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## RESURRECTION

Bro. Paul Butikofer

The definition of resurrection: A Standing Up Again!

According to scripture, the resurrection is the chief method by which God will harvest or garner the precious souls of the believer into His realm (in our terms of speaking, His barns).

The first resurrection, as in a harvest, is made up of the choicest fruit, of which Christ was the most elegant, and those who gave their lives for Him are also of the select. 1st Thessalonians 4-16: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first . . ." This completes the first resurrection.

The general resurrection, which no man will escape unless we have

been worthy to have part in the first, will follow the thousand year reign of Christ, just prior to the great white throne judgment. Revelation 20:11-15.

The resurrection of Christ was

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"Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest."

From St. Luke 19

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foretold in Psalm 16:10: "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Also it was told by Himself, announced by angels, declared by Peter, and preached by Paul.

The resurrection gives us hope, as recorded in I Peter 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead . . ."

Romans 8:11 — "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

The true believer can derive such peace of heart and mind, that the world in general cannot understand, by believing in the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, which can mean the difference between victory and defeat.

## THE LIGHT FIELDS

Henry Souder Jr.

Have you seen the light fields?

Brought together in love . . . and to love.

" . . . ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life . . ."

Travelling north from Florida, we had some very loving company, with Bro. Sam and Sis. Minnie Aeschliman. Bro. Sam is valiant for the right.

Bro. Sam told about a cyclone. It took water from a large lake on to land. Many people drowned.

We were very near this lake, but we could not see water. A large dike had been built for safety.

Our duty is like the story of a

young boy, going along a large water. The story goes, he noticed a little leak in the dike. There was danger! The leak would grow. The waters would rush, a mighty wall, upon homes and loved ones. This little lad thrust his arm in. When he was found, the boy was cold, and tired. But he had saved the home.

We can not always see dark waters. Going along life's path, it is important to thrust in that arm . . .

"For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not . . ."

Little breaks become mighty

floods.

We cannot help, by being silent in face of false idea. That is not love. To know, and not do, is sin.

It may be barely seen . . . drop . . . drop. A humble brother, or a humble sister, is in crisis place. Success shines when perhaps we scarcely know. Major fires are prevented by quenching little flame.

Soldier, hold that line! He loves best who brings truth, for guarding a loved one.

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory

of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Dedication Day . . . Ft. Lauderdale . . . We went out Sunshine Avenue to the area of the church. Florida has palms . . . royal, travellers, coconut and more. Outside the church building are at least two. They give a setting like we read about in the Bible.

Bro. Joe Aberle of Sabetha, without fore-planning, opened to Psalm 103, the very psalm which is quoted on the dedication folder. "Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, **ble**ss his holy name."

The second reading was about our Lord coming to Jerusalem. Florida had blue skies and warmth. Springtime also was in Israel . . . flowers, soft warm breezes, sunshine . . . palms.

They picked branches and strewed them in the way of the King. How happy they were!

We look forward to the coming of our King. The sky will be His road.

How shall that be? Will the clouds He comes with be great, billowing! Will there be blue? Clouds

can make a beautiful sunset. How about when our glorious Light comes?

There will be His saints, clothed in beautiful white.

"Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?"

Bro. Sam Aeschliman was reading. He made a beginning in the dedication services.

To the left, as one enters the hall of the building, is the assembly. To the right is the dining hall and kitchen . . . and another very important place. Here is room to carry out the acts of Jesus taking the little ones to His bosom . . . and loving the youth.

Friends Darrell and Billie Klopfenstein were at church. Darrell is a contractor; he did much work on the new building. They have six fine children; the oldest is Sally. Billie pitches right in and gives a good lift with work at church. We love to see our friends with us.

Outside, the building color is

green-gold, different but nice. Inside, the benches, are a "weathered" oak finish. The carpet is around a moss green. Walnut blends rich tones. Colored panes glow in original pattern.

"For all those **things** hath mine hand made, and all those **things** have been, saith the LORD: but to this **man** will I look, **even** to **him** that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word."

Bro. Sam talked about the church, the brethren.

The church is the light field. In all travel and in all wonders of sight, nothing is as beautiful.

It's plain for success. We cannot have the wealth of the world's ideas . . . we cannot tune our heart to the various assortment, desires that entertain worldly heart. . . . we cannot proudly flaunt a walk that despises truth a humble brother holds dear . . . and find power. Shall we feast on the path of a loser? When we are poor, **then** we are rich.

There is nothing like the light fields!

## MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

### Christine Locher

We had many blessings, with many visitors who took time to worship with us, as well as to enjoy our lovely, warm winter weather.

Bro. Noah Schrock ministered unto us, enroute to Portland. Bro. John Wagenbach, Oakville and Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke were with us. We were truly inspired with their messages.

Bro. John Bahler of Rockville visited. It never fails to amaze us, that no matter if we travel from East Coast to West Coast, the true gospel of salvation is still being revealed.

## JAPAN

### Yoshio Yamazaki

This spring, we have unusual amount of snow and rain here, in Japan. However, we will have very beautiful season coming pretty soon, so we are waiting. Cherry blossoms and peach blossoms here and there in countryside. How wonderful God, our Father in heaven, created such a beautiful world, but men in this world made it dirty by their sins. However, we Christians

are really thankful to God, because we already have the tickets of transfer, **rescued** from hell to **await** heaven, through Calvary, the cross of Jesus Christ.

We brethren here in Japan surely thank you who prayed for our beloved brother, Yoshito Inoue, for long time, but he was taken away from his sufferings, to God's kingdom, on March 7, at 7:05 Saturday evening. It is sure he was really thankful to all you brethren in the States and your wonderful support in prayer. I believe he is in heaven with our Saviour Father and other true believers, in peace.

We, of course, do not doubt any minute, some day we will see him again. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive **and** remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive **and** remain

shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

I Thessalonians 4:14-18

We had Bro. Yoshito's funeral at Tamahata church, Monday, March 9, at 1:00 P.M. Yes, lots of members and many friends attended that service.

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Bro. and Sis. John Klaus found a house at Fuchu, so I will give you their new address.

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Fuchu-Shi  
Tokyo-To Japan

### ATHENS, ALABAMA Ann Wagler

The girls of the Athens Bible class distributed flowers to the patients at the hospital. The patients at the Moulton Hospital and the new Rest Home there were also given spring flower arrangements. It is rewarding to see how grateful people are, to be remembered.

"It was just a little flower  
Brought to my room today,  
But I know that someone cared  
And helped me on the way."

"They came with words of love  
And smiles that brought me cheer.  
It took away my loneliness,  
My self-pity and my fear."

Among the many visitors this month was Bro. Will Fiechter of Bluffton, who held services in the churches here.

A little boy, Timothy, was born to James and Kathleen Gee, on March 30. Kathleen attends services regularly at our Athens church.

The Athens ladies met at the homes of Mrs. Tom Gee and also at Mrs. Wm. Barnes.

We are most grateful to the ladies of the Cissna Park church and Sis. Marguerite Bauer, who are preparing the VBS material for all our classes, 8 year old and under. They have been doing this for the past few years. It has been a wonderful help. There are many others who have supported this work with their loving and consistent sharing in many ways. The Lord is a rich rewarder. The following Scripture expresses what we mean: "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

"O Lord, I want to **keep each day**  
To set a time and place apart

For prayer, for reading of Thy  
Word,  
And have Your blessings fill my  
heart."

"To know with full assurance  
The Spirit lives in me:  
Then the love of Christ may flow  
From out my heart to thee."

### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY August Mueller

This is the beginning of a new month. It seems only yesterday we said to each other, "I wish you a Happy New Year." Yet, so much has happened in this short time. Many loved ones were called home, some of them unexpected, but the Lord has his own way. He tells us to be ready, that when we are called we do not have to ask for more time, like King Hezekiah. We can read, he wept. The Lord added fifteen more years unto his life.

This month, nature will awaken. Again we will see the wonderful creation of the Lord. It is a precious thing to praise the Lord and to sing hymns of thanks and praise unto His holy name. He is King over all that is in heaven and on earth. All honor and glory belongeth unto Him.

He called us from a sinful world unto Himself. He reconciled us, through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and entered our name in the book of life.

It is our duty to work for him, as we promised. We have the word of God which teaches us how to walk, how to talk and how to conduct our life. If we keep what we have promised, He will surely do his part.

In the word of God, we find how the Lord chose his servants to work for Him. He sent Joseph to Egypt, before the famine which lasted seven years. Joseph was a God-fearing man. His heart was filled with wisdom from on high. He stored up the food in the seven good years, so he could feed the people. When his brothers came to buy food, he knew them, but they did not know him. He did not punish them for what they had done. He did put them through hours of anguish. They said among themselves, **We deserved this on what we did to Joseph.** After 400 years, Moses, the man of God, was called upon to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. It was a multitude of people by that time. God gave him

Aaron his brother to assist him. The children of Israel rebelled, so the Lord turned 40 days into 40 years.

The Lord called Samuel to judge his people and to take the place of Eli, who was not found to be true and faithful. Samuel was a great prophet. He anointed Saul to be king over Israel. Saul did not obey the Lord, so he was cast out. In his place, David was chosen. He trusted in God from the time he was a boy, and the Lord loved him for that, helped him and called him a man according to His heart. Many wonderful Psalms can we read which David wrote in his days.

He had many enemies, but the Lord was on his side, as he said himself, ". . . the LORD is on my side . . . what can man do unto me?"

When King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, which frightened him, Daniel was called to explain what that dream meant. He was **astounded** for one hour. He did not like to tell the king the dream. Daniel explained the dream unto him, but first he told him that the dream should be for his enemies and not for him.

One day the king was looking over Babylon, and he said, **This is the great city which I have built.** A voice came and told him that he no longer would be king, until seven seasons would pass over him. His human heart was taken from him and a heart of an animal was given him: He was out in the open, without shelter. He was eating grass like an ox; his hair and his nails kept on growing. I often wonder what he looked like. When the time was up, the Lord remembered his word. King Nebuchadnezzar was again put on his throne. This time he humbled himself and gave God the honour, and I believe he died a God-fearing man.

His son, Belshazzar, made a great feast for all his counsellors and advisers. They drank wine out of the golden vessels, until he saw the handwriting on the wall. No one could be found that could read the writing, or tell the king what it meant. No doubt the king's face was red from drinking all that wine but it turned pale when he saw that hand. He was perplexed and shaky.

He was told that Daniel could read the writing and tell him what it meant. Daniel was sent for. When he read the writing, he knew that the king had come to the end of his

days. He told the king that he had failed to learn his lesson from his father. The king was killed the same night Daniel spoke to him.

Another Easter has gone, but let us never forget what the Lord has done for us. Praise His holy name always. Amen.

### BERN, KANSAS

Mrs. Morris Edelman  
Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

Sunday evening services were held March 22, when Bro. Henry Sabo from Mansfield was with us. The Sabetha church enjoyed his services with us.

Bro. John Rokey of Goodfield ministered to us. The basis for his meditation was the fifth commandment, "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Sis. Janette Strahm began working at the Apostolic Christian Home for the Aged. A group of members visited the Apostolic Home, to sing and visit with the residents.

Bro. Morris Edelman and Bro. Leonard Baumgartner were elected to serve with Bro. Paul Grimm on the Crop Aid.

Bro. Leland Plattner flew home for two-weeks' leave, from Ft. Sam Houston. Several gatherings were held before he drove his car back to Texas.

Easter Sunday in our church was very inspiring, with messages on Christ's death and resurrection. We enjoyed an hour of song service in the evening, the Sabetha church meeting with us.

We have discontinued our mid-week services and are starting our summer singing. One Sunday they are held in our church and two weeks later in Sabetha. Since our churches are only eight miles apart, we enjoy assembling together in Christian fellowship occasionally.

### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Paul and Kathy Haab

Our visiting ministers for the month were Bro. Henry Wackerle, Bay City, on March 1; Bro. John Bahler, Rockville, on March 4, Wednesday evening; Bro. Fred Marti, Lamar, on March 8; and Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville, on March 22. We are thankful to them and the Lord for the messages they brought us from his Holy Word.

The following are the Ft. Sam address changes for the month:

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(brother, Bremen)

Pvt Verdon M Feldman  
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(brother, Bremen)

Pvt Leland A Plattner  
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(brother, Bern)

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Just arriving at Ft. Sam during the past month were:

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Fort Sam Houston Texas 78234  
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Pvt Lawrence W Eberle  
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Co D 3rd Bn USAMTC Class 10-B  
Fort Sam Houston Texas 78234  
(friend, Princeville)

Pvt Jackie L Knobloch US55782052  
Co D 3rd Bn USAMTC Class 11-B  
Fort Sam Houston Texas 78234  
(brother, Princeville)

Pvt Arthur R Mogler US55774347  
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(friend, West Bend)

Girard is scheduled to send a minister on May 10, and Sabetha on May 24. We shall look forward to hearing from you.

### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Marie Zaugg

Our Sunday School children presented their Easter program Easter Sunday. We are thankful the children enjoy taking part in the programs. May God bless them for their efforts.

Visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Sam Huber, Burl-

ington, Kansas and Elder Brother Sam Anliker, Lamont.

### Timely Advice

If you are impatient, sit down and have a quiet talk with Job.

If you are just a little strong headed, go and see Moses.

If you are getting weak-kneed, take a good look at Elijah.

If there is no song in your heart, listen to David.

If you are a policy man, read Daniel. If your faith is below par, read Paul.

If you find trouble working, watch James.

If you are losing sight of the future, climb up the stairs of Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.

### WEST BEND, IOWA

#### Anna Schmidt

On Sunday, March 8, we were privileged to have with us two visiting ministers, Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley (Illinois) and Bro. Leo Moser of Lester.

Bro. Eugene Marti of Sabetha spent Easter week-end with us.

Bro. John and Sis. Lydia Benninger celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, with open house, at Bro. Joe and Sis. Evelyn Benningers' home on March 29.

A son, Douglas Alan, was born March 26 to Bro. Verner and Sis. Beverly Wirtz. He has two sisters and three brothers.

Arthur Mogler, son of Sam and Tillie Mogler, entered the service this past month. His address is under Ft. Sam Houston news.

Bro. and Sis. Reuben and Chrystol Luthi and son of Morris have been taking treatments at Clear Lake, Iowa. They have been staying with Chrystol's mother, Sis. Anna Schmidt.

