour, and claim the promise of
 a home in heaven, for those that
 love the Lord and keep his com-
 mandments.

Note of thanks: The family of
 Tillie Luthi wish to express their
 thanks for the many expressions
 of love during her illness and at the
 time of her death.

GIRARD, OHIO

Caroline Emch

To Lewis Donald and Gail Stoll,
 a son, Geoffery Philip was born
 Jan. 31, at Alliance Hospital.
 Grandparents are Bro. Don Sr. and
 Sis. Monell Stoll and Mr. and Mrs.
 Glen Price.

On March 21 Bro. Rudy and Sis.
 Bethi Graf were with us for eve-
 ning church services. We heard the
 testimonies of the two friends, Joe
 and Donna Durkin. Bro. Rudy read
 the memorandum. March 22, Rudy
 had inspiring messages both in the
 forenoon and afternoon. The two
 friends were baptized. We are
 thankful to the Lord that he is
 still adding souls to our fold. There
 were a goodly number from Ritt-
 man visiting, to help witness the
 baptism. Supper was served at the
 Church. We want to thank every-
 one for their visit.

The engagement was made known of Friend Kathi Stoll, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Arlene Stoll, and John L. Creed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Creed of Liberty Township, Girard. The wedding date is April 25. May the Lord richly bless them.

Carl and Ruth Emch both had foot surgery this winter; they are slowly recovering. Carl has had an artificial foot, and is having adjustments made. We wish them a speedy recovery.

"Assurance" Everywhere — I find the signature, The autograph of God, and He will never deny his own handwriting. God has set His tabernacle in the dewdrop as surely as in the sun. No man can anymore create the smallest flower Than he could create the greatest world.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter — Mrs. Bill Heimer
Bro. Bob Pohl spent a Sunday with us. We always appreciate the messages Bro. Bob brings us.

The announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Judy Guingrich, Bradford, and Bro. Bill Cottrell, formerly from here. He is now employed at Bloomington, Illinois. We wish them the blessings of the Lord.

There has been many sick with the flu and complications. Bro. Gerald Sutter was quite ill with virus infection, following a setback from the flu, but all are much better again.

Randy Sutter graduated from Computer School at Peoria and is now employed in the computer department at Funk G. Hybrid Seed Corn Co. at Bloomington. Randy felt the need of a change in his life and turned to the Lord in repentance. We pray the Lord will be near him in this most important step, and that there will be many more to heed the call. He is the son of Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter, and is my grandson.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Bro. Verlin Stoller, Ft. Wayne, and Bro. Herman Kellenberger, Elgin Ill., spend a Sunday with us. May they be richly blessed for their efforts. The invitation is given to believe and the testimony is related of the joy experienced by one's redemption. May grace be given to all to strive to gain it, and

those of us who have found this peace that we can retain it and grow in faith and love in Christ.

Christian Endeavor for the Indiana churches was held here, with quite a number attending.

Quite a number from here went to Lowville, New York, to attend the funeral of Bro. Ralph Beyer. Our sympathy goes to all concerned. Our family and the many friends and relatives here all feel very close to Sis. Nina, as she was born and raised here.

Sis. Eliza Getz has been in the hospital for observation. Bro. Herman Beckley was in for surgery.

On Good Friday, the Easter program was presented by the Sunday School classes, with a large number attending. Pray that God would move each soul to attend regularly while God's grace is still to be had. Can we imagine what it would be like if we could not assemble anymore in His name?

Notes: When our mother, Sis. Elsie Kilgus lay gravely ill at the hospital and she received mail each day, she would say "Be sure and thank everyone." We, along with her, wish to thank each one for the cards, gifts and words of encouragement that came from our many congregations. May God bless each one. The Kilgus family.

Bro. Herman Beckley and his family wish to express their thanks and appreciation for all that was done for them while he was in the hospital.

What God says to His Soldiers:

On guard—"Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation."

In camp—"The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

Fighting—"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life . . ."

Wounded—" . . . they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength . . ." "in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength . . ."

Prisoner—"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God . . ."

Death—"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee . . ."

Parade and Review—"Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

A group of us went to Sis. Priscilla Gauger's home at Wolcott and finished a quilt she had started when she became ill. She has been in the hospital a number of weeks. We all felt it was a small favor we could do for her, as the Wolcott and Remington congregations owe her much for all the comforts she has gotten ready to knit, whenever we get together for our foreign relief sewing. We pray God will be with her and grant all that is needed. She is at the St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, Indiana 47904. Her home address is Wolcott, Ind. 47995.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

A new baby boy, Michael David, was born to Lowell and Sis. Karla Bahler on March 17. Jeffrey, Patsy, Melinda, and Sandra also welcome baby brother.

Our Sunday School children and young people presented the Easter story in verse and song, on Palm Sunday evening. A nice crowd was present.

Sis. Priscilla Gauger has been hospitalized for several weeks to a heart attack, but is slowly improving, for which we are thankful.

Bro. Frederick Knapp of Congerville was our visiting minister on March 15.

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Loretta Steffen

We wish to extend our best wishes to the newlyweds, Tom and Carolyn Berry, who were married March 14. Carolyn is the daughter of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Eloise Blough. May the Lord bind their marriage in happiness and unity, that it might stand through all the tests of life that might come their way.

In March we enjoyed the messages the Lord sent to us through his servants, Elder Bros. George Gramm, George Sinn, and Bro. Hartzell Kaisner. May the Lord reward them and their families for the efforts they put forth. I am often reminded of this scripture verse in regard to our ministering brother, where Paul writes, "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will,

a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me."

We are thankful to have our minister, Bro. Elmer Schrenk back working in the Lord's vineyard, after his recent illness.

Sis. Linda Koehl submitted to surgery, but is feeling better and assembling with us again.

May the Lord keep us in all His ways. Did you know: The world judges you, not only by what you stand for, but by what you fall for!

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

We had a blessed Easter Day. Bros. Joseph Schrock of Congerville and Perry Zimmerman of Forrest were with us, ministered unto us many good teachings, and the glorious Easter message . . . the women at the tomb, the stone rolled away, the empty tomb, and then the wonderful words, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen . . ."

Following the afternoon services, Bro. Samuel Bechtold was united in marriage to Sis. Betty Schambach. May God bless them in their pure life together.

Bro. Fred Wahl, son of Sis. Ida, was home on a leave, and has again returned to his base at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Sis. Ricka (Jacob) Stettner, 632 Forest Ave., is back among us after an illness, and she wishes to thank all who remembered her with prayers, cards and other tokens of love.

We've had quite a bit of sickness among our church circle: Lester Batt, 1425 Eagle Rd.; John Koch, 1026 Morton Ave.; Natalie Farney Roth, 891 Park Ave.; Bro. Albert Schmidgall, 721 Diane Ave.; Otto Stettner, R. 1, Box 63; Sis. Marlene (Tom) Leman, 212 Gordon Ct., all of Elgin, Ill. 60120. Sis. Mildred (Clarence) Dietrich, 754 E. Middle St., South Elgin, Ill. 60177. Sis. Emilie Preiss, 215 Hill Ave., assembled with us again, after a prolonged illness.

"There is one that can heal every illness,

Whether it be of body or mind.
He is known as the Great Physician;

He's the only one of His kind."

Births: A son to Leslie and Janet Spohr, R. 2, Box 64, Elgin, Ill. Craig William, born March 20;

the Wm. Spohr's are the grandparents. A daughter to David and Jean Martin, West Grant Highway, Marengo, Ill. 60152, Ann Marie, born March 20; the Carl Martins of Marengo and the Ben Greiners of Morris are the grandparents.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Wilma J. Pulfer

Sis. Sharon Dotterer has left for Hawaii to join her husband, Bro. Bill, who has been assigned to Honolulu for the remainder of his tour of duty with the Army. We wish them many blessings while they are away.

We welcome Sis. Lois Heiniger from Oakville among our congregation.

Our visiting minister, from Rittman, was Bro. Elmer Zollinger. May God bless him for his labor in the ministry.

On behalf of the Phoenix congregation, we wish to extend our sympathy to the Martin Hohulin family of Tremont, who visited here recently, in the loss of their son, Bill.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein

Salome Schumacher

If living was always easy,
If no troubles came our way,
If each day was filled with gladness,
We might then neglect to pray.
So when sorrows crowd our pathway,
When our woes seem multiplied,
It may be God's way to draw us Back again, close to His side.

Our visitors were as follows—Bros. Noah Herman—Tuscon; Eli Somerhalder—Burlington, Okla.; Don Sauder, James Leman, Joe Zimmerman Roanoke.

On Monday evening, March 16, a large group of members and friends gathered at the church to do the general spring house cleaning. It is so good when so many can work together and accomplish so much. What wasn't finished that night was finished the next day.

The Lord's Supper was served on March 22. Bros. Gene Bertschi from Roanoke and Paul Butikofer from Elgin, Iowa, helped. We were all surely reminded anew of the suffering and death of our Lord. As we partook of the bread and drank of the cup, we were remind-

ed to do this in remembrance of Him, until He comes again.

April 5, Sis. Donna Blunier and Bro. Ed Kupferschmid were united in Holy Matrimony by Bro. Leroy Huber. May God bless their lives together. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Roy and Edna Blunier, and he is the son Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Laura Kupferschmid.

This engagement was announced here in Eureka, because this Bro. assembles with us quite often, as I think he goes to college in this area: Bro. Bill Cottrell from Taylor and Sis. Judy Gingerich from Bradford.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Ida E. Sinn

Blissful and blessed would describe the week end of March 15. The Elder Bros. Noah Schrock, Sam Anliker, and Eugene Marti were with us. They brought us inspiring and unlifting messages. Connie and Evelyn Miller, and John and Ruby Sinn were baptized into the fold. The provings on Saturday evening was truly a taste of sitting in heavenly places. May these young souls, now children of God, be given the necessary grace in their new walk of life. Bro. Charles Sinn made a flying trip home for the occasion. He is a brother of John and Ruby, in the flesh, and now also in the body of Christ.

Early Monday morning our joy was mingled with deep sorrow. Our friend Bill Hohulin, 19 years old, met death in an auto accident on his way to classes at Pittsburgh College. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Martin and Edith Hohulin of Tremont. Bill had been living here with relatives. Our deepest sympathy goes to the family and all those who mourn his loss. Bill will be sadly missed here.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Joseph Somerhalder

Mrs. Andy Young Jr.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." During the Easter observances, we have been richly reminded of Christ's supreme sacrifice on the cross, then the glorious news that He arose from the grave.

A recent cold spell with snow has delayed spring—however, we have had some flowers in bloom

since March 6, some fruit trees in bloom.

Sammy, son of Glen Young, Kansas City, and grandson of Bro. Andy Sr. and Sis. Lydia Young was hospitalized for 5 days, for tests and observation. Surgery is scheduled during school vacation.

Karen Cooper, daughter of Mrs. Orville Tyson, and Randall Sommerhalder, son of Bro. Joseph and Sis. Edna Sommerhalder, were united in marriage Easter Sunday. As life's disappointments come, may they look to Jesus for guidance, the one who can help in every need. The church entertained with a shower for them at the home of Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten Strahm.

Bi-monthly services have been well attended at 732 Lakeview Dr., Emporia. Our appreciation goes to Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Dorothy Young, who open heart and home, to all who care to assemble around God's holy word. Thanks to the brothers who speak through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

The Lamont congregation assembled with us for Good Friday services. We welcome them back.

Bro. Samuel and Sis. Mary Huber with their family assembled with us twice—they are greatly missed in our small congregation. We share the joy in their daughter, Karen's conversion. May she always receive the needed grace.

