

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Greet one another with an holy kiss.

All the saints salute you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

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

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LAMP IN THE WINDOW

Bro. John H. Baumgartner

Many years ago, in this humble town,
A family lived of common renown,
Making their way the best they could—
Bread on the table, box filled with wood,
'Taters in the bin, the barrel with its flour,
Kraut in the jar (it smelled so sour!),
Children coming home (what a happy sight!)
Put the lamp in the window; it will soon be night.

This lamp was old, but as good as new . . .
Many fond memories, I'm telling you.
Surround this lamp by the window, there,
As mother was sitting in her rocking chair,
Gazing up to her Maker, as the saints of old,
To the hills far away, so we are told,
Rocking her children to a sweet lullaby,
With the lamp in the window, ne'er scarcely a cry.

So follow the road to the store of brick,
An old-fashioned front, with walls so thick.
The steps are worn, though made of stone.
Inside, it's different (how the years have flown!) . . .
The cracker barrel gone, the old coffee mill,
Everyday grinding, only on the Sabbath still.
She calls, "Suppers ready, children; stop your play."
The lamps in the window, at the close of day.

Don't look for a castle, as you drive further on,
Or a mansion with marble or pillars so strong,
But a neat, old house, real close to the street,
And if you go inside, it's quaint and neat.
The tables and chairs are set quite well;

The cupboard and shelves from cinnamon smell,
And what I like best is the lovely sight
Of the lamp in the window, burning so bright.

Why the lamp in the window, you might ask?
To keep it burning so long is quite a task,
But love for her children has prompted this.
(She has gone away, and her smile we miss.
As a lighthouse standing by the stormy sea,
Only one remains, its lamplighter to be.)
So hurry along, if this sight you would see—
The lamp in the window, by the maple tree.

The oil lamp gave way to the modern light.
(Standing on the shelf, it's still all right)

Grandpa Souder waited outside, near the gate, at the old-fashioned homeplace of Ackermans. He loved the boys, wanted to tell them goodbye. Sometimes he would go out and look them up. Hospitality had been warm; now he was leaving. And how those boys loved this! . . .

Many years ago, a young brother from Illinois, Ben Getz, was visiting at Bro. John Conrad's homeplace. It seems Bro. Ben and a group of others were gathered together, in the yard. Bro. Souder came over. He was an old brother that loved and cared. Love glowed richly, warming in abiding sweetness. Joining the group, he left an impression that remained with Bro. Ben. The beauty lingered on.

The year 1964, charity still was abiding with Bro. Ben and Sis. Rose. In the hospitality of a place of rest, these fragrant words glow:

"Warm friendship, like the setting sun,
Sheds kindly light on everyone."

The wood stove is gone; there is another one there.
The house is real sturdy, and in good repair.
The barn is empty, with its clean-swept floor;
No cows will come home when you open the door,
But one thing is there (I saw it last night),
The lamp in the window, still burning so bright.

Let's reach out a hand to help each other;
This family did so to a suffering brother.
Don't think someone else the task might do,
For someone in want might be looking for you,
So let's love and help, as the days go by;
Yes, we'll succeed, if hard we try,
And if the Master will, there'll be in store
A lamp in our window, on the other shore.

BROTHER BEN

A morning in October . . . the strains of the music were, with other hymns, "Blest Be The Tie". Earlier, Bro. Joe A. had paused alone, a little, at the silent body . . . his brother Ben. (Their father, Bro. John Getz, had been one of the pallbearers at Bro. Henry Souder's funeral.)

Bro. J. A. Getz is a shepherd of the sheep. His love must care and lead awhile, and yet beam. There is work to do, missions to accomplish, mercy to mention. There is a steady divine Hand that guides our helm.

Bros. Joe A. and John B stood. When it was time for the short services, they were seated.

Bro. Ben had spoken some very wise words. That pleasant time of friendship with him, he spoke of the sister's hair (it is a glory for her). He spoke priceless wisdom that, on another subject, it is better to lose a few now, than many later.

So very short days ago, he had

the ideals of dear old Bro. Henry Souder in his heart and spoke of him. He said that your grandfather would not have been like that, or to that effect, referring to something with which he was not in accord.

And "... mercy rejoiceth against judgment."

We of this 20th century church have new pages to turn. Bro. Ben, at one time, had not been treated in tender compassion and mercy.

Elder Brother Henry Souder wanted to remember mercy and kindness, to be happy. Where he

could, where he found Scripture pointing, he was merciful, longsuffering and kind. He would forbear, when he found that a weaker needed such love.

In loving memory, we dwell on treasures we have hope of meeting tomorrow. Bro. Sam Aeschliman, at the funeral services at the church, said of Bro. Ben, **He is well taken care of.**

Bro. Henry Grimm told the grandchildren, "Your grandpa will rise again"!

Let us long for that tie that yet binds, to find full joy. Our love

shall ne'er be parted.

Brother Ben succeeded
In the might of God.
Graciously he triumphed,
While on earth he trod.

So may all our watchings
And endeavors be
Girded toward the sunset,
Faithful, as was he.

And our hearts in heaven
Know a tender bond.
No time or place can sever;
Joyful we respond. the editor

"... the fruit of the Spirit ..."

Henry Souder Jr.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

The kingdom of God is within the heart of believers. The secret wealth of God's kingdom is the warmth of heavenly fellowship.

We love those heavenly mansions. We really live above with our Saviour. In deepest life, we are affected, we are moulded with things of another place.

Kindly, souls move in deepest kinship. Life moves where the fire of home kindles the closest circle.

LOVE. "Charity never faileth . . . now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face . . ."

Love is that part that will go on. Charity in Corinthians 13 gives marvellous movement of love. What it is **not** is very important. How many clouds would have been away, how clearly radiant would be the shining of the soul, if we possessed all parts!

JOY. "... my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, Rejoice."

Joy is a fruit of the Spirit. Short-lived laughter is momentary. Joy rings forever in the mansions of home. It is the joy that fills all, alway, in eternity . . . without time.

Joy is entwined with love, for charity rejoices in the truth. Are our thoughts centered on home?

PEACE . . . "Glory to God in the

highest, and on earth peace . . ."

To fall asleep on God's pillow, and dream of the highest heights of glory, that is happiness. Everything is quiet . . . His peace has gently laid its quiet glow on gentle hearts.

Peace . . . what riches and what comfort come from Him! From whence does it stem? From His flow . . . it is startled by the slightest sensations of the world.

Peace is a garrison that guards. In pressing moments, in calamity, we need to cast our care on Him, for calm.

LONGSUFFERING . . . "we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."

Life's problems fit together, if we let Him do the tailoring. He fits well for eternity. Sometimes there is suffering, shorter ends, even greater wrong, but love will shine.

What suffers long? Charity bears all things, endures all things. The Saviour would have never known the golden resurrection morn, and the joy of souls saved, without the cross. Our hours will breathe new joy and love . . . if we each moment can hold tight this secret.

GENTLENESS. "... the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle . . ."

Thy gentleness has made me great. There must be instruction, there must be standing firm, there must be courage. And in addition,

if we can be gentle, great things can happen.

The gentle find fruit. There is a point where words become argument, fruitless. Violent emotion heats the strife and loses the moment. The gentle and loving . . . they are greater influences than the gravity that holds giant bodies in space.

GOODNESS. "Holding faith, and a good conscience . . ."

Wisdom from above is full of good fruits. The statements we make, the transactions we complete, the way we push the product should meet the test of goodness. Do our deeds have a sweet, good influence on others?

FAITH. "... all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, be-

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lieving, ye shall receive."

What words do we reach for, first? Faith cometh by hearing. There's great power revealed in God's word. There's beautiful things revealed. Two hearts were burning with beauty on the way to Emmaus, because He spoke.

The more we company with the word, the brighter the glow and heavenly wisdom in us. With each less, we miss something.

MEEKNESS. "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."

God realizes our battle. The perplexing and problemated things are allowed, so this fruit glows. Suffering is measured. His grace is sufficient for every thorn. "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

TEMPERANCE. "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

Salt gives flavor to food. Our body is under God's control. It is savoury, spiritual, and acceptable to Him. Our thoughts are pleasant, in fellowship with Him and His own.

We should then be very careful whose things we enjoy. We cannot dilute without loss of flavor and zest. If we lose our salt, whence can it be salted again?

The beauty of that home is in freedom from sin. It is in glorious white.

A GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING

Give the children a treasured memory. Gather round the dear old family hearthside and read of the birth of Jesus and other heart-warming words. Then blend your voices in the beautiful **Zion's Harp** . . . "Christmas Carol". Glory To God In The Highest", "Love"—number 37, or others.

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Much can be done, if we see vision. The price for the book remains, \$2.25 postpaid. You may obtain them perhaps locally, or write Sam Aeschliman or John Baumgartner, Bluffton, Indiana. the editor

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Leland Plattner

Pete Baltic

The news this month for Ft. Sam has been sent by Bro. Pete Baltic.

Our visitors for this month included Bro. Lester Huber from Francesville and Bro. Russell Rapp from Morton. These brothers delivered to us the word of God, and I'm quite certain that they found a hunger for the Bread of Life. Other welcome visitors came from Bluffton and Francesville.

When we went to the airport to meet Bro. Rapp, we were reminded how man's plans are so uncertain. The time and place was understood by all of us, but it seems that God had other plans. The reason for the change of our plans is not known to us but, as Bro. Rapp said, "God had a purpose in it." It might have been just to remind us of the uncertainties of life. We can be glad that we are of the people who can leave all things to a God of love and a Father with a great estate, and know that "all things work together for good to them that love God".

On October 25, the engagement and approaching marriage of Sis. Ruby Fehr, of Morris, to Bro. Leland Plattner, of Bern, was made known.

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Myrna and Loretta Steffen

On October 4, our elder brothers, Joe Waibel and George Sinn, were with us. We had a very blessed day. A few weeks previously, pledges had been made and the congregation voted by an overwhelming majority to begin to build a new edifice, to the praise and honor of our Lord, in the near future.

Freddie Oesch, son of Bro. and Sis. Joe Oesch, is home again from the hospital, and is recuperating, after a back operation.

Sis. Fern Wingeier was in the hospital, but is home again. Often, it comes to our mind the passage where the Lord says he will not put more upon us than we are able to bear. This is His promise, and we pray for Sis. Fern and Bro. Phil, that they can carry their cross faithfully until the end.

Always we extend an invitation to visit our little congregation.

GIRARD, OHIO

Karen Stoll

This month, the members of the Girard congregation partook of

Holy Communion, which was administered by our elder, Bro. Rudolph Graf. It was a blessed occasion, and our faith and unity in Christ were strengthened. Following the church services, Bro. Graf visited our shut-ins.

We are happy to report that three of our members, Sister Louise Deisinger, Brother Ernest and Sister Ethyl Hafely, who had been unable to attend for sometime due to illness, were with us this past Sunday. Sister Eva Emch is home from the hospital, where she had been confined with a heart ailment.

Our small congregation welcomes visitors most heartily, and we were grateful for those who came to worship with us during the month.

The eldest son of Bro. Sam and Sis. Sadie Schladen, friend Carl Schladen, passed away, following a long illness.

"For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

I Corinthians 13:12,

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

A very dear and faithful sister has passed away in our congregation, Sister Emma Schlatter. She is survived by two daughters, five sons, and many grandchildren. We will all miss her, but we feel she has a better home than here on this very troubled earth.

Brother Matt Wieland is ill in the hospital and will undergo surgery.

We wish to extend our sincere gratitude and thanks to all those from all congregations who remembered us, with cards, gifts, best wishes and prayers, while undergoing treatment at the Ottawa Arthritis Hospital. God bless you all. Frank and Faye Wackerle and family.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Emily Tanner

Bro. Irvin and Sis. Sharon Hod are the parents of a baby girl, Adrea Jane, born October 6.

A daughter, Marti Ann, was born to Bro. Herb and Sis. Nancy Stoller on October 10.

Proving and baptism was held

for Elaine Klein, Sunday, October 28. Bro. Silas Leuthold was here for the day. Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont, uncle of Elaine, was here for afternoon services.

The marriage engagement of Sis. Marie Schmidgall and Bro. Joe B. Belsley of Morton was made known October 25.

Sis. Eva Hohulin, formerly of Sabetha, who has been here the past year or more, has gone back to Sabetha, to help along at the Old Folks' Home there.

Bro. Herbert Erkert left for the Holy Land and other places overseas. May God protect him.

Bro. Michael Weyeneth held services at the Rest-mor Home, Thursday, October 29. The Brothers of Harmony accompanied him and did the singing.

Sis. Minnie Schwind of Elgin, Illinois, was brought here to the A. C. Home. At this time, she is quite ill.

Anna Schlipf Phipps, who lives with her mother, Sis. John Schlipf, is in the hospital. Sis. Sally Schlipf, of Gridley, is here helping along. Anna has repented; we hope she will continue to improve, so her wish of baptism can be fulfilled.

On Saturday evening, October 31, O. B. and Sis. Emma Eshelman had the misfortune of having their home damaged by fire. We're thankful they discovered it in time to escape injury, but they were unable to save much of anything.

A group of brothers, sisters and friends from Illinois State Normal University visited us in Peoria church, Sunday, November 1. They stayed for our monthly Hymn Sing in the evening, favoring us with a few hymns, which was truly pleasant and uplifting.

Psalm 92:1-5

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psalter; upon the harp with a solemn sound. For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands. O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts

Sandra Jean arrived October 7 to bless the home of Sister Emily

and Brother Joseph Stoller and Gale, Bruce and Brent. Sister Elizabeth Stoller is the paternal grandmother.

Sister Janet Elsasser left the first part of October for California, where she plans to spend a few months. As the Lord told Jacob in his dream, "I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places", may she also feel the nearness of our dear Lord and Saviour.

A number of relatives attended the funeral of Walter Knobloch in Lester. Our sympathy is extended to the family. May the Lord comfort them at this time.

Our faith was again renewed when Brother Elmer Witzig of Gridley, Illinois, ministered to us one Sunday recently.