Sis. Bertha Keller, age 77, passed away March 16, after a lingering illness. It was a blessing that she could be relieved of her suffering.

She was born November 14, 1886, at Seebach, Switzerland, the daughter of John and Anna (Wuthrich) Benninger. She came to America with her parents, a brother and a sister in 1890, and settled in Roanoke. In 1899, they moved to West Bend, where she repented. Later, she was united in marriage to Albert Keller.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one daughter, and a brother and sister. Surviving are

three daughters, Sis. Esther, Mrs. Walter Banwart; Sis. Edna, Mrs. Earl Banwart; and Anna, Mrs. Reuben Metzger of Elgin (Iowa), and one son, John, of Earlham, Iowa.

Bro. Noah Gerber and Bro. Alfred Fehr had the services.

Following is a poem submitted by the family.

### In Memory of Mother

Mother has gone to her  
Heavenly home.  
To be with her Maker  
Who's on His Heavenly throne.

Mother has left many  
Memories of love.  
Her face seems to smile  
On us from above.

Our memories go back to our  
Childhood days,  
When Mother did lead us  
On heavenly ways.

When evening did come  
Mother became frail,  
But her dear, loving Saviour  
Did not let her fail.

Now Mother has joys  
Of heavenly peace,  
Awaiting her in the  
Realms of heavenly bliss.

### If I Gained The World

Had I wealth and love in fullest  
measure,  
And a name revered both far and  
near,  
Yet no hope beyond, no harbor  
waiting,  
Where my storm-tossed vessel I  
could steer;  
If I gained the world, but lost the  
Savior,  
Who endured the cross and died  
for me,  
Could then all the world afford a  
refuge,  
Whither, in my anguish, I might  
flee?

O what 'emptiness without the  
Saviour,  
'Mid the sins and sorrows here  
below!  
And eternity, how dark without  
him!  
Only nights and tears and endless  
woe!  
What, tho' I might live without  
the Saviour,

When I come to die, how would it  
be?

O, to face the valley's gloom with-  
out Him!

And without Him in eternity!

If I gained the world, but lost the  
Saviour,

Were my life worth living for a  
day?

Could my yearning heart find rest  
and comfort

In the things that soon must pass  
away?

If I gained the world, but lost the  
Saviour,

Would my gain be worth the life-  
long strife?

Are all earthly pleasures worth  
comparing

For a moment with a Christ-filled  
life?

### FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Florence Sutter

Judy Sutter

Now that the month of March  
has passed, we would like to thank  
the many wonderful brothers, sis-  
ters and friends who have visited  
us this winter.

Our visiting ministers during the  
month of March were Bro. John  
Bahler and Bro. Albert Schneider  
of Rockville. Bro. John Bahler was  
one of the first visiting ministers  
that helped rent the building that  
was used for church services (1945  
to 1964). We are thankful for the  
message that they brought unto  
us, and hope that they will come  
back soon.

Easter morning, our Sunday  
School Class presented their pro-  
gram, which included several  
small pieces, and they sang this  
song:

### Let The Sunshine In

My mommy told me something a  
little child should know. It's all  
about the devil, and I've learned  
to hate him so. She says he causes  
trouble when you let him in the  
room; he will never, ever leave  
you, if your heart is filled with  
gloom.

### Chorus

So let the sunshine in; face it with  
a grin. Smilers never lose, and  
frowners never win, so let the sun-  
shine in. Face it with a grin; open  
up your heart and let the sunshine  
in.

If I forget to say my prayers, the  
devil jumps with glee, but he feels  
so awful, awful, when he sees me  
on my knees, so if your full of  
trouble and you never seem to win,  
just open up your heart and let  
the sunshine in.

Words that linger in our hearts  
were spoken by Bro. Dave Mangold,  
that he hopes that this small con-  
gregation will grow and that the  
house of worship may be filled. We  
hope and pray also that the Lord  
will increase the small flock that  
attends our Ft. Lauderdale church.

May God help us all work to-  
gether, that we may be His dis-  
ciples, and work to the praise,  
honor and glory of His name.

### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

Spiritual food was given by Bro.  
Henry Beer at our Wednesday eve-  
ning service. Then, on Sunday was  
a day of great joy for our church,  
when Mark Gutwein, son of Bro.  
James and Sis. Marion, was taken  
into our fold. It is simply wonder-  
ful and wonderfully simple to  
come to the Lord and then accept  
Him into the heart. Bro. George  
Yergler and Bro. Theo Beer so lov-  
ingly came. In the evening, we also  
had the joy of sharing the Lord's  
Supper. It was a very solemn feast  
Christ instituted for his disciples,  
so create in us this godly love.

Bro. Carl and Sis. Mary Gutwein  
are the grandparents of a baby boy,  
Daniel, born to their son, Elden,  
and wife, Mary. Bro. Don and Sis.  
Marlene Erb were given a third  
son, naming him Roderick Herman.  
The departed grandfather, Bro.  
Herman Erb, was thought of in this  
blessed event.

Allyn Onken, son of Rex and Sis.  
Louise, was called into the service.  
Bro. Ronnie Anliker got to be home  
for a while.

Sis. Sally Stefen, who was born  
in Yugoslavia, passed away at the  
age of 74 years, leaving her dear  
husband and 5 children. She always  
enjoyed her sisters and brothers in  
faith and the many good friends  
she made while living here. She  
described living in this community  
as being the nicest years of her life.  
She endured many hardships dur-  
ing her lifetime. After World War  
II broke out, she, her husband and  
five children were forced to leave  
their home. She experienced days  
when they had nothing to eat. Her

relief came after they came to this country in 1950.

Mother, Sis. Mary Wuethrich, was hospitalized for several weeks. Our congregation often remembered her in prayer. Father, Bro. Otto Norr, would often say, "Take courage; God is faithful."

Our four-year-old granddaughter was told by her mother that her Grandpa Norr died, and she wouldn't see him anymore. She then went to play again, and after about twenty minutes came running back to the kitchen and said, "Mommy, we can see Grandpa Norr again when we go to Heaven." That is the same wish of all his children, grandchildren, and all who knew him, we believe.

#### LESTER, IOWA Emelie M. Knobloch

We all enjoyed a blessed day March 22, when Elder Bro. Paul Banwart and Bro. Paul Fehr assisted Elder Bro. Leo Moser in serving Holy Communion to us. Bro. Paul Banwart revealed to us how the tiny morsels of wheat are put together to form the bread, which is as the body of Christ. So shall the union of the body of the church be, all members as one body. It is a pleasure to partake of Holy Communion, as it seems to draw us closer to each other and renews our hope again for the eternal rest.

Bro. Leo Moser expounded unto us in our Easter services, "What it would be if Christ had not risen from the dead." We would not have the joy and Christian fellowship we possess. I heard the friends say, how wonderful fellowship and hospitality shared by loved ones of the same faith are at Fort Sam, especially, during their loneliness. It is deeply appreciated. It is a pleasure to know that the fellowship we own can be seen and felt by others. If Christ had not risen, there would be no plan of salvation, therefore, no eternal rest for the soul.

Easter is a beautiful time of the year, with all the new growth of spring coming back to light from darkness, as the lost sinners souls are brought to light by Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.

We always had Sunday School vacation from New Year till the Sunday before Easter. Since we remodeled this past year, we are trying to go with the school system.

This gives us a better opportunity to teach our children of the importance of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. Children are so impressed by the Easter story. When reading Bro. Stettner's passage in the past month's Silver Lining, he says, "One does not see the good fruits for a time, but often this good seed takes new root and comes to life." This sure goes along with the Easter season. What a blessed thought!

Our Bible Class spent March 14 with the Bible Class at Morris.

Many loved ones spent the Easter holiday with their parents and relatives.

A birth: To Bro. and Sis. Edwin Knobloch, a son, Vernon Edwin, March 18.

Among the ill: Several folks and children have been ill with the mumps and chicken pox. Adolph Moser is recuperating at home, after several hospitalizations for pleurisy. We are happy to report, little Debra Metzger was released from the hospital at Iowa City, ten days after heart surgery, and is improving remarkably well at home.

Sis. Connie Knobloch injured her knee, but was able to assemble with us again. Sis. Nancy Knobloch is enjoying good health again, after being hospitalized several times the past month. Sis. Naomi Knobloch was hospitalized several days for observation.

We will resume our Sunday evening singings on April 4. We have singing every first and third Sunday of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Folks of our church were deeply grieved over the sudden passing of Elder Brother Henry Koehl. It was the desire of Bro. Leo Moser to sing, "At Home, Tis Well". May God be with his family during their bereavement, as I know he will be missed by all the churches he served.

Joyce Rumboldt, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Rumboldt, and Kenneth Knobloch, son of Bro. and Sis. Martin Knobloch, have announced their engagement.

Richard Feucht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Feucht, and Leo Wulf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wulf, have left for the service.

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#### SARASOTA, FLORIDA Velta Laukhuf

Visiting ministers for the month were Bros. John Wagler, John Bahler, and Dave Mangold. We wish to thank the brothers for their inspiring messages, and welcome them back in the future.

On March 6, Sis. Clara Virkler celebrated her 80th birthday. In the evening, the church group gathered at her home, in honor of this event. The evening was spent in singing hymns. We all departed, wishing Sis. Clara many more happy years.

The latter part of the month, a picnic was held at the Sunshine Skyway Park. At the noon hour, a bountiful pot-luck dinner was enjoyed by all.

The last service of the season was held Easter Sunday, with a large attendance. Many said farewell to one another, trusting in God that, if it's His will, we may all meet here again in another year.

Bro. Phil, our minister, and Sis. Fern Wingeier wish to thank everyone that attended the Sarasota church, for their deeds of kindness, love and hospitality that was shown to them this season.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA. Mrs. Gus Weltz

We did have a flood, and it was a bad one. Correct accounts of the amount of water we could expect varied from time to time, and after all merchants had moved their stock to higher levels, another raise in the river sent the water over much merchandise, as well as many homes in the flooded areas. There were seven to eight feet of water on Main Street. A heavy loss to many merchants and home owners was the result, but everything has been cleaned away, and all are in business again. Across the river at Duffy, Ohio, the gas went off, and oil stoves were provided, but there was no oil. The weather was very cold, which added much to the suffering at that time.

Sam Kaufman is back home, after a several-day stay in the local hospital, and is doing fine. He has a family living with him in his home. They are very efficient and are taking good care of him.

Harry Mullett, of Doolin Road, had the misfortune to break his shoulder, in a fall at his home, on April 3.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas of Niles, O., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home on Saturday, April 4. Sisters and brothers of Mrs. Thomas, from New Martinsville, who attended the anniversary were: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Renner, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Durig, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riggenbach, Mrs. P. W. Johnson, L. B. Durig, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Durig, and son, Jerry, Mrs. Sidney Smith and Mrs. Henry Dennis.

William Probst, a former resident of NewMartinsville, passed away in Bradenton, Florida. The body was brought back to Austintown, O., where funeral services were held on April 4. Interment took place in Youngstown, Ohio. His first wife was the former Lena Emch, a daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Emch.

Daniel E. Schupbach, a son of the late Lou and Mary Schupbach, passed away on March 28, following a two-months' illness. He leaves his widow, Alice Durig Schupbach; one daughter, Doris Wiley; one grandson; two brothers, Fred and John Schupbach; four sisters, Mrs. Ross Durig, Callie Della and Elda Schupbach, all of New Martinsville. Funeral services and interment took place on March 31. One sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Witschey, preceded him in death several years ago.

The glory of the Lord is always new,  
Every hour, every morning, every spring.

#### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Carolyn Gerber Delutha Moser

The address of Pvt Lester Steffen has been changed.  
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Births: March 9, a girl, Lynn

Renee, to Bro. and Sis. Lester Gerber; March 10, a boy, Kent Eugene, to Bro. and Sis. Harry Gerber; March 13, a boy, Trent Allan, to Bro. and Sis. Nile Bucher; March 14, a boy, Richard Allan, to Friends Bill and Carolyn Gerber; and April 2, a boy, Kirk Allan, to Bro. and Sis. Galen Baumgartner.

On March 22, Sis. Patricia Fiechter and Bro. Dwight Moser were united in holy matrimony, with Bro. Sam Aschliman officiating. May God bestow rich blessings upon this couple, as they share life's pathway together.

The evening of March 29, Easter, the Sunday School program was held. Bros. John Bollier and David Bertsch were our guest speakers. It was a very inspiring evening, hearing the message and beautiful songs presented.

On March 5, funeral services were held for Sis. Elsie Isch, widow of Ernest Isch, age 90 years. She was born in Alsace Lorraine France, daughter of John A and Margaret Meiss. Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Joe E. Gerber, Miss Clara Isch, Mrs. James Baine, Mrs. John Yergler, Mrs. Elmer Moser, Mrs. John Frank, and three sons, Joe L., Elmer J., and Harold. Also surviving are two brothers, Gustav Meiss (Illinois) and Ezra Meiss (La Crosse); twenty-two grandchildren, and twenty-nine great-grandchildren. Bro. Sam Aschliman officiated at the services.

Hospital patients during the past month and at the present writing are Bro. and Sis. George Ringger Sr., Sis. Martha (Lloyd) Gerber and Sis. Mary Kipfer.

On April 4 and 5, Bro. Sam Aschliman, along with Bro. John Yergler, held provings and baptismal services for four dear friends. They were Rhinda Fiechter, Gary Schladenhauffen, Donna Drayer and Max Reimschisel. We were very glad to hear the testimonies of these dear souls, and hope that in the near future we may have other dear friends that will surrender their hearts to the Lord.

Trusting our Saviour in our prayer, we believe, the blessings we're needing, we'll surely receive; We beg thy grace upon our way, to guide us each moment of the day;

That when we call upon Thy name, We'll have a heart not filled with shame.

Thou, our balm in sorrow, our stay in strife, Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life, Our wish, O Lord, when our conflicts cease, To hear Thy voice, and call us to Thine eternal peace.

#### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL.

Ben Blunier

March 15 was a blessed Sunday at Champaign. Our largest crowd, nearly 200, gathered to hear wonderful messages by Elder Bro. Henry Kilgus and Bro. Ezra Feller. Bro. Henry preached from St. Matthew, chapter 4, and brought out, that in these present times of ever higher schools and colleges, we should seek first and above all the **Highest School of Jesus Christ**. In the afternoon, Bro. Ezra reminded us how the beautiful, simple truths of the Bible are often **hidden from the wise and revealed unto babes**, and we should not let our faith be shaken when learned men dare to deny or disclaim God Almighty. The evil one is ever present to draw back even God's own elect. After services, more fellowship and singing were enjoyed at a reserved room in the Illini Union Building. Later, more than eighty enjoyed a Smorgasbord dinner at the Town and Country Restaurant in Urbana.