"The rising of the Lord has made it possible for me to repent of my sin, and if I follow his footsteps all my life here on earth, till the end of my journey—I will receive everlasting life. Bro. Matthias Strahm. (This is from one of our oldest brothers, who with his wife, Sis. Lena, observed their 50th wedding anniversary in 1968. They seldom miss attending church or church activities, though they live 25 miles away.)

LATTY, OHIO

Dolores Grant — Iva Stoller

Just One Day Apart

A song of sunshine through the rain,
Of spring across the snow;
A balm to heal the hurts of pain,
A peace, surpassing woe . . .
Lift up your heads, ye sorrowing ones,

And be glad of heart,
For Calvary and Easter Day
Were just one day apart.

Let us all have courage in all trials, and love and compassion for those who are tried, for through Him shall we find perfect peace.

A dear little boy was born to Bro. Jack and Sis. Mary Gerber. Paul Jesse was born March 20, and is welcomed home by two sisters and one brother.

Sis. Lillian Stoller was hospitalized for a short stay. She is home and assembling with us. We would wish to express our sympathy to her, for at this time she lost a sister, Mrs. Cornelius (Fannie) Baumgartner, of Bluffton.

Our Bro. Kenneth Laukhuf has submitted to major back surgery. He is getting along well, but his convalescence will be lengthy. We wish him God's richest blessing for a full recovery. Our friend, Carl Laukhuf was in for tests.

On March 15, we were happy to have many young brothers and sisters from the various Ohio churches assemble with us. There is always much joy in our Christian fellowship and in sharing with one another. We thank them for their visit.

This month we were privileged to honor the 50th wedding anniversary of our dear brother and sister, Emil and Annie Stoller. Open house was held on March 22. Their nine children were all present: Bro. Melvin and Mrs. Bill (Sis. Lillian) Eisenmann of Haviland; O., Bro. Millard, Mrs. Roscoe (Elizabeth) Waters, and Mrs. Jack (Marie) Moore of Paulding; Mrs. Roger (Sis. Eunice) Gerber of Payne; Mrs. Myron (Sis. Lorene) Hackenios of Ft Wayne; Mrs. Alan (Nathalia) Getz of Eureka; and Mrs. Earl (Sis. Anna Lou) Grimm of Princeville. They wish to express their thanks for the love shown through cards, gifts, and good wishes. They have both been active long in the service of our church, and it would be our wish that they could continue thus.

On April 5, we were brought many good teachings through our visiting ministers, Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park and Bro. Roy Grimm of Taylor. We truly thank them for their inspiring messages.

Again it is approaching the day set aside to honor our mothers. Those of us who still have ours with us have much to be thankful

for. May we who are also mothers have as much wisdom, love and patience as the example set before us. With the help of the Lord, may we bend their young lives toward Him.

LESTER, IOWA Emelie M. Knobloch

We were renewed in the faith by the teachings from the gospel, of Christ's death at Calvary where His blood was shed, and His resurrection on Easter morn. How the earth did tremble with might when Jesus Christ arose. May we with faith in our heart carry our cross, whether it be in joy or sorrow, so we may rise to joy unknown. We should be sincerely thankful that He paid a supreme sacrifice, and through His grace for remission of our sins, we may have the hope for a glorious reunion in the kingdom in heaven.

Our converts will be given an opportunity to bring their testimonies before the brethren April 11, after having peace with God and their fellowmen announced. May God extend His grace and love to other souls, before the door of grace will close. We can feel that our field is ripe for harvest.

May the Lord share His love and sympathy to Sis. Edna Mogler, whose sister, Tillie Friedinger Luthi departed this life; within the week she received the news of the tragic death of her 15-year-old grandson at West Bend, Curtis Mogler. It is, as Bro. Carl Feucht said, a warning to all. We can feel what God does is well done. We sorrow not because God has chosen these, but because we'll be lonely. Bro. Leo Moser read, there are mansions prepared for us. May we be true and faithful, so we may meet our loved who have gone before.

Among the ill: Sis. Mary Knobloch has been able to attend services again. Sis. Emma Leuthold has been confined to her home. Bro. John Gerber was hospitalized for medical treatment. John DeHaan is in the hospital for tests and observation. Ronald Wulf is recuperating from a ruptured appendectomy. Little Jodi Kellenberger had a tonsillectomy. Samuel Moser had surgery on his leg, following an accident. Bro. Larry Knobloch had surgery on his knee. Bro. Adolph Moser fortunately escaped serious injury in a truck accident, May God grant them en-

duration for their pain and comfort in their lonely hours.

Engagement was announced of Louella Wika, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Wika of Sioux Falls, and LeRoy Kellenberger, son of Bro. and Sis. Henry Kellenberger.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gerber, twin sons, March 5, Timothy Jay and Thomas John; these are their first children. To Bro. and Sis. Earl Knobloch, a son, March 15, Jerome Edwin; he has three sisters to welcome him home.

Floyd and Lloyd Wulf have gone to the service.

Sis. Becky Banwart, who took her LP training and was employed here, has accepted employment at Ft Dodge, and will attend her home church, at West Bend. We will miss her being with us, but wish her God's blessings.

On March 20 we had a snow cover of 12 inches. It has been gradually disappearing again, and our early flowers are in bloom. The robins and jays are returning for the summer.

Many loved ones were home for the Easter holiday and have returned for their last quarter of school.

No burden, however heavy, need be carried alone. In all the difficulties and trials of life, there is One who will comfort and sustain us, if we but ask His help. The Bible, tells us, "Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee..." If we make a practice of opening our minds and hearts to Him, He will pour new strength into us. Let us always remember that we are never alone. God is always with us, to sustain and comfort us.

LONG BINH, VIET NAM

Bill Schmidtgal

During the past month we here at Long Binh have been blessed in many ways. Stan Steiner, who is stationed with the 9th Inf at Tan An, spent three evenings with us while attending a projectionist school. It was indeed a pleasant reunion. Bro. Gaylord Dotterer was transferred in country to a unit here at Long Binh. Since he arrived, we have spent many blessed hours together.

Bro. Merle (Rocke) spent some time traveling. He visited Bro. Glen Heinold at Cu Chi. Art Beery accompanied Merle to Bangkok, Thailand. Merle is now busily plan-

ing his R&R to Japan, starting 4 April.

We thank each one for their many prayers. Without God's help, we would surely be fighting a losing battle.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. John Oberlander

Mrs. Ken Getz

Our March Sunday night sing was an interesting review of the past, when a number of our congregation sang four of the old favorite hymns in German. There was much enthusiasm felt by all. The kindergarten and first grade children told us the Easter story in words and song.

Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth Leuthold Schick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. May God favor them with many more years together.

Announcement was made of the forthcoming marriage of Sis. Beulah Martin Rumbold and Bro. Leo Funk of Gridley, Illinois. May their future life together be happy and blessed by the Lord.

Sis. Verna Bauman wishes to thank all who have sent her cards of good cheer. These words of encouragement were deeply appreciated.

Two baby boys and one girl have been born to members of our congregation: Brian Richard, to Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Annette Stieglitz Tanner; Todd Alan to Bro. Robert and Sis. Christine Schupbach Baum; and Cheryl Kay to Bro. Robert D. and Sis. Rose Mary Huette Frank. Todd Baum and Cheryl Frank each have two sisters to welcome them home.

Those who have been in the hospital and are convalescing are: Bro. Henry Binkle and Sisters Anna Belsley, Edna Kahler, Hannah Strunk, Kate Belsley, Carrie Grimm, Emma Stieglitz, Eula Grimm, Emmadale Baer, Lydia Musselman, Leona Leman, Edna Strunk, Mary Ann Winzeler, Anna Krantz and Corinne Ackerman.

Henry Aberle is in Presbyterian St. Luke Hospital, Room 252B, Chicago. Cards of good cheer will help pass his lonely hours.

Bros. Henry Rapp and Sam L. Getz are confined to their homes. May the Lord be with them.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Tucson Sewing Circle

Our Ministering Bro. Noah Her- man attended the funeral services

for his brother-in-law, Nelson Gray of Peoria. We extend our sympathy to the family. While our ministering brother was in Illinois, Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix spent a Sunday with us, and also Bro. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix spent a Sunday with us. We truly thank them for their labors of love toward the Tucson church.

We enjoyed having ministering Bro. Elmer Zollinger from the Rittman Church here with us over the Easter weekend.

We are enjoying beautiful weather here in the Southwest, with the temperatures near 80.

JAPAN

Address change:

John Klaus, 2026 Shindo, Sagami-hara-Shi, Kanagawa-Ken, Japan. This location is near Camp Zama. Our phone is 0462-51-0025.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Freda and Rhoda Minger

"Call and cry ye watchmen boldly; Call aloud and spare them not." We thank God for allowing such watchmen to minister unto us. Our visiting ministers were Bro. Joe Kaisner from Forrest and Bro. Elmer Zollinger from Rittman. Bro. Elmer and family were in California for almost a week, assembling with us on a Thursday evening and Sunday morning. Bro. Joe and his wife were visiting their daughter, Helen and family, for several weeks and were able to assemble with us or the Maywood congregation during their stay. Joe brought us many sermons overflowing with good teachings, during this time together. The one which impressed me so deeply was taken from Colossians 3:12,13, & 14. "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

As the elect of God we are commanded to follow all the teachings set forth by our Lord. How simple it seems to gain the state of perfection, and how far we oft are from this state. As also brought forth, we all possess a tongue. Small as this member is, to me it seems like it is one of the biggest stumbling-stones a Christian "elect

of God" must overcome, in order to show true charity, kindness, humbleness of mind, etc. Let us all put forth more effort to suppress this **unruly little member**, that we might gain that perfectness.

The Lord has returned to us our elder, Bro. Carl Kinsinger, after his trip to India. With our fast means of travel, we forget at times the distances that often separate us. Thanks be to God that He is able to watch between us, and keep us safe both in body and spirit; and He is only a prayer away.

We are thankful that Sis. Christine Pierson has been restored sufficient health to assemble with us again. Sis. Dora Sauder and Sis. Clara Vinch had also been ill, but were able to assemble again. Sis. Helen Klotzle was hospitalized for tests. She is now somewhat improved, although still very weak. She is staying at the home of her son, Bro. John and Sis. Lois. We certainly pray that God will restore a reasonable portion of health to Sis. Helen, that she may assemble with us again. We certainly miss her smiling face in our midst.

Our congregation was sorry to see Bro. Ted and Sis. Helen Baumgartner from Milford return home, after spending the winter in California. We pray that they have received a blessing, as we have from our fellowship together these last few months.

We welcome Bro. Dean and Sis. Connie Pashak and family from the Bay City congregation. Dean's job has brought them to California. Their five little girls are certainly a blessed addition to our small Sunday School, as well as Bro. Dean and Sis. Connie to our membership, even though it is only for six months. Their address is 1620 Sunrise, Corona, California.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher
Carolyn Knochel

The coming of spring has been delayed in the Midwest by two late winter snowstorms, but we still see signs that it is on its way. As it is in this troubled world, through the storm, many of us are fortunate enough to see that bright ray of hope which our Saviour offers us.

Our congregation always rejoices when a new baby is born. Bro. James and Sis. Marlene Ramseyer are the parents of a new daughter, Natalie Lane. Welcoming her home are Beth, Debbie, and

Wendy. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Herb and Sis. Naomi Ramseyer.

Note: Sis. Ida Wackerle and the family wish to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all who remembered us in any way during the illness and death of our loved one, Bro. Henry. May God bless and reward you.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Pauline Roth — Phyllis Knapp

Our congregation has been blessed with the visits of Ministering Bros. Jim Ringger and Roy Ehnle of Bradford. They left us with many good teachings essential for our eternal welfare. Our elder Bro. Johua Broquard was with us for our Good Friday services. He reminded us of our Lord's suffering and dying upon the Cross for the remission of our sins. We need to be reminded often of the great price He paid there on Calvary and the debt we owe for our salvation.