Bros. LeRoy Huber and Walter Anliker of Eureka were our guest ministers October 25. We are so glad when those of like mind visit us and proclaim the word in its truth and sincerity, with boldness of heart.

Since we have reverted back to Standard Time, we are again holding mid-week services. We were very happy to have Brother James Ringger of Bradford assemble with us the first Wednesday evening. Brother Jim said it seemed good to them to be "back home" with us, too.

Leonard Stahl spent several days in the hospital recently, recovering from painful injuries received in an auto accident. He is recovering nicely and able to be about again. Sister Elizabeth Wagenbach is quite ill in her home and confined to bed. Her daughter-in-law, Sister Elaine Wagenbach, has submitted to major surgery. We hope they will have a speedy recovery and may feel the Lord's nearness during their illness. Brother Dan Streitmatter and Anna Hager are both gravely ill at the time of this writing. Brother Dan is being cared for at home by his devoted family, with the help of kind nurses. Anna is in the hospital in Peoria. Our humble prayer for them and their loved ones is for grace and strength to carry their crosses patiently each day, and to wait on the Lord, for He is merciful and kind. He knows their every need and will abundantly supply.

Walter and Margaret Wieland have heard from their son, Robert, who was recently transferred from Ft Sam Houston to Germany. He is

stationed at Munich and is quite well satisfied with his lot. Before leaving Ft Sam, Bob answered the call of the Lord and has found peace with God and man. We were all sorry he was not permitted to get home before being sent overseas, but feel confident he will place his trust in the Lord, who will be with him and not leave him alone.

Our government has set aside a day for everyone to give thanks, a day we are soon to observe. How much better it is for us to give thanks often every day.

From Old Testament reading, we learn that the tradition of Thanksgiving did not originate with the Pilgrims at Plymouth in 1621, but had its beginning back in Biblical times, perhaps in the land of Canaan.

We find the Hebrews adopting this same custom, to which they gave the name of the Feast of Tabernacles—so called because the celebrants erected tents and booths of olive, myrtle, and palm branches in the courtyards of their homes and the house of God, to symbolize the time when they had been a people without a national home. All men participated in this joyous period after the harvest, as Moses had commanded: "Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine: And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates. Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God . . . because the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice." (Deuteronomy 16:13-15)

Giving Thanks

For the corn and wheat and the hay that is reaped,
For the labor well done and the barns that are heaped,
For the sun and the dew and the sweet honeycomb,
For the rose and the song, and the harvest brought home—
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!
For the trade and the skill and the wealth in our land,

For the cunning and strength of the
workingman's hand,
For the good that our artists and
poets have taught,
For the friendship that hope and
affection have brought—
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the homes that with purest
affection are blest,
For the season of plenty and well
deserved rest,
For our country extending from
sea to sea,
The land that is known as the
"Land of the Free"—
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel

The Remington congregation was honored with the presence of the young folks of the Sunday School of Morton, on Oct. 11, accompanied by their teachers. They traveled in two large chartered buses. Supper was served at the church. A program, by both churches was given in the evening.

Mary Bahler was called to Crescent City, Ill., by the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Philip Knochel. Several from here also attended the funeral.

Some went to attend services at Indianapolis. We were amazed how many different congregations were represented!

Around 60 or so gathered in His name. After services, we were all invited to partake of ice cream and a beautiful cake that was presented to Bro. Herman Norr, for all of his many services by a Sunday School child, who earned her own money to buy it.

Oct. 18, Bro. August Bolliger of Tremont and Bro. Phil Sauder of Cissna Park, were guests. We thank Bro. August and Bro. Phil for their inspiring messages.

Oct. 26 Bro. Noah and Sis. Hattie Schrock were guests of Ervin Bahler's on Monday, as they were on their way to Fairbury.

Several families went to Purdue Wed. evening, where Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville held the services.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

August Mueller

Sun. Oct. 11 . . . Today we were blessed with many visitors. Bro. Harry R. Frauhiger goes to a school on Long Island. We expect to see him often.

Let us never forget whence we came from and where we are going. We are not bought with perishable silver and gold, but with the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us love him, for he loved us first.

Let us store up spiritual food, in this time of plenty, like Joseph did in Egypt. Should the time come when we no longer can go to the house of the Lord, through sickness, old age (We have some here in Union City; they did not hear a sermon in a long time), or even a spiritual famine, of which we read in the scripture, we then can live from the food we stored.

Joseph's brethren must have been frightened when they heard him say, "I am Joseph; doth my father yet live?" They could not answer him, because they remember what they did to him and that they told their father a wild animal tore him to pieces. The best and the easiest way is to tell the truth. Joseph was a God-fearing man. He did not repay evil with evil; he fed them and gave them a place where they could live.

It is not important whether we live in a beautiful, expensive home. What is important is how much material do we provide for the house of faith which is being built now. The cross we bear is the key that will open the door for us when the house is completed, and we are called home. There is only one key to each house.

To pray, Oh what a glorious occupation, what gifts derived from humble veneration, And unto prayer the strength from God in heaven To us is given. Through prayer, we received peace with God, which is higher than all the wisdom of this world and time. Through prayer, the Lord has kept us as in the hollow of His hand.

Sunday the 25 . . . Today we changed to Standard time. We are very happy to have Bro. Harry Frauhiger with us. His heart is filled with true love. A loudspeaker was installed in the basement, so he can hear the sermons and the singing. He is very happy about it. (He is disabled.)

David was a man of God. He was also a man of war; he shed much blood. He always asked God, should I go to war? He took the advice God gave him. He never was defeated, because the Lord was with him. He always won the victory.

David could see his enemies, which he said were without number. We also are on the battlefield every day, surrounded with enemies without number; we can not see them. Not only do we have to fight against the temptations that confront us every day, but with evil spirits, with the power of darkness, with unclean spirits that are in the air, that try to separate us from the love of God, which He bestowed upon us through Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. It is therefore most important that we keep on praying and ask the Lord for help. He will not leave nor forsake us.

Every month, we can read in the Silver Lining, how he calls his children home one by one, one by one. If we stay true and faithful, the Lord will help us win the victory, as he helped his servant, David, and all those that put their hope and trust in him.

Nov. 1 . . . This reporter went to visit Sis. Ida Knecht. She is bedfast most of the time, and sometimes suffers much pain. **In sorrow and pain Thy trust do retain In Jesus, thy merciful Saviour.**

We are all planted as trees in the world, but not all the trees bring forth the same kind of fruit. Let us pray that we may bring forth good fruit. Every tree that does not bring forth good fruit will be destroyed.

Rejoice in the Lord, and again I say, rejoice.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Walter

Visiting us the past month were the following ministers—Brothers George Yergler and Art Gudeman from La Crosse and Bro. Henry Wackerle from Bay City.

We have had many dear ones who were ill and were hospital patients here in Eureka Hospital. Most of them have recovered enough to be able to be in their homes. God has helped them through their illness. May He ever be near each one who puts their hope and trust in Him. Sis. Martha Grusy (Bro. Alf's wife); Sis. Wilhelmina Klaus (Grandma, as many people call her); Sis. Wilma Fehr (Bro. Roy's wife); Sis. Bena Fehr (sister to Martha Fehr); Sis. Laura Kupfermid (Bro. Wayne's wife); Sis. Inez Mogler (August's wife); Ina Joy Mogler (August's little 5-yr.-

daughter); and Bruce Fisher (son of Helen and Helen's son. He is very ill, at the hospital, at this writing.)

We are rejoicing that another soul is seeking the Lord. She is Diana Belsley, daughter of Bro. William and Helen Belsley.

Birth: A daughter Lynn Marie, to Richard and Sis. Nelma Eastman, on Oct. 10. This is their second child.

Work is progressing on the "Home for the Aged." The weather has been so nice that this kind of work can be continued, as long as it doesn't get real cold.

The monthly singing was held the fourth Sunday of October. The 4th, 5th and 6th grades from Sunday School gave four songs. It is so good to hear these young people sing praises to the Lord.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

The Tale Of The Praying Hands

"It's the story of a pair of work-worn hands, the praying hands," Mother began, "the story of a famous drawing and why the artist came to draw it, a painting of gratitude for the sacrifice of a loyal friend. This is the story of Albrecht Durer."

Albrecht was born in a poor Hungarian family, the second of eighteen children. His father was an engraver, whose income barely met the unceasing needs of his large family. There was no money for art lessons for the talented boy. Albrecht left home at an early age, hoping to earn his own living and enough extra money to study art. But the going was very hard.

On his travels, he met an older man, Gustav, whose ambition, too, was to become a great artist. They decided to cast their lots together, sharing a room, earning where and when and how they could, working at drawing and painting between times.

It was not long before Gustav could see that it was not working out. Their part-time earnings brought them scarcely enough to live on, and neither was making headway. He suggested to Albrecht another plan.

"I am older than you," he said. "I shall work full-time, while you study. When your works are selling, I will paint."

Albrecht argued that since he was the younger, he should be the one to work, but Gustav would not

hear of it. "I have watched the neighbor, building barns and things. I will become a carpenter," the older man said. "I will be a good carpenter—as good a carpenter as you are an artist!"

"Not for long, dear friend." Albrecht hugged him fervently. "I will skimp on expense, and I will study hard. I will succeed soon, and then you will study—and you will succeed soon after that!"

The two men went to work—Albrecht studying and working, while Gustav labored hard at this chosen trade, earning as much money as he was able, so Albrecht might have the materials he needed for his painting. It was not easy. The weeks and months passed slowly.

Then one day Albrecht came home to their little room, filled with great excitement. He had made his first sale. It brought enough money to care for them both for some time. Now his friend would be free to take up again the painting he loved.

"You can forget your barns and throw away your carpenter tools, Gustav, my friend. Now you can become an artist, too. Here, take the brush! Feel it! Touch it to the canvas. Paint Gustav, paint!"

Gustav took the brush—dropped it. "It's so light!" He picked it up again. "Light as the feather of an angel wing!" He thrust the brush awkwardly at the canvas. It fell from his hand.

"I cannot, Albrecht—just cannot hold it." He looked at his hands in numb muteness. Albrecht looked at them, too, and for the first time he really saw them. The knuckles were large and hard; the palms calloused and yellow; the fingers torn and split.

"I smashed my fingers so often with the hammer when I was learning." Gustav's voice was low, almost apologetic. "A piece of lumber fell across my wrist once—" Suddenly, he turned in fright and fear. "Albrecht! My hands—I have lost the touch!"

Albrecht's heart was sick, as he saw the despair in his friend's eyes. He turned and hastened from the room, not knowing how to answer.

Night was descending rapidly over the city. Albrecht returned to the rooming house. He hesitated at the door: He heard the voice of his friend in prayer. Quietly, he looked into the dusk-dimmed gar-

ret room, and saw within a shaft of fading light the man's homely, workworn hands, clasped in prayer. He saw the broken nails, the swollen joints. He knew his friend would never paint again. He had sacrificed the artistry he once possessed, to give Albrecht Durer his chance.

An intense surge of gratitude poured through him. Always, he would care for his friend. He would do more than that. He must create a work in tribute to so noble a sacrifice. Swiftly, his artist eye took in the reverent attitude of those praying hands, the beauty of service underlying their disfigurements. He would paint those hands, just as they were, wrinkled, worn and lined. Through them the world would know of his friend.

It would be his work of thanksgiving . . .

The teenagers of our congregation went to sing for Bro. George Bahr, who recently had surgery. Bro. George is now able to assemble with us half a day on the Lord's Day. Sis. Doris Bahr, wife of Bro. Roy, was a hospital patient for several days, also. We thank God that He saw fit to restore a measure of health to them.

AKRON, OHIO

Grace Schuckert—Alice Graf

We welcome back Sis. Yoshiko Utsuki, of Japan. She is helping at the Leon Graf household while Bro. Leon's wife, Janet, is recovering from heart surgery. Their 4-year-old daughter, Tina Jo, is well again, after a few days spent in the hospital with pneumonia. Also among the sick and ailing, receiving our good wishes and prayers is Sis. Anna Rupp, now at the home of a niece, Mrs. Charles Christian, in Seville.

Funeral services for Dan Kaufman, husband of Sis. Martha and father of former reporter Sis. Ruth Taylor, are to be held tomorrow. He had been ill for more than a year, and was firm in his peace with God at the end.

We have changed from Daylight Saving to Eastern Standard Time, which will be effective until the last Sunday in April.

The following poem is one of many written a number of years ago by a member of the Graf family, while serving in the armed forces.

"Thanksgiving Day"

Each year we set aside one day,
It's known thro' out the land,
To praise our God who dwells on
high
With His angelic band.

We thank God for our liberty,
The freedom that we know,
This land that He has given us
And kept from ev'ry foe.

The forefathers first gave Him
thanks,
The ones at Plymouth Rock;
They felt His blessing thro' the
year,
After hard times and shock.

Trouble beset them while they
stood
On Jordan's stormy banks,
Seeking the freedom of their faith,
And made the day of Thanks.

Our memory should wander back
To the pilgrim of our land
Who found reason to thank the
Lord,
The One by whom we stand.

Our debt is great to Him, the King,
Whose image is the Son,
For boundless love He shows to us
While here life's course we run.

He gives us raiment, food and
drink;
We draw unto His side
When seeking first His promised
land.
The rest He will provide.

And so this day we dedicate
To Him who knows all things,
Praying for grace in what's ahead,
Not knowing what it brings.

Lest we'd forget the true meaning,
In thought be led astray,
Let's praise the Lord who blesses
us
And gives Thanksgiving Day.

BERN, KANSAS

Mrs. Morris Edelman
Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

Bro. Jake Wenger has been at the Veteran's Hospital at Wadsworth, near Leavenworth, Kansas, for the last two weeks. He is improving, and we hope he will be back in his own home soon. Sis. Katie Grimm was a hospital patient this month. We are sorry she has been unable to attend church with us.

On Oct. 25, about 50 brothers and sisters gathered at our church for the fall house cleaning. The next Sunday, our church looked so clean—we wish we could be just as clean spiritually.

Sis. Salome Kipfer of Bluffton visited friends and relatives in our community for two months. She came especially to help care for her new granddaughter, Debra Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kipfer.