This service marks the completion of the first year of bi-monthly services at Champaign University YMCA. It has truly been a blessed year, and our thanks go to God and to all those who have helped to make it so, especially to Bros. Ed Hohulin and Emanuel Gudeman, who are in charge.

At the bi-weekly Bible class meetings, Bro. Ed has been giving a history of the founding of our church by Bro. Samuel Froelich, along with a general history of the Christian religion since the time of our Lord. How grateful we should be that our faith is founded upon the **Solid Rock**, Jesus Christ, and for forefathers who have kept the faith.

On March 25, Bro. Ed also brought us an inspiring Easter message. The wonderful story of the resurrection ever gladdens our hearts and is surely a most beautiful time of the year for every Christian. As the earth around us shows forth its new life at Easter time, let us open our hearts to the love of God, to awaken within us new life for Him.

**ELGIN, ILLINOIS**

**Louise Steffen  
Katie Kachelmuss**

On March 15, we had quite a number of guests from Minnesota and Iowa, who came here for the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Joseph and Anna Banwart. Bro. Albert Wuethrich ministered to us.

A son, Garrett Blaze, was born to Sis. Donna and Alvin Nelson, on March 8.

Bro. Frank Woertz visited us, and we received many good teachings. Also, Bro. Joe Rocke taught us in God's word.

Sis. Emma Stettner, wife of our Elder Bro. William Stettner, has not been able to assemble with us for some time, as she is quite sick and has a lot of pain at times. Bro. Will does not like to leave her, so he is not in our midst very often. We miss him and his teachings very much. We wish her God's help and strength.

Sis. Rose Preiss was in the hospital a few days. Sis. Nina Huber had eye surgery, and is at home again.

On Palm Sunday, Bro. Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen, was with us and expounded the Word of God to us.

He spoke of Christ's last four days on earth, and said he felt it would be interesting to know what we would do if we knew we had but four days yet to live. Would we dig a little deeper, perhaps do things a little different? We should take time and consider these things.

It was impressive to hear how Christ sent the disciples to get the colt, and how He rode thereon, and the people spread their clothes in the way, also branches from the trees. This is why we call it Palm Sunday. As He came nigh to the Mount of Olives, the disciples began to rejoice, saying, "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord". Some of the Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke them, but Jesus said, "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

When He beheld the city of Jerusalem, He wept over it, because He said they don't know the things that belong to their peace. And He told them of the destruction which shall come over Jerusalem. History records that this prophecy was literally fulfilled, their enemies

came and cast a trench about the city, filled with water to keep the people inside, and the great wall which they felt afforded them safety was broken down, that not one stone was left on another, and nearly a million people were slaughtered. Today, men seek safety with missiles, etc., but these will not make men safe anymore than that wall around Jerusalem did. May we not be ignorant of wherein real safety lies, but let us strive so that we can say, as the Apostle Paul could say, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

On Palm Sunday, in the evening, we had our Easter Program. It was a blessed evening. The little children spoke their pieces well, to the praise and honor of God. Our choirs sang inspiring hymns, which we feel are pleasing to our Lord and God. We also had six of our young men sing, "Blessed Redeemer." We wish one and all God's blessing for the efforts they put forth, to make this program redound to God's praise and glory.

Sis. Mary Oettinger, who is at the Oliver Annex, 364 St. Charles Street, Elgin, Illinois, had a birthday last month and received many cards, for which she wishes to express her thanks and appreciation.

Sis. Elizabeth Metzger had surgery. Jeffrey Tobler broke his leg, but now has the cast removed.

Bro. Al. Fisher visited us on Good Friday, for evening services. We heard much about the suffering and dying of our Lord and Saviour. We are reminded of a verse of Scripture contained in Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

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**MORTON, ILLINOIS**  
**Mrs. B. E. Getz**

The condition of our elder, Bro. Joe A. Getz, who has been a patient at the Restmor Nursing Home for four weeks, is improving. He is now

able to be up a little each day. God willing, he may return to his home in another week.

Announcement has been made of the coming marriage of Sis. Gloria Vierling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vierling, and Bro. Howard Leman, son of Bro. and Sis. Eli Leman of Fairbury.

The baptism of Hazel Schrock Ferguson took place March 18. Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield, was with us, also Bros. Joe and Jesse Schrock and Ben Zimmerman of Congerville.

A son was born to Bro. and Sis. James Fischer, March 7. A daughter to Bro. and Sis. Robert Taufer March 30; also, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hauter on March 10.

Funeral services for Bro. John Dietrich, age 94, were held April 6. Bro. Henry Grimm officiated, assisted by Bro. Francis Rother.

A number of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Bro. John Stevig, to help him celebrate his 91st birthday, on Feb. 10.

The Sunday School has taken up a generous collection for distribution to our churches in Alabama and Japan.

Sis. Mary Ellen Winnings is recovering nicely, after having had major surgery.

**RITTMAN, OHIO**

**Ella Mae Trent**

As we approached this season when we reflect on Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection, we were reminded by Elder Bro. Noah Bauman to examine ourselves in preparation for Communion. Palm Sunday, we partook of this Holy Sacrament, Bro. Noah being assisted by Bro. Rudolph Graf of Akron.

Not with us for this day, and greatly missed among us, was our dear sister-in-faith, Sadie Beery. She was laid to rest March 15, at the age of 69. Often, because of her physical infirmities, she was unable to appease her hunger and thirst, and in her last days she endured much pain. It seems appropriate that at both the funeral home and church, the chapter in Revelation was mediated upon which reads, "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more . . . and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Tribute was paid to her conservative living and good Chris-



tian example. Survivors include Bro. Alpha, Bro. Ezra, and Sis. Ella Steiner.

Servant of God, well done!  
Rest from thy loved employ,  
The battle fought, the victory won,  
Enter thy Master's joy.

The Lord takes away, and the Lord gives. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Parents of a second daughter, Janee Marie, are Bro. Rowan and Sis. Judy Schar. A son, Andrew James, was welcomed in the home of Ronald and Jeanette Wyott.

Planning for a lifetime together are Bro. Merle Hartzler, son of Bro. Reuben and Sis. Velma, and Sis. Bonnie Riggenbach, daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Minnie. Their engagement was announced March 15.

There are still those of our loved ones who do not enjoy the good health as we do. Home once again from the hospital are Sis. Ella Steiner; Linda Laukhauf, daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Kathryn; Sis. Ida Winkler; Ella Roth; and Betty Winkler. Hospitalized, following a serious heart attack, is Bro. Truman Gerber, who just recently moved to our community from Bluffton. The Saviour's touch has still its ancient power, and if it be God's will, may He heal them all.

Assembling with us, following completion of military duty, are Bro. Ronnie Steiner and his family and Ralph Riggenbach. Ben Hartzler, Leo Marty, and Kenny Riggenbach join Larry Miller in Cleveland for their tour of service. Leaving the end of this month for Fort Sam are Bro. Glen Riggenbach and Gaylord Beery.

Stationed at Fort Knox, in the armed forces, is Duane Zollinger, son of Bro. Charles and Sis. Lillian. His mailing address is:

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May God protect them until they are returned safely to their homes.

If you believe that God is about your bed, and about your path, and spieeth out all your ways, then take care not to do the least thing, nor to speak the least word, nor to in-

dulge in the least thought which you have reason to think would offend Him. Suppose that a messenger of God, an angel, were now standing at your right hand and fixing his eyes upon you. Would you not take care to abstain from every word or action that you knew would offend Him? Yea, if one of your fellow servants, a holy man, stood by you, would you not be extremely anxious how you would conduct yourself in word or action? How much more careful you ought to be when you know, not a holy man, not an angel of God, but God Himself, the Holy One, is inspecting you, your heart, your tongue, every movement, and that He, Himself, will surely call you to an account for all you speak or act.

### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

#### Arles Kropf

Sam Gauger suffered a stroke on March 13, but is able to be up some. His speech is improving. We trust he will soon be able to gather with us again.

We were richly blessed on March 22 through the messages of Bro. Gene Bertschi of Roanoke. An evening of song service was enjoyed at the Fellowship Hall at Remington.

Our Sunday School children presented their Sunday School program on Wed. evening, March 25.

The engagement of Marceil Furrer, daughter of Sis. Emma Furrer, and Steve Haab, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Haab of Milford, has been announced. A fall wedding is being planned.

Bro. Don Furrer has been discharged from the service and is now at home.

Funeral services were held on March 31 for Levi Kyburz, 51, by Bro. Irvin Lehman. He was born at Forrest, on April 21, 1912, the son of Sis. Lena (Honegger) and the late Sam Kyburz. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Jean; two sons, Eugene of Idaville and Douglas at home; two daughters, Joan Wallace of Indianapolis and Betty Hunt of Idaville; 4 grandchildren; his mother; seven brothers and six sisters. Levi had been in failing health for the past year, in and out of the hospital a number of times. As his body was wasting away, he could yet surrender to the will of God, and just one week before he was called Home, God gave him the grace to repent. God yet spoke peace to his heart, and he left this earthly dwelling with peace in his heart. We praise God for His unending love and mercy. He was to be announced on Sunday morning, March 29, after morning services, but God called him out of this life about 8 A.M. that same morning.

## YOUTH

### Bro. Vernon Schwab

Oh, how fondly we often looked upon you, our desire, our longing and fond expectation. Youth is the gift of God given to His creation. . . . A wonderful blessing of God indeed!

They are born in innocency, are so pure and wholesome. We tenderly care for them, feeding, clothing, bathing, loving and playing with them, to make them feel secure in our love. They are a joy to behold. We rejoice to see them grow into childhood, then into manhood.

It is through the formative years of their childhood that the character of a child is molded. These years are of vast value to the parents. If a child is to understand evil and wrongdoing, it must be taught in youthful days. A child taught to respect its parents can be taught to respect God. If we fail to teach our children respect, it is

very difficult for a child to respect God or His Word. Such a child grows up to be heady, proud, high-minded, and disrespectful to parents, superiors and unto God. However, if a child is taught obedience and humility, then it can understand God's Word, and value its meaning. (Proverbs 22:6)

We are not to despise our youth. I believe none of us willingly would wish to, and yet we may be guilty of that very fact if we fail to combat the evil spirit that preys on our children.

A child in youth often asks about God, Heaven, Christ, baptism, the Holy Spirit, and other things pertaining to God. It readily accepts our answers when we take time and patience to explain unto them about God and His ways. This is important to a child. We must not deny it them, lest we fail.

Then, as children grow older, they come unto the times when they disobey, speak back, and are caught up into a rebellious attitude at different times. We combat these acts with correction and discipline, yet the very source of such action is not always the child, but invariably the work of the evil spirit. This evil spirit beguiles the child into such acts. Here is where the parent needs a lot of patience. We must stop and teach the child why it is wrong and disgraceful to commit such acts. A child taught in its younger years to respect God's Word can be helped immensely.

When a child sees that Satan seeks to destroy its soul by leading it astray from God's word, the child will begin to resist the impulses to rebel against God's word, the law of the land, and parental guidance. Even though a child cannot be kept pure in its innocent state, yet when God calls it to repentance, a child knows why it needs to repent.

This guidance is doubly important to our youth, for through them we hope and pray that God will preserve our faith and posterity in God. They represent our future church, if there is to be one. There is more danger of our beliefs based upon the holy scriptures being terminated in our faith, than there is a lack of souls turning to God in repentance because of them. God will yet call the true repentant soul to Him through the true faith that has retained the ways taught in God's Word.

Youth, thou art our joy. Thou are our delight, but above these all, thou art our fond expectation.

#### AKRON, OHIO Grace Schuckert

The ladies of the church continue to meet every month to sew for the American Cancer Society, which freely gives these items and the use of sick-room equipment to cancer victims. The evening is enjoyed, as each one does her part in helping this worthy project. The church has received a certificate of merit from the Cancer Society again this year, in recognition of work done.

Jean Burr and Richard Weisman were recently united in marriage. Jean is the daughter of Friends Helen and Fred Burr.

It was again the lot of Friend

Ella Messner, wife of Richard, to undergo unexpected surgery, but we are glad that she is recovering well and is able to be about again. Ella is a sister of Margaret Gruenig. We are thankful to report improvement in the condition of my husband, Adam, sick throughout March, and of Bro. Robert Graf, who has been wearing a neck brace for some time, to correct a pinched nerve.

While news this month seems a little scarce, there would be much to report of what transpired in many lives, could we adequately write of the emotional experiences and the inward workings of the mind and spirit.

All kinds of trials crowd into our lives and though grievous and unwelcome to the flesh, God works through such situations and circumstances to our benefit, as they test our faith, teach us endurance or call us to repentance. If we have been slow to learn the lessons from God, He then prunes and trims through His word, that we take sufficient time to eat of the bread of life, lest we develop a spiritual malnutrition.

The call to repentance no doubt came to some, under the pressure of difficult times . . . a warning of the judgment to come and the gracious invitation to eternal life through Jesus Christ. Since God loved us enough to send His Son to die for us, His death brings life to all who repent and believe in Him. To others came the realization of the certainty of death, whether now or later, and that only a Saviour can give solace and comfort in that hour. Confronted with the disabilities of man, we view the possibilities of God. Without reflection, and with all due respect to our physicians efforts, of which we have need, God offers no spiritual aspirin, good only for temporary relief. He promises, instead, perfect salvation, and would have us to desire nothing but a life lived in keeping with His will. He has set before us an open door. May we choose wisely, and "praise the LORD . . . for his wonderful works to the children of men!"

#### BURLINGTON, IOWA Uriel Gehring

Sis. Bertha Gehring, this reporter's mother, was in this vicinity, helping her daughter, Sis. Phyllis Massner, care for her new baby

girl. Sis. Bertha and her husband, Bro. Jacob Gehring, reside at Elgin, Iowa.

Bro. Chris and Sis. Alice Rinckenberger have returned from a three-week visit to a farm they own near Cresco, Iowa. They are putting some finishing touches on the new house they built there some time ago. While there, they attended Sunday church services at Elgin, Iowa, a distance of some fifty miles or so. They both enjoyed the fellowship of the members. How pleasant to spend the Lord's day with our brothers and sisters in faith.