Bro. Josh announced that our friends, Vera Grusy and Evelyn Norwood have received the peace that passeth all understanding in their hearts and may now look forward to proving and baptism.

On March 15, Bro. Bill and Sis. Sheri Dietrich became the happy parents of little Debra Lynn. Her brothers are John, Tim and Robbie.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Emma Reeser had the privilege of celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on March 22 at an open house, given by their children. Altho' Sis. Emma uses a walker to get around, these two dear ones are quite well and are able to assemble with us almost every Sunday and enjoy the fellowship of those of kindred mind.

Tho't—Shall we make a new rule of life? . . . Always be a little kinder than necessary.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

G God's
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Bro. Walter and Sis. Martha Steffen wish to thank everyone that sent them expressions of remembrances for their Golden Anniversary.

Bro. Carlos and Sis. Jane Meiss

are parents of a daughter, Dawn Lynette. She arrived March 12, the sister of Renae Lynn. Grandparents are Bro. Eli and Sis. Della Meiss and Bro. and Sis. Arnold Metzger of West Bend.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Everett Martin are parents of their second son, Timothy James. Other children are Ann, Pam, Susan, and Charles. Sis. Mary Traub is the maternal grandmother. The Martins are stationed at Tinker AFB, Okla.

Bro. and Sis. Dave Steffen's son, Alan, who was hospitalized and flown by ambulance plane to Mayo Clinic, is now home and improving. Sis. Elsie Peters and Sis. Esther Miller were hospitalized.

The Sunday School classes presented the Easter Story, in an inspiring program on Palm Sunday.

Bro. Dan Roth, son of Bro. and Sis. Earl Roth, left for service in the army.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Billy Jo Harville

Five Reasons For Attending Church Regular

1. I attend service when it rains because the Fourth Commandment does not except the rainy Lord's day.

2. Because I insist upon the minister being there.

3. Because I may miss exactly the message I need.

4. Because my real excuse for absence must be offered to God.

5. Because my presence may help more on rainy days than on bright days.

We were glad to have with us at our Good Friday Night service, Bro. Charles Hemmer. Bro. Charles gave the message on the death of our Lord and Saviour; he told us of the great price that was paid for our sins, his blood on Calvary's cross. Truly we should all strive harder each day to have a closer fellowship with the one that gave so much for us.

On Easter Sunday evening . . . Bro. Lynn delivered a wonderful message on the Resurrection of the dead.

We are happy to report that Mrs. Dessie Letson is improving nicely at the home of her daughter Sis. Manley Hale.

Edd and Sis. Mauvlyn Harville, who lost their home in a fire one year ago Easter Sunday, have rebuilt a new house. They are having

church at their house Tuesday night.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Elizabeth K. Kaisner

We have again been reminded of the resurrection of our dear Lord and Saviour, and are thankful to God for His plan of salvation that has been made available to us, if we will submit ourselves to Him.

We are thankful to have with us Bro. Joe Kaisner and Bro. Elmer Zollinger. The brothers have brought to us the word of God in the truth and Spirit. We need to be reminded and refreshed in our minds as to our duties here in this life toward God, in order to be able to bring it to a blessed end, with His grace and help. May God bless them for their efforts put forth and their visit among us; may His protection be over them all.

Sis. Milinkovich, who has been ill at home for some time, having gone through surgery, is improving and was able to be present in church on a recent Sunday. May God be with her in her trials and afflictions. Sis. Nettie Locher has been able to be in church, and may God also abide with them and bless them.

The Sunday School children have brought forth their program concerning Easter; may God bless the teachers and the children.

Speak Gently:

Speak gently: It is better far
To rule by love than fear;
Speak gently: Let no harsh words
mar
The good we might do here.

Speak gently to the little child,
Its love be sure to gain.
Teach it in accents soft and mild;
It may not long remain.

Speak gently to the aged one;
Grieve not the careworn heart.
The sands of life are nearly run;
Let such in peace depart.

Speak gently, kindly to the poor;
Let no harsh tone be heard.
They have enough they must
endure
Without an unkind word.

Speak gently to the erring; know
They must have toiled in vain.
Perchance unkindness made them
so;
Oh win them back again.

Pleasant Thought: God has given us tongues that we may say something pleasant to our fellow-men.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA. Mrs. Gus Weltz — Della Witschey

E. B. Frum, husband of the late Lucy Witschey, passed away in Jeanette, Pa., on March 18 at the age of 87 years. He is survived by two sons and one sister, Mrs. Myrta Gorby of New Martinsville. Funeral services were held on March 21, and interment took place in Jeanette, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Verda Fankhouser of Easton, Md., visited with the Witschey families, and were accompanied home by Miss Margaret Witschey, who will spend a few days with them.

Delbert Indermuhle of Sardis has been able to resume his work with the Scoot Company, after several days of confinement because of a knee condition.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron visited with relatives here on March 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkesburg, W. Va., visited with relatives here on March 22. They had just returned from Florida, where they spent the winter months.

Thomas Shepherd, a lifelong resident of this area, passed away on March 26. He is survived by his widow, three sons and several grandchildren.

J. Howard Riegenbach will undergo surgery again on April 16 at the local hospital, for further care of his earlier illness. His general condition is good.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

We have many and great reasons for rejoicing in our blessings while yet in this life, and the greatest is that we are witnessing a troubling of the waters in Oakville for which we have long prayed. We are so thankful for each one who is able, by the grace of God, to seek their soul's salvation.

We also rejoiced as we partook of Holy Communion, after church services on Friday evening before Easter Sunday. Renewed in spirit, we now must go onward and forward in our daily walk of life.

Sis. Charlen Schrock and Bro. Wayne Banwart (West Bend) were united in Holy Matrimony by her grandfather, our Elder Brother

Noah Schrock, on March 22. We enjoyed our many visitors who came to witness this union of hearts, and the singing was so uplifting to all.

We are also thankful for the ministering brothers who visited us: Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville; Bros. Earl Banwart and Duane Metzger, West Bend; Bro. Marvin Stieglitz, Leo; and Bro. Arnold Gerst, Chicago.

Stacia Deonne was born March 10 to Ervin and Teresa Marti, who have one other daughter. Grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Bertha Wagenbach of Oakville and Bro. Fred and Sis. Anna Marti from Lamar.

John and Joan Gerst have their second daughter, Jeanne Suzanne, born on March 26. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heiniger and Dave Gerst.

Bro. John Frank wishes to thank everyone for the many cards and letters he received while in the hospital, and especially for the many prayers that were offered for him. He is now convalescing at the home of his son and family, Bro. Norman Frank, Sperry, Iowa.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

"Should I go now, Dad?" Curtis asked as he departed from his home to go clean snow from the church-yard. His father said, "Yes", not realizing that his youngest son would instead go to that Heavenly Home above. On March 25, a tragic accident instantly claimed the life of Curtis Mogler, 15, when the tractor he was driving overturned due to snowcovered roads near his home. Our entire congregation has felt the shock and grief of this loss, and we will long remember Curt's quick smile and willingness to help. Bro. Leo Moser of Lester and Bro. Noah Gerber from here offered many words of comfort and encouragement to us at the funeral services. Curtis will be missed by his parents, Bro. and Sis. Ervin and Elma Mogler; four sisters, Sis. Joan and Sis. Beverly, Mary and Harriet, and one brother, Charles, besides his two grandmothers, Sis. Edna Mogler of Lester and Sis. Rosa Zaugg of here. Often at a time like this we wonder why, but as one young friend put it, "Maybe God liked Curtis so well He wanted him home for Easter". Truly, what God wants we

will accept. The family of Curtis would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to each relative and friend who lent hand, heart, prayers, thoughts and words to help ease the burden. May God richly reward each one.

Somehow the mixed feelings of this experience were so much like those of this Easter season which inflicts pain, that Christ bore on the Cross because of our deeds—our having to part with Curtis, and joy that our Lord did arise victorious—that Curtis is now safe in the Arms of Jesus.

Many were the teachings brought to us by visiting ministers, Bro. Carl Feucht of Lester and Bro. Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop. We appreciate them lending themselves so the Gospel could be expounded unto us.

Mary, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ervin and Elma Mogler has found grace to turn to the Lord in repentance. May the Saviour of us all grant a special blessing to all that seek Him in prayer.

Sis. Mary, wife of Bro. Alfred Fehr, has been moved from the hospital to Clearview Manor Rest Home. Bro. Melvin Fehr is recovering satisfactorily, since his minor surgery. David, son of Bro. and Sis. Noah and Emma Gerber is improving since being in the hospital. Mrs. Ray (Lydia) Wilson and Bro. Ernest Kellenberger are both slowly improving since their hospital stays.

How refreshing to sit in heavenly places, as was the privilege of many of us when Elder Brothers Leo Moser from Lester and Paul Butikofer from Elgin spent a Sunday with us to serve Holy Communion. Let us ever strive to keep this blessed feeling in our hearts at all times.

The engagement of Sis. Cheryl, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Noah and Emma Gerber, to Bro. Dale, son of Sis. Elizabeth Moore of Elgin, Ia., has been announced. Bro. Verner and Sis. Beverly Wirtz announced the engagement of their daughter, Joleen, to Marvin, son of Bro. Jake and Sis. Donna Metzger of Rock Rapids, Iowa.

On April 4 Arlene Anliker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anliker of Whittemore, Iowa, and George Cooperider son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cooperider of Iowa City were united in marriage at Marengo, Iowa. They will be at home in Omaha, Nebraska. Arlene

is an RN and George is stationed at Offutt AFB.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anliker announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol to John Hjelmeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gjert Hjelmeland of Dimmelsvik, Norway.

There is never a life without sadness;
There is never a heart free from pain.

If one seeks in this world for true solace,
He seeks it forever in vain.

So when to your heart comes the sorrow
Of losing some dear one you've known,
'Tis the touch of God's sickle at harvest,
Since He reaps in the fields He has sown.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS Ruth Ricketts

We were happy to have Bro. LeRoy Ehnle of Bradford minister to us one Wednesday evening. Near the end of the service we could hear the young folks singing in the distance, "Tell Mother I'll Be There, In Answer to her prayer." I wondered how many took these words to heart.

Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria and Bro. Francis Rother of Morton were our guest ministers one Sunday. Precious teachings were given. Be wise, alert and always ready, for we know not when the Lord will return.

It was good to have Bro. LeRoy Huber speak to us in his sincere way one Sunday. We were warned that if we harbor evil thoughts, it can lead to deep sin. We must keep the commandments if we are to be sure of eternal life.

Do you wish for kindness? Be kind.
Do you wish for truth? Be true.
What you give of yourself, you find;
Your world's a reflection of you.
It's in loving, not being loved
The heart is most truly blessed;
It's in giving, not seeking gifts,
That we gain what is brightest and best.

Bros. Roy Grimm of Taylor and Hartzel Kaisner of Detroit spent a Sunday with us. The tender call to repent was sent out. What little

is required of us, but oh what a gain. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

The prophecies of Ezekiel were written so many, many years ago, yet are so timely for our present day. It is important that we read these Old Testament scriptures and apply them to our own lives.

It was a great joy to have so many of our friends assemble with us for services Good Friday evening. Today, those living in sin can have the burden of sin rolled from their hearts, as the perfect lamb, our Lord Jesus Christ, died on the cross and shed His precious blood for the remission of our sins. What a great price was paid! He gives a peace that passes all understanding.

The first Sunday in April, Bro. Andrew Virkler of Bay City gave us many humble, sincere teachings. We have much food for thought in the coming days. May he feel the Lord's nearness at all times.