We were glad to have Sis. Sarah Meyer back with us, after working in several homes away from here.

On Oct. 25, the engagement of Bro. Lee Plattner, to Sis. Julia and Albert Plattner, to Sis. Ruby Fehr of Morris was announced. We pray for happiness in this undertaking in life.

Bro. Noah and Sis. Lillian Edelman are vacationing and visiting their niece, Scharm Schrock, in Europe. They plan to be gone three weeks. We hope they have a safe trip.

We rejoice that one soul has answered the call of the Lord and turned away from the world. We hope many more can now follow.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Carolyn Gerber Delutha Moser

Births: October 11, a girl, Ronda Lou, to Bro. and Sis. Dan Reinhard; October 12, a boy, Samie Leon to Bro. and Sis. Leonard Steffen; October 29, a girl, Lisa Ann, to Bro. and Sis. Robert D. Gerber; October 30, a boy, Anthony Todd, to Bro. and Sis. Charles Shively. and October 29, a boy, Randall Glenn, to Friends Rudy and Mrs. Frauhi-ger.

Marriage: On October 18, Sis. Fern Hackenjosh and Bro. Ronald Kaehr were united in holy matrimony by Elder Aeschliman. May Bro. Ronald and Sis. Fern receive many rich blessings from our Heavenly Father, as they travel life's pathway together.

Serviceman discharged: Bro. Max Reimschisel has recently been discharged from the Army, after serving two years in the U.S.

Engagement: The engagement of Bro. Max Reimschisel to Sis. Judy Farney of Wichita was announced on October 25. We wish them many rich blessings in their forthcoming marriage.

Visiting ministers during the past month were Bros. Walter Anliker and Vernon Leman of Eureka,

Bro. Elmer Hartter of Milford, and Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont.

"For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee." Psalm 86:5.

Luke 15:7 and 10: "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

There has been a great awakening here in our church, as there are thirty-four dear souls who have heeded the Saviour's loving call.

Shutins: Bros. Ed Ringger, Lewis Gerber, William Kipfer and Sis. Harry (Lois) Gerber. Our dear sister, Katie Gerber, is still greatly afflicted. May the dear Lord grant her grace and strength to live as a semi-invalid. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." I Peter 5:7.

Our Infirmities

Life's made up of many changes
Man's days are not all the same.
Many are good health enjoying,
While for others suffering came.
Yet, the healthiest of persons
Do not, cannot, ne'er will know
What the future them is bringing.
Time may come they suffer, too.

Of't in life, the load seems heavy
Which we're called upon to bear,
And our trials and afflictions
Are the cause of anxious care,
But if we look 'round about us,
We find people whom we know
Who still greater griefs must carry.
They are also suffering so.

Why does sickness come, and
sorrow,
Who is there that can explain,
Why my neighbor's well and happy,
While I suffer intense pain—
That's beyond my comprehension
Just why this has so to be,
But spend the time complaining
Could bring no relief to me.

Whatsoever our grief and anguish
'Tis the Lord permits them come
He will help bear our burdens.
He's the ever faithful one.
Those who are in Him confiding
And to him their sorrows tell,
Find in him an able helper,
Who is doing all things well.

A Thanksgiving Poem

Thanksgiving Day is drawing nigh!
Another year soon has flown by.
I, in a contemplative mood,
Am thinking of what our good Lord
Again has in this passing year
Done for His people dwelling here.

Our gracious God, with lavish hand,
Poured heaven's blessings on our
land,
Like rarely he has done before.
Great are the harvests we've in
store.

We now this plentitude should
share
With those in need and anxious
care.

The bounties God again has sent
From heaven this year should not
be spent
By us in any selfish ways.
They should be used our Lord to
praise,
His blessings came that we may
bless
Our needy brothers in distress.

Let's then, when comes Thanks-
giving Day,
And we appear our thanks to say,
Not merely praise Him with our
songs,
But give,—Give what to God
belongs.
The good we do, the deeds of love,
The Lord records in heaven above.
A. A. L.

"Praise ye the LORD. O give
thanks unto the LORD; for he is
good: for his mercy endureth for
ever." Psalm 106:1

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Martha Kieser

As I write this, I am sitting with
my brother, who lies critically ill in
the hospital, from an overdose of
gas from sileage and pneumonia.
Never have I been in a more hum-
bling situation. He was a healthy
robust man, and in a few short
days was nearly nothing. It makes
one realize once more how nothing
we are in the sight of God.

We have had many visitors
again. Among them were minister-
ing Bro's Fred Grimm, Taylor; Jim
Hoerr, Leroy Hartman, Mike Weyen-
neth, Peoria; John Wagenbach,
Oakville and Al Aberle, Tremont.
We thank them for the effort they
put forth to come and visit us & for
the words they were inspired to

share with us. Bro. Dave Mangold
visited here one Sunday. We were
happy to have him with us, even
tho' he was one of the listeners.

Happy grandparents for the first
time are Bro. John and Sis. Mar-
garet Tanner. Their daughter, Sis.
Nancy, and Bro. Herb Stoller have
a baby daughter, named Marte.

We sympathize with Bro. Clar-
ence Knobloch & his family, whose
brother, Walter Knoboch, was
killed in a sewer cave-in. Walter's
home was near Lester.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Mrs. Raymond Roth

Visiting ministers were Bros.
Paul Fehr of Morris and Lester
Hartert of Bern, who visited us Oct.
11. A covered-dish supper was en-
joyed in the church basement, fol-
lowed by services again in the eve-
ning.

Hospital patients this past month
were Sisters Jennie Schrock and
Martha Roth. Both submitted to
surgery.

We have been richly blest with
rains recently. Wheat is up, making
the country one big green carpet.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL.

Ben Blunier

God gifted us with inspired min-
isters at our October 18 Sunday
services and the alternate Wednes-
day evening services. What a privi-
lege to hear His word. May they
find a permanent place within our
hearts, to bring forth the fruits of
the Spirit.

Our visiting ministers were Bros.
Vernon Leman from Eureka, Roy
Sauder from Peoria, Bob Grimm
from Goodfield, and Uriel Gehring
from Burlington.

Bro. Uriel brought us the Word
clear and plain on Sunday, Novem-
ber 1. He was wonderfully used of
the Lord, as the invitation to re-
pent was again so warmly given
to our dear friends. He reminded
us of our high calling, which is
even greater than that of our presi-
dent, who just represents people,
whereas we as Christians are **Am-
bassadors of Christ**. Others should
see Christ living in us, with His
Holy Spirit. Let us pray that our
every deed might be in accord with
His teachings.

Larry Kaufman and Diane Bels-
ley have found grace to repent.
They are both freshmen at the
University. What a wonderful time

to turn their lives over to Christ.
May he ever be with them.

Another holiday season is upon
us, Thanksgiving, a special day to
count our blessings and thank God.
Of course, we are always thankful
to God for His many gifts to us,
but never can we thank Him
enough. Also, let us strive to make
the thanks we utter with our lips
be real, heartfelt thanks.

Christmas, the birthday of our
Saviour, God's perfect gift of love.
May this love reign in our hearts
throughout this season, that we
faint not from the rush and com-
mercialism that has become attach-
ed to it.

We always look forward to holi-
days. We joyfully look forward to
that never-ending Holiday in Hea-
ven, after life ends here on earth.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. Lawrence Farney
Mrs. David Schamback

Hospitalized during the past
month were Sis. Cora (Mrs. Je-
rome) Farney, Sis. Barbara (Mrs.
John K.) Virkler and Bro. Earl
Rohr, the latter two with heart at-
tacks. All are improved, and Sis.
Cora and Bro. Earl are back to
worship with us.

Gilbert and Betty Widrick are
the parents of their fifth son, Mark
Leslie, born October 18. They also
have two daughters. Gilbert is the
son of Elder Brother John and Sis.
Luella Widrick.

We were very happy to have with
us many visitors. Among them
were ministering Bro. Albert Fish-
er from the Chicago church. Speak-
ing one evening in each church, he
dwelt on the love and exhortations
of Paul, in his epistles to the Colos-
sians and Thessalonians. We sure-
ly thank Bro. Albert, and hope he
will come to us again.

On Sunday, November 1, we met
in the Naumburg church, where
Elder Brother Widrick read the
memoranda, on the meditations of
the elders at the conference, and al-
so announced three friends who
have repented and found peace in
the Lord. We certainly have many
reasons for Thanksgiving.

"Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His World rejoices,
Who from our mothers' arms
Hath blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today . . ."

When people sing the words of this great hymn, few are aware of the use to which it was put shortly after it was written in Germany in 1648. For many years, it was sung or recited as a grace before meals in many households in Europe. The words were considered a perfect expression of praise and thanksgiving.

Few sacred songs have a more colorful history. This hymn reaches back into the eventful days of the Thirty-Years War.

A heroic figure of those times was a pastor, Martin Rinkert. He came to Eilenberg, Saxony, shortly after his graduation from the University of Leipzig, and almost immediately was in the thick of the contest. As the long conflict progressed, he became familiar with war's accompanying nightmares—hunger, famine and disease. Probably few pastors had to minister to their flocks under more trying conditions.

Refugees by the thousands poured into the city. Eilenberg was crowded to the doors. To cap matters, a deadly fever broke out. Before the epidemic subsided, it had carried off more than eight thousand victims. The scenes of death and horror can hardly be imagined.

Rinkert never forgot those days! Amid all that terrible mortality, no man showed more resolute faith and courage. He was the only pastor there, all the others having fled. Consequently he carried a great burden, for he had to attend to the spiritual needs of hundreds of sufferers. Tireless in spirit, he worked night and day. In a single year, he is said to have conducted burial rites for four thousand victims of the plague.

Gradually, the epidemic abated. Not the least grateful was the good pastor who, putting his thoughts into words, wrote his mapestic lines, "Nun Danket Alle Gott"—"Now Thank We All Our God". It became popular at once, since it expressed the feeling that was in every heart.

This beautiful hymn did not become familiar to English-speaking worshippers until more than two hundred years later. When Queen Victoria had her Diamond Jubilee in 1897, she requested that this hymn be sung.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen
Katie Kachelmuss

Two of our aged friends passed away during the month of October, Pauline Gschwind, at the age of 87 years, and Charles Fehrman, at the age of 77 years. Pauline's sister, Minnie, with whom she made her home, then went to the Home at Peoria. So we see how suddenly changes can take place in this life. Charles Fehrman was the brother of Sis. Libbie Fehrman, of our congregation. We wish her God's help and comfort in her bereavement.

The Sunday School teachers and wives had a farewell dinner for Sis. Helen Liebig, the kindergarten teacher for 13 years. They presented her with a Bible, from which Bro. Melvin Schrock read Hebrews, Chapter 2. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." The two new teachers were also welcomed.

Sis. Emma Gudeman had surgery and is at home again. We hope she will be able to assemble with us soon.

Our Sunday School class 9 was presented with Bibles. Bro. Nathan Steffen was asked to present them to the class. He spoke a few words, and said that we do not realize the heritage that is ours in having the Bible. It is the inspired Word of God. We should not be ashamed to read it, so that someday the Lord will not be ashamed of us.

Bros. Ben Fehr and Don Sauder spent a Sunday with us, and we were richly blessed. One of the messages also was about the Bible, that it is the only book which never becomes obsolete. We were told about a man that was in charge of a large book department. The books were accumulating so fast that they did not have room for them. He did not know which books to dispose of, so he was told to get rid of all the books that were ten years or older, because they were obsolete, as the ideas and theories change with the times—But the Bible never becomes obsolete, and the Word of God will stand when heaven and earth pass away.

That day we also had quite a number here from the Milford Bible Class, also from the Elgin, Iowa, Sunday School. They attended the morning church services. They received a kindly invitation to heed

the Word of God and seek their soul's salvation in these days of grace.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Sandra Kinsinger have a boy, whom they have named Matthew James. He was born on Oct. 26.

Thanksgiving Day is almost here again. The years seem to pass so quickly. We are glad that our government sets aside a day of Thanksgiving, although we know that we owe God thanks everyday of our lives. We should be thankful for some good that we can do, not only for the good that we receive. We hope that all will have a blessed Thanksgiving.

FORREST ILLINOIS

Nancy Honegger—Martha Stoller

In spite of the sickness, death and many hardships suffered by the first Pilgrim settlement, they felt inspired to thankfulness, after receiving what seemed to them a bountiful harvest. Many in our congregation have, no doubt, suffered trials and afflictions this past year, even though unknown to us; but now there is a great joy in our congregation over the harvest of 1 souls who are seeking the Lord. We are truly indebted to "Praise God from whom all blessings flow", and may our thanks be not only from the lips, but the heart.

New converts since last month are Dennis Koehl, Wayne and Roberta Broquard, Bill and Susan Kupferschmid, Betty Ifft, Dean Kupferschmid, Duane and Juanita Schneider, Marlene Plattner, John and Wilma Honegger, Don and Velda Hish, and Joni Honegger.

Meredith Ricketts, husband of Sis. Leona, confesses peace with God, and was announced for proving in the near future.

Sis. Irene Traub was a medical patient in the Fairbury Hospital recently, but has since returned to her home. Sis. Sarah Koehl is a surgical patient in the hospital, at this writing. At the present time, Bro. Harvey Leman is at Mayo Clinic for observation. Sis. Martha Metz fractured her hand, in a fall in her home recently.

Visiting ministers this past month were Bros. Ernest Gerber, Rockville, Merle Kaisner and Edmund Kloter, Fairbury.

We enjoyed a blessed evening with the Fairbury congregation recently. The memorandum was read by Bros. Noah Schrock, Leroy

Huber, Josh Broquard, and Henry Kilgus.

Hearing the many problems which confront our Elder body in our time, and seeing the concern our shepherds have for their flocks, it should inspire each of us to be a more dedicated, and obedient, child of God.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich

Richard and Zura Streitmatter have always been a great joy to our congregation, and we rejoice to now have them as a beloved brother and sister in our faith. Bros. Noah Schrock, Joe Waibel and Herman Kellenberger were with us. They set before us the responsibilities we have, when the light has been given to us. After the blessed day, many old and young gathered in the church dining-room for a "carry-in" supper, which is always a time of Christian fellowship.