Mike Applegarth, son of Bro. and Sis. Blaine and Betty Applegarth, will be leaving soon, for duty in the United States Navy. We wish him everything good.

We rejoice that two more souls, Marvin Woodward and his wife, Verna, are seeking the Lord in repentance. May they be obedient to God's Word, so that He will give them the needed grace to become His children and heirs of His eternal promise.

We have been having some spring rains here, of late, which were much appreciated by the tillers of the soil. The temperature also was up in the seventies yesterday; it appears that spring is making a strong bid to stay with us 'til summer comes.

#### CROGHAN — NAUMBURG, N. Y. Mrs. Lawrence Farney Mrs. David Schambach

We are happy to report that our young friend, Samuel Virkler, has found peace in the Lord and is looking forward to baptism.

Sis. Luella, wife of our Elder Brother John Widrick, is recuperating at her home, after surgery and nearly three weeks stay in the hospital. She was able to worship with us Sunday, at the morning service, for which we are truly grateful.

Sis. Rose Hirschey underwent major surgery on March 13 and is now recovering at home.

Friend Martha Schulz, who has spent some time in the hospital and has undergone major surgery, is still very ill and does not improve as her friends would wish.

Sisters Hazel Schneider and Edith Swartz and Bro. Sidney Virkler are confined to their homes by illness. We hope they will soon be able to assemble with us again.

Sis. Martha Steiner wishes to thank all those who so kindly remembered her with cards, letters, etc., during her misfortune and confinement.

Sis. Cora Beyer has been confined to her home for the past few weeks, with an attack of "shingles".

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

**Nancy Honegger — Martha Stoller**

Our oldest member, Sis. Maggie Bachtold, observed her 91st birthday on March 22. While she is able to be up and about the house, Sis. Maggie has been confined to her home for the past five years, since breaking her leg in Nov., 1958. She is fortunate to be very well cared for in the home of her niece, Sis. Rose and Bro. Charles Tyler. Sis. Maggie was baptized in Aug., 1953, at the age of 80.

On Good Friday evening, short services were held, after which an Easter program was given by the Sunday School children.

Billy Kupferschmid, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Nettie Kupferschmid, and Susan Gardner, daughter of Mrs. Bernadine Gardner, were united in marriage by Bro. Henry Kilgus.

In his recent visit here, Bro. Ervin Lehman of Wolcott stated how every Christian must go through tribulation. Going through tribulation takes patience. After we have the patience to endure, it is an experience for us. After experience, we have hope. Therefore, tribulation, patience, experience and hope are all linked together as a chain. The chain is no stronger than its weakest link.

### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

**Marian Wiegand**

We welcome Kenneth and Beth Wiegand and their young son, Douglas, to our congregation. They recently moved to Goodfield from a farm near Congerville.

**The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.** Another dear brother, Dave Leman, was called to his eternal home. Bro. Dave had reached the age of 82 years. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Julia (Plattner); four sons, Ray of Hiawatha, Kansas, Bro. Harry and Rouland of Roanoke, Bro. Vernon of Eureka; four daughters, Sis. Hilda at home, Rowena Hartter of Carlock, Sis. Viola Witzig of Gridley and Sis.

Laura Hohulin of Goodfield.

The engagement of Vermeda Rokey, daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Rokey, to Bill Young, of Peoria, has been announced. A summer wedding is planned.

Sis. Edna Schieler is a patient at the Eureka Hospital (for tests).

Marsha Wyss, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Arlene Wyss, is home again, after undergoing a tonsillectomy at the hospital.

Sis. Rita Siebenthal has returned home, after spending several months at Phoenix.

Our sympathy goes out to Bro. Bill Jones and family, on the death of his mother, Louise Joos, of Peoria.

Robert Hohulin, son of Bro. Eli and Lois Hohulin, has completed his training and is released from the armed services. His brother, Dick, went to Colorado to meet him, and they will drive home together.

Our thanks go to Bros. Emanuel Gudeman, Francis Rother and Fred Marti, for letting God use them to bring us His Word by prayer and sermon.

It will soon be the time of the year again when we pay tribute to our mothers. The following poem was written by Sis. Elna Grimm:

### Mother, Dear Mother

Mother, dear mother, how sweet to recall  
The years that were spent by your side.

Some mem'ries have faded  
throughout the years,  
But others will ever abide.

How often I heard your soft foot-  
steps at night,  
As near to my bedside you came.  
How often I felt the sweet warmth  
of your kiss;  
How often I breathed your dear  
name.

'Twas you, mother dear, who lifted  
me up,  
When I was down-hearted and blue,  
Who taught me to pray to the Lord  
up above . . .  
Yes, mother, dear mother, t'was  
you.

I remember the tenderness of your  
smile,  
The patience you boldly portrayed,  
The lessons you taught me "On  
Being Kind",

The example you purposely made.

And now I remember the tears  
that you shed,  
When burdens were heavy to bear,  
How often your form, in  
submission, I found,  
As you called on the Saviour in  
prayer.

If prayers are answered, and surely  
they are,  
I pray that some day I might be,  
The kind of a mother, dear mother  
of mine,  
That you have been to me.

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### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

**Mary Alyce Witzig**

We were pleased to have so many visitors, including Bros. Ben Maibach and Joe Schreck, with us on Saturday, March 14, and Sunday, March 15, for the proving and baptism of Jerry Cargill, formerly of Gridley, presently of Detroit. It was indeed a time of rejoicing, to again welcome one into the fold. We wish Jerry the grace of our Lord.

Bro. Joe Klopfenstein suffered a heart attack on March 20 and was taken to Mennonite Hospital, where he is recovering nicely.

Al Rich also spent some time in the hospital, due to a heart attack, but is again at home.

Sis. Matilda Stortz and Sis. Nadine Ringger also were in the hospital during the past month, are home again and getting along satisfactorily.

Bro. Don and Sis. Rosella Gramm are the parents of their third daughter, Terri Jo, born March 13.

John Witzig, son of Bro. Silas and Sis. Viola Witzig, is home on leave. John is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

### JUNCTION, OHIO

**Mrs. Alvin H. Manz**

Greetings to all once again, from the little church at Junction.

It looks as if spring is finally here. During the past Easter season, we were privileged to gather with our ailing ministering Bro. Andrew Dotterer, in his home, to hear our Good Friday services. It

was truly a blessed evening, to hear Bro. Andrew speak to us again concerning the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This is the first time Bro. Andrew has had the sermon since his hospitalization a year ago last November. He has been a shut-in since.

We were indeed blessed to have Bro. Henry Sabo from Mansfield. Bro. Sabo taught us of the unspeakable value of God's love toward us, a love which in this time is often not really appreciated. I have thought of that many times—so many blessings we have, and accept them so casually, when only a generation back our own parents were also blessed, but not so much as we. Still, we murmur and find cause to complain. Bro. Sabo, speaking from Matthew, the 20th chapter, concerning the labourers of the vineyard, admonished us that rather than murmur at each receiving the same, we should humbly feel the unworthiness of the favor of God's never-failing love for each of us.

We also enjoyed evening services, where Bro. Sabo spoke directly to the little children, teaching them their due respect toward God, their parents and teachers . . . A most thrilling message, and I truly wished my own children had been there to hear him.

Take the task He gives you, gladly;  
Do not fear — for He is near.  
He will grant you grace and favor,  
Your burdens lift — This is His gift.

#### LA CROSSE, INDIANA Martha Rinkenberger

We miss our brother, Carl Peters, who has been called into his eternal home. What a blessing when we know they are ready to meet our God, face to face. He was 83 years old. Funeral services were held by Bro. Joseph Kaisner of Forrest and Bro. Joshua Broquard of Fairbury. We trust God will be with his wife, Martha.

Being reminded again of the suffering of our Lord, and that he was hung on the cross only for our sins and paid the way for us to enter into Heaven, that we are all so unworthy of, we felt humbled and so thankful when we held Holy Communion. Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka helped Bro. George.

Bro. Russell Rapp of Morton,

Bro. Gerald Sutter of Taylor, and Bro. Edwin Hohulin of Goodfield were visiting ministers.

We had our Easter program on Palm Sunday. It is so wonderful when we can see how the little children love the Lord, already in their youth.

Sis. Emma Pheiffer had surgery on her ear. She is getting along fine, and can hear much better.

Bro. Nile and Sis. Phyllis Bucher have a little baby boy. They named him Trent Allen. Phyllis was with her folks for a few weeks while Nile was at school.

#### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA Christine Locher

Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Farney have departed our vicinity for Burlington, Okla., where they spend their summers. We will miss them, and trust the Lord will protect them.

My mother, Sis. Julia Dapper, has been confined to the hospital for surgery. We are thankful the Lord has been with her and that she is making a satisfactory recovery.

After a very dry winter, with many of our congregation sick with flu and colds, we were thankful when the Lord blessed the earth with a lovely rain, which turned the grass green and started the trees to bud. We, likewise, should let the blessings of the Lord refresh our hearts, and we should put forth our best efforts in service to Him.

#### MILFORD, INDIANA Arthur Haab

Friend Linda Beer had a miraculous escape from death, when the car in which she was riding crashed into a bridge and toppled over into the water, which came into the car. This shows how quickly our Lord could call us from time into eternity, and the great need to be prepared for this certainty.

We are happy to report that Friends Al Graff and Clarence Rassi have been announced to the church for proving. We have some other friends who are also repenting, and we want to ask the Lord's blessing on their new lives in Him.

Bro. Alan and Sis. Dorthy Beer are the parents of a baby girl, Elizabeth Ann. Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorthy Steffen also have a baby girl, Marlene Louise.

We had a wonderful Easter pro-

gram at our church on Palm Sunday. The Yergler brothers were here and favored us with several numbers in song. Sunrise services were held at Bro. Henry Beer's cabin.

We are thankful that Bro. Amos and Sis. Mary Steffen returned safely to us, after a long vacation in the West.

Our visiting minister this past month was Bro. Robert Beer from Mansfield.

Friend Steve Haab, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rose Haab, is engaged to Friend Marcel Furrer of Wolcott. They plan on being married late this year.

Bro. Otto Beer has his sugar camp open again this spring, and many of us have been out to watch and to fellowship together.

#### LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA Clara Heiniger

Little Ronnie Nayler, son of Bro. Carl and Mavis, had been in the hospital, but is back home and attending school again.

The Friday night worship and Sunday School services for this month were held at the home of Mrs. Ollie Lee Rainey, March 6; Cully and Hazel Norton, March 13; Mr. and Mrs. Will Posey, March 20, and John and Georgia Fuller, March 27. A blessed time of fellowship is appreciated, around the Word of God.

The ladies' meeting of singing and learning more of our wonderful Lord Jesus must bring here rejoicing to our Heavenly Father, to be searching the Scripture as often as we can, for Amos 8:11 says, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord"; verse 12, "And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it."

We met in the home of Sis. Barbara Simmons March 17, and at Georgia Fuller's March 24.

Lester Drake, husband of Sis. Bessie Drake, died suddenly of a heart attack, March 19. She told us of the preparation he made to be ready to meet his Lord in his last hours. A very large funeral was held at Landersville, Sun. March 22, at 2:30 p.m.

Bro. Will Fiechter of Bluffton,

held services at Mountain Home church March 22, and spent the evening visiting the shut-ins, Aletha Kelly, an invalid for many years and Sis. Martha Evans, and also visited Sis. Bertha Harville and Bro. and Sis. Henry Stricklin.

Two classes enjoyed hospitality at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leman LouAllen, including singing and the resurrection story, enjoyed by all.

**MOUNTAIN HOME  
ALABAMA  
(Hillsboro)  
Clara Heiniger**

A large group of children of the Primary and Beginner classes enjoyed being at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Letson, across Sinking Creek Hill. Singing and the wonderful story of the resurrection was a blessing to all. Refreshments was served. Several of the children had mumps and could not attend.

Sisters Eleanor Ramsier and Donna Hartzler brought Bro. and Sis. Noah Bauman and Bro. Orin Rufener of Rittman to be with us a few days, March 25-27, to check on material for the building up of the basement church. A blessed time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Corum have been blessed with a baby girl, Muriel Janette, born Wed., March 25. She is welcomed in the family of four brothers, and after 3 days old, was brought to the house of the Lord, on Easter Sunday.

The children gave an Easter program, and all were willing to speak and bring blessing to many attending services that day. The children sang, "Praise Him; Thank Him; Love Him; and Serve Him," also the song:

They crucified my Lord on Calvary.  
He died for you; He died for me,  
But Jesus rose again, triumphantly,  
That first glad Easter day.  
He rose again; He rose again.  
Up from the grave, He rose again.  
He triumphs over sin and death to reign,  
O praise the Lord with me!

The Bible class gave the Resurrection story, from the reading of the Bible, and it truly brought rejoicing to see all take a part.

Mrs. Addie Stricklin has been sick for many weeks, and is slowly improving.

Worship services were held at the home of the Riley Terry family at Courtland, Ala., where Bro. Junior Hale gave the message.

**PEORIA, ILLINOIS  
Mrs. Michael Weyeneth**

Surely there was much said in the past issue about our risen Lord. The hope of the Lord's return holds out a solemn warning (See Jude, verses 14 and 15 and Revelation 19: 11, 15, and 20.).

A dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Louise Joos, age 83, passed away Friday, March 27, at the home of her daughter, Sis. Carrie Joos, after an illness of one week. She leaves to mourn seven sons, five daughters, two brothers, thirty-six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Her funeral was held Monday afternoon, March 30, at the Wright Mortuary. Bros. Silas Leuthold and Dave Kieser of Princeville officiated.

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Albert Aberle of Tremont and Silas Leuthold of Princeville.

Our Sunday School Easter Program was held on Easter Sunday evening, with a large attendance. It was impressive to see so many of the young folks taking part. Much credit is given to the teachers, for their patience, but let us give God credit in all things. He is our leader, and we follow him.

Many were home from college for the Easter holiday.

Saturday evening, March 21, many of our young members met at the home of Sisters Eloise and Florence Hoerr, where they made Easter baskets. On Sunday evening, they took the baskets to the A. C. Home, for the sisters and the shut-ins there. They also sang a few numbers for them. Surely, this was a kind deed, and may God bless them.