Our friend, Liesle Rapp, spent some time in the hospital again for observation and treatment, but we are thankful that she is again at home. Sis. Marie Eberle underwent surgery and is recovering nicely in her home. Sis. Clara Marie Gerber is recovering from surgery on her leg, which was badly broken in an auto accident in September. During a late winter snowstorm, Bro. Levi Endress became very ill and had to be taken to a hospital. As we arrived in church April 5, we learned that he had passed from this world. He had been a semi-invalid for the past fifteen years following a stroke, and the past two years was in failing health. Even though he was only 51, he had much more to die for, than to live for. Services are set for Wednesday, April 8. His survivors include his faithful wife, Sis. Mildred (Feucht); five sons, Bro. Larry, Ralph, Jerry, Merle, and Donald; two daughters, Sis. Kayleen and Linda; one brother, Bro. John; and four sisters, Sis. Anna Rumbold, Sis. Hilda Dietz, Martha Elsasser, and Sis. Lucille Knobloch. Sis. Marie Siebenthal, who makes her home with her niece, Sis. Margaret Herrmann, is receiving treatments in the hospital. We hope she will be able to come home soon.

If we could see beyond our present sorrow, beyond our present grief as God can see, we could be braver, knowing some tomorrow will still hold happiness for you and me.

If our blurred eyes could see beyond their weeping the sunlit hills that some day we shall climb, we would be stronger and we would be keeping a tryst with hope through every darkened time.

If we could see beyond some fresh disaster, the road smoothed out again before our eyes, we would be calmer and we would learn faster the lesson's life unfolds to make us wise.

Approximately 1100 attended the Community Open House. We were pleased that so many showed such an interest in our new house of worship. This was held the first Sunday in April.

AKRON, OHIO

Kathy Graf

Dianne Graf, daughter of Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Esther was married to Robert Horn on March 22. They are living at 1012 Saxon Ave., Akron, Ohio 44314.

Sis. Mary Baumgartner was able to attend services again on April 5, after being shut in several weeks with phlebitis.

Our open house for the community and also the tradesmen, who helped build our new edifice, was held March 22.

We were happy to have Bro. Merrill Laukhuf hold our services on April 5, the open house day for all Ohio churches. Bros. Ben Hartzler and Joe Ramsier were here from Rittman also.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Eli Somerhalder on March 15. It is always uplifting to hear God's word proclaimed by the inspiration of His Spirit.

We rejoice with Bro. Daryle and Sis. Jan Hari over the birth of their little daughter, Janeen Marie on March 29. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ray Heinold of La-Crosse and Bro. and Sis. Ray Hari of Cissna Park.

Bro. William Herbst has moved from this area to reside at the Eureka Home. We miss his friendly greeting and humble presence in our fellowship, and sincerely wish him the blessings of the Lord in his new residence.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Donna Hartzler — Judith Aberle

It was certainly a blessed week end when quite a number from our congregation traveled to Bluffton to witness the marriage of Bro. Larry Belsley, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lois of Detroit, and Sis. Marcia Steffen, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Dee, on Sunday, March 15. May God bless this union of hearts, that they may walk life's path together in love and harmony.

"And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there; And set up over his head his accusation written. THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS." For our Good Friday services, Bro. Merle Kaisner of Fairbury expounded upon these words. We were reminded of the agony and suffering of our Lord who, in fulfilling the promise of God, shed his innocent blood for the remission of the sins of all. May this season be a time of rededication to the covenant we have made with our God.

Our best wishes go to Bro. Floyd and Sis. Perceda Wieland on their silver wedding anniversary. They were married in Bay City, April 8, 1945.

On April 6 Barbra Maibach, wife of Ben III, had surgery for a ruptured appendix. May God grant her a speedy recovery.

RIITMAN, OHIO

Janette Blough—Florence Hartzler

It is so wonderful to look or be outdoors to observe springtime. We truly know the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, as we watch the trees budding and then turning into leaves, and see flowers peeping up through the surface of the earth, after a long winter of lying dormant. Seeing the sun shining so bright and warm and hearing all the songs the birds sing makes us so thankful that our God is such a marvelous Creator. Even the strong winds we have had makes us wonder if our God were not sweeping the earth, getting it ready for His creation to burst forth in bloom and song.

Our hospitalized were Bro. Larry Miller, Bro. Joe Ramsier,

and Bro. Glenn Riggensbach, who were hospitalized for surgery. Also hospitalized were Bro. Karl Beery, Sis. Donna Young, and Harold Beery. We are happy to report that they are all home and seem to be progressing satisfactorily.

Fred Gasser, son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Neva Gasser has left for the service. May God watch over all our boys who are called to serve our country.

We are happy to have Merv Ullman home from Viet Nam, and thankful for his return. Merv is married to the former Wanda Gasser, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Neva Gasser.

The family of Sis. Elda Gasser wish to take this opportunity to thank all who in any way helped to ease the burden and grief of their dear one, both during her illness and then during the time of her passing away. From coast to coast they wish to thank all who remembered them in any way.

Lois Hartzler, daughter of Sis. Mildred Hartzler, is in Staufen, Germany, where she will be studying for a few months.

Dave and Jane Currie welcomed a little boy, Douglas Scott to their home. Douglas has one sister, Denise. He is the grandson of Bro. Roy and Sis. Mabel Maibach.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Norene Herbst — Mary Hoffman

We are glad to have Bro. Joe Zimmerman back. He and his wife spent several weeks in Florida.

Our friends, Keith Hohulin, son of the Bro. Bob Hohulins and Connie Tessier, daughter of the Max Tessiers are engaged and planning a June 27 wedding. We wish them God's blessings as they begin life together.

Our Easter Program was held the evening of Palm Sunday, with the Eureka Bible Class as our guests. It was a truly blessed evening for all of us.

Our Sis. Ann Sauder (Mrs. John B.) was hospitalized for several weeks, but is able to be at her daughters home, Bro. and Sis. Emery Getz, in Eureka. Bro. Rouland Leman was in the hospital, but is home again. We are always thankful when the Lord restores health to His children.

Our dear old friends, Andrew and Emma Schumacher have found peace with God, and will very soon be given the opportunity to give their testimonies. It is strengthen-

ing to know that the Lord calls yet, even those in higher age.

Bro. Alvin and Sis. Marie Farney plan to move to their new home north of Eureka in the near future, and are attending their home church at Roanoke. We welcome them back to our congregation.

Sis. MaryAnn Winzeler, Bro. Gene Bertschi's mother, has been in the hospital and is now back in Morton at Mest-Mor.

BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

Our guest minister was Bro. Edwin Bahler, Remington. He told . . . to take care how we spend our idle time, as the evil one has so many ways to tempt us, so many nice shiny apples to offer, but every last one has a worm in it! We thank Bro. Bahler for his willingness to serve us.

Hospital patients were Sisters Lydia Hanhart and Sarah Meyer, Camille, 16-month old daughter of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Claudia Strahm.

Sis. Emily (Strahm) Lortscher is a new resident at the A.C. Home.

Mrs. Lillian (Strahm) Wittenbach is able to be in her own home again. Lillian suffered a stroke some time ago and stayed part of the past winter in the home of her brother, Bro. Emil and Sis. Grace Strahm.

Bro. Vernon and Sis. Lillian Esslinger have a new grandson, Chris Allen, born March 8 to Paul and Judith (Esslinger) Day, Salina. He has a brother, Michael.

With Good Friday services in Sabetha, our midweek services were concluded. Easter Sunday marked our first song service. We alternate with Sabetha every two weeks. Every one is invited and welcome; starting time, seven o'clock.

On April 6, a good number gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony for our new church building. It is only fitting that we ask the Lord's blessing on so great a undertaking. May all things be carried out to His honor and glory.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Martha Kieser Delores Duckworth

Our Easter season was a very unusual one. On Wednesday before Easter, we had a ten inch snowfall, and on the Wednesday after, we recorded another eight inches. Both snows were very wet, and it made the earth, trees, fences and all a

spotless white. Schools were closed in the area, and some people were without electricity for a time.

March 15 was the day chosen for the wedding of Vicki Stoller and Charles Leuthold. They were married in the Fellowship Hall near Peoria by Elder Bro. Leroy Huber, Eureka. Vicki is the daughter of Bro. Nate and Sis. Martha Stoller, and Chuck is the son of Bro. Art and Sis. Emily Leuthold of the Lester congregation. We wish them God's blessings in their life together.

The two daughters of Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris Guingrich have announced their engagements. Sis. Judy is engaged to Bro. Bill Cottrell, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Ruth Cottrell of Taylor. Becky is engaged to Dennis Pyles, of Sparland. Our sincere best wishes go to these young people.

Our sincere sympathy goes to the family of Bro. Lee Endress of Princeville. He passed away April 5, following a stroke. His son and wife, Bro. Larry and Sis. Becky; his brother, Bro. John; and Sisters, Sis. Ann Rumbold and Sis. Hilda Dietz, are all of our congregation.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Millicent Frieden — Laverne Roth

Visiting ministers have been Bro. George Lambert of Wichita, Elder Bro. Sam Anliker of Lamont, and Elder Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix.

We had a very blessed week end of March 21, when Elder Bros. Roy and Sam delivered the summary of the Brotherhood Conference to us Saturday evening. Then on Sunday, Holy Communion was served, later followed by a covered-dish supper in the church dining room. Our cup surely runneth over.

Church services were held the evening of Good Friday, in observance of our Lord's crucifixion and death. Then Easter Sunday brought the age-old, but yet so glorious story of His victory over sin and death. How wonderful is the story; how priceless is its message.

Hymn singings have been held in the home of Sis. Mabel Springer and daughters and at the church.

Hospital patients have been Bro. Eli Frieden, cardiac; Sis. Emma Diel, medical; Bro. Sam Schrock, eye surgery; and Sis. Emma Sommerhalder, who fell and broke her leg and required surgery to set it.

May God restore at least a measure of health to each one.

A daughter, Pamela Sue, was born to Kenneth and Becky McMurry on March 15. Bro. and Sis. Wayne Kircher are the maternal grandparents.

Bro. John Schupbach celebrated his 90th birthday March 31. Although Bro. John's health does not permit him to assemble with us anymore, we feel grateful to God for granting John so many long useful years of support in the church.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

On Good Friday, the Sunday School children brought us an inspiring program in voice and song. How nice to hear those young voices praise God. May they remember the good seed that was sown into their tender hearts.

Easter morning, Bro. Melvin and Sis. Doris Knapp opened their home for the Bible class for breakfast, after which our youth all came to church. Bro. Robert Grimm brought the message of the Risen Lord and what we must do to be saved. We also thank Bro. Frederick Knapp for the words he spoke.

Sis. Bena Knapp, age 83, passed away March 26 at Iroquois Hospital, where she had been a patient one day. Survivors include: her husband, Bro. Fred G.; a daughter, Mrs. Floyd (Betty) Grimm; one son, Joseph; two sisters, Mrs. Lyda Neukomm and Sis. Caroline Wiegand; three brothers, Bro. Carl, Edward, and William. Funeral services were held March 29, which would have been their 62nd wedding anniversary. Our local ministers officiated. Bro. Frederick Knapp also took part. She was a faithful sister for almost 70 years.

Faithful until death remain
Toil and care, O may they never
From the cross of Christ thee
sever . . .

Our sympathy is extended to the family, especially to Bro. Fred, who depended on his helpmate and must get around with a walker. Since Bena's departure, Fred is making his home at the Resider Home at Fairbury.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Elsie Bauer over the loss of her mother, Mrs. Edna Fink. Mrs. Fink assembled with us when she was

able while she stayed with her daughter, Elsie and her husband, Bro. Elmer.

A son, Mark Brian was born to Bro. Don and Sis. Gladys Kaufman March 26. He has two brothers and two sisters to welcome him. Bro. Albert Kaufman and Sis. Mabel Steffen are the grandparents.

Our sick: Bro. Harland Rudin was a hospital patient for treatment and medication; Bro. Jeff Young entered for treatment. Bro. Elmer Jacob had surgery. We are thankful they are all home again.