The Leon and Mary Wuethrich family have been happy twice—Once in having a granddaughter, Michelle Elizabeth, born to Larry and Cheryl Scheffer. Then the next week, Mary had surgery and we are all so thankful she is now home and doing well.

Bro. Emil Pelsy also was hospitalized. God blessed him with a good recovery.

"A Good Thanksgiving"

Thoughts To Point You To A Good Deed

We want to have a very good Thanksgiving Day this year, so we are all going to give something away. A turkey will taste good to the poor Shoemaker family.

The Shoemaker family said, "What a big turkey! How nice! We will just need half of it, so we will give the other half to our good neighbor."

The good neighbor, "Oh! how good you are to me. I want to make someone as happy as you made me. I am going to make some sweet ginger cakes for a family whose mother went to Heaven."

The motherless children said, "These cakes! All our own. We will take one to our neighbor man who lives alone."

The lonely man said, "Oh! I thank you and thank you. Now what have I to give to some one? Oh! he thought, I will save all the crumbs and give them to the birds

outside my window."

The birds chirped, as if to say, "If you want to have a good time on Thanksgiving Day, then give something away."

A sweet girl, walking along the street, heard the birds chirping and looked to see from where the singing came. That sounds so pretty, I'm going to write a letter to my classmate who had to go to the hospital, and tell her what a nice bird I saw.

Her classmate said, "This letter is too nice for me to read alone; I am going to give it to the girl in the bed beside me."

The little patient said, "Oh! what an interesting letter, and written on stationery with a picture of a bird on it. Can I show it to our nurses aid, who often looks tired when she comes in our room.?"

The nurses-aid said, "You darling child! What have you got to show me this morning? Doesn't that little bird look cheerful? That is the way I'm going to try to be. Could I cut out the picture and hang it in the room of a little 4-year-old boy who has a broken leg.

The little boy with the broken leg said — "Thank you, nurse, for that pretty bird. It's wings will always make me think of angels, & I want to be with an angel when I die, don't you, nurse?"

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS Marian Wiegand

Kenneth and Phyllis Rokey are the parents of a son, Benjamin Allen, born October 9. He is welcomed by a sister. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Adolph Tanner and Bro. and Sis. John Rokey.

We are thankful Sis. Sarah Tanner is able to assemble with us again, after hospitalization and surgery.

Steven Wiegand is scheduled to be discharged from the army reserves approximately November 20.

Bros. Josh Broquard and Walter Koehl of Fairbury ministered to us the Word of God recently. They cautioned us of the importance of remaining true.

Services were conducted by Bro. Emanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park and Bro. Eugene Bertschi, when approximately 125 young people who are students in universities or are in nurses' training visited our congregation. The first and last chapters of the Bible were read. It was pointed out that the same

Spirit which inspired Moses to write the first chapter also inspired John to write the last chapter. This could be done only by a divine Spirit. After a supper at the church, they gathered at the home of Bro. Ed and Sis. Elsie Hohulin for singing and fellowship.

Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka was also a guest minister.

In retrospect, we are thankful to the ministers who expounded the "Living Water." Now it is up to us to taste and drink.

By Bro. Robert Grimm

Thanksgiving . . . A time of rejoicing, a time of close family ties, a time of deep thoughts of gratefulness, a time of humble appreciation for God's great gifts to His creation.

Depending on one's training, environment and education, thoughts of Thanksgiving range from—the Israelites, to the Saviour, to the Pilgrims, to our freedoms, to our material blessings, to our physical and mental fitness, to the miracles of nature, and finally to His total creation.

But the Child of God . . . How does he view Thanksgiving? Surely, the dedicated man of God looks at it differently than the average inhabitant of the earth.

After thoughtful consideration, the truth is that he who has the mind of Christ views Thanksgiving through spiritual eyes. As Paul expressed it, ". . . we have received the spirit which is God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." It becomes vividly apparent then, that as wonderful as the normally expressed Thanksgiving blessings are, they pale when compared to the gifts of the Spirit that are given, freely, to humble Christian brethren.

Therefore—

How thankful we are to Almighty God and to our Lord—for the spirit of meek humility as shown in a leader of the flock, who portrays the true Spirit of Him by prudent, patient, loving leadership.—for the minister, who by the power of the Spirit proclaims the priceless, pure, wholesome Living Word.

—for the teacher who searches, diligently, the Holy Scriptures, and then by the Spirit of God within

him, relays his findings to eager minds seeking immortal truth.

—for the Christian mother, who labors, by the grace of God, to "Train up a child in the way he should go", without any thought of receiving honor or glory from mere man, but ever looking above, with the earnest expectation of receiving a crown of glory from the Father.

—for the brother, who by his humble conduct speaks as loud as the most eloquent preacher, of the change that the Lord has performed in his heart.

—for the sister, who in quiet confidence of knowing her Saviour, lives that chaste, quiet, submissive life as directed by God's Spirit.

Yes, over and over again, let us thank our great God for His gift of the Spirit that transforms sinful man to a child of God.

The prophetic Psalmist expressed it for every consecrated Christian . . . "O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed . . . say so".

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Solomon Rapp
Mrs. B. E. Getz

Our community was saddened by the sudden death of our dear brother, Ben E. Getz, age 66 years, who passed away Oct. 16 at Rochester, Minn., where he had undergone surgery. Funeral services were held on Monday, Oct. 19. Bro. Sam Aeschliman officiated, assisted by Bros. Leroy Huber of Eureka, Silas Leuthold of Princeville and Henry Grimm. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Rose; two daughters, Mrs. Elmo (Edna) Batterton, and Mrs. William (Virginia) Sanders (of Olympia Fields, Ill.); five grandchildren; two brothers, Joe A. and John B. Two brothers, Edward C. and Sam D., preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held for Bro. John Stieglitz, age 74, who passed away at his home in California Wed., Oct. 28. The body was brought here for burial on Sunday, Nov. 1. Surviving are his wife; a stepdaughter; two step-grandchildren; five sisters, Mrs. Sophia Witzig—Gridley, Kate, Mrs. Joe Kaiser, Mrs. Chris Waldbeser, and Mrs. William J. Roecker; four brothers, George of Grabill, Jacob, Henry, and Joe. Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Two new Sunday School teachers

have been added to the staff, Bros. William Huette and Joe Brecker. We wish them God's help in their new duties.

On Nov. 1, the Sunday School, with their teachers, enjoyed a weiner roast at Oswald Timber.

A son, Timothy Lee, was born to Bro. Will and Sis. Jane Martin.

Announcement has been made of the coming marriage of Sis. Marie Schmidgall of Peoria and Bro. Joe B. Belsley.

We were blessed with many good teachings, brought us by our visiting ministers the past month, Bros. Leroy Huber, from Eureka, Silas Leuthold from Princeville, and Albert Aberle from Tremont.

Sis. Lena Plattner and Bro. Paul Rumbold are patients at the Rest Mor Nursing and Retirement Home.

Sis. Irene Stoller was a patient in the Methodist Hospital for two weeks, taking treatments. She is home again, but is in bed most of the time.

Ernie Smallenberger had surgery Nov. 3. He is getting along as well as can be expected.

Jay Weidman, son of Bro. Albert and Sis. Wilma Weidman, met with an accident Oct. 31. While helping his father, he slipped off a load of shelled corn, and the wagon went over part of his chest. He was rushed to the hospital in an ambulance and operated on. He suffered a lot of pain. At this writing, he is much improved and it is thought he will get along all right.

We wish them all, a speedy recovery and God's Blessings.

Keeping Thanksgiving

There is no hearth so bleak and bare

But heaven hath sent some blessings there.

No table e'er so sparsely spread
But that a grace should there be said.

No child but knows some moment blest

Of sweet contentment and of rest;
No heart so cold, but heaven above
Hath touched it with the warmth of love.

So count your blessings one by one,
At early morn and set of sun,
And like an incense to the skies
Your prayers of thankfulness shall rise.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Ella Mae Trent

Our nation pauses for one day, at this time of year, to give thanks to the Lord for all he has done. We, as Christians, thank him every day for our many blessings. A writer once expressed the goodness of God. **A clod is too small to drink in all the treasure of the sun. And a pitcher fills a lifted cup, and still its contents pour over the rim.** Isn't this true in our life? Blessings are given in such an abundance that we cannot begin to enumerate those things for which we give thanks. The apostle Paul exhorts us to give thanks always for all things unto God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We can even thank God for death.

Thank God for death!
Who touches anguished lips and
stills their breath
And giveth peace unto each
troubled breast;
Grief flies before thy touch, O blessed death;
God's sweet gift; thy name in
heaven is Rest.

Thank God for death!

Three times, the hand of death reached out in our congregation this past month. Laid to rest were friends Ella Roth, Henry Neiman, and Bro. Amos Hartzler.

Ella Roth died Oct. 12, at age 76, following a lingering illness. She and her husband, Edward, assembled with us faithfully. We were reminded that God does not forget the many good deeds done by a person in his lifetime. Besides her husband, Ella was survived by a sister, Sis. Martha Riggenbach. Burial was Oct. 14.

Next to be called was Bro. Amos Hartzler. He had been able to gather with us, until a few short weeks before his death. God gave him a long life, as he reached 92 before being summoned home on Oct. 26. All of us will remember his many teachings, warnings, and admonitions he laid before us as a minister. He had a great concern for the salvation of all men, and through his endeavors a congregation was established in Alabama. Bro. Amos could see all of his children repent and could see his son, Bro. Ben, elected to the ministry. He is survived by Bros. Reuben,

Ben, Forest, Homer, Vernon, Sis. Minnie and Sis. Bertha Gasser. Burial was Oct. 29. I was reminded of the Psalm of the prophet David:

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season . . ."

Our latest funeral was conducted for friend Henry Neiman on Nov. 6. Although he had impaired health for some time, he was called home quite unexpectedly Nov. 3. Henry, too, assembled with us often and will be missed. He is survived by four sons, Roy, Eugene, Alvin, Bro. Charles; two daughters, Margaret Bauman and Irene Schlayer.

As we thank God for death, so thank we God for life. New parents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Jeannette Stoller, welcoming a son, Gregory Dale, on Oct. 22. Bro. Robert and Sis. Eileen Stoller welcomed a second son, Jeffry Lynn, on Oct. 14. Bro. Albert Gasser Sr., following a short stay at home, has been readmitted to the Wadsworth Hospital. Bro. Fred Bauman, after many months of hospitalization, was finally discharged. Although he still is bedfast except for short periods in a wheelchair, he finds delight in being with his family once again.

Many visiting ministers attended some of our funerals. We would especially thank Bros. Joe Waibel and Ernest Gerber for ministering to us in evening services.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Theodore Locher
Leona Aeschliman

Bro. Theodore and Sis. Cordelia Locher are making the acquaintance of a new granddaughter, Nancy Ann, born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Locher of Fresno, California. The last report is, they are enjoying Nancy Ann, as well as the California sunshine and flowers.

Sis. Eva Hohulin has returned to our community and will again be supervisor at the Apostolic Christian Home. We welcome Sis. Eva. May God grant the necessary grace, each day, to her and all who help in the care of the aged.

Marvin and Peggy Strahm are parents of a son, Curtis James.

There are two other children in the home, Tamera and Kevin. The grandparents are Bro. Reo and Sis. Verna Strahm, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beckman of Austin, Texas. The great-grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Ollie Strahm and Jake and Sis. Tillie Heiniger.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Janice Wysong have a baby boy, named Benjamin. The grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Liseten Aberle and Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn Wysong. This is the first grandchild for Bro. Ben and Sis. Listen. The great-grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ollie Strahm, and Sis. Mary Aberle.

As we again approach the Thanksgiving Season, may we not only remember to give thanks to God at this particular time, but many times, daily, for our salvation and the many blessings received.

I Corinthians 2:9,10: "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter
Mrs. Bill Heimer

Sis. Rose Frieden was born at Elgin, Iowa, July 4, 1880, a daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Anna Elizabeth Eberhardt Grimm. She was married to Bro. Fred Frieden at Elgin. They moved to Missouri in 1927. Bro. Fred passed away in 1933. She was fatally injured in an automobile accident on Oct. 21; funeral services were held on Oct. 24, with Bros. Fred Grimm and William Cottrell officiating.

She is survived by six sons, John and Albert of LaGrange, Mo., Fred of Kahoka, Mo., Dan of Quincy, Ill., Leslie of Monmouth, Ill., and Robert of Clark, Neb.; four daughters, Mrs. Lena (Clem) Meyer of West Union, Ia., Sis. Betty (George) Hoerr and Sis. Rose (John) Hoerr of Quincy, Ill., and Mrs. Dorothy (George) Ellison of Canton, Mo.; a brother, John Grimm of Elgin, Ia.; 30 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Herman, who died in France in World War II, a son, Ben; an infant daughter, Marie; and a brother, Bro. Edward Grimm.

We will truly miss her. She was "Aunt Rose" or "Grandma" to all of us, and always met us with a cheerful smile. She was quite well and seldom missed coming to church, but her eyesight was failing, and her hands were no longer steady. It always warmed our hearts to hear her voice singing the hymns, especially the more familiar ones that she remembered when she could still read well. She often expressed the hope that she would not have to be a burden to anyone, so we thank the Lord that He took her quickly, and without pain or suffering, to her heavenly home, after seventy years of service in His vineyard, a privilege that is not given to many.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Our congregation was blessed with the visits of Bro. Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski, Bro. Harvey Grimm, Bern, and Bro. Lowell Stoller, Princeville.

The Senior and Junior Bible classes, teachers and some parents of Oakville, Burlington and Pulaski, Ia. churches visited us on Oct. 18. After services, they had lunch at Henry and Sis. Loida Hodels' home, and a weiner roast and hymn singing in the woods at the Bro. Perry Yackleys. We hope they enjoyed their visit here as much as we enjoyed having them. The next meeting is planned for the Spring, at the Burlington church.