At this writing, there are several in the hospital: Anna Kipfer, Sis. Kathryn Pfaffman, Bro. Adolph Kiehl, Sis. Emma Seibenthal, Jacob Schawecker, and Mrs. Jane Eastmen. Sis. Lydia Hohulin is quite ill in her home, and Sis. Emma Hellwig has been a shut-in for many weeks. May they find comfort, knowing God is near.

Our first-of-the-month evening Hymn-sing was held Sunday, April 5, with a large attendance. The Eureka men's group were here to

sing several numbers. Lunch and Fellowship was held after the singing.

We truly rejoice in having Margo Knepp added to our convert list. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Walter Knepp, and is attending college at Normal. We wish them all God's blessing.

Sis. Pauline Miller of Eureka entered the A. C. Home on March 31, to make her home there. Bro. and Sis. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, Ill., visited all the shut-ins there Saturday, April 4, and also came to see Mrs. Kellenberger's mother, Sis. Mary Wyss, who stays there and is having a birthday.

Bro. Jake and Sis. Dorothy Schneider returned home from Lamar, after spending many weeks there, during the illness and death of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Daetwyler, who passed away March 12.

A daughter, Nancy Sue, was born to Bro. and Sis. Paul Meister the past month. She has four brothers and two sisters to welcome her. Sis. Meister's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Zeug, of Union City, are spending some time at the Meister home, helping along.

Ralph Hofstetter was stationed at Fort Sam Houston. He was sent overseas Feb. 24. Ralph is now at Pirmasins, near Muenchweiler, Germany. His address is:

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225th Station Hospital  
APO 189  
New York New York

**SABETHA, KANSAS  
Mrs. Theodore Locher**

We welcome home Bro. Ben and Sis. Janice Wysong. Bro. Ben has been stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas. We are thankful God has protected them and brought them back safely into our midst. Whenever privileged, Bro. Ben and Sis. Janice would attend services at Ft. Sam.

It is blessed privilege to be able to attend God's house of worship and receive spiritual food and drink, to nourish and sustain us through another week, God willing. Our two visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Henry Sabo (Mansfield) and Bro. John Rokey (Eureka).

April 2 was Sis. Irene and Bro. Alpha Aberles' 25th Wedding anniversary. The following evening

was spent with them in visiting, and singing hymns—and delicious refreshments were served. May the Lord also bless them with many more years together.

The engagement of Sis. Hulda Hess to Bro. Jonathan Bieri was announced Sun., April 5. We wish them God's blessings.

Sis. Marie (Mrs. John) Plattner had surgery. Sis. Marie (Mrs. John) Strahm spent a few days in the hospital for tests and observations. We are glad to report, they are both able to attend church again.

During these last few weeks, Sis. Ollie Strahm has had the experience of a blood vessel rupturing in her left eye, impairing her eyesight. Rest is advised by the doctor. Also, Bro. Joe J. hasn't been too well. My Aunt Ollie mentioned they miss it so when they are deprived of going to church. We trust God will supply all spiritual needs in their declining years. Sis. Emma Strahm is staying in their home, caring for them. Their children all take part in helping as they can.

We have discontinued our mid-week church services for the time being, and now hold our Sunday evening Hymn singing hour, 7:00 p.m. We welcome visitors and friends to come and enjoy this spiritual uplifting, when we can join in singing praises unto our Lord and Redeemer—or even just listen and follow-up the words that so often are a sermon in themselves—and express the feeling within our hearts, as the author of a hymn writes, "O man, do strive for virtues pure, and lay thy treasures up in heaven, and make your election sure!"

**TAYLOR, MISSOURI**  
**Mrs. Eli Sutter**

**Looking Unto Jesus"**

Look back, and thank Him for His grace;

Look up, with trust, into His face.

Look on, with hope to future's days;

Look unto Him, and give Him praise.

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith . . ." Hebrews 12:2

A little girl, Louanne, has come to make her home with Bro. Louis and Sis. Ruth Hoerr. She was born on March 7. They have another

little girl, 2½-year-old Shelly.

Bro. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, Ia.) ministered to us on Wed. evening, March 18.

The Sunday School pupils and teachers presented the Easter Program on Good Friday evening. We had a good attendance. It was enjoyed by everyone.

On March 29, the engagement of Sis. Mardell Grimm and Bro. Kenneth Dietz was announced. She is the daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Louise Grimm, and he is the son of Bro. Herman and Sis. Hilda Dietz of the Princeville congregation. A June wedding is planned.

Henry and Sis. Loida Hodel announced the engagement of their daughter, Anne, to John Dossey of East Peoria. They are both attending Illinois State University in Normal.

We enjoyed having Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley (Ill.) with us on Sun., April 5.

**WICHITA, KANSAS**  
**Mrs. Harvey Smith**

On April 15, Bro. Anliker proved and baptized Karrolle Pomodora. Karrolle gave a very inspiring testimony. We wish her an abundance of grace in her new walk of life. It humbles a person when they can hear of the rough road that some have to trod to salvation. They can then realize that they have smooth travel in contrast. Ministering Bros Carl Hartman and Eli Somershalder were visitors for the day.

Teresa, daughter of Bro. Charlie and Gail Grimm, was hospitalized for a tonsilectomy. She is doing very nicely.

**Golden Wedding Anniversary**

Bro. Robert and Sis. Dora Young celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, by holding open house at their residence, 1539 Woodrow Ct., on April 12.

Bro. Robert, our oldest minister, was born in Lamont, Jan, 20, 1890. He was converted at the age of 17. Sis. Dora was born at Bern, May 12, 1895. In 1902, she made her home with Bro. and Sis. Jacob Oppliger, in Sabetha. She was converted in 1911. They were married April 12, 1914, in Bern, and established their home on a farm near Gridley, Kansas. They moved to Wichita in 1938. Wichita did not have a church, and services were held in homes of the few resident members. Bro. Robert served as a

Board member and also on the Building Committee, at the time the Wichita Church was constructed. He was placed in the ministry in 1939. In 1954, they moved to a farm near Virgil, Kansas. They continued to attend services in Wichita, faithfully traveling the 100 miles each Sunday. They moved back to Wichita in January, 1964.

To this union were born nine children, of which eight are living. They are golden grandparents, having 47 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Both Robert and Dora related that they had many pleasant years, along with the harder years. Bro. Robert felt the Lord has provided and helped them through their trials. He, many times, thinks of the hymn, "Count Your Many Blessings." They feel all the good they have attained during their lifetime was through the goodness of the Lord. We all sincerely wish them the Lord's further blessings, and may they have many more happy years together.

**WINTHROP, MINNESOTA**  
**Linda and Melva Messner**

Among those in the hospital this month were Sisters Beverly Messner and Esther Messner. Sis. Esther had surgery and is progressing nicely. Sis. Beverly is assembling with us again.

Services were held on Tuesday evening, March 10. Bro. Paul Banwart, Bro. Noah Gerber, Bro. Earl Banwart from West Bend and Bro. Leo Moser from Lester assembled with us. The brethren ministered to us, and a discourse on Communion was given. We were reminded how important it is that we look upon ourselves, to see if we are fit to take Holy Communion. It is indeed a blessing to break bread and sup of the cup, looking upon Jesus who shed his precious blood on Calvary.

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA**  
**Averil Stevig — Eileen Yackley**

Again our valley has the odor of citrus blossoms, a lovely fragrance. Our surrounding desert is a patchwork of color, flowers everywhere, a sign of springtime. The cacti, too, have begun to bloom. All are given drink by the melting snow in the highlands, running in streams down the mountain slopes, to give moisture to the lower desert area, causing the hidden, unknown

seed to come to life. As Christ told His people, "... Consider the lilies of the field... they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." St. Matthew 6:28, 29.

Our winter visitors have all left our valley. We enjoyed having all of you in our midst, and pray, the Lord willing, you can join us for other winter seasons.

Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger of Altadena worshiped with us Palm Sunday. We had a blessed day, being served Holy Communion. We were reminded of our Lord's suffering, by partaking of **bread and sharing the cup**, representing the broken body and shed blood of our Saviour. We were thankful that all the members from Tuscon and Camp Verde were able to attend.

Friend John Tolley enjoyed a thirty-day furlough, with his mother, Esther Harmon, between his two-year tour of duty in Germany and his new assignment at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

Bill and Phyllis Schacherbauer are the parents of a baby girl, born March 23. Kimberly Jean has a sister, Karen, and two brothers, Kenny and Keith. Sis. Marie Blunier of Roanoke, Phyllis' mother, has arrived to get acquainted with her new granddaughter.

Elizabeth Ann arrived March 17, and is the baby daughter of Bro. Alan (Dr.) and Sis. Dorothy Beer of Tuba City. Their small son, Michael, welcomed his new baby sister.

We are happy to report that all who had surgery last month are recovering nicely. Bro. Sam Farney is improving and gaining new strength each day. Emma Martin has been discharged from the hospital, after receiving the necessary treatments, following major surgery. She has responded well to the treatments, and we pray she may soon be well.

Sis. Gladys Fisher had the misfortune of receiving painful injuries to her right hand, but at this time, it is healing nicely.

Don and Barbara Emch, who were recently married in Wadsworth, Ohio, have come to make their home in Phoenix. We are happy to have them in our midst. Don is in business here with his father, Bro. Paul Emch.

Bro. Clarence and Sis. Vera

Yackley have gone to San Francisco to meet their son, A/2C Clarence A. Yackley (Aldo), who is returning to the States, after spending eighteen months on Okinawa. Sis. Eileen Yackley will leave by plane to join them in San Francisco, in time for Aldo's arrival, April 9. Aldo has twenty days leave, before reporting to duty in Maryland, at Andrews Air Force Base.

We all miss Sis. Rita Siebenthal who after spending a year in Phoenix has returned home, to be with her widowed mother in Goodfield. It was nice meeting her brother, Robert, who came by plane to assist Rita in moving back.

#### ALTADENA CALIFORNIA

Jeri Minger

"He is not here: for he is risen... And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy;..." It is with great joy in our hearts, too, these many years after our Lord's resurrection, that we remember, with deep and humble appreciation, that wonderful act of love from our Heavenly Father. Our congregation here spent an early morning hour of hymn singing on Mount Lowe—above Altadena, on Easter Sunday.

Bro. and Sis. Reuben Farney left for Oklahoma this month. May God keep them and guide them in His perfect ways.

#### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Mrs. Raymond Roth

Sis. Sarah Schupbach passed away at the Kiowa District Hospital, March 16, following surgery for a broken leg, at the age of 78.

Sis. Sarah, who had been a shut-in for ten years, was married in 1905 to Bro. John Schupbach of Gridley, Kans., and moved to the Burlington community in 1911, and in 1946 moved to their present home in Kiowa.

Survivors include her husband; five sons, Fred, Edwin, Reuben and Harry of Kiowa and Lawrence of Burlington; seven daughters, Mrs. Gene (Ann) Hart and Mrs. Lois Talbott, of Kiowa, Mrs. Elizabeth Horning and Mrs. Willard (Opal) Ronsdell of Wichita, Mrs. Delmer (Joan) Lewis of Denton, Texas, Mrs. Alfred (Marie) Alders, Cherokee, Okla., and Mrs. Kenneth (Sylvia) Lewis, Tempe, Arizona; 19 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, Bro. Eli

Somerhalder, Burlington; and three sisters, Sis. Isaac Diel and Sis. Anna Miller, Burlington, and Sis. Lydia Bahr, Gridley, Kansas.

Funeral services were held March 18, with Bro. Ronald Nelson officiating, assisted by Bro. George Lambert of Wichita.

The Youth Group Choir sang hymns at the Kiowa Rest Home, Easter Sunday.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Diel and family, on the death of Mrs. Diel's mother, Sis. Katie Raaf of Gridley, Kansas.

#### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein

Our visiting ministers the past month have been Bro. Dave Kieser, Princeville; Bros. J. C. Zimmerman, Ben Fehr, Eugene Bertschi and Don Sauder, Roanoke; and Bro. Simon Wagonbach, Tremont.

On Wednesday evening before Easter, a program was conducted at the Roanoke church, which consisted of songs commemorating the crucifixion and resurrection of our Saviour. The Eureka Bible class sang two songs. May all the young people take to heart what they sang in those beautiful songs.

Friday evening, March 27, Good Friday services were held, with Bro. Leroy Huber conducting the service.

The fourth Sunday of March, our monthly singing was held. It is always the fourth Sunday of each month, and all who enjoy singing are welcome.

Joseph B. Wettstein, age 46 years, passed away at his home, very suddenly, March 26. He was the son of Bro. and Sis. Charles and Martha Wettstein, and also my brother. His wife, two sons and a daughter survive. His funeral was March 29 at the church, with Bro. J. C. Zimmerman of Roanoke conducting the services, assisted by Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield.

The following have been or still are patients in Eureka Hospital—Bro. Ed Bittner—surgical; Bro. Sam Schmidgall's wife, Sis. Gladys—pneumonia; Bro. Harry and Sis. Lydia Rocke's son, Mark—surgical; Mrs. Wilma (Rocke) Blackmer—surgical; and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Verda Blunier's son, Kaywin, medical patient.

Birth—To Jerry and Jane Schumacher, a baby boy, Jeffrey Lynn,

born April 4. They also have a girl, Julie.

A change of address:  
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**CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS**  
**Mrs. Jeff Young**

Sis. Rose Knapp was relieved of her earthly suffering April 1. She had been a patient at Research Hospital at Chicago for three weeks. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Edward Alt.

We are glad to report that Bro. Bert and Sis. Ann Gudeman returned from California, where they spent the past few months.

We are thankful that Bro. George Yergler could spend a Sunday with us, recently.

Bros. Fredrick Knapp of Congerville and Russell Rapp from Mor-

ton ministered to us. We are always glad to have visiting ministers and thank them for their efforts.

We have one birth to report, a boy, Todd Michael, to Bro. and Sis. Wayne Jacob, on March 19. He has two sisters and two brothers to welcome him.

Our community was deeply shaken, when our friend, Lester Hoffman, met with a tragic car accident. Our sympathy goes out for the bereaved family. Services were held April 7, conducted by Bro. Emanuel Gudeman.

Our sincere sympathy is given to the Frank family, who have recently lost their brother, Carl, after a long illness.

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## REVIEWING THE PAST

Bro. Ezra Feller

Joshua 3:15 ". . . for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest . . ." Joshua 4:5-7 "And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel: That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever."