We have several precious souls that have turned their back to the world and are repenting. May the Lord awake many more souls while the door of grace is still open.

It was our turn to be responsible for services in the rest homes in Watseka, Ill. The aged and shut-ins seem to enjoy these services and hymn singing.

Mother

There is an enduring tenderness in mother love;

They will sacrifice every comfort for their children.

They will surrender every pleasure for their enjoyment.

Time doesn't seem to change them much.

We know it never will,

For they have a place in our lives That no one else can fill;

They've given to us the kind of love

We've needed through the years, And they're closer to our hearts Each time this day appears.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

A willow tree nearby is showing forth its lacy foliage. April has arrived with its ever changing weather, and true to its usual, sunshine, rain and wind is assuring us that winter has died for another year.

We are planning our garden. What a miracle is experienced, when after a seed has been imbedded into the earth and after the proper time has elapsed, a new plant immerses. May we ever be grateful to our Maker for vegetation and birds, thus giving us sustenance and pleasure.

The engagement of Bro. Dale Moore to Sis. Cheryl Gerber of West Bend was announced. Bro. Ervin and Sis. Ruth Metzger have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jean, to James Meyer of

Bern. May God's blessing rest upon both of these engagements.

Yesterday was spring-cleaning day at our church. A potluck dinner was served to those who participated. We are looking forward to seeing a new pulpit, which is in the making by a church furniture company located near.

Now for a report on our sick friends . . . Mrs. Andrew Braker is home from the hospital and is feeling tolerably well. Sis. Marie Schmid is still at the hospital at Waterloo, where she has been taking treatments. She may be able to return to her home the latter part of this week. May God bless the treatments for both of these folks. We know that with Him nothing is impossible.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Carolyn Zimmerman

Jaunita Schneider

God has gifted two families with sweet baby daughters. Bro. and Sis. Nick Ricketts have their fourth child, a little girl they named Julie Ann. Other children are Alan, Amy, and Brian; paternal grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Merideth Ricketts. Our friends Larry and Judi Walters also have a new daughter; they have named her Lisa Kay. She is welcomed home by a brother, Jack, and a sister, Shelly. Paternal grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Eli Walters.

Our dear friend, Lyle Ebach has confessed his need of a Saviour, feeling his lost condition greatly after the passing away of his father, and now the family circle will not be broken.

David Bach, son of Bro. Edward, has left for Germany to continue his army duties. He spent two weeks here with his father before departure.

Services were held April 8 of our friend, Martin Maurer. He leaves to mourn, his wife Sis. Leah; one son, Bro. Roy, Forrest; five daughters, Bernice Bammann, Park Forrest, Kathryn Steingraber—Pekin, Anna May Clinton—Peoria, Lucille Zimmerman—Fairbury, Louise Troyer—Waterford Pa. May God send His comfort to the loved ones.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Sharon Jo Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Dorothy Zimmerman, to Ron McWhorter of Forrest. May they seek God in all their future undertakings.

Our hospital patients were Sis. Leona Ricketts, who is assembling with us again, and Sis. Leah Koehl, who remains a shut-in at her home.

The Easter season blessed us with many visiting ministers, who we so deeply appreciate. Our Palm Sunday services were held by Bros. Don Sauder, Jim Leman—Roanoke, Ed Frank—La Crosse; on Good Friday evening, our upper grade Sunday School children held their program, and Bros. Ernie Gerber, Rockville, and Dave Weigand, Champaign, held services. Easter Sunday, we were refreshed anew with the story of our risen Lord, from Bros. Vernon Schwab, Wolcott, and Earl Kilgus, Remington.

Also visiting us were Ministering Bros. Alfred Bahler, Wolcott; Bob Grimm, Goodfield; Henry Grimm, Morton. It is always humbling to realize that God has ordained brothers from across the East and West with the same spirit, and we can always feel the unity of being one family in Christ.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Wendell Anliker

I asked God for strength,
that I might achieve—

I was made weak,
that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for help,
that I might do greater things—

I was given infirmity,
that I might do better things.

I asked for riches,
that I might be happy—

I was given poverty,
that I might be wise.

I asked for all things,
that I might enjoy life—

I was given life,
that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for—
but everything I had hoped for.

Despite myself,
my prayers were answered.

I am, among all men,
most richly blessed.

These were the closing words by Bro. Ron Nelson, Burlington, Okla. on March 8. We certainly enjoyed the many hours of fellowship together with Bro. Ron and Sis. Shirley Nelson, Bro. Huber and Sis. Helen Farney, along with many other visitors we had that week end. Wonderful words of life were brought to us by Ministering Bro. Glen Hackenjos from Altadena, the 22nd.

Bro. Floyd Freiden, Elgin, Iowa, and Lonny and Candy Kupferschmid, Eureka, received their separation from the Army and returned home. Curt Knepp, Roanoke, was transferred to Ft., Jackson, South Carolina. Bro. Keith Steffen, Fairbury, received orders for Viet Nam and will be leaving the last of May. We enjoyed the many days of fellowship together, and trust the Lord will be with them at all times.

Starting basic training was: Bro. Dan Roth, Fairbury, Bro. Gerayl Schmidtgall, Morris, and Fred Gasser, Rittman. May God's richest blessings be with them through their Army days.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Elna Grimm

It has been said that the promise of the resurrection has been written, not in books alone, but in every leaf of springtime. How beautifully true are these words!

Once again, on Good Friday evening, we heard the age-old-inspired message of Christ's crucifixion. This time it was proclaimed to us by Bro. Eugene Bertschi, who came to help Bro. Ed Hohulin serve Holy Communion to our congregation. We were allowed this marvelous privilege after the regular Good Friday evening services.

A baby boy was born to Bro. and Sis. Steve and Mary Ellen Weigand of R. R. Deer Creek on March 8. He is their second son, and they have named him Greg Matthiew. Bro. and Sis. Simon and Mary Ellen Weigand of R.R. Deer Creek, and Sis. Florence Hangartner of Roanoke are the grandparents.

Miss Eldora Rokey, daughter of Bro. and Sis. John and Ruth of Goodfield, is engaged to be married to Mr. Ray Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Olson of Peoria. They plan to be married in May.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

Will you be ready, waiting, when Christ calls you away? If so, then His rising on Easter morning is very real to you, and you have found the **Key to Salvation**. Our Easter Program was held on Sunday evening, March 22. It is always a delight to hear the story of Easter, and especially when given in song and verse by our children.

Dennis Pulfer returned to California, after 4½ weeks overseas,

on March 7. Several days later he was transferred to Fitz Simmon Army Hospital at Denver. Dennis returned April 7 to the army hospital, after spending several weeks with his parents, other relatives and friends. May he feel our prayers for him.

Roger Stoller, son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Minerva was graduated from Boot Training on March 30 at San Diego, California. Present for this event were Bro. Gene and his son Wade. Roger is experiencing three weeks advanced training at Camp Pendelton, California.

Minnie M. Kick passed away at 9:10 p.m. on April 2 at the home of her daughter, Sis. Thelma Kipfer of our congregation, having reached the age of 91 on March 3. Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Thelma and Bro. Bert, for we know she will be greatly missed by them, especially as she had spent most of the past 13 years with them. Funeral service were conducted at the Wappners Funeral Home at Mansfield, on Monday afternoon, April 6.

Sis. Thelma and Bro. Bert wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for sympathy, love, and kindness, and the many prayers during this time.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

On Palm Sunday, Bro. Roger Witzig and Sis. Elaine Schlipf were united in Holy Matrimony, the ceremony being performed by the bridegroom's grandfather, Bro. George Gramm. Roger is the son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie Witzig, and Elaine is the daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Mildred Schlipf. After a honeymoon in California, the new home will be made near Gridley.

Our house of worship was full on Easter morning. Bro. Marion Schmidtgall from Eureka was the guest minister.

Bro. John and Sis. Mary Gramm were host and hostess for the annual Easter breakfast to the Bible Class. Bro. Charles Hemmer from Peoria gave an inspirational message on that occasion.

Bro. Harold Gramm and family from Morris were here for the wedding of Bro. Roger Witzig and Sis. Elaine Schlipf. Harold is an uncle to Roger, and was our guest minister that day.

For our "Singspiration" in March, the Morton Choraliers pre-

sented a group of beautiful hymns, which were greatly appreciated by all who attended. The fifth and sixth grades from the Sunday School sang several nice hymns for us, too. We thank the Choraliers and the students for an evening well spent, for the listeners as well as the singers.

Announcement of the engagement and coming marriage of Bro. Leo Funk of Gridley and Sis. Beulah Rumboldt of Morton was made on Easter Sunday. The wedding is to take place in June.

Sis. Lena Funk, who has been ill for sometime, is improving, but still has not been able to assemble with us. Bro. Albert Grusy and his Sis. Emma, who were hospital patients, have returned home and are improving.

Bro. Roy Alt, who has been ill for some time, has returned to the hospital for further treatment.

Sis. Sophie Schlipf, who suffered a slight stroke, is improving in her home. We wish all our shut-ins a speedy recovery.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Mrs. Craig Gutwein

The services on March 15 were started by singing "Safely Through another week". It is such a blessing when we realize that the Lord has brought us to another Sunday, that we might all join together and worship him. Bro. Norman Stoller and others from Ft. Wayne joined us for worship. We enjoyed so much their fellowship.

Bro. David Bertsch from Leo joined us on the 22nd of March. It was a blessed day indeed. Bro. David read from St. Matthew chapter 27, of the crucifixion of Jesus. A nice size group was able to gather.

On Easter Sunday we were well blessed by having Bro. George Yergler and others from La Crosse. Bro. George told us to go often to the Lord by the way of the cross, as Jesus died for us.

Several from the congregation at Latty came to worship with us on April 5. Bro. Loren Stoller led us in worship. Many were able to come together to worship on this lovely Sunday morning.

You just can't help but notice the Lord's presents, in these beautiful spring days. The sun shines so brightly, grass green, a beautiful blue sky, and the precious wild flowers . . . it is truly God's gentle hand at work.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Christy Koch

We had so many good teachings from our visiting ministers. May God bless each one for his efforts. Bro. Nate Steffen, Elgin, reminded us that Jesus did not come to save us in our sins, but from our sins. We cannot pay the price of our own redemption.

Bro. Art Gudeman, La Crosse, gave us an Easter message, before our Easter Program on March 19. He asked us, "Is repentance a mountain?" God doesn't want us to fear it. The usual comment of a repentant soul is, "Why didn't I do it sooner?"

After our Spring Break, Bro. Joe Schrock on April 2 reminded us that, if Christ had not died for us, we could repent all our lives without forgiveness and peace. He told us we should try to grow and improve even after we repent. Grace doesn't allow us to sin, but should help us shun sin. That evening we also enjoyed the singing of The Hymnsmen, an octet of eight brothers from Eureka.

We are thankful to God that another student has found grace to repent. John Kelly from Morton has chosen the Narrow Way. May many more choose this Path.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY Ames, Iowa

Mary Jo Metzger

We rejoice that two dear souls have turned to the Lord in repentance. Wally Gerst, son of Bro. and Sis. Liberty Gerst of Oakville, and Patty Steiner, daughter of Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner, also of Oakville. We wish them much grace in their new lives. Truly it is encouraging to us to have our little flock increasing.

We enjoyed hearing Bro. John Steiner from Oakville at our monthly church service, March 15.

Bro. Wayne Banwart and Sis. Charlen Schrock were united in Holy Matrimony March 22. Bro. Noah Schrock, grandfather of the bride, performed the ceremony. They are living at 478 Pammel Ct., Ames, Iowa. May God richly bless them and be ever present in their home.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA Mrs. Lucille Heiniger

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Emma Pfeifer had a reception honoring their son, Kenneth and his bride, the former Susan Boesch of La-

fayette. They are making their home at Huntington, Pa. We wish for them the Lord's blessings as they begin their life together.