We have had quite a few hospital patients the past month. Curtis, son of Bro. Bill Heimers', was in for observation. Jody, daughter of Bro. Dick Sutters', had a tonsillectomy. Irene (Hoerr) Riney had leg surgery. Bro. George Hoerr had a gall bladder attack. Steven, son of Bro. Marvin Weigands', had eye surgery. We are glad to report that they have all returned home and are getting along all right.

Thanksgiving Day will soon be here. If the Pilgrims felt the need of thanking the Lord for their blessings of a harvest, we surely should also thank Him for the bountiful harvest He has given us, not that we merited it, but that He has seen fit to bless us abundantly above what we deserved. We wish this could be true of our spiritual harvest. We pray that the seed that is

sown may fall in good soil, bring forth fruit, and not fall by the wayside.

Today

I thank Thee, Father, for the gift
Of this new day—
Time that I can call my own
Is just today.
Tomorrow is not given me,
May never be.
Help me to love and serve and give
My best—today.

I thank Thee, too, that as my days
My strength shall be,
And when weary I may come
For rest to Thee,
That I am privileged to share
Another's load,
And have sweet fellowship with
Thee
Along life's road.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt

Sis. Lydia Benninger has been in the hospital. She has been in failing health for several weeks. Her address is Mrs. John Benninger, West Bend, Iowa.

Sis. Sarah Kropf is now able to get around in a walker.

Leonard and Helen Anliker have their baby in Iowa City for surgery. Her parents, Bro. and Sister Earnie Metzger, of Lester, were here November 1 and took Brenda along home with them.

A son, Wyan Martin, was born to Bernard and Alice Metzger on October 19. He has one brother, Kurt.

Duane Metzger was home from Ft. Knox for a week's furlough.

Several of our Sunday School classes, their teachers, and many others picked up corn on Saturday, October 31. The money received from this was put in our building fund.

Hands

What stories they tell, my friends
rough hands,
Deep-lined by tasks innumerable,
Of baby faces, soft and fair,
Of soothing hurts and brushing
hair,
Of steamy suds, fresh clothes and
new,
(Far between, of course, and few.)
Of gentle work in sick rooms quiet,
No common foods, but a special
diet,

And my friends hands did it all
With the help of Him (He answered her call),
And she answered His call the
other day,
When they laid her busy hands
away,
But methinks they cannot be idle
long,
But will soon be seen 'mong the
angel throng.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Eileen Yackley

We are reminded of the many rich blessings God has granted to us, especially on the day we have set aside each year for the purpose of thanking the Lord for His help, strength, guidance, protection, grace and love. This one day should not be the only day of thanksgiving, as each day we have many things for which to thank the Lord.

Our Sunday School had its annual picnic this past month. The children all seemed to enjoy being together. Most all were present.

Bro. Sam Farney (our Elder Bro. Roy Farney's father) was very ill and had to undergo surgery. Due to help from God and the tender loving care of his daughter, Sis. Emma Sanders and the family, he is steadily improving, although he has not been able to attend church as yet.

Bob Lemons, son of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Clare Banwart, was due home this month, but his service in Korea was extended a month. We wish for him a safe return to his wife, Betty, and daughter.

Steve Lemons (second son of the Banwarts) has left for his air force training.

In closing, we are reminded of the Pilgrims, how with a musket over their shoulder they were prepared for the enemy. As for us, we have the armour of the Lord as our protection. Ephesians 6:13: "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

A son was born to Friend Robert and Sis. Janice Pfister, on October 28, at the Parkview Hospital. He has been named John Robert. Congratulations.

There was a singing at the Fellowship center on Saturday evening,

with a group of young folks, from Illinois present. Sis. Mary Pulver was in charge.

Those who served us recently were Bros. Alfred Bahler and Sam Kilgus; Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Theo. Beer served us Sunday, Nov. 8, at which time the memorandum was read.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Paul Haab

On October 25, our Sunday School Bible Class visited in Elgin, Illinois. They enjoyed the day very much. We who have enjoyed this blessed fellowship, which is so precious in our faith, hope it will leave a lasting impression on the younger ones also.

We are sorry to hear, Bro. Alan Beer has had some ribs broken and with complications must be hospitalized for a time. He is the son of our elder brother, Theo, and Sis. Naoma and is in the service of our country, stationed in Tuba City, Arizona. Sis. Naoma is helping in their home for a couple weeks.

With much of the harvesting over, it reminds us of Thanksgiving again. We as Christians have much more to be thankful for than harvests of earthly goods. When the harvests do not meet our expectations, we do not have to look far to find someone who is much worse off than we. In this season, may we give God the thanks—that He still hears the prayers of the righteous. Psalm 37:25— "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

Our congregation was saddened to hear of the passing of our dear sister, Bertha Rassi, on November 6. She had reached the age of 65 years, and had suffered much in recent months, after an extended illness. She leaves to God's care her husband, Bro. Joe; one son, Bro. Lowell, and his wife, Sis. Mary Ann; and three grandchildren, Clark, Joann and Douglas. She was a Graff before her marriage and has many brothers and sisters in our church and this area. To all these, she will be missed very much. We are happy to commit her to that eternal home in Heaven, where there is no sickness, sorrow nor grief. Bros. Harry Bucher and Theo. Beer are to conduct the services.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Schumacher

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Fred Grimm from Taylor.

As the Thanksgiving season approaches — let us search our hearts to see whether a true thankfulness is there. There may be thorns — very painful ones—and clouds, dark clouds. But let us thank Him for the roses, and look for the sunshine through the clouds.

The Lord has two dwelling places: One is in Heaven; the other, in a clean and humble heart.

I longed to walk along an easy road
And leave behind the routine of
home,
Thinking in other fields to serve
my God,
But Jesus said, **My time has not yet
come.**

I longed to leave the desert, and
be led
To work where souls were sunk in
sin and shame,
That I might win them; but the
Master said,
have not called thee there; pub-
lish here My name.

I longed to fight the battles of my
King,
Lift high His standards in the
thickest strife,
But my great Captain bade me wait
and sing
Songs of His conquests in my quiet
life.

I longed to leave the round of daily
toil,
Where no one seemed to under-
stand or care,
But Jesus said, **I choose for thee
this soil,**
**That thou might'st raise for Me
some blossoms rare.**

And now I have no longing but to
do
At home, or else afar, His blessed
will,
To work amid the many or the few;
Thus, **choosing not to choose,** my
heart is still.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
Dianne Emch

October was a busy month for most of us students. We are thankful for our Thursday evenings, when we can gather around the Word of God. Bro. Frederick Knapp from Congerville came to

us on Oct. 1, and read from Galatians 1 and Colossians 2. He reminded us that we are all ministers for Christ, with our consciences as our guides.

Bro. Leroy Hartman represented Peoria on Oct. 8 & likened the parable of the sower and the seed to the lives of college students. He extended a welcome to all. We pray that some of our friends will accept.

"Put your Bible ahead of your school books" was the timely message of Bro. Lowell Stoller from Princeville, on Oct. 15, when he chose St. Matthew 19:13-30 as his text.

Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton met with us Oct. 22 and read St. Matthew 13:1-23. He encouraged us to come to the Lord in early life, since repentance becomes more difficult as one grows older.

Romans 6 was the script of Bro. Edwin Ringger of Gridley, on Oct. 29. He reminded us to ask ourselves this question: "Who is my master? Is it sin and Satan, or is it God?"

College Day in Goodfield, Oct. 25, was a highlight in the lives of many of us. We had the opportunity then to become better acquainted with those whose mission is similar to ours.

Our Bible Class choir was the guest of the Peoria congregation, at their monthly hymn sing Nov. 1. Bro. Carl and Sis. Ann Frautschi and Sis. Rosemarie Marti both opened their homes for practices, and the student nurses also provided a location for a practice.

Our annual custom of preparing a list of Bible Class attenders revealed to us that 62 students stated the Apostolic Christian Church as their preference.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

John Isch

Again we have been richly blessed in our young church. On Oct. 18, Bro. Wendell Gudeman was our guest minister. Then on Nov. 1, Bro. Loren Stoller was our attending minister. We thank these ministers who served us so willingly and appreciate the support of the many that attended with them.

It was a year ago this past Sunday, Nov 1, that we had our first service here in Indianapolis. We met at John Mayer's home for a short, single service. We all feel that we have made much progress

in the past year, and hope and pray that God will continue to bless our little congregation.

Our dear friend, John Mayer, has recently turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish him God's grace and richest blessings in his new life. He has been a great asset to the church as a friend; we trust that he will now be an even stronger pillar.

Our future schedule of guest ministers includes Edwin Bahler, Remington, Nov. 15; Emanuel Gudeman, Cissna Park, Dec. 6

We cordially welcome all our brethren and friends to worship with us.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Bernie Emch
Glenn Anliker

Bro. Stephen and Sis. Dorothy Schwab Schrader are the parents of identical twin daughters, Maria Ann and Marla Irene, born Nov. 3. Their twin sons, John Mark and James Clark are 15 months old, and they have a son, Stephen Douglas, age 3½.

We do miss those in our assembly that health does not permit to attend, especially those in old age. Let us not forget them in our prayers, and also a visit means so much to them.

Sis. Emma Wernli has been absent. She is staying with her daughter, Sis. Dena and Bro. Bernie Emch, for a couple of weeks, being treated for a case of shingles.

One of our ministering brothers, in his meditation on the scripture of the rich man and the beggar Lazarus, related of their difference in living on this earth. The rich man lived in luxury, riches, and as the world sees it had everything. The poor beggar, laying at the rich man's gate, wished to be fed with the crumbs of the table. The dogs licked his sores, eased the pain somewhat, but the suffering and torment he must have endured!

They both died, and each received their reward. The beggar was carried by the angels into the bosom of Abraham, in the land of bliss and happiness, with no more pain and torment. The poor rich man, in hell, lifted up his eyes, and seeing Lazarus, pleaded to father Abraham to have mercy on him and if he would only send Lazarus to him and dip his finger into water and cool his tongue for him in his terrible torment.

We know how Abraham answered him, "Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things, and likewise Lazraus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented."

So, isn't it worth the price, to live for God, have some suffering and torment on this side of the grave, and then be in the bosom of Abraham rather than to live as the rich man, then to torment in hell. He pleaded for his ones left behind, that they would be warned of the hereafter! He even asked to send someone from the dead, to preach to them: "they will repent." Father Abraham told him that if they hadn't heard Moses and the prophets, they surely wouldn't be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Now, we do have someone that arose from the dead, Jesus Christ, preaching to the lost.

Almost persuaded, now to believe;
Almost persuaded, Christ to receive.

Seems now some soul to say,
"Go Spirit; go thy way,
Some more convenient day
On Thee I'll call.

Almost persuaded, come, come,
today!

Almost persuaded, turn not away.
Jesus invites you here;
Angels are lingering near,
Prayers rise from hearts so dear.
O wanderer come!

Almost persuaded; harvest is past!
Almost persuaded, doom comes at
last!

Almost cannot avail;
Almost is but to fail!
Sad, sad, that bitter wail,
Almost, but lost.

MOUNTAIN HOME CHURCH Hillsboro, Alabama

Oct. 17, Sisters Mary and Alta Kilgus visited the Hillsboro area, then the Athens church Sunday morning, and Landersville in the evening. Monday morning, we picked up two bushels of peanuts, which were raised in this area, then drove 60 miles up in the hills of Tennessee, a lovely scenic drive of God's creation of many changing colors in trees and shrubs, where we visited Bro. and Sis. George Kelly and their family. Everyone that comes there is given a hearty welcome. They do appreci-

ate the fellowship of God's people.

Oct. 17, Bro. Michael Weyeneth of Peoria delivered an inspiring message for the young and old.

Appreciation And Thanks

We take this opportunity to thank all who participated in labor and contributed financially.

Many people have labored for the Lord here, with the support and cooperation of many others. The names of all could not be given, but God, who keeps record, will one day reward according to the deeds of each.

Visitors from the north included Bro. Ernest Gerber, Rockville, Elder Rudolph Graf, Akron, Elder Noah Bauman, Rittman, and Elder Henry Kilgus of Forrest.

There were about 100 attending the Dedication Service.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

West Lafayette, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Honegger

On Oct. 21, Bro. Elmer Hartter from Milford ministered to us. From St. Matthew 17 we heard how Jesus took Peter, James and John up into the mountain and was transfigured before them. In this chapter, we were also reminded, if we have faith as a grain of mustard seed, nothing shall be impossible unto us. How encouraging these words are to us, when we must cope with the trials and temptations we face in our associations with those who do not believe in Him!

Last month, Steve Kaiser's name was omitted from the list of students attending Purdue. Steve is a senior, and is president of our Apostolic Christian Youth Fellowship.

Bro. Joe Schrock from Congerville was our guest minister on Nov. 4. The basis of his meditation was St. Matthew 13. Bro. Joe stressed the importance of our being as a stalk of wheat rather than a tare. Matthew 13:30, "Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." It was a blessed and enjoyable evening for all. Approximately one hundred visitors and students attended.

Once again we welcome everyone to attend our services.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT Carlton J. Lanz

On a recent trip east, to his company's home office in Springfield, Mass., Bro. Joe Beer of Phoenix stopped at Rockville, where he spent several hours with his relatives, Bro. Ervin and Sis. Vi Luginbuhl, and with other members in this congregation. His home before moving to Arizona was at Cissna Park.

Also on a visit here from Chicago, Youngstown and Akron, respectively, were Bros. Al Fisher, Jesse Emch and Ernest Graf Jr. Each came on different Sundays, and while here brought us important messages, in which we can believe were truly by inspiration.

Bro. Graf in one of his sermons pointed out how one should prize his birthright. He went on to explain how Esau, being faint from hunger, sold his for a mere morsel of red pottage. It was only when later he wanted to reclaim it, that he realized he had despised and lost his. "He wept, but his blessings were gone!" Bro. Ernest emphasized.

Bros. John Feldman and Emanuel Zahner have both been discharged from Rockville Hospital, where they had undergone surgery. It is always gratifying when one can report the results as being satisfactory, as we can in these cases.