May we also from time to time remind our children, friends and neighbors how the Lord delivered us from the bondage of sin.

We should feel thankful that our ancestors were moved at heart to leave their homes in foreign lands and sojourn in this fair land, where we enjoy the freedom of worship, where they also found the true foundation of faith, Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone, whereby also we are reaping many blessings and benefits.

I would like to relate some in-

idents that occurred prior to the time of my repentance, back in the year 1917.

April 2 . . . My mother was called out of this life, following a brief illness, at the early age of 55. I was then at the tender age of 13. How sick at heart we were at this great loss.

Then to add to our sorrow, on June 5, 1917 (National Registration Day of World War I), the rains descended until all our streams overflowed their banks. While my brother was reading in his Bible, which he left open on his dresser, I called him, to join us to go swimming in the swollen stream nearby, to which he responded. Then, a sad tragedy took place, as he never returned. The swiftly passing torrents swept him away. His anxious calls for help were vainly heard by us who were standing by.

But, alas, when we returned to the open Bible, we found what God's plan was. In I Samuel 20:3-5 we read ". . . truly as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death . . . tomorrow is the new moon . . . but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day . . ."

Several hundred men were diligent in searching for the body until it was found, on the third day.

At the funeral, these facts were touched upon in the sermon by Bro. Michael Mangold, our uncle. This was the beginning of a great harvest in our congregation.

I also was drawn into repentance at this time. So, after the dark and dismal days of sorrow, it was a great comfort and consolation when God could soothe the sorrows and speak peace to my heart.

As we review the past, we must marvel at the love of God and the power of His Word. In going back to David's trials and experiences, if he had not met with jeopardy and test, this scripture could not have been written. How wonderful the eternal God knows how to provide for his people in all the ages.

As it is written, Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Psalms 119:105: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer  
Mrs. Jacob W. Unsicker

We extend our sympathy to Bro. and Sis. Jim Gerber, over the loss of their infant son, Mark Allen, born March 12, at Parkview Memorial Hospital. The infant died 25 hours after birth. Grave-side services were held at the Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Latty, with Bro. Norman Stoller officiating.

Sis. Ann Swihart underwent surgery at the Lutheran Hospital about 3 weeks ago, and is getting along nicely at this writing. If all goes well, she is planning to go back to work the 20th of April.

Bro. Lee Eisenmann is convalescing at his home, after undergoing surgery at Parkview Hospital, March 14.

Bro. William Levy had a cataract operation on his left eye, March 14. He is getting along nicely and was able to be at church Sunday.

We wish all our sick folks a speedy recovery.

It was nice to see Sis. Carrie Keidel in our midst again Sunday, and trust that she will gain back more of her strength each day.

A son, Daniel Allen, was born to Friends Nancy and Jerry Newport on March 30, at the Lutheran Hos-



pital. Nancy is the daughter of Sis. Ann and Ralph Swihart. Congratulations to the happy parents and grandparents.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the Leo congregation for their kindness in inviting the Ft. Wayne congregation to their Sunrise Services and breakfast at the Fellowship Hall, Easter Sunday. Everyone who attended enjoyed the services. May God richly bless you for your deed of kindness.

Our Easter program was held in the evening, with Sis. Janice and Friend Robert Pfister sponsoring. We were happy to have Bro. Henry Beer with us, and want to thank all those who took part, to make the evening an enjoyable one.

The visiting ministers who served us recently were Bros. David Bertsch and John Bollier.

### GRIDLEY, KANSAS Mrs. Rudy Bahr

We were again privileged to be served Holy Communion last month, by Elder Bro. Sam Anliker.

During the past month, three of our loved brethren have gone "down the valley, one by one." For them, we can rejoice that they now have a heavenly home, but it makes us sad to see the empty places in our little congregation . . . no more to see their smiles.

Bro. Conrad Kraft, 86 years of age, died March 19 at the Apostolic Christian Home, Sabetha, after being seriously ill for some time. Services were held by Bros. Sam Anliker and Sam Huber, at Gridley. He is survived by four daughters and four sons: Mrs. Mary Morris, Topeka; Mrs. Sophia Shank and Mrs. Irene Schneider, Wichita; Mrs. Matilda Hawkins, Burlington; Philip, Gridley; Dan J., Wichita; John F., Denver; and Jacob, Greybull, Wyoming.

Sis. Katie Esslinger, 59 years of age, died March 24 at a hospital in Wichita, where she had been for over four months. Until her illness, she faithfully helped care for her

mother in the home. Services were held by Bros. Loren Strahm and Sam Huber. She is survived by her mother, Sis. Ida Fankhauser Esslinger; five brothers: Bro. Pete, Sabetha; Charles, Madison; Harry, Hamilton; Reuben, Wichita; Lester, Frankfort; and three sisters: Sis. Rosa Bahr and Sis. Esther Kraft, Gridley; and Mary Wohlschlegel, Wichita.

Sis. Katie Beck Raaf, 83 years of age, died March 30 at the Coffey Co. Hospital, where she had been critically ill for three days. She was the wife of Bro. Jake Raaf, who had served as a minister here before his death. Services were held by Bros. Loren Strahm and Sam Anliker. She leaves six daughters: Sisters Anna and Mary, who faithfully cared for her at home; Sis. Hannah Grimm, Gridley; Caroline Banwart, Ft. Scott; Ida Mitchell and Matilda Diehl of Burlington, Okla. Also surviving is a brother, Jacob Beck, of the A. C. Home, Sabetha.

Sis. Lorn (Liseten) Strahm had surgery and has now returned home, after a week's stay at the hospital.

Our young "shut-in", Vola Young, remains about the same, but as her sister told me, "She's HAPPY!" And much of that happiness has been coming from the cards, letters and gifts sent by you readers. The family wishes to express their appreciation and thanks to all.

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS Ruth Schumacher

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ott have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lola, to Henry Steffen of Fairbury. He is the son of the Alf Steffens. An August wedding is planned.

Our friend, David Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Miller, has been released from the armed services. He and his wife, Sandra, are now at home in Carlock.

what should be done to the woman whom they had arrested.

He knew that the spoken words could never die, and His answer was an expression of love, from the time when he sat at the feet of the doctors in the temple, to the time when He healed the wounded ear on the soldier.

Paul knew that to follow in the steps of his Lord, he must follow the spirit of love which the Lord pointed out for him . . . For Paul himself taught that wonderful lesson of love: **For if I speak with the tongues of angels and have power to remove mountains, and have not love, I am only as a sounding brass.** He closed the door to the world, to the applauding. We know how interesting it is to listen to silver-tongued orators — but that smiling face of love of our Lord is not back of it. How great was the love of the martyrs who gave their bodies to be burned at the stake, when the fire crackled around them. Paul states beautifully what love really is. **Love suffereth long; it is kind** — even when the burden is heavy. What a mother will bear from her child because she loves it; and I believe God will bear us in His great love, even though we grieve Him sometimes, unduly.

The next great commandment is peace. There we see how mindful the Lord was when He spoke those words. He said, if possible, we should have peace with everyone. To have peace, love must also be there; for when love is absent, then disobedience is waiting to enter in. The Lord said, love will cure many ills. Often, we are chastised. It shows us that the love of God is still with us. Yes, it seems grievous sometimes, but afterward it brings the peaceful fruit of love. And what a blessing if there is love at home.

How we rejoice when Sunday morning comes, and we can lay aside our earthly cares and enjoy that blessed fellowship of love — but how one is saddened to think there is not unity when we enter into the church.

The Lord hanging on the Cross called out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Yes, sometimes we murmur, **Why hast Thou forsaken me?** God will never forsake you, if he only sees a spark of love in your heart. **Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.**

## FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

Bro. Ben Zimmerman

And now abideth Faith, Hope and Love, these three, and the greatest is Love.

Jesus Christ came to live a life void of all evil thoughts. So far

as we know, he never wrote anything, with the exception of that little bit of writing on the ground, while the crowd pressed Him on every side, demanding to know

When we truly are meek and lowly, this is more than burnt offerings. True love will not boast itself — it sooner will speak of our infirmity and our weakness.

So, after all, love is the foundation of a Christian life. Love lays the first cornerstone, and that stone is a wonderful one on which to erect the temple of God. This is not only written for you to read, but for myself to read and do.

May God be with one and all.

### LAMAR, MISSOURI Marie Marti

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness." "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." Proverbs 31:10, 26, 30. It is from this 31st chapter of Proverbs that Bro. Sam Anliker so appropriately read and meditated at the services held for our dear departed sister, Mary Frieden.

Our eldest sister, who passed away at the age of 98, was born at Berne, Switzerland. She came to the United States as a small child, with her parents, and settled in Elgin, Iowa, where she was married to Fred Frieden. She moved here in 1907. She was lovingly cared for by her devoted daughter, Sis. Anna Frieden. She leaves three other daughters—Sis. Rose Widmer, Sis. Marie Strahm and Clara Fuerrer, and a number of grandchildren.

Sis. Mary was ever a light to those with whom she came in contact. Her gentleness and loving-kindness will always be remembered.

We were so vividly reminded of the cruel death of our Saviour, on Good Friday, by the teachings of Bro. Elmer Bucher. On Sunday, we were privileged again to have Bro. Elmer bring to us the glorious Easter story. In this precious story, we can find blessed reassurance and peace of mind. Our Saviour's resurrection was God's way of telling us that in Christ we are eternal. With faith and love, let us pray as He did that dark night in Gethsemane, **Thy Will, not mine, be done.**

Bro. Willie and Sis. Hilda Stefan returned safely from Francesville, where they attended the funeral of Bro. Willie's mother. We extend

our sympathy to the family, and pray that God will comfort them, as only He can do.

Count not your age by years you live, but by the happiness you give, the friends you make, the good you do, the confidence that's placed in you — The little things that day by day bring cheer to others on life's way. My mother, Sis. Bertha Marti, wishes to convey a note of thanks and appreciation to all the dear ones who so lovingly remembered her with warm sincere wishes and gifts on her 80th birthday, April 2. The more than a hundred cards of cheer and personal messages provided many bright and sunny hours of happiness. These precious memories will linger long. On this day, God seems very near. May our abiding faith in Him ever abound within our hearts. May God bless you richly for your thoughtfulness, and may the grace and love of God be multiplied unto you. ". . . the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts . . ." Philippians 4-7.

### LATTY, OHIO Mrs. Gale Stoller Mrs. Ray Sinn

We are happy to have had two visiting ministers this month, Bro. Ben Hartzler from Rittman and Bro. Carl Kipfer from Bluffton. We thank the ministering brothers for their visit.

We are happy to report that ministering Bro. Irvin Stoller and Bro. Darl Stoller have both been released from the hospital, after a short stay. Bro. Irvin was in a wreck, and Bro. Darl had an infection in his foot.

On March 16, we had graveside services for Mark Allen Gerber, son of Bro. James and Sis. Marge of Ft. Wayne. His mission on earth took but a few hours, but God had a purpose, in it which some day we shall understand.

### MORRIS, MINNESOTA Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger

Sis. Shirley Koehl, student nurse at Anchor Hospital in St. Paul, received her cap at their recent ceremony. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Charlie Koehl.

Our visiting ministers for the month were Bros. Leo Moser, Henry Mogler and Ernest Knobloch of Lester and Bro. Noah Gerber of West Bend. We appreciate all such visits.

Bro. Henry Schmidgall was hospitalized in Rochester, for observation and treatment. He was able to return home, but is now hospitalized in Morris.

We enjoyed the Easter program, presented by the Sunday School children and Bible class, the evening of March 25.

Our best wishes go to Bro. and Sis. Joe Moser, who observed their 50th wedding anniversary March 29. All their children and grandchildren were here for the occasion, except Nathan and his family, who live in California.

The annual business meeting was held March 31. Bro. Lawrence Nohl was elected to the real estate committee, to replace Bro. Wayne Schmidgall, and Bro. Ben Greiner to the personal property committee, to replace Bro. Noah Nohl. Other boards and committees remained the same.

The women have started a new plan to distribute the work evenly for funerals and church suppers. We divided into four groups, including all who are able to help, and will take turns in serving, one group at a time.

A daughter, Julie Ann, was born to Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Fehr on March 26. She has a brother, Gary.

A daughter, Patty Lynn, was born to Gene and Dorothy Schmidgall on April 6. She has three brothers, Douglas, David, and Gary, and a sister, LuAnn.

A tragic accident took the life of John Stettner, age 58, on April 2. He was pinned between a tractor and truck, as the tractor was being loaded on an implement trailer. Funeral services were held April 5, with Bros. Paul Fehr and Harold Gramm officiating. He is survived by his wife, Rose; two daughters, Christine and Linda; one son, Allan; three brothers and four sisters.

### OAKVILLE, IOWA Mrs. Ezra Gerst Mrs. Edwin Banwart

Keith, small son of Bro. and Sis. Edward Lanz Jr., has been hospitalized as an aftermath of the flu, but is improving and should be home any day now.

Our annual church business meeting was held April 2. New officers were elected for those whose three-year terms had expired. Bro. Leroy Rauhaus succeeded Bro. Earl Stoller as trustee. Bro. Clem Heinger succeeded Bro. Ernie Siegle

on the cemetery committee. Bro. Dave Miller was voted to be permanent secretary on the cemetery committee. Sis. Bernice Frank succeeded Sis. Mayme Gerst on the kitchen committee.

We had our church cleaning this week, with a good attendance. It is always wholesome, working together in the house of the Lord. May we always have the fellowship and love that God would wish us to have.

We wish to thank Bro. Herman Kellenberger for his visit, and for assisting our elder brother, Noah Schrock, with Holy Communion. How very fortunate we are to have the opportunity to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It was so very impressive and so good to see so many there. May we never forget the price our Lord paid, to make this possible.

In the morning service, we had about fifty FHA girls and leaders as visitors. We also had the Boy Scouts from Mediapolis visit us this month.

We would like to share with you this little poem, written by an eleven-year-old girl, daughter of Marvin and Verna Woodward. Verna is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Wagenbach.

### HIM

I talked to Him the other day;  
I talked to Him last night,  
But then the sky was in the way,  
And He was out of sight.

I never caught a glimpse of Him;  
He was so far away,  
But when my life on earth is dim,  
I hope to go His way.

He goes by the name of God;  
That name should ring a bell.  
When the paths of the righteous  
I have trod,  
I hope with Him I'll dwell.