Bro. Duane Metzger from the West Bend church visited us. We enjoyed the blessings from the message he gave while here.

It is indeed a solemn occasion when one partakes of the Lord's Supper. In I Cor. it says "the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it and said, Take eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. And after the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." Bro. George and Bro. Ed served Communion to us.

At this Easter season, it certainly brings a vivid memory of what Christ did for all, that he gave his life that we might live. Two dear souls Michael Rinkenberger, son of Bro. Charles and Sis. Martha, and Ed Troxel, son of Bro. Phil and Sis. Mary, have found their deep need for repentance and to live their life for their Lord. We wish them much grace and blessings from above as they begin their new life. There are many more loved ones that we wish this for.

Our Aim

Do we count all our blessings when things go quite well,
And our friends, all their neighbors
our good traits only tell?

By the best of our efforts so often
we fail;

Were our faults magnified, we
might scarcely prevail.

So let's look at our friends who
might have it quite rough,

Rather give them a lift than by
making it tough.

An encouraging word may be all
that it takes,

From a toil-burdened soul, a hero
to make.

How grateful we are when our
friends love us so,
That our faults they overlook and
hardly will know.

Yes, the path that we brighten
(Though to us unknown),

Reflects like a mirror and brightens
our own!

We may never know how grateful
the friend,

A soft word or kind hand we so
gently did lend.

If we'd do our best to keep our
tongue in line

The "world about us" would seem
almost "divine"!

Dear Father in heaven, Forgive
us we pray,

For so oft we forget, or at least we
delay

That kind word, or fond handclasp
until its too late,

And we deeply regret and say,
"Why did we wait?"

So help our weak efforts, to bud
strength anew,

Try to lift friend or neighbor no
matter how blue.

If we make this our aim, sincerely
and true,

sincerely and true,
He will surely support us, this
gladly to do.

MILFORD, INDIANA Marguerite Hoerr

Our best wishes and sincere congratulations to Bro. Stan Wuthrich and Sis. Linda Beer, who were united in marriage by Bro. Theo. Beer on March 15. Stan is the son of Walter and Martha Wuthrich of our congregation, and Lindas parents are Bro. Howard and Sis. Eleanor Beer, also of our Milford church. The young couple has been making their home in Clarksville, Tenn., near Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, where Stan has been stationed. This past week they moved back to Milford, as Stan is waiting reassignment in Viet Nam. We ask God to be especially near to them just now and to speed the time they can be together again.

March 22 was the date chosen by Sis. Deb. Wuethrich and Bro. Ned Speicher for their wedding day. They were united in marriage by Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville. Deb's parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Barb Wuethrich of the Francesville congregation, and Bro. Lewis and Sis. Mim Speicher of Milford are Ned's parents. Their new home is an apartment on Lake Wawasee. We welcome Deb to our church home, and we wish them happiness and many blessings as they begin their lives together.

Sis. Kate Price had emergency surgery. We are happy to report she has made a satisfactory re-

covery, and we hope to see her back in church soon.

Hospitalized for treatment was Sis. Mary Armbruster. She has been released to her home and is feeling much better.

Also improved after another stay in the hospital for treatment is Bro. Clarence Rassi. We are so thankful when God allows our loved ones to have health restored to them.

We are happy to congratulate Bro. Bob Kaiser and Sis. Carol Weisser, both of Milford, on their engagement and approaching marriage. Carol is the daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Wanda, and Bob's mother is Mrs. Ben Kaiser of Milford. May God, who has led their lives together, be near them always.

We were privileged to have Bros. Marvin Stieglitz of the Leo congregation and Merle Bucher of La Crosse with us for a very blessed Sunday. The Bible Class teachers and their class attended morning services, so they might benefit from the enlightening word proclaimed by our visiting ministers.

Sisters Lois Beer and Joyce Beer were elected as Sunday School teachers for the kindergarten class.

Plans are in the beginning stages as we are anticipating our first Vacation Bible School in our Milford church. Bros. Elmer Hartter, Carlton Beer, Arthur Haab, Sis. Mary Ann Haab and myself were chosen as a committee to work out details for the school, which we plan to hold for one week, with evening classes.

Bob's parents, Bro. John and Sis. Aline Hoerr, will be celebrating their Golden Anniversary on April 12. An open house is planned for April 19, when they look forward to seeing many of their friends and relatives. They are the parents of two children, Bro. Wilbur of Peoria and Bro. Bob of Milford. They have nine grandchildren. They moved to Milford from Peoria just over a year ago, and are both enjoying good health as they make plans to celebrate this anniversary together.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

We were privileged to partake of Holy Communion on Palm Sunday, with Bro. Lester Hartter assisting Bro. Eugene Marti in the serving thereof. Then we also had services in the evening, with Bro. Edwin

Bahler of Remington being our guest minister. How thankful we all should be that our brothers are so willing to serve us. May God richly bless them.

Hospitalized were Sharlyn Meyer (appendectomy), and Bro. August Grimm (medical).

Bro. Jacob Plattner passed away March 27, at the age of 86. He was a resident of the Apostolic Christian Home, where his wife, Elizabeth, still resides. Also surviving are five daughters, Helen and Marie Plattner, Alice (Mrs. William Deaver), Tillie (Mrs. Joe Menold), all of Sabetha, and Laura (Mrs. Gary Keim) of Fairview; five sons, Bro. John, Bro. Henry, Ben and Walter, all of Sabetha, and Albert of Bern. Services were held March 30 in Sabetha by Bro. Carl Hartman and Bro. Eugene Marti. Burial was in the Apostolic Christian Cemetery at Bern.

As is our custom, we have discontinued our mid-week services for the remainder of the year. We are again having our Sunday evening song-service every two weeks, alternating with Bern. It begins at 7:00 p.m. We welcome all visitors.

Correction of spelling in March issue: In the first article, one name should read: Joe Menold and his wife, Tillie.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Ed. Aeschleman

Sis. Louise Buehler accidentally hurt her leg, which restricted her activities for several weeks. We are thankful that she has made a good recovery.

Bro. John and Sis. Mary Diggleman enjoyed a visit from their son, Richard over Easter week-end. Richard planned to drive back to Rochester N.Y. after church, but was unable to leave until the next day because of heavy snow.

Other visitors who also worshipped with us on Easter Sunday were Bro. Ron and Sis. Kay Heiniger, who live near Washington D.C., where Ron is stationed, and Karl and Sis. Noreen Koehl. Noreen was visiting her brother, who is stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. We just learned that Ron is being transferred to Ft. Riley, Kansas. We are grateful to God for all of our visitors.

If anyone does not receive a **Silver Lining** for the current month, and wishes to, drop the editor a line.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

Someone will get a blessing as promised by the Lord;
Someone will then rejoice and happy be;
Someone will be heart-broken and crying mournfully,
Maybe it's you . . . and then, maybe it's me.

Someone will die tomorrow, as many have today;
This life is so uncertain, we can see.
Someone the call will answer; we know not who 'twill be.
Maybe it's you . . . and then, maybe it's me.

Maybe it's you . . . and then, maybe it's me
Who'll be the next to face eternity.
When the day has come and gone,
He will take somebody home;
Maybe it's you . . . and then, maybe it's me.

The seriousness of the message contained in the above stanzas reached our hearts and minds as the Bremen choir sang this beautiful hymn. We received a blessing, as promised by the Lord, during the week end of April 4 and 5 when the choir and youth group from Bremen were our guests. Many other visitors also assembled with us on Sunday, when Bro. Verdon Feldman and Bro. Harold Zeltwanger so richly spoke God's word. After services, all were invited to gather at the Rural Life Center, where four different groups from Bremen presented a most inspiring program of sacred music, concluding with our Vesper Choir's joining the Bremen choir for several selections. The Christian fellowship we enjoyed throughout the day continued, as we partook of a potluck supper and bade farewell, by uniting our voices in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Our Sunday School children presented a program on Easter Sunday evening. May their lives ever radiate the joy of the risen Saviour, as do their shining faces beam while they sing and tell of the glory of that first Easter.

Sis. Ola Froelich has been moved from our community to the Glendora Rest Home, State Route 64, Wooster, Ohio 44691. We will miss her, but wish her God's blessings. We are thankful Bro. Will Sauder has been able to assemble with us

after an absence of several months, due to illness.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL, ILL. Virgil and Shirley Funk

The following ministering brothers served us during the month of March: Ed Hohulin, Goodfield; Dan Koch, Tremont; John Rocke, Goodfield; Jesse Schrock, Congerville; Jim Ringger, Bradford; Harvey Grimm, Bern; Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest. We appreciate the efforts exerted so faithfully by these brethren, and hope that the Lord will be their rich rewarder.

It seems we are always exhorted as followers of the Lord to daily pick up our cross and learn of Him. The following poem tells us why we should not let it slip:

If thou, impatient, dost let slip thy cross,
Thou wilt not find it in this world again;
Nor in another; here and here alone.
Is given thee to suffer for God's sake.
In other worlds we may more perfectly
Love Him and serve Him, praise Him,
Grow nearer and nearer to Him with delight . . .
But then we shall not anymore
Be called to suffer, which is our appointment here.
Canst thou not suffer, then one hour or two?
If He should call thee from thy cross today
Saying: **It is finished—that cross of thine**
From which thou prayest for deliverance,
Thinkest thou not some passion of regret
Would overcome thee? Thou would'st say,
So soon? Let me go back and suffer yet awhile
More patiently. I have not yet praised God.
Whensoever it comes, that summons that we look for,
It will seem soon, too soon. Let us take heed
In time that God may now be glorified in us.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

Look to this day!
For it is life, the very life of life.
In its brief course lie all the

verities and realities of your existence:

The bliss of growth;
The glory of action;
The splendor of beauty;
For yesterday is already a dream,
and tomorrow is only a vision,
But today, well lived, makes every yesterday
A dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look well, therefore, to this day!

A dear sister, Fannie Baumgartner, was called to her rest after being ill for many months, always patiently enduring her lot. Her survivors include seven daughters: Miss Rosina Baumgartner of Park Forest, Ill.; Mrs. Carl (Frieda) Steiner of Huntertown; Mrs. Harold (June) Lehman, Mrs. Glenn (Sis. Ilene) Furrer, both of Wolcott; Mrs. Robert (Sis. Nova) Steffen, Mrs. Harold (Sis. Violet) Meyer, Mrs. Everett (Sis. Alice) Geisel, all of Bluffton; five sons, Milo of Ft. Wayne, Bro. Herman, Bro. Chester, Walter, and Wayne of Bluffton; five sisters, Mrs. Sam (Sis. Emma) Baumgartner, Mrs. Oscar (Alma) Huffman, Mrs. Levi (Elizabeth) Ginzel, Mrs. Glen (Queenie) Barger, Sis. Lillian Stoller of Latty; three brothers, Bros. John, Dan and Joel. Bro. Samuel Aeschliman conducted her services on Friday, March 13.

On Sunday March 15, Sis. Marcia Steffen and Bro. Larry Belsley of Detroit were united in marriage by Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit. Parents of the couple are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Dee Steffen and Bro. Ben and Sis. Lois Belsley. Marcia and Larry are making their home in Bluffton at the present time.

In addition to Bro. Maibach, we were indeed privileged to have as visiting ministers on that day Bro. Andrew Virkler of Bay City, Bro. John Bollier of Leo, and Bro. Floyd Wieland of Detroit.

Wed. March 18 brought Bro. Al Fisher from Chicago into our midst, as well as Bros. Henry and Ben Manz of Junction. Bro. Al read in Philippians chapter 2, recommending love, unity and humility in order to preserve our faith in one another and keep unity in the church . . . a sermon truly brought in the spirit of love, and stimulating us all to better works in the days ahead.