A little girl, their third child, was born to Bro. Edwin and Sis. Beverly Gerber. Named Lori Beth she was born on Halloween night, Oct. 31. Her grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Leah Gerber and Bro. Arthur and Sis. Fannie Lanz. Her little brother, Ronnie, 4, when asked what her name is, said with a smile, "Halloween Baby."

Jimmy Moser had his left ankle broken, when a cow, in back of the one he was attaching the milking machine to, stepped with her full weight on his leg. In a squatting position with his left foot back a bit, Jimmy said, "made this odd mishap possible." He is 25 and the father of 3 children. His parents are Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Emma Moser.

A little girl, Carole Lyn, was born on November 7 to Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Arline Bahler. She has two brothers, Vern, 9, Ronald, 5; and one sister, Karen 8. Her grandparents are Bro. John and Sis.

Flora Feldman and Sis. Olga and the late Bro. Gottfred Bahler.

SARDIS, OHIO Ruth Headley

At this Thanksgiving season, we at Sardis look back over these past few months and all we have to be grateful for.

Our prayers of thanks go for everyone who helped and contributed to the digging of our well. It was a successful venture, and we now have "real live" running water.

We are also thankful for the many brothers, sisters and friends who have worshipped with us during October and November.

We are deeply grateful for the blessed messages that have been delivered to us by our visiting Bros. Emch, Joe Ramsier, and Fred Marty.

Most of all we are thankful . . .

For Thy most wonderful redemption,
For the atonement of our wrong,
For Thy most gracious invitation
And for Thy Word with promise strong,
Yea, for the comfort of Thy Word,
Our hearts bring thanks to Thee,
O Lord.

On behalf of the congregation, we are very happy and pleased to have Sis. Becky Coombs worship with us. She is presently studying at Ohio University in Athens.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA Velta Laukhuf

As we are again nearing the winter tourist season, church services will be held in the Womens' Club building, at the corner of Park and Palm Ave., at 1:00 p.m., starting the first Sunday in January. Providing the good Lord permits, Bro. Philip Wingeier will be with us again this winter. We welcome all those visiting Florida to stop and worship with us.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA. Minnie B. Weltz

John Winland, husband of Martha Miller Winland, is very ill and patient in the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling.

Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood was a patient in the local hospital recently, but is able to be in her home again.

Matilda and Eva Emch of Em-

poria, Kansas, were the guests in early November of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich and the Emch families.

A. E. Riggerbach visited the past month for three days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth in Parkersburg, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. John Widmer of Sterling, O., spent a few hours with relatives in late October, enroute home from a vacation in the Smoky Mountains and points of interest in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz visited recently with their brother, Frank Barth, and family in Parkersburg.

Miss Della Witschey, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Witschey and son, Gordon, spent October 24 and 25 with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Frumm in Jeannette, Pa.

A. E. Riggerbach, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade and Mrs. Gus Weltz attended services at the Monroe Church on October 25.

Finley Ruth, son-in-law of A. E. Riggerbach, has been quite ill and is undergoing tests in the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling.

William Murdock Sr. returned home on November 6 from the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling, where he underwent knee surgery on November 2.

Miss Pearl Frei was absent from her duties as clerk of the county court for a few days, but is back to work again.

Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade visited the past month with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Durig, in Girard. Albert Durig is not so well again at this writing.

A sure weapon against bad ideas is BETTER IDEAS.

MANSFIELD, OHIO Aaron A. Sauder

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;" Ephesians 5:20.

We are indeed thankful for the visit of those from our Leo church who visited on Sunday, October 25. In the afternoon, we met at the Liberty Park pavilion, where all joined in singing hymns. An ensemble of male voices from the Leo group presented a selection of hymns for our enjoyment, after which they blended their voices with those of our Vesper Choir for three more songs. Following the program, supper was served, as

we were blessed with an hour of fellowship, before our visitors returned home. A hearty welcome is extended for a return visit in the near future. "Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD." Psalm 150:6

During the past month, the Vesper Choir has been privileged to present programs of sacred hymns at several of the local homes for the aged. On Wednesday, October 21, they visited the Richland County Home; on October 28 they sang at the Mansfield Memorial Homes and also at our own Church Home. As on past occasions, we enjoyed a real blessing in visiting with these dear ones. "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High." Psalm 92:1.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Bro. Richard Banks, whose mother passed away on November 2.

Let's give our thanks for little things
That waking up each morning
brings . . .
For eyes to see the friends we meet
Help make our heav'nly world complete . . .

Let's give our thanks for ears to hear
Familiar sounds that we hold dear . . .
Charity and the gay refrain . . .
The wind — a robin in the rain!

Let's give our thanks that we've a heart
To understand when teardrops start . . .
Strong **faith** to hold the ones we love . . .
Two lips to pray to God above!

For real Thanksgiving never brings
Us peace . . . without these little things.

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." II Corinthians 9:15

LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

". . . in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Philippians 4:6

Our friend Keith Anderson had been in the hospital, due to an accident. At the present time, he is

doing as well as can be expected.

Bro. Joseph Conrad suffered a stroke and is confined to his home. He is also getting better. May the hand of the Great Healer touch them and heal them, according to His will.

Thursday evening, Oct. 29, we were pleasantly surprised to have Bro. Simon Wagenbach, from Tremont minister in our service.

Bro. Wagenbach related how the thought prevailed today among God's people, who should be the greatest, just as it did among His disciples. He also spoke of the thorn in Paul's flesh and how oft he asked it to be removed. The answer was that His grace is sufficient for all.

Then again Sun. Nov. 8, Bro. Ben Schlatter spoke in his ministering to our congregation again of the thought, who should be the greatest, also how people differ on opinions, and often times it is good that way. It should make no difference in the love for one another.

Recently, some one handed me a booklet in which it said, "Little people always want to do big things, but God is looking for big people who are willing to do little things."

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ATHENS, ALABAMA

Ann Wagler

Visiting ministers this month were Elders Noah Bauman, Henry Kilgus and Rudy Graf, Bros. Mike Weyeneth and Ernest Gerber.

Thanksgiving baskets were presented to the patients at the Athens and Moulton hospitals. It seems the personal visit is as much appreciated as the little gift given each one.

Meetings were held in the following homes during the month: Mrs. Bertha Barnett, Arley Campbell, George Kelly, Jim Goode and Frank Haggemaker. Mid-week services are held in the homes, since it is easier for the folks in the area to attend, than to come all the way into Athens for services.

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Comprise the one true church:

Repentance toward God,

Faith in Christ,

Holiness in life and conversation.

Led by one true Spirit,

Built on one Foundation,

Christ the Head, the Center,

The Chief Shepherd, the Door,

Which only He can open.

The Body of Christ, the Bride,

The Temple of the Holy Spirit,

The salt of the earth,

The light of the world,

A peculiar people, a purchased possession.

Faith inspired by the Bible,

All wisdom drawn from that one book,

Conformed to the image of

Christ,

Doing the work of Christ on earth,

To be presented without spot before God.

"For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father . . . ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; . . . In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord".

ALTADENA CALIFORNIA

Jeri Minger

Doris Graf

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the

twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." I Corinthians 15:51-54 These comforting words were read in the services for Bro. John Stieglitz, prior to the funeral services and interment in Morton, on Sunday, Nov 1. May God comfort and strengthen his bereaved widow.

We have enjoyed our fellowship with Sis. Edna Frieden these past few weeks. Sis. Edna has been staying with her daughter Janice, who is working in this area.

Sis. Vera Getz (Morton) has been assembling with us, while staying with her daughter, Ruth Ann Rapp, in Glendale. May God bless and protect them all.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Uriel Gehring

We have a new brother and sister in Christ, Marvin and Verna Woodward, who were baptized Oct. 18. We welcome them to God's family in Burlington.

The Prairie Choristers visited our church Sun., Oct. 25. We enjoyed their inspirational singing.

Sis. Esther Wagler is in Lampasas, Texas, visiting her daughter, Karen McCullough, who is expecting her second child. We miss her.

Bro. Paul Eisenmann is teaching a class of mentally retarded children in Hope Haven School here in Burlington. He enjoys his work.

Bro. Fred Knapp of Congerville ministered to us Sunday, Nov. 8. How pleasant to sit under the glorious gospel message.

The farmers are nearly through with their harvesting.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Jeff Young

Funeral services for Joe Fehr, age 69, were held on Oct. 12, Bro. Emanuel Gudeman officiating. He is survived by one brother and two sisters.

Our sympathy goes out to the Rentsch family, who are mourning the loss of their brother, John. Sur-

Living are his wife and four daughters. He was a brother to Wm. and Huldah Rentsch, Sis. Lena Rentsch, Sis. Emma Reutter, Sis. Rose Sauder of Roanoke, and Sis. Mary Lawless of Peoria.

We have enjoyed the company of many visitors this past month. We hold dear the priceless fellowship in which we so often can rejoice. How thankful we can be to sit under the sound of the true gospel, which was proclaimed by the Ministering Bros. Joe Zimmermen, Don Sauder, Ben Fehr, Fredrick Knapp, Dave Kieser, Wendell Gudeman and Art Gudeman. We wish to express our thanks to them, and invite them to come back.

Births: A boy, Darin Eugene, to Don and Joyce Whitten on Oct. 12; and a boy to Norman and Pat Knapp on Oct. 19; he was named Randy Alan.

Sis. Barbara Yergler has improved enough that she could attend worship services again.

A group of our members held services at the home of the aged at Watseka, the first Sunday of the month, which is always deeply appreciated.

Among the hospitalized the past month were our friend Herman Beier and Sis. Minnie Rechkemmer. Our sympathy goes out for them.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

We are enjoying a lovely autumn, weatherwise. The farmers are busy harvesting the corn, which is surprisingly good, considering the lack of moisture during the midsummer season.

We were happy to have Bro. Vernon Leman of Eureka with us over a recent week end. Bro. Vernon expounded the scriptures to us. We hope they will visit us again real soon.

Sis. Alta Thoman is recuperating nicely from a recent virus attack, for which we are most happy to report.

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, may we all realize that we have many blessings for which to be thankful.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

We enjoyed having Bro. Ernie Gerber of Rockville with us for services during this past month.

A blessed evening was had when

our Fairbury and Forrest congregations assembled together Monday eve., Oct. 26, to hear the elder memorandum read and meditated upon by Elder Bros. Noah Schrock, Leroy Huber and Henry Kilgus, who assisted our elder, Bro. Josh Broquard.

Bro. Darrel and Glenna (Blunier) Lober became the parents of a baby boy, their first child, born on election day, Nov. 3. They named him Randall Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sledge were blessed with a baby girl, Kimberly Renee. The new grandmother is Sis. Dorothy Hoffman.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Florence Sutter

History of Thanksgiving

The first American Thanksgiving Day was celebrated during the second winter the Pilgrims spent in the New World. The first dreadful winter had taken the lives of nearly half of them, but new hope grew the following summer.

The corn harvest was bountiful, and there was much rejoicing. The women of the colony spent many days preparing for the feast. Foods were baked and roasted in front of open fires. More than eighty friendly Indians brought wild turkeys and venison, or deer meat.

The tables were set outdoors and all the people sat around them, like one large family. Prayers, sermons and songs of praise were included in their three-day celebration.

The Indians then returned to the forest, and the Pilgrims to their tasks.

We also again rejoice and are thankful this Thanksgiving Day, and everyday and hour of our lives, for all rich blessings and protection of our great God.

I have always felt the success of our nation was because the Pilgrims, the forefathers, built this country on the true faith, and therefore we all, down through the years, are sharing this blessing.

We are looking forward to seeing our winter families soon. We enjoyed dinner and a very pleasant evening with Bro. Christ and Sis. Ella Hoerr of Peoria, on their return trip from Puerto Rico.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Annabelle Bahr

Young folks in college are Gerald

Sinn, a senior at Kansas University, Lawrence (His address is 618 West 25th St., Apt. A; He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Gus Sinn.) Betty Sinn, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Dan Sinn, is a sophomore at our local Junior College. Earl Carter, whose wife is the former Carol Sinn, is attending at Kansas State at Manhattan.

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker spent a Sunday with us and read the report of the brother meeting. May we endeavor more earnestly to abide by warnings and teachings brought forth, and take them deeply to heart. We feel our shepherds are very concerned for the welfare of God's children.

Leon Sinn was a hospital patient a few days, for tests and X-rays. We hope nothing serious is revealed by the results.

Today, we enjoyed the services of Elder Bro. Fred Grimm, Taylor, and Bro. Lowell Stoller, Princeville. Bro. Stoller mentioned in his sermon, that when he was younger, he thought as brethren grow older the temptations of Satan would not be so great. He finds this is not so— from his own experience and from what older brethren have said—that as long as there is life, Satan is there, possibly even stronger, because he knows there is not much time left to deceive an old Christian who is near life's end. Let us always be prayerful and watchful, that we stay close to God.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

October! What a beautiful month. When driving through the countryside, the picture is truly more beautiful than any artist could paint. All this is God's creation. Yes, this is God's beautiful creation.

Bro. Leroy Huber from Eureka assisted our Bros. Joe Klopfenstein and George Gramm with the deliberations of the conference.

Bro. Huber delivered some very interesting and inspiring messages, during the day. He dwelt on love and reading the Bible, the best book of all.

Bible Class Activities

Thirty students from our Bible Class spent the week end of Oct. 10 and 11 in LaCrosse; the trip was made by bus. The group was accompanied by seven adult couples. The LaCrosse Bible Class served them a wonderful supper on Satur-

day evening, in the Kouts High School Cafeteria. On Sunday, they attended church and Sunday School in LaCrosse. After church, they were served another fine meal at the church. Many new friends were made on this week-end trip.

We visited our dear sister, Mary Hannie, recently. The warm clasp of her hand and the firm embrace of her arm, for sheer joy and appreciation of our visit makes one wonder, "Why don't we visit this dear sister more often?" Sis. Mary, who was ninety-two years old in July, and her daughter, Kathryn Schlipf, live in Bloomington, Illinois. Kathryn has cared for her mother for fifteen years. We are sure Sis. Mary would enjoy a visit from any of us, whenever possible.