Diane Woodward

### PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Edward Unsicker

We've been rejoicing this Easter Season with our young friend, Diane Preiss, who has surrendered her life to the dear Lord Jesus at His loving call.

Our children also retold of His boundless love in their Easter Sunday School Program, which was truly a blessing. By the time our six first grade boys (who are the

oldest of Sis. Nilah Fischer's four, five and six year old class) spoke "pieces" about the Lord Jesus' resurrection, and then earnestly recited John 3:16 in unison, our hearts were truly praising God! Do we faithfully remember our Sunday School teachers in prayer? What these small, eager children are taught now will make a great impact on our future church. Their teachers desire our ardent prayer-support.

On Sun., March 22, Sis. Connie Steffen was chosen to teach our newly-formed class of seven, eight and nine year olds. May the Lord richly bless them together.

How we do miss Ed and Judie Knecht and their little girls, who moved to Bloomington, Ill., recently! Bro. Paul and Sis. Ann Rumbold are Judie's parents. We hope Ed and Judie will be happy and blest at their new home.

Easter Sunday we were truly privileged to have our scattered "Northwest" brethren fellowship with us. These included Bro. Ray and Sis. Anna Cooper, who live at Powers, a lumber community in Southern Oregon; and Sis. Golda Ditch, who resides in Medford. Both areas are about 350 miles from Portland. Bro. Larry and Sis. Delores Lombardo and their son, Jamie, live in Tacoma, Washington. Bro. Roger Wieland is stationed at Madigan Hosp., Fort Lewis, and Bro. Richard Voeller is temporarily living at Seattle. We are very thankful that these folk from Washington are able to assemble with us quite frequently.

Our congregations at Portland and Silverton will warmly welcome any scattered friends who may be interested in attending our churches. Perhaps some readers may be reminded of relatives or friends who live in this Wash.—Oregon area. Our Portland church is at 7447 S. E. Holgate St., and our Silverton church on S. Water St., at the Silverton city limits.

### PURDUE UNIVERSITY

AT LAFAYETTE

Mrs. Keith Honegger

Due to weather and road conditions, Cissna Park was unable to assemble with us, as scheduled, for our meeting on March 11. Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington therefore delivered the evening message. The basis for his meditation was from the book of Proverbs.

Classes were dismissed on March 21, for spring vacation, and resumed again on the 30th.

On April 1, Bros. Theo Beer and Elmer Hartter of Milford were our guest ministers. Bro. Beer read and meditated on Philippians, Chapter 2, where we were reminded of the significance of verse 5, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus".

### REMINGTON, INDIANA

Emily Kilgus

Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Joe Schrock and Fred Knapp and Bro. Joshua Broquard. We received many blessings from their visits.

Our Easter program was held on Good Friday, with a large number attending. Three little four-year-old girls must have sensed that this was an unusually holy day. We all know how restless little ones can get during prayer. It was told by one of the teachers, that they had their heads bowed and their hands folded, without fail. May God bless them all.

Bro. Herman Beckley had good intentions of spending the day in church, but before morning service was over, he was on his way to the hospital by ambulance. He stayed in the hospital for 10 days, due to a heart condition. We are thankful that he has returned home and is improving.

Ruben Scharlach has been a shut-in for several weeks, due to a serious allergy.

### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Irene Legel

Patience walks with steady tread,  
Faith with uplifted eyes,  
But hope, tiptoeing on ahead,  
Sees first the sun arise.

Sis. Rose Minger is grandmother to a daughter born to Rachel and Marty O'Malley of Chicago, March 13. She is their first child and has been named, Rose Anne.

We are glad to hear, Bro. Silas Kempf, Bro. Ray Reckhemmer and Lewis Legel, who have been in the hospital for some time, have returned home and are improving each day.

Sunday the 15th, Bro. Dave Keiser, Bro. Lowell Stoller of Princeville were with us for services. They stressed the importance and only gain in this life is sacrificing all for our dear Lord. What a bless-

ed feeling when one can feel it is His will, and not our own. We certainly appreciated their visit.

Bro. Menno Steiner of Sabetha is making his home with his daughter, Sis. Ellen and Bro. Fred Seibenthal, who are caring for him.

We are very happy to have Martha Jane, Patricia and Donna Clymer make their home in Roanoke, due to the unexpected death of their mother, Mabel (Aeschleman) Clymer, March 12, and the sudden death of their father, Donald, in December. Martha Jane, a wheel-chair patient, is at the Roanoke Nursing home; Patricia and Donna (still in school) are staying with their aunt and uncle, Raymond Aeschleman, who have so kindly welcomed them in. Other uncles who are helping care for them are Bro. Clarence and Lloyd Aeschlemens' of here and aunts from Eureka, Sis. Dorothy Grusy, Mrs. John Weutrich and Mrs. Charles Sauder.

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

Bro. Ben Fehr, who has been in failing health the past year, passed away March 21. He leaves his wife, Sis. Caroline (Spahr); two daughters, Sis. Thelma Hodel and Sis. La Veille Yoder; and one son, Bro. Walter Fehr. He was a blacksmith here for 46 years, and now Bro. Walter is carrying on the trade. We wish them much comfort from above, at this time of sorrow.

Bro. and Sis. Devon Yoder are parents of their first child, a daughter, Sarah Caroline, born March 26. Grandparents are Sis. Caroline and the late Bro. Ben Fehr of here and the Levi Yoders of Brook, Indiana. She has been named after her grandmothers.

Our Easter program was held on Wed. night, with Sunday School and Bible Classes taking part. The Bible Class from Eureka were guests, and contributed to the program by singing. It is very pleasing to see these young folks take part in singing praises to our dear Lord and Saviour, and hope they will realize how pleasing it is to live for the Saviour.

March 27 marked the 43rd wedding anniversary for three couples: Bro. Dave and Sis. Anna (Herbst)

Hodel of here, who have three children, Bro. Stanley, Sis. Mary Hoffman and Sis. Helen Leman; Bro. Mike and Sis. Emma (Hodel) Weyeneth of Peoria, who have one son, Bro. Bob Weyeneth; and Bro. John and Sis. Ida (Hodel) Schrock of Kiowa, Kansas, who have two children, Sis. Erma Ott and Raymond Schrock, from there. They were married in a triple ceremony by the late Bro. Michael Mangold. They have three brothers, Bros. Joe, Chris and Silas Hodel. They were all together, including their children, to celebrate this unusual event, at the home of Bro. and Sis. Rudy Hoffman, on Sat. night, and the gathering on Sunday included all the grandchildren.

Bro. Gene Bertschi announced the engagement of Sis. Mary Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Louis Zimmerman, and Bro. Robert Bradle, son of Bro. and Sis. Chris Bradle of here. Bro. Robert is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, and was home on leave at the time. He is still home, due to an accident which took him to the hospital for awhile. He suffered a broken rib, cuts and bruises. We hope he can soon be released.

John Beer is home on a 30-day leave from the Navy (from Los Angeles), visiting his parents, Sis. Rose and Roy Beer, and friends.

We are grateful to have two friends repenting, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fisher. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Sam Fisher. We certainly wish them the Lord's blessings and grace, to understand and fulfill his promises.

Bro. Leonard Fehr, who has had surgery at the hospital, returned home to recuperate.

Sis. Mary Aeschleman has suffered a broken wrist in a fall, while sweeping snow from her sidewalks (which had ice underneath).

Sat. night, the 4th, Sis. Elsie Zimmerman gave her testimony and was baptized. Bro. Leroy Huber was in charge. We were also pleased to have Bros. Al Fisher and Roy Sauder present. We certainly had a blessed evening, and are very happy for Sis. Elsie, who works in Chicago. She spends most of her week ends here, with her sister, Julie.

Bro. Al Fisher was also with us on Sunday, giving us many good teachings. To sum it up, if we live and do the best we can for our dear Lord, there is sure to be a

good harvest.

Cheerfulness means a contented spirit, a pure heart, a kind and loving disposition; it means humility and charity, a generous appreciation of others, and a modest opinion of self.

#### "In Memory of

**Bro. Ed and Sis. Olga Moser"**  
Is death a fear-filled sting;  
A bitter end to hollow life?  
Or is it victory—  
A peace-filled, quiet start toward  
Home?

Forget you now the flesh.  
It knew both joy and wracking  
pain,  
And now returns to dust,  
'Neath green-crowned hill and  
gentle rain.

Reflect then on the soul,  
Which liveth on, closer to God  
Than we yet present know,  
Or can conceive, before we go.

Recall the tender love,  
Soothing the hurts and cares of  
youth.  
Recall the selfless hours,  
Toiling for others, living truth.

Bonds built of love  
Death cannot sever.  
Such deeds yet live,  
And shall, forever.

Written by one who is left to  
carry on . . .

#### ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT Carlton J. Lanz

Douglas Kent, a little boy, was born on March 27 to Bro. Roy and Joyce Schneider. He has one sister, Beth Ann, age 1. His grandparents are Bro. Will and Martha Schneider and Bro. and Sis. Simon Wagenbach (of Tremont).

Sis. Anna Wuthrich, 74, died late Thursday afternoon, March 26, at Rockville City Hospital. She had lived in this area for the past 60 years. Surviving, are two sisters, Sis. Minnie Welti and Sis. Rose Hany, both of Rockville, and a brother, Ernest of Long Island, N.Y. Bro. John Bahler had the services. Burial was in the family plot at Ellington.

Bro. Albert Fluckinger and wife sailed recently for an extended trip, to visit relatives and friends in Switzerland and elsewhere in Europe.

Bro. Douglas Moser has again returned to his studies at U. of I. He spent his Easter holidays here with his parents, Bro. John and Esther Moser.

Bro. Henry Kloter died, at his home, March 31, on his 84th birthday. He had lived in this area all his life. He leaves his wife, Sis. Lizzie (Beckley); three sons, Bros. Emanuel and Wilbur, both of Rockville, and Bro. Edmund, now at Fairbury; and three daughters, Sisters Madeline Zahner and Helen Heintz and Lavina Kloter, all of Rockville. Bro. Josh Broquard officiated, assisted by Bro. Ralph Beyer. Bro. John Bahler offered the prayer at the graveside. Burial was in the family plot at Ellington.

A little boy, Erich Lanz, was born to Warren and Carol Gottier. He has three brothers: Dale-9, Rickey-5, Guy-3, and two sisters, Terry-10 and Jan-8. His grandparents are Bro. Arthur and Fannie Lanz and Bro. John and Edna Gottier.

#### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA Herman Norr

There were 79 in attendance last Sunday (April 5). Bro. Ben Mai-bach was the guest minister. Those in the Indianapolis area wish to thank all that have spent the Sundays with them.

The following ministers, the Lord willing, plan to have services according to the following schedule: April 19, Bro. Robert Hueni, Bremen; May 3, Bro. Henry Wackerle, Bay City; May 17, Bro. Emanuel Gudeman, Cissna Park; June 7, Bro. Loren Stoller, Latty; and June 21, Bro. Theo Beer, Milford.

We invite you to fellowship with us at the downtown YMCA, corner of Illinois and New York Sts., at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

A special invitation is extended to students to meet with us for a day of Christian fellowship.

#### BREMEN, INDIANA Joseph L. Bauman

Easter sunrise services were held in our church, with a full house in attendance. It was an inspirational service long to be remembered. A delightful breakfast was served to all present, following these services.

Home for Easter vacation from the service were brothers J. N. and Verdon Feldman. They are stationed at Ft. Sam Houston. It was good

to have them back for a brief period of time.

Bro. Leon Hartter has terminated his studies at Cedarville College and is presently attending Indiana University Extension in South Bend. This enables him to live at home, and we appreciate having him back in our midst.

Married recently were Terry Miller and Karen Bellman. Terry is the son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Betty Miller. Grandparents of Terry are wellknown Bro. El and Sis. Mae Schumacher. Our sincere best wishes to Terry and Karen, for a long and happy married life.

Bro. Sam Schuch has been ill for some weeks, unable to assemble with us. He is missed by all. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

There is presently all about us a great change taking place. The grass is turning green, early spring flowers are bursting into bloom. The buds in the trees are swelling. All about us nature is teeming with new life. We live in a world of change. The scientists tell us we change hourly. Our ideals change, our ambitions change, our facial features change. The Holy Scriptures hold for all Christians the great hope that, after our physical life becomes less vital, spiritual life may become increasingly so, and that for each of us there will one day be a great change. ". . . we shall all be changed, in a moment in the twinkling of an eye . . ."

#### TREMONT, ILLINOIS Esther Schmid

Visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Silas Leuthold, Princeville; LeRoy Huber, Eureka; Andrew Koehl and Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest; Philip Sauder, Cissna Park; and Russell Rapp, Morton.

We offer our sympathy to Mrs. Wm. (Bertha) Michel, whose mother passed away recently in Peoria.

A girl, Lynn Ann, was born March 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Sauder, their first child. Grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Sophia Sauder.

A girl, Diane Marie, was born March 18 to Bro. Dan and Sis. Shirley Steiner Jr., their first child.

A boy, Gene Arthur, was born April 3 to Bro. Alvin and Sis. Carol Beutel. Gene has two brothers and a sister to welcome him home.

A girl, Nancy Lou, was born April 5 to Bro. Paul and Sis. Flor-

ence Koch. She has two brothers and two sisters to welcome her.

We are thankful souls are still answering God's call. Susan Rapp has answered this call. Her parents are Bro. Elton and Sis. Helen Rapp.

The Sunday School classes gave a nice Easter program on Palm Sunday, consisting of the resurrection told in song. Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss was with us and gave an inspirational message and the closing prayer. May God reward all the teachers for their efforts in teaching the youth the way to life eternal.

Carol Schurter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schurter, and Arthur Sauder, son of Bro. Willis and Sis. Pauline Sauder, were united in holy matrimony on March 28.

Sis. Ruth Frank had the misfortune of fracturing her foot in a fall at her home. Hospitalized this month were Sis. Rose Knapp, for observation, and Arthur Sauder, for cuts and bruises received in an automobile accident. Elizabeth Ann Moser, small daughter of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Barbara Moser, was hospitalized almost a week with pneumonia. Richard Woerner, son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Wilmina Woerner, had surgery for a ruptured appendix. Most all are recovering nicely again, for which we are thankful.