Happy parents of newborns are Bro. Ned and Sis. Dixie Ringger, to whom a girl, Lora Jean was

born; Les and Ann Frauhiger, who welcomed a girl, Kammy; and Curt and Jane Mann, who received a son, Kedrick James. God's blessings to the new arrivals and their parents.

Hospitalized in March were Sis. Elsie (Ralph) Troxel, Sis. Marguerite (Martin) Kipfer, Sis. Martha Kipfer, Bro. Paul Baumgartner, Bro. John Kaehr, Rolland Beer, and Marie Sprunger, daughter of friends, Kent and Shelia. May God be near each soul in their hour of need. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

Our friends, Donn Steffen, and Carmela Panis of Brunswick, Georgia, were united in marriage. Donn's parents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Dee Steffen. We wish them much happiness in their life together.

On Easter Sunday, the engagement of Sis. Wanda Fiechter and Bro. Mark Moser was announced. Their parents are Bro. Melvin and Sis. Doris Fiechter, and Bro. Russell and Sis. Dorothy Moser. We wish them many blessings as they plan their future life together, and especially the Lord's protection on Mark, as he is stationed in the war-torn land of Viet Nam.

The Easter week-end in Bluffton was especially blessed, as Friend Beverly Kipfer, daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Velma, was proved and baptized. After the Good Friday evening service, during which we heard of the suffering of Christ and the shedding of His blood on the cross for our sins, the congregation was privileged to hear Beverly's testimony of her repentance, and the peace she found after the Lord's forgiveness from her sins. Likewise, on Easter Sunday, while rejoicing of the risen Lord, baptismal services were held, and Beverly buried her old sinful life in the watery grave to arise to a new life, vowing to serve God each day of her life.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG Carol Virkler

Mrs. David Schamback

"Finally from hottest smelter
Faith receives its seal and shelter,
As the gold that's purified;
For the greatest joy of heaven,
Having suffered much and striven,
God's beloved are glorified."

These are verses that Elder Bro. Rudy Graf spoke at the funeral of

our beloved Bro. Ralph Beyer. After many weeks of severe suffering, God has taken home one of His beloved ministers, who had served his Father in Heaven from his youth, and ministered to our congregations with much wisdom and love for all. We will all miss his ever present smile and kind counsel; but not our will, but God's will be done.

Bro. Ralph was called to rest on March 10, and the funeral was held in the Naumburg church on March 13. Comforting words were also spoken by Bro. Edwin Bahler and Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington, and Bro. Andy Virkler of Bay City. Bro. Ralph is survived by his wife, Sis. Nina and three sons, Bro. Peter, James and Henry. Our prayers are for God's comfort to the sorrowing family.

Bro. Ralph last attended church services on Easter Sunday, 1969. We will always remember what he said in his last sermon this Easter morning. He reminded us that when one is in their youth, they do not think much of the future and where they will spend eternity; but when death is imminent, one begins to think of these truths . . . And at a Wednesday evening service, we will ever remember him leaving with us the thought, "What will you do with Jesus?"

Karen and Stephen Duflo are parents of their first child, a little boy, Gregory Stephen, born March 18. Karen is the daughter of Bro. Howard and Pernal Virkler.

Bruce Petzoldt, son of Donald and Sis. Rita, and little Teresa Virkler, daughter of Kendall and Judy Virkler, have returned home from the hospital. Grace Merz is hospitalized.

We rejoice that we have three young souls that have chosen to serve the Lord and have received peace within their hearts. They are Floyd Graves Jr., son of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Loretta; Marilyn Schamback, daughter of Dave and Sis. Lois; and Ronald Herzig, son of Ted and Gertie Herzig. We are thankful that the Lord is still graciously and tenderly calling.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA **Howard and Joyce Baumgartner**

After a long cold winter, I know many welcome the spring month of March, with its new fragrance in the air. We in Florida feel quite fortunate to have moderate winter weather.

The first Sunday in March, Bro. and Sis. Ken Troxel extended a welcome to everyone for an evening singing in their home.

Bro. Henry Beer, Bro. Elmer Hartter, both from Milford, and Bro. Noah Bauman of Rittman were our visiting ministers on March 8. We heard many good teachings the entire day. A potluck supper was enjoyed by all in the church dining room, and evening services. Bro. and Sis. Joe Zimmerman have returned home. They had spent six Sundays with us. We miss their kind faces. May God keep them in His care.

Our mid-week services was Tues. March 17 this week. Elder Bro. John Bahler and Bro. Corbin Bahler were kind enough to stop back from Sarasota and worship with us, before returning to their home.

Bro. and Sis. Al Fisher from Chicago are with us for a few weeks. We look forward and enjoy their visit each year.

Easter Sunday was a happy occasion in our little church. The children were all excited about repeating their verses they had memorized a few weeks earlier. I am sure it made each of us feel like we were at Calvary's Hill. It reminded us of God's divine love for all.

Bro. and Sis. Ed and Vi Gerber celebrated their 25th anniversary on March 18. Several couples from their home church of Bluffton came to share this very happy occasion with them. May God grant them many more years together.

Our Sunday School assembled an Easter package for friends, Bruce Beer, son of Bro. and Sis. Vic Beer, who is serving with our armed forces in Ft. Riley, Kansas.

I would like to close with a family thought. A Happy family is but an earlier heaven.

JUNCTION, OHIO **Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz**

Bro. Marvin Stieglitz, Leo, spent a Sunday evening with us. Bro. Eugene Fetter, Toledo, assembled with us for Good Friday services and on Easter Sunday. We really appreciate it that our brothers are so faithful in visiting us. Often we don't show our appreciation as we should.

Let us never forget how much the Lord has done for us. We have been reminded of Christ's suffering on the cross. Truly His love was great! May we continually

strive to prove our love to Him by our love for one another.

Bro. Eli Manz spent several days in the hospital for tests. Margaret Aufrance is again able to assemble with us, after being absent for several months due to poor health. Sis. Martha Laukhuf is able to assemble with us only occasionally, but the Lord has promised to be with those of a high age. Bro. Fred Wahl is at the Bluffton Clinic for tests. We wish him the Lord's blessing and comfort.

Bro. Don Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) and Sis. Caroline Dotterer spent around ten days here on Don's spring vacation from college at Mansfield. Sis. Caroline had not been here for some time. We love to have her come. She is an aunt, great-aunt and great—great aunt to most of our congregation, and she has many interesting experiences to tell us of long ago.

LAMONT, KANSAS **Mrs. Stephen G. Schrader**

It was like having a personal visit with a beloved brother-in-Christ to sit once again under the sound of Elder Bro. Noah Schrock's voice expounding the word of God. For many of us, it evoked memories of our days of repentance, conversion and peace when Bro. Noah was the shepherd of our little flock, and through his God-given wisdom, helped direct us on our course toward Christ. Bro. Noah in his meditation on II Cor. 4 revealed how it oftentimes seemed to him that God had taken the short end when He allowed Satan to tempt man through his external senses, when He appealed to or called man to a kingdom which had to be accepted on faith alone, and yet how much more precious and blessed was this faith, because it had to be accepted through faith—for "the things which are not seen are eternal."

It is with a feeling of having been blest, that we have had one added to our family circle. Matthew Schwab Schrader was born to Bro. Steve and Sis. Dorothy Schrader on March 27. At home to welcome little Matthew were Stevie, James, John, Maria and Marla.

Soon we will be observing Mother's Day. The following is a poem given to me by a teacher which reveals the prayerful heart of a mother:

Little Hands

When little hands do something wrong,
And nothing right the whole day long,
God, help me understand why they
Do what they do in just that way.

Help me feel as children do
When lacing up a stubborn shoe,
Help me to see behind those tears
And measure justly childish fears.

And when I understand just why,
God give me wisdom while I try
To set their world an even keel;
God, let me know how others feel.

PORTLAND, OREGON Connie Steffen

For each soul who turns to God in repentance, the resurrection of Christ is the supreme promise of life eternal. For those who harden their hearts, it is the promise of an everlasting torment; no more can be done if they reject the Risen Lord. For myself it is a joy unbreakable to know that I, and by His grace, serve a Risen Lord who has faced each trial, and many more, victoriously, now at God's right hand pleading my cause.

Bro. Art. Metz was elected trustee.

The Bible class spent a day at the coast. While there, they saw the tallest waterfall in the coast range. They described it as a very beautiful place, where the 200-plus foot waterfall cascades down over rocks, between stands of large cedar and hemlock trees. April is a very pretty month in the Northwest woods. The trilliums, wild current, dogwood, and Johnny-jump-ups are blooming, and a few wild violets can be seen. Along the stream banks, the skunk cabbage displays its large yellow blooms that look a lot like a calla lily. The little forest creatures are out of hibernation, and the various wrens can be seen in trees and shrubs. All nature declares something more than "chance" created it, for all to behold.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA Philip Wingeier

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Elder Bro. John Bahler spent two Sundays with us, and we were all very happy to have them with us. On the second Sunday, their son Corbin joined them. They brought us many blessing from God's word.

On Good Friday, we were all invited to Bro. and Sis. David Meister, who were staying on Long Boat Key, and we had services there. It was very well attended; all enjoyed being with them very much, and we thank them very heartily.

Easter Sunday is always a very special day of rejoicing, knowing our Lord did not remain in the grave, rather came forth, a glorious resurrection. Our service was very well attended.

On April 5, we had just a short meeting for the brothers; this meeting was very well attended. The subject was, if we thought it was time we would be looking for some vacant ground for reserve, if sometime in the future we would not be able to have the present place for our worship. We are very happy to report, we were all of the same mind. Also, we all understand this is going to take a lot of time and most of all, **Prayer.**

Bro. Rudolph Moser from Rockville, who has been quite ill, is a little better again, for which we thank the Lord. He and his wife, Sis. Emma, wish to express their thanks for all that remembered them with prayers, get-well cards, gifts and other deeds of kindness. May God bless you all.

We plan to be back in Alto by May, God willing. Philip Wingeier.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS Josephine Schaefer Mary Jane Leuthold

April 5 was a special day for our congregation, as we gathered to commemorate the death of our Lord, in accordance with His command that we should do so in remembrance of Him. Elder Bro. Theo. Beer assisted our Elder Bro. Dan Koch in serving the communion supper. We certainly should be thankful that God provides such a way for us to experience His blessings.

Palm Sunday brought Bro. John Steiner of Oakville into our midst,

and we certainly want to thank him for his ministry. It would be our hope that God will bless both Bro. John and Bro. Theo. for lending themselves in our behalf.

It is with a great deal of sadness that we report the passing of William Hohulin, the 19-year-old son of Sis. Edith and Bro. Martin Hohulin. Bill was fatally injured in an automobile accident in Kansas, where he was attending school. Bros. Elmer Bucher of Francesville and Noah Herman of Tucson conducted the services here in our congregation. Services were also held in Ft. Scott. Bill was laid to rest in the church cemetery in Lamar. Words can't express the heartfelt sympathy we extend to Sis. Edith and Bro. Martin; Bill's sisters, Becky and Bonnie; and his brother, Martin.

We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Anna Weiland, who passed away on March 29 at the age of 17. Anna was a sister to the former Bro. Ed Kahler of our congregation.

As the result of a heart attack and an automobile accident, Mark Riggs is hospitalized. We trust that each day will find him improved until he is able to return home.

Sis. Sandra and Bro. Kenneth Dill have been blessed with a son, Kevin Ray. Kevin was born on March 11 and has two sisters, Lisa and Lori.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA Mrs. Gary Anliker

Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger from Pulaski was with us for our March meeting. He spoke of the last accounts of the Lord before the crucifixion. Jesus died to save us, and was raised from the dead and ascended into heaven. Jesus will be coming again—Let us look forward to His coming.