Sisters Verena Keurth, Carolyn Stoller, Lorene Kiefer and Miriam Klopfenstein went to Fairbury on Oct. 30 and assisted the brethren and friends in Fairbury, in taking the patients from the "Fair Haven Rest Home" for a drive, a change of scenery. We are sure the patients enjoyed it as much as those who took them.

Bro. Orlan Miller, son of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Esther Miller, departed for the service of his country several weeks ago.

Births: Bro. Herbert and Sis. Jane Gramm are the parents of a little daughter, Jeanne Lou. She was welcomed by two brothers, Mike and Jim, and twin sisters, Kathy and Karen.

Bro. Don and Sis. Vita Stoller are the parents of their first son, Michael Dean, born Oct. 30. Diane, Debby and Kathy welcomed him home.

Our friend, Mrs. Walter Schieler, is recuperating in her home, following surgery on both feet. Although getting around is rather painful, she is coming along all right.

Bro. Lynn Rinkenberger had the misfortune of getting his hand caught in a chopper, while working in the field. He underwent surgery, where some of his fingers had to be severed. We are glad to report, he is back in church again.

Sis. Emma Grusy returned to her home, after submitting to surgery in Mennonite Hospital. She is doing nicely at this writing.

Bro. Alf and Sis. Carolyn Stoller and Bro. George and Sis. Lorene

Stoller escaped with minor injuries, when a drunken driver crashed into the rear end of their car on Sunday, Nov. 8. We feel that God was with them and protected them from serious injuries.

Bro. Katie Funk is recuperating in her home, following surgery in Fairbury Hospital. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Nellie Lambert from Wichita visited relatives in Gridley and Peoria. Sis. Nellie is the former Nellie Gramm, daughter of the late Bro. Chris and Sis. Katie Gramm, and was raised in Gridley. We were happy to meet them at our mid-week services.

For God's Child Must Love!

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase) Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace, . . .

And saw, within the moonlight in his room,

Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom, an angel writing in a book of gold. Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold . . .

And to the angel in the room he said, "What writest thou?" . . . The vision raised its head, And with a look made of all sweet accord, answered, "The names of those who love the Lord" . . . "And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay not so," Replied the angel . . . Abou spoke more low, But cheerily still; and said, "I pray thee, then, Write me as one who loves his fellowmen" . . .

The angel wrote and vanished. The next night, it came again with a great awakening light, And showed the names whom love of God had blessed.

And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest!

Strife

Before I could really trust,
I had to learn to pray.
I couldn't learn to fully trust
Until trials came my way.
Had I not seen my helplessness,
His strength I'd never known,
Nor dreamed, till I was tried and tried,
He'd see me through alone.

Who deepest drinks of sorrow,
Drinks deepest too of grace.
He sends the storms, that He alone
Might be our hiding place.
He seeks our hearts and highest good

Knows, too, when things annoy
How could we long for Heaven,
If earth were all just joy?

Written by Mrs. Betty Martin Yergler, Tremont.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

October's bright blue skies are giving way to November's gray weeping ones. Autumn, like a burnished copper beauty, is fading, and soon we will observe winter's artistry here in southern Missouri. As Thanksgiving Day draws near, let us remember to be thankful for the little things — simple food, health, shelter, warm clean beds, sunshine, friendly days that come and go; but most of all let us be thankful for love—love that sheds its peace about our doors—love that our Heavenly Father imparts to us. Not only on this day, but may we possess thankful hearts for these blessings every day of the year.

One needs not wander far in quest of beauty—for it is found in our backyards. Thousands pilgrimmed to view the restfulness of God's handiwork in the Ozark mountains. Bro. Frank and Sis. Hulda Honegger and Bro. John and Sis. Kathryn Schumacher brought to us a blessed week end by spending a few days in our midst. Making Christian friends is a gift, one of God's best. It is the power of going out of one's self and appreciating what is good and loving in another. Sharing precious hours with loved ones makes us aware of the true value of Christian friendships.

Bro. and Sis. Andy Leman drove down from Excelsior Springs, where they had been for treatment, for the week end.

Lois and Gary Phipps have a new baby boy, Darrel John. Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara Braker are the baby's grandparents.

We have been bountifully blessed this past month with guest speakers who have brought to us rich, inspiring messages.

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker brought to us the memorandum of the recent Bro. meeting. These Christian admonitions ring out clear and true. May we all be led by God's discipline through our shepherds. Bro. Sam was accompanied by Bro. Carl Hartman who reminded us of our privilege to pray, and of the importance and necessity of prayer. Prayer can change our lives

now and forever more.

We were all refreshed by partaking of Holy Communion, one of the greatest and most impressive experiences in our Christian lives.

"Sometimes our children feel that we are too firm with them, when the hour is late and we know not where they are. But when they come to you in tears, put their arms around you in repentance, then our hearts rejoice." This and many other heart-stirring thoughts were brought to us by Bro. Lowell Stoller. With him was Elder Bro. Fred Grimm, who reminded us of the wonderful faith of men of old, such as David and Paul. May we possess this faith today.

Bro. John Wagenbach encouraged us to be good ambassadors for God. May our lives ever be an example to those round about us.

He that rejecteth wisdom and discipline is unhappy. The sooner we acquire habits of self-discipline in regard to our spiritual lives, the more meaningful our lives become.

LATTY, OHIO

Mrs. Ray Sinn
Mrs. Gale Stoller

As we again approach the Thanksgiving season, let's all remember why the Pilgrims held that first celebration, and pray to our Heavenly Father that these freedoms may continue to be ours. We know that there are many nations who are not as fortunate as we, and we don't know how long we will be permitted freedom of worship and all the other many blessings that God has given us. We have no promise for tomorrow. Let us make the most of the time we have today.

Sis. Hilda Wenninger was hospitalized this past week with pneumonia, but has been able to return home and is improving. May she soon find full recovery.

Bro. Jack and Sis. Mary Gerber were blessed with a daughter, Jacqueline Kay, on Nov. 6.

Bro. Millard and Sis. Irma Stoller have a daughter, Lane Marie, born Nov. 4.

Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine Wenninger have a son, Dennis Ray, born Nov. 7. Dennis has three brothers and three sisters to welcome him home.

May God give then all grace and understanding, which we all need in these trying times, to rear them up in godly wisdom.

LESTER, IOWA

Emelie M. Knobloch

Bro. Arthur Leuthold is suffering from toxic poisoning, and remains in critical condition. Sis. Pauline Mogler suffered a stroke Oct. 25, which left her paralyzed on the right side. She seems to show some improvement. Bro. Henry Mogler has been ill and was hospitalized for a few days. We hope Bro. Mogler will be able to preach the Word unto us again. Bro. Ted Gerber fell and broke a couple ribs. He is recuperating nicely. Kenneth Knobloch, Ed Popkes and Andy Leuthold suffered injuries to their fingers. Andy is suffering an infection. Bro. August Knobloch, who has been bedridden for several weeks, seems to be growing weaker. Sis. Edith Bick was able to gather with us Nov. 1. Sis. Bick is able to be up and about a little, but can only read and write for pastime. May God be with our ill ones and sustain their suffering and trials, and if it be His will, restore them good health again.

Walter Knobloch met sudden death October 7. Walter Knobloch was born in this community on December 13, 1918 to Bro. and Sis. Caroline Feucht Knobloch. Walter was married to Sis. Iola Metzger of West Bend, August 7, 1944. Walter leaves to mourn, his wife, Sis. Iola; and six children, Larry, Sis. Nancy, Jean, Daniel, Delbert and Marvella, all at home; his parents, Bro. and Sis. Ernest Knobloch; four brothers, Bro. Clarence of Bradford, Otto, Carl and Bro. Ezra of this community; and four sisters, Sis. Freida Gerber of LeMars, Mrs. Elsie Leuthold, Clara and Nettie of this community. He was preceded in death by his mother, a daughter and son in infancy. Walter has many relatives and friends in this community who share the loss. May the Lord bestow his blessings on the bereaved ones.

We want to thank Bro. Silas Leuthold for expounding God's word during his long and trying hours.

With all the tragedy and illness, we have experienced a great joy. Kenneth and Joyce Rumbold Knobloch have realized the importance of living for the Lord. Kenneth is the son of Bro. and Sis. Martin Knobloch, and Joyce is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ezra

Rumbold of Princeville. They both have given it thought for some time. They felt, after Elder Brothers Silas Leuthold and Leo Mosers' pleading about the uncertainty of life experienced in this community, Brother Leo, as closing the Bible brought out, "Will God permit the Word to be opened and read unto us again?" This does humble one when giving it thought. We wish them both much grace and happiness. As Bro. Noah Schrock explained, not by our love have we found God, but by God's love for us, in choosing us to be his followers and giving his only begotten Son on the cross for our sins.

On Nov. 8, we were deeply grateful for the blessings shared us through God's Holy Word by Elder Brothers Noah Schrock, Paul Fehr, Lester Hartter and Silas Leuthold. That same evening, the memorandum of the Brother Conference was read and meditated upon.

Timely warning of the temptations of this time and a pleading to abide by the teachings the elder body have felt beneficial for our soul's salvation were given.

As another summer season is over and a bountiful harvest has been gathered, we can only thank God for giving what is needful. We should praise the Lord what he bestows on mankind.

Keith Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Emil Metzger, and Duane Feucht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Feucht, left for service. We wish them both God's protection during this tour of duty.

Eleanor Metzger daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jacob Metzger and Ed Popkes were married. We wish them God's blessings in their life together.

We also want to thank Bro. and Sis. Harold Graham for spending the week end of Nov. 8 with us.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger
Norene Koehl

We were blessed by the inspiring messages brought by visiting ministers, Bros. Earl Zeltwanger and Albert Scheitlin. We thank them for their visit and invite them back again.

The engagement of Sis. Ruby Fehr, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Paul Fehr, and Bro. Leland Plattner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Plattner, from Bern, was announced Sunday, October 25.

Our best wishes go to Bro. and Sis. Glen Domnick, who observed their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, November 1. Open house planned by their children, Sis. Glenajene and Gary, was held for friends and relatives at their home. Some of their friends from Kiowa, Kansas, came for the occasion, including Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rathgeber, who were their attendants when they were married.

Some of our older members gave us their memories of the early church here.

In 1906, Bro. Chris Luthi gave the land for the first church and the plot for the cemetery. It was a one-story structure, with an assembly room, a small kitchen, dining room and a very small baby room. We are still using the same benches. The first church services were held Easter Sunday, 1907.

In the early days, it was a busy week for one who served dinner, because they baked their own bread and made the butter. Three, long white tablecloths were used, which had to be washed and ironed by the one who served. Coffee was made in a copper boiler; the water for it, as well as the drinking water, was carried from the John Luthi farm, across the road. However, there was a pump in the kitchen, water for washing the dishes.

As now, there was a close fellowship among everyone. Singings were held in the homes almost every Sunday evening.

In those horse and buggy days, there was a covered shed, with stalls for the horses, and feed had to be brought for them for the noon hour. Later on these were removed, and a row of trees was planted on each side of the church, for shade for the cars.

As time went on, the church became too small; in 1949, it was remodeled and enlarged. A new basement was added, with kitchen, dining room and Sunday School combined, and rest rooms. Two baby rooms and a balcony were added, and the halls were enlarged.

Even though times change, and everything becomes "more modern", we can be thankful God's word is still proclaimed as in the early days; and we still have the true faith.

We observe Thanksgiving Day this month. Let us give thanks not

only on this day, but every day. We realize how fortunate we are to live in a land where we have freedom of worship and are so richly blessed.

We thank Thee, Lord, for strength of arm,
For love and kindness gently borne,
A kindly word, a tender smile;
These make our days more worthwhile.

Our country, blessed by freedom's light,
A beacon in our troubled night,
The right to worship in our faith,
Undaunted by a tyrant scathe.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
To mortals on this earth below.
May we keep faith with Thee always,
And live in love and peace, we pray.

OAKVILLE, IOWA
Mrs. Ezra Gerst
Mrs. Edwin Banwart

The engagement of Sis. Annette Rocke, daughter of Bro. Orttie and Sis. Verna, and Bro. Harold Massner, son of Bro. Adolph, was announced. A December wedding is planned.

The memorandum was read by our elder, Bro. Noah Schrock, and Elder Bro. Joshua Broquard, of Fairbury. May God bless these elders for their efforts, and may we be obedient, or these efforts would be of no avail. Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington and Bro. Joshua brought us the messages that day. Other ministers visiting include Bro. George Wagenbach of Princeville and Bro. Ed Frank of La Crosse. We thank them all for their visit.

A baby boy was born to Fred and Joyce Weyrick. Joyce is the daughter of Bro. Clem and Sis. Kathleen. This is their first child and grandchild. Lyle and Marion Pflum are also parents of a baby boy. He has a little brother to welcome him. Marion is the daughter of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Bernice Frank.

Bro. Orel Steiner was elected to represent our song leaders. Bro. Orttie Rocke was elected to take care of the relief work. Bro. Paul Wagenbach will be on the cemetery committee, replacing Bro. Ed Lanz, who asked to retire.

As we are nearing Thanksgiving day, may we count our blessings

and continually thank God for all he did for us. May we look beyond the tests and trials of this life, looking forward to HIS wonderful promise.

PORTLAND, OREGON
Mrs. Edward Unsicker

We are so happy to have Bill and Carol (Jacob) Norvell with us, and our Sunday School warmly welcomes their three children. The Norvells have moved from Beloit, Wisconsin, because of Bill's transfer to Portland. Carol's parents are the William Jacobs of La Porte, Indiana (La Crosse church).

Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price. — Thanks to our wonderful Saviour, another dear soul has realized that she can be His, because He has paid the price with His precious blood. Carolyn Rotter, whose husband Joe is stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington, is repenting. What heavenly joy this brings to our hearts, and imagine, all the angels in heaven are rejoicing with us!

May this be further incentive for us believers also to wrestle with the Lord, that His plenteous grace will help us to be as separated as He would have us be. Then, as He looks down from Heaven with His all-seeing eye, He might be pleased with us. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." II Corinthians 6:17,18.