A sister-in-faith gave me this poem:

#### Would I Be A Christian?

Would I be called a "Christian"  
If everybody knew  
My secret thoughts and feelings  
And everything I do?  
Oh, could they hear Him speaking  
In everything I say?  
Would I be called a "Christian"  
If anyone could know  
That I am found in places  
Where Jesus would not go?  
Oh, could they hear His echo  
In every song I sing?  
In eating, drinking, dressing,  
Could they see Christ my King?  
Would I be called a "Christian"  
If judged by what I read  
By all my many actions  
And every thought and deed?  
Could I be counted Christ-like,  
As I now work and pray?  
Unselfish, kind, forgiving  
To others every day?

### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS Ruth Ricketts

On March 7, Robert Herrmann arrived home from Germany (where he had been serving in the Armed Forces). While there, he had the opportunity of taking several extensive tours. He enjoyed the country very much. He was privileged to meet some of his relatives and also see the home where his grandfather lived before coming to this country.

Bro. Jack Knobloch was inducted into the Army, March 19, and has been sent to Fort Sam Houston. Larry Eberle and Marion Knobloch are also at Fort Sam now. These boys feel it a privilege when they can be together and enjoy the visits from home folks. Dick Tanner has also been inducted into the Army, leaving home April 1, and is presently at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

A daughter, Denise Mae, was born to Bro. Nathan and Sis. Esther (Klumpp) Martin, March 15. She has one sister and two brothers. She was very welcome.

Our Bible Class enjoyed a blessed evening of singing and fellowship in Gridley, March 22.

A goodly number attended Good Friday evening services and again on Easter Sunday. It warms the heart to see so many of our youth give up the pleasures of the world for an evening, and come to the house of worship to hear of our Lord's suffering and sacrifice. Easter was a very snowy, blustery day. It made one think that spring was far away. However, we were reminded of the resurrection, and know that in due time, all things will awaken, and we can see the marvelous plan of God before our eyes.

We were happy to have Bro. Nelson Martin assist in Sunday School, March 29. We are so pleased, too, to have Bro. Nathan Stoller with us again, assuming his teaching duties, after recovering from surgery.

Bro. Karl Stichling observed his 90th birthday March 18. He is in fairly good health and very alert mentally, but his stiff legs don't permit him to do the things he would like to do. He would like so much to get outside and help with the chores about the farm. He is thankful to be able to attend church most of the time.

Bro. Frank Woertz assisted Bro. Silas Leuthold in proving our friends Lyle and Betty (Tanner)

Stahl, April 4. Many friends and relatives were present, when they gave their testimonies of their new-found faith, and again on Sunday, when they were baptized. How true it is, as one of the brothers said, that at a time like this, we all feel so close to God. We feel so thankful for the dear souls that have been added to the fold and wish them God's blessings. We rejoice that more are seeking the Lord and feel very fortunate for these dear ones who would rather forsake the pleasures of this sinful world and join in walking the straight and narrow way. May the dear Lord be near all who are seeking Him, and may it be that more can follow their friends.

In beginning the afternoon service Bro. Frank said, An elder once told him to read a portion of scripture, meditate on it and apply it to himself (self-examination), and if there was anything left over, share it with his listeners. We feel his cup was filled to overflowing, as we all received a blessing, from his word.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. John Joos and family, as his mother was called from this life recently. May God comfort them all in their sorrow.

The engagement of Sis. Mardell Grimm, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Louise of the Taylor congregation, and Bro. Kenneth Dietz, son of Bro. Herman and Sis. Hilda of our congregation, was made known Easter Sunday. We wish them God's blessings as they consider this important step in life.

Bro. John and Sister Margaret Tanner observed their 25th wedding anniversary April 5, by having open house for their relatives.

### MANSFIELD, OHIO Aaron A. Sauder

"One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh:" Ecclesiastes 1:4.

Our congratulations to Bro. John and Sis. Kathryn Oesch, on the birth of their new daughter, Tammy Renee, born March 22. The Oeschs have been blessed with twelve healthy children — one son and eleven daughters.

Life holds many blessings  
And numbered great among all  
Is the one that they have just  
received —  
A baby, sweet and small.

Our visiting ministers this past month were, on March 8, Bro. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton, and on March 29, Bro. Joe Kaisner from Forrest. We enjoyed the messages each brought to us, during morning and afternoon services. We also appreciated the visits of those who accompanied them.

We welcome home Bro. John and Sis. Katherine Fuhrer, who have returned from their stay of several months in Florida. And we are happy that Sis. Mabel Banks is recovering nicely, after undergoing surgery and spending some time in the hospital.

On March 31, Sis. Emma Fuhrer was severely burned, when her clothing caught fire, as she was working by the stove in her kitchen. She is confined to Mansfield General Hospital, where her family is lovingly administering whatever care is possible. Our thoughts and prayers are with her, that the Lord will care for her . . .

When you wake in the morning,

May you know God is near;  
As the day goes its way  
May His presence bring cheer.  
May you trust in His love,  
So unfailing and true;  
May His strength from above  
Be sufficient for you.

### LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

The funeral services for Sis. Pauline Schlatter Levy were Sun., March 4, at the Leo church. Burial was in the Leo Cemetery. Bro. Samuel Aeschliman of Bluffton officiated. Pauline was an older sister to Mamie Schlatter, who passed away several weeks before.

Sister Elizabeth Pulfer is getting better at her home, after undergoing surgery for gallstones.

Bro. Raymond Winzeler is still at the Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne. He was also operated for gallstones. He is recuperating nicely.

Sis. Mary Lantz fractured her foot, getting out of the car. She will still be in a cast for several weeks.

Sis. Rose Bertsch is recovered from her fall and was able to attend church services.

Many little folks have been ill with measles and mumps.

Our Sunday School gave their Easter Program Easter Sunday, after church services.

**Our dear father, Otto Norr**

What you were working for is now completed. We have seen you use your love, patience and smiles. We know that your goal was accomplished, and the dear Lord, in a twinkling of an eye, took you to your unseen project. Your presence we greatly miss, but memory keeps you near. Time will dim our loss, and let your love shine bright.

We are unable to personally thank each one individually who so thoughtfully remembered us with their personal condolences, cards of sympathy and prayers (which we know were many in our behalf). Thoughts as these are a great comfort. May the Lord, who at this time has been an unseen helper to us in our great loss, also in some way reward each of you.

The Family of Otto Norr

**ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY  
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**Alta Kay Zbinden**

On March 12, Bro. Joe Schrock ministered to us from the second chapter of Revelation. The evening was concluded with singing and fellowship.

On Mar. 19, the Bible Class presented an Easter Program, which once again turned our thoughts to the Easter Season and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We were fortunate to have with us Bro. Bob Grimm from Goodfield. He inspired us greatly with the message from St. Luke 24.

Bro. Alfred Bahler from Wolcott was our guest speaker on April 2. His message concerned St. John 17. We enjoyed the message and fellowship.

We were pleased to have Bro. Earl Kilgus from Remington with us on April 9. His topic centered on "the true light" in St. John 1.

Ralph Bauer, a senior in mathematics from Cissna Park, has left the ISU campus to do student teaching at Arlington Heights. He will remain at 820 North Ridge, Arlington Heights, Illinois, until early June. We wish him many rich blessings in this assignment.

**SARDIS, OHIO**

**Ruth Headley**

Here among the hills and valleys, everything is spring-fresh once more. Young and old are happy when we can shoot forth from a winter, into the glorious sunshine.

Sis. Ada Rigggenbach, however, is still shut in the house, where she can just move about enough to do light house work. She has always been a strong supporter of our faith.

Lloyd Gehring has completed his time with the Air Force and returned home to his parents. We are glad to see him with us again.

Bro. Robert Indermuhle spent a week at home, from his teacher training at Kent State University.

Raymond and I have finished the construction of our new house here in Parkersburg, W. Va., and only hope now that we can make it a good home for our family, and for God. We hope to see many visitors in the months ahead, and want you to know that this is your invitation.

One of our Sardis members wrote these words on PEACE:

We often speak of Peace, and think of it as just another word. Peace, however, is more than a word: it is an all inclusive term, like God, and should be treated as such. Couldn't we say that peace is the goal of life? Peace with God is the same as being one with God, and surely this is our goal.

It is one thing to talk of the goals of life, but another thing entirely to accomplish these goals. Peter set a goal, when he said that he would stand with Christ, though all others should fail Him. Peter wasn't able to keep his word, and neither is any other man. If man could be self-righteous, then Christ's death would have been unnecessary. Christ died that our goals of life might be accomplished. Christ bore our sins that we might be reunited with God in peace. Christ is the way, the truth, and the light, and through Him and only Him can we be joined with our God.

The point that we must understand is that Peace is more than a forgetting of our sins, more than even a forgiveness of our sins. It is a goal that is partly accomplished at conversion, partly accomplished by a life of dedication to God, and fully accomplished by a resurrection to our God on that great Day.

**BAY CITY, MICHIGAN**

**Faye Wackerle & Marlene Mosher**

This past month, two sisters in faith passed away—one in her twilight years, the other in her middle years.

Sis. Sophia Frank, 86, went to her rest peacefully. She was the wife of the late Bro. Ernest Frank. She is survived by 11 children, 20 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Sis. Mary Meylan, 57, passed away, after suffering her second stroke in 18 months. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Arnold, and three children. There are also nine grandchildren, two of whom wrote the following poem about their grandmother and their Aunt Judy, who died when just a small girl.

**"Special Delivery from Heaven"**

Sorry I had to leave right away.  
I look down and smile at you every-day.  
Little Judy says to say, "Hi."  
I love you; I'm happy, so please don't cry.

Dad, I had no time for goodbye,  
But I'm sure you could read the farewell in my eyes.  
Watch over the children, and love them for me.  
I'll treasure your love through eternity,  
So please carry on as you did before,  
Till we all meet again on Heaven's shore.

Remember I love you;  
Remember I care.  
I'll always be with you,  
Though you can't see me there.

Sis. Arlene Wieland has been in the hospital recently. She is now home, and our prayers are that she will have better health.

Bro. Roger Wieland's new military address is:

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On April 4, two young friends gave their testimony, and were baptized on Sunday. They are Sis. Carol Bragiell, daughter of Frank and Sis. Irma Bragiell, and Barry Wackerle, son of Bro. Frank and Sis. Faye Wackerle. We can not thank God enough for granting grace to these two souls, in order for them to seek the Lord while in their youth. After baptism, Holy Communion was held, with Bro.

George Yergler of La Crosse assisting.

We wish to extend our thanks to Bro. George and Bro. Ernest Graf, from Akron, for their visit and their ministry unto us, with the wonderful words of life.

On Easter Sunday, Bro. Floyd Wieland of Detroit ministered to us.

God's delays are not God's denials! There are perplexing circumstances, where our lack of faith leads us to believe that God does not care about our welfare. Often, we have created a time schedule of our own, and we want God to keep it.

Once there was a person who saw a butterfly, struggling to free itself from its cocoon. He pitied, and with a sharp instrument freed prematurely. To his amazement, he learned that he had harmed the beautiful creature. The struggle was needed for nature's perfection.

God knows that many of us need the struggle to attain the humility and beauty He desires. The easy way often does us more harm than good.

"... let us run with patience the race that is set before us".

Hebrews 12:1

### GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

To hold in commemoration the resurrection of our dear Lord and Saviour, we observed Sunrise Service, at 7:30 Easter morning. We had a good attendance for this occasion. Following the service, breakfast was served in the church dining-room.

We are all very happy that both Sis. Ethel Hafely and Sis. Charlotte Emch are able to worship with us again, following their illness. We miss each one of our loved ones, both brethren and friends, when they are absent.

Births: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hecker of Girard, on Feb. 9. His name is Paul Edward. Twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack England of Warren, Ohio, on Feb. 23. They were named Eric Scott and Ellen Faye. Mrs. Eng-

land was formerly Edith Hecker. Sis. Gertryde Hecker is a busy grandmother, helping to take care of them. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Emch of Niles, are parents of a daughter, born April 2. Her name is Ingrid. This is their first child. Daniel is the son of Oscar and Marjorie Emch of Girard.

William Probst of Bradenton, Fla., died April 2, at the age of 87 years. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Youngstown, Ohio, Saturday, April 4. Mr. Probst was born in Monroe County, Ohio, and later moved to North Jackson, O. For the past 11 years, he has lived in Florida.

We here in Girard extend a hearty welcome to all, to come and visit us.

The timid hand stretched forth to aid

A brother in his need;  
A kindly word in grief's dark hour  
That proves a friend indeed;  
The plea for mercy, softly  
breathed,

When justice threatens high.  
The sorrow's gain of coutrite heart  
These things shall never die.

Let nothing pass, for every hand  
Must find some work to do.

Lose not a chance to waken love—  
Be firm and just and true,  
So shall a light that cannot fade  
Beam on thee from on high,  
And angel voices say to thee—  
"These things shall never die."

The little cares that fretted me,  
**He took** them yesterday,  
Among the fields above the sea,  
Among the winds at play,  
Among the lowing of the herds,  
The rustling of the trees,  
Among the singing of the birds,  
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what might  
happen.

**He took** them all away  
Among the clover-scented grass,  
Among the new-mown hay,  
Among the hushing of the corn,  
Where drowsy poppies nod,  
Where ill thoughts die and good  
are born,  
**Out in the fields with God.**

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

On Palm Sunday, guests included Bros. Henry and Bob Grimm, who brought out that a Christian's walk of life has a parallel to Christ's ride into Jerusalem, which originated "Palm Sunday". The people had thought Jesus was going to set up His Kingdom, but He was not to be King of this world **then**. His is the Kingdom of God and Heaven; and His people do not have their hearts set on things of this world, but on the things of God. The people had strewn palms of victory in Christ's pathway — and now Christ gives His people palms of victory in our path, in the Way of grace, forgiveness, and love.

Bro. Noah Schrock visited us Thursday evening, March 26. Many gathered for our mid-week services and received a blessing from his message. They also visited Sis. Schrock's sister at the Home, Sis. Anna Lanz.

The next evening, which was Good Friday, our Sunday School, in a program relayed the first Easter events, from the dark midnight of Gethsemane on Mt. Olive's brow to the glorious resurrection and peace.

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Submitted by—

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth  
Peoria, Illinois

"Many of us go to church,  
And hear a sermon there,  
Enjoy the songs so beautiful  
And join in earnest prayer;  
Receive the benediction,  
Then t'ward our homes we  
room—  
But art we ever thinking  
Of the shut-ins in the home?"

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