"... there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Two of our students here at the University are seeking the Lord in repentance. They are Mary Mogler, daughter of Bro. Ervin and Sis. Elma Mogler from West Bend, and Andy Moser, son of Bro. Roger and Sis. Mary Moser from Oakville. May God grant them much grace.

WICHITA, KANSAS Mrs. Larry Farney Mrs. Harvey Smith

We are finally getting some

warm weather, after record-breaking spring snowstorms. It is heart-lifting to see the buds appear on the trees and shrubs, and to view the colors of the hyacinths, daffodils and other early flowers. It seems fitting that these should coincide with our past two Sundays of Easter and Communion. We can feel new life surge into our spiritual lives as we hear of the love which God had for us, to spare not His only son to be a sacrifice for our sins; and of the love of Jesus Christ, to be willing to take our burdens upon Himself and to die in our stead. Such love we are not worthy of, but are so thankful for our merciful Father in Heaven. Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin was here to assist our elder brother, Sam Anliker, in the Communion services. We enjoyed the sermons of several other visiting ministers these past two weeks, including Bros. Sam Huber, Wayne Miller, Raymond Banwart and Eli Somerhalder.

Sis. Mae Aeschliman has been in and out of the hospital several times lately for treatments. She was able to gather with us for Easter and Communion, and we hope she will be with us soon again. Sis. Emma Somerhalder, wife of Bro. Eli, from the Burlington, Oklahoma, congregation is hospitalized here in Wichita, after suffering a broken leg.

On April 4, James Howard Morris III was born to Jim and Emily Morris. Little Jim is their first child. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Arthur and Sis. Gussie Wullschleger, and great-grandmother is Sis. Dora Young.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA **Delores Messerli — Carol Messner**

GOD took the fragrance of a flower . . .

The majesty of a tree . . .

The gentleness of morning dew . . .

The calm of a quiet sea . . .

The tender care of an angel . . .

The faith of the mustard seed . . .

The patience of eternity . . .

The depth of a family's need . . .

Then God fashioned from these things

A creation like no other,

And when His masterpiece was through

He called it simply—Mother.

What does the Risen Lord mean to me? Submitted by a sister in faith.

Christ arose! Through His ascension, I feel I was privileged to see a Heavenly light as I arose from the baptismal water. Regardless how great the burdens and trials, He is ready to help me carry my cross, through prayer. No one helped Him—He bore the cross alone! So the "Risen Lord" to me denotes everything that is love, the truth, and the miracles which still prevail . . . And above all, His ascension gives me the hope that someday Heaven's portals will be opened to me, even if I just get inside the door.

LEO, INDIANA **Mrs. Elias Souder**

The Sunday School children gave their Easter program on Palm Sunday evening at our Fellowship Center. Many inspirational songs and things were said. It was well attended. Refreshments were served after the program.

Ida Lantz Malcolm, sister to Bro. David Lantz, passed away.

Bro. Norman Stoller of Ft. Wayne was our guest minister at Leo April 12.

There has been much sickness here, flu and other things such as measles. My little granddaughter, Patty—Ed's little daughter, has had several cases of them. Bro. Harry Stoller was suddenly taken ill with gallstones and had to have surgery, but he recovered rapidly and is able to be in church again.

We are thankful to our Lord that He still lays His healing hands on our loved ones, as he did in the case of Bro. Albert Frautschi, who met with an accident and had been critical for a couple of weeks, but has now been put on the fair list. Surely we are made to realize: In Times like these We need a Saviour:

March 25 . . . The evening was slippery . . . snow, slush . . . There is Interstate 69 and its well-planned roadway. Bro. Al thought he would use it a little way. He had used his seat-belt many times; that night he left it undone. The car skidded . . . off the roadway, against an abutement or bridge, back on, into another car . . . Al was thrown out. It was said, someone saw him rolling, looked like it was paper or something.

The police came . . . he was picked up. The police eyed in their mind the "Dead on Arrival" conclusion. At the hospital, an operation for another had been planned.

Al came. Two fine doctors that had come for the other operation were there. Someone above was planning. They were ready to go. Our brother went into surgery.

All but two ribs were broken . . . bones of shoulders separated . . . more. He came through—was put in intensive care. Critical—said of chance, 50-50. Al said God touched and healing responds.

That drama in that ward, where heartbeats stop and souls depart . . . where care is top priority . . . Al could tell much.

What does the risen Lord mean to Al? He said:

He means everything . . . seems so close. How gentle He was. Al can't remember any fear in his heart—no fear of death . . . never thought of death. There was lots of pain. Everyday the Lord was so close . . . especially in the early morning. There was the real severe pain, when he could hardly move to reach the bell. If he wouldn't have the Lord's salvation, wouldn't know . . . (What would one do?) Al was free to go . . . one way or another . . . His family meant so much . . .

Bro. George Stieglitz Sr. passed away. The funeral was Wed. April 15.

There is, indeed so much strength, grace and joy . . . leaf through the Scriptures, there is so much divine underscoring of this resurrection of our Lord . . . we need to let it glow day in and day out—It is our Risen Redeemer and His glory, ages without end.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA **Mrs. Harold Meiss—Mrs. Carl Joos**

Bro. Jerel, son of Bro. and Sis. Wayne Schmidgall, left for service and is now stationed at Ft. Sam. We pray for the Lord's protection over him.

Funeral services were held for Joe Mogler, age 73, on March 11. He is survived by his wife, one daughter—Shirley Mohrman of Phoenix, and one son, Richard of Morris.

On Wednesday evening, the Easter story was presented in hymns and recitation by our Sunday School and Bible Class students. We were vividly reminded of the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour.

Bro. Carl Hartman of Sabetha was our visiting minister on Easter Sunday. He and his wife, Sis.

Louise, came to be present at the wedding of their nephew, Bro. Larry Nohl, who was united in holy matrimony to Sis. Bonnie Moser. Elder Bro. Paul Fehr solemnized the ceremony.

We are glad to report that Ruby Luthi has returned home, after spending several weeks in the hospital due to an injury received in a fall at her home.

Prayer of a Wife and Mother

Dear Lord, teach me the way in which Thou would have me to walk, and to be the kind of person Thou would have me to be. Help me always to be a good wife to my wonderful husband, to support him at all times with my love and my prayers.

Give me the wisdom and patience to be a good mother to the children Thou has given us . . . Even more important, help me to teach them Christian principles, love for God and for their fellow-man.

Help me to make a good home for my family. Let me make the lives of all with whom I come in contact a little brighter, a little happier. May I be of help to all children with words of love, understanding, and guidance, so that all children whose lives have touched mine will, when they reach adulthood, be healthy, responsible, God-fearing citizens, confident and ready to take up their stations in life.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

Sis. Lina Gottier, also known here by many as Grandma Gottier, passed away April 3 at her home, at the age of 92. Having become feeble, she was provided with a wheel-chair, where she spent most of her time of late. She was a good mother, and her children were close to her. Her faith was in God, and she embraced this throughout her life and was always grateful when a prayer was offered in her home.

She is survived by three sons, Bro. John Gottier, Christian and Jacob; three daughters, Sis. Anna Gottier, who lived at home with her mother, and Sisters Emma Moser and Ida Welti, all in Rockville and Ellington; a sister, Sis. Bertha Gottier. The funeral was at the church on Sunday. Services and prayers were conducted by

Bros. John Bahler, Ernest Luginbuhl and Albert Schneider. Burial was in the Ellington Center Cemetery, in the family plot where her late husband, Bro. Christian Gottier also lies.

Born a daughter, Kristen Jean, to Bro. Craig and Joan Hartman, the couple has one other child, a daughter, Darcy Lynn.

HONOLULU, HAWAII

Bill and Sharon Dotterer

We feel very thankful and grateful to be stationed at Tripler General Army Hospital in Honolulu. The fellowship and close tie with the small group at Ft. Sam is already greatly missed. Also, we miss our home church, the worshipping and visiting with one another.

There is a small group of us on the island of Oahu. Bill and Charlotte Metzger and their daughter Stephanie of Lester, stationed at Schofield Barracks, plan to be here until August, 1970. Dick Dietz of Bradford and Howard Rumbold of Princeville are assigned to Tripler Hospital. In March, Stan Stoller from Latty arrived at Tripler. After his Ft. Sam medical training, Stan received his occupational therapy training in Denver, Colorado, before being sent here.

We were very glad that Sis. Naomi Schrock of Congerville and Sis. Rachel Bauman from Morton let us know of their vacation plans to Hawaii. They had a few days free from their tour, and we enjoyed being with them and sight-seeing on the island. It is a very rich blessing that we have when we can meet ones of our faith whom we have never known before, and enjoy the fellowship and bond of our Christian tie.

If anyone is planning to come to Hawaii for a vacation or on their R & R, please write or call us. Our address is 1224 Ala Kapuna Apt. 103, Honolulu Hawaii 96819; our phone is 839-0965.

GOSPEL HYMNS REVISED

Another printing [an order for 4,000 books] has been underway. Out of a total press run of 49 times, the printing part is over halfway.

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LIVING LOVE

Henry Souder Jr.

Love has a way that is God's own way. When someone might expect the last, rigid ounce of commandment, it's not always so. Not according to scripture. Listen to Paul's humble approach: "Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence **am** base among you, but being absent **am** bold toward you."

That word **gentleness** . . . Part of the meaning one has brought out is being not unduly demanding. Some harsh, untrue words had been spoken of Paul. He found worth doing the second mile. This holy holding, this mighty forbearance . . . It finds treasure worth looking for. Can it be that a "beseech" will render unnecessary an act of being bold? "But I beseech **you**, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh."

Be careful, **How** we view. Be careful, **What** we say. It's pretty easy to get mistaken on some things. These persons didn't like something. They didn't agree. A smoky, unsure area of road is a place for caution. Misunderstanding and dissatisfaction cloud the view. **Seeming right** can be wrong. We judge at our own risk.

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:" War. The great battle on whose outcome depends eternity, what is it? Herein is the mighty secret of the sermon on the mount. Not fleshly demands. If we can kindle desire to war, if we can beseech, urge and encourage, then we are in divine stride. "(For the

weapons of our warfare **are** not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Not carnal, not of the flesh. Words will not help if they are formed of the old law idea. There is an approach, a phrasing which is foretold to failure. To be successful, it must be in the power of **THE** word. This is what catches the enthusiasm. This is what men died for. This is what they are willing to go on to glorious victory. It's hand to hand combat, as Paul put it: "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

There is divine discipline. It starts with, a voice in the heart, a change of voice heard or a certain look. It ranges, when unheeded with headstrong rush, to the sad cutting off (for fear of greater damage). There may be pleading and tears. Tho' ready to divine boldness, Paul had his eye on a fulfilling yet needed. There is patience here. "And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled." Some things need action now, but maybe some other things will change!

There are spiritual clues. There are divine chords. We need to be thorough and familiar with all scripture. We need to read every part in turn, and over and over again. That is the way to grasp God's timing and thoughts. Flesh too quickly accepts face rather than fact. We don't want to be with a wrong opinion, do we? If we

are, then Paul's answer stands up to us: "Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so **are** we Christ's." We are one's that should be blushing if we are wrong.

It is good to feel the home feeling of being one of the flock. Satan despises submission. Rebellion throwing off the hold is a mark of the straying. Paul yet had to reach perfection in all his hours; but there was that power of authority, the reach of the good Shepherd through Paul. "For through I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed: That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters."

A mark of authority is, it is constant. The electric fence gives the same charge to any one of the flock, at any time. Again, we should be wide-awake, to see the guidance and guarding of God . . . By letter, or personal presence. A precious gift may come in plain wrapping.

Heavenly purpose is always the same. Paul answers: "For **his** letters, say they, **are** weighty and powerful; but **his** bodily presence is weak, and **his** speech contemptible. Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, **will we be** also in deed when **are** present."

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