The Lord has marvelously provided the way for us to hold services at Tacoma, Washington, the first Sunday of every month, at 1:00 p.m. The chapel at Mt. View Memorial Park, Steilacoom Blvd., has been willingly offered. The first Sunday of Oct., Bro. Bob Miller held services, and the first of Nov., Bro. Glenn Hackenjos was minister. Perhaps some readers know of friends or relatives living in the Seattle-Tacoma area who might be interested in attending. They will be warmly welcomed! One consideration for having these services is the boys at Ft. Lewis, only eight miles distant. Our humble prayer is that we might be pleasing to the dear Lord, that He might add the increase.

Driving to Silverton these autumn days, one can only breathe,

My soul doth magnify the Lord! How insignificant mere mortal feels in the midst of God's magnificent splendor! From the distant, snow-capped mountains to the lush fruits of the fertile crimson valley, with its dark evergreen background, we behold the goodness of the Lord! Yet, of all His abundant gifts, there is one that we cherish far above all others—His Word, in which we find our salvation! This Thanksgiving month, let us bring hearts full of Thanksgiving to Him who gives us such joy and peace.

PULASKI, IOWA
Mrs. Ray Martin

Our visiting ministers this month were Bro. Paul Banwart from West Bend and Bro. Gus Scheitlin from Oakville. We enjoyed their inspirational messages.

As the Thanksgiving season is approaching, we have many reasons to be thankful. The harvest here is completed; it truly has been a bountiful harvest. We've had a beautiful fall to harvest the crops. We can also be thankful for each soul that has entered the fold, but we only wish there could be more.

My heartfelt thanks I bring Thee;
Salvation I have found.
As thou hast suffered for me,
In love to Thee I'm bound.

And what Thou, Lord, has given
I consecrate to Thee.
O, lead us, Lord, to heaven,
Where we Thy glory see!

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS
Irene Legel

Our friends, Arnold Aeschleman and Lois Koch, were united in marriage Nov. 11. Arnold is the son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Mildred Aeschleman, and Lois is the daughter of Herbert Kochs. Since returning from their trip in the South, they are at home on Church Street, here in Roanoke. Arnold is employed at Roanoke Concrete Products, as bookkeeper.

Sis. Mary Zimmerman, daughter of Bro. Louis and Sis. Fannie Zimmerman, and Bro. Bob Bradle, son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Anna Bradle, were united in holy matrimony Oct. 18. Her uncle, Bro. George Yergler of La Crosse performed the ceremony. We were also blessed to have with us that day an-

other uncle, Bro. Henry Wackerle of Bay City, and Bro. Art Gude-man of La Crosse, who delivered inspiring messages. We were pleased to see many others here for the occasion. After a short wedding trip, the couple had to leave for El Paso, Texas, where Bro. Bob is in service. He has one more year in the army. We certainly wish them the Lord's blessings.

Bro. and Sis. Glen Stoller of Latty and Bro. and Sis. Eldon Steffen of Cissna were here over the week end of the 17th, visiting their parents, Bro. and Sis. Emil Fisher and their brother, Eli Fisher and family, especially Eli's son, Bruce, 11 years old, who is in the hospital now, with no hopes of getting better. We certainly pray the young boy can be relieved of his pain, and also pray for the dear parents, who have done all they could to help in every way. They have one daughter beside this son.

Bro. Dan Geuter, who has been failing, has moved to the nursing home here.

Bro. Wilmer Blunier, who has been down with bronchial pneumonia, is up and around again, but still has to be careful.

Bro. Warren Hodel and Sis. Ruth went to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where he will have surgery on his face, due to an accident this summer. We wish him the best.

We are so happy to see more of our friends seeking to live for the Lord, Peggy Bittner, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Bittner, and Tom Hoffman, son of Bro. Rudy and Sis. Mary Hoffman. We wish them the Lord's grace and mercy.

Thou Holy one, great and wonderful,
Loving Shepherd and Saviour!

Sheep who are erring, with hearts despairing,
Contrite and weary.
Such are thou seeking for Thy keeping,
Thou Merciful one!

TREMONT, ILLINOIS
Esther Schmid
Mary Sauder

We enjoyed the inspired message brought by Bro. Albert Fisher of Chicago, the only visiting minister this past month.

Sis. Amy Koch, wife of Bro. Jesse, and Mrs. Elmer (Dorothy) Brunner were surgical patients at the hospital. Bro. Will Unsicker

was also a hospital patient this past month. Laina Greiner, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Emma Greiner, is recovering from a foot injury.

Bro. Eugene and Sis. Annie Koch are the parents of a girl, Peggy Lee, born Nov. 1. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dill have chosen the name Lisa Kay for their first child, a daughter, born Oct. 28.

Bros. Robert Wiegand, George Lang, and Dale Sauder are the three brothers selected to serve as Sunday School teachers.

Our congregation rejoices that two dear souls, Sam and Rose Mary Wegman, have found grace to answer God's call to repentance and conversion. As we read, the angels in heaven rejoice over every sinner that repents.

WICHITA, KANSAS
Mrs. Harvey Smith

Bro. Max Reimchisel, who was recently discharged, has taken a job with Cessna Aircraft Company, here in Wichita. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. David F. Reimchisel of Bluffton.

Benny Bowers, son of Bro. and Sis. Milton Bowers, was hospitalized, for surgery and skin grafting on two of his right fingers. Melita Dopps, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bruce Dopps, was hospitalized, with acute appendicitis. Benny and Melita were in the hospital at the same time, and are both home and doing very nicely. Bro. Robert Young was hospitalized with a virus, and he too is able to be about again.

Sis. Judy Farney, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harvey Farney, and Bro. Max Reimchisel announce their engagement. We wish them the Lord's blessing in this undertaking.

We have been having beautiful fall weather. The trees have been so pretty, but most of the leaves have fallen now. We have had a great deal of moisture the last few days, and with the coming of Thanksgiving, we should be ever so thankful that we can enjoy this wondrous beauty of God's creation, and that we live in a country where we have an abundance of our earthly need, and the freedom to fulfill our spiritual needs. We have it so easy to obtain and work out our soul's salvation. Many fail to take advantage of it, and therefore are missing out on the many

blessings of our Lord and Saviour . . . the peace that passeth all understanding. You cannot hope to enjoy the harvest without laboring in the field.

We wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving season.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA
Linda and Melva Messner

We are mindful again of the approaching season. The trees are bare, and the atmosphere is starting to breathe, "Winter is coming." The soil is being prepared for the coming of cold weather and snow. God's wonderful Creation! We can only wonder how a small kernel of corn can produce so many kernels, on one ear of corn. Much care is taken to keep the weeds from growing. Where there are many weeds, the yield is much less. Likewise, in our spiritual life we must weed out that which is displeasing in God's sight, so we can bring the fruit of the spirit, Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:8-9

Barbara Messner, daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Linda Messner, was married to Patrick Mattes on Oct. 29. We wish them a happy married life.

Repentance

O Father, there is something
I beg of you to do.
Would thou my soul awaken
So I could live anew?
With all my heart I wish it,
To forget my sinful past,
And I pray to Thee, Lord Jesus,
That Thy love would hold me fast.

If Thou would only teach me
To be humble and to pray,
And to soften this hard heart of
mine,
O Father, if it would be today.
I know I'm weak and small in faith
And Satan still has hold,
But Lord, I'll gladly give to you
This heart of mine to mold.

Oh, God, give me peace with Thee,
And this darkness turn to light,

So I can a true Christian be
At morning, noon or night.
So God, I beseech thee,
Strengthen this heart of mine,
So whatever trials that may come,
I'll be forever thine.

BREMEN, INDIANA
Joseph L. Bauman

Our congregation was blest with a visit from our elder brother, Theo. Beer, who spent Sunday with us. His divine words of encouragement, love and admonition were pertinent reminders to each of life's highest duties.

An hour of singing and fellowship, followed by light refreshments, was enjoyed by the congregation last Sunday evening.

Two little strangers entered in among us: Born to Bro. Al Suttor and Sis. Verla, a son, Jeffry; to Rose Marie and Gary Klopfenstein, a son, David. Our sincere best wishes to all the parents and children for a blessed and happy family life.

Sis. Elizabeth Yackley, who over a year ago broke her heel, is still somewhat confined, inasmuch as she has had the experience of contracting arthritis in her other foot. We do wish for Elizabeth much grace and courage to bear her difficulties, and hope for her continued improvement.

The Thanksgiving season is almost upon us. The writer some time ago attended the funeral of a dear relative some distance from home. It was a brother in faith who was suddenly killed, leaving five young children and mother. Our thoughts continued to be of the mother and children. Upon returning home, this accident was discussed with our minister. One remark brought a change of thought in the mind of the writer, It was that the children will manage to get through this life, and the father has gained the greatest thing life has to offer, the number one gift to be thankful for, life eternal.

In the routine of everyday life, we perhaps fail to completely comprehend its real significance. Let us then be thankful every day of our life that the "Eastern Gate" is not just a song.

There are, of course, many things for which we should be thankful, our homes, our true friends, our modern conveniences, an abundant food supply, our places of worship, and the freedom

of assembly, the glorious beauty of the sunrise and sunset.

For these and many other things, let us be thankful.

MAIL TIME

Mail Some Holiday Kindness

When one is away from home, mail time is nice with a note, a letter . . . and more letters. Take a little time . . . give a few moments for kindness.

The bold type with one address tells the locality where the serviceman is.

Kindness travels the miles . . . Jot a few penned words with a greeting card. So near the holidays. Can you picture the scene at the other end of the mail call?

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JUNCTION, OHIO Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

There are friendships that we cherish
In our daily walk of life.
Friends with whom we meet and
labor,
In our earthly toil and strife.

Friends among the aged and youthful,
Friends that live from us apart,
Friends of higher rank and station
Find a place within my heart.

But I prize the friendship highest
Of the one whose heart is true.
Friends who live by truth and
goodness,
And who live in Him anew.

Friends whose hearts are up in
Heaven,
Though their feet traverse this sod,
Find a place of highest merit
In our fellowship with God.

When at last these ties are riven
When we're called to go on high,
Oh how sweet to meet in heaven,
Friends forever, you and I.

MOVING? OR HAVE MOVED?

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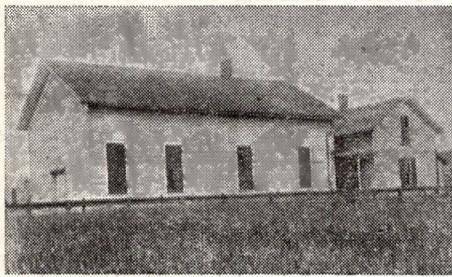
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THE SILVER LINING

for me a crown

God moves in various ways to show His own His will, to make His wishes theirs.

It was Thanksgiving Day in one of those years when the little old frame church was in use. That afternoon, there would be services. A few would gather to partake of spiritual festivity.



This is a picture of the old church building at Leo. It had been moved. In back, to the west, a new building has been started. The house in back was the dining room.

On a hill overlooking the St. Joe, not far away, was "Aunt Sarah Conrads". Just across the fields, or a little way round the corner, was the church. At Aunt Sarahs for dinner were dear old John Conrad, as well as his girls. Another guest present was a certain doctor, named Martz.

After dinner, John headed across the fields on his way to the little church. The little doctor soon took note that John was gone. He wanted to know where John went. He was told that he went to afternoon church. Then he coaxed Joe, Sarah's boy, to go. So, with the horse and buggy, Joe drove this good doctor to afternoon services.

"... and yet there is room."
Henry Souder spoke, inspired of the beauty of life.

After the services, Martz wants to know if there would be any objection to his saying a few words. He is permitted.

He enjoyed the sermon very much. One thing he would like to ask, where are the young folks? He sees only nothing but the gray-headed.

The church of tomorrow, where was it?

Henry Souder was listening. The challenge of God shone in golden letters. God was to turn the challenge into a dream, and the dream into reality. Through the doors, the youth would come. Youth would sit in the benches. Youth would come to the Christ.

Souder went all-out in God's program of love for the youth. If he saw young people, he sought them. He sang with them. He mixed with them. He brought them and took them home again.

"... a lover of hospitality ..."

Henry breathed deep in the love of the Saviour. In His walk was this Something wonderful. Love is magnetic and warm. With Henry was Someone not of this world, Someone most deliciously sweet. Through love, we learn how perfect is the fellowship of the Home fire-side.

Henry's personal ity spelled friendliness. The hospitality of heaven flourished at Souders. Lots of company came, stayed all night. They were fed from a table laden with food. Elders and ministers ... adults, young people, and children beheld love. There was a special bed provided for a place to rest for many a tramp. More than one ate of Henry's provisions.

"... a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught. ..."

His personality was beautiful with the emotions of the Saviour. His heart was full of great kindness from our Lord. His heart was filled with an intense warmth that indeed could be noticed. He said, more deeper than words, that he liked you. He meant it.

"... for me a crown ..."

He walked in the true eloquence of humility. A glorious crown awaits. Love's eternity is a grand and glorious view for hope. Beautiful hearts are at home. Spiritual wonders await the weary traveller, headed toward home.

We observe Henry reading in the Bible, to a family gathered about. Joseph, for long years, had been absent from his family. The moment comes for him to reveal to his brothers that it is their brother, Joseph. It is a moment when the tender touch-strings of emotion deeply move. Henry knew from experience the longing for loved ones not present. His tender heart visibly sorrowed, as the kind man had broken down in sorrow.

Now moments are no longer measured.

"... I have finished my course. I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown. ..."

The "travel through"! There would be this task and that. The crest of the day took the cross to reach. There were aches and pains, mists and drizzle, but the Way always threads Home.

Home ... ahead ... there is love ... sweet ones ever after ... bosom companions. ... Joys of yesteryear that wait in the tomorrows again.

He had come home!
Thoughts like these give the heart a lift ... the spirit is comforted, and his own go on again.

The warmth of the household of home is forever so good, and so nice to be home to.

Coming ... Some words by our elder brother from Elgin, Herman Kellenberger. In the future yet, but planned, are parts of the diary of Bro. Geistlich.

the editor

It is suggested that, for every home into which the Silver Lining goes, there should be given \$2.00 per year, where it works no hardship.
the editor