



Ah Lord GOD! behold,
 thou hast made the heaven
 and the earth by thy great
 power and stretched out
 arm, and there is nothing
 too hard for thee:

Thou shewest lovingkind-
 ness unto thousands, and
 recompensest the iniquity
 of the fathers into the bos-
 om of their children after

them: the Great, the
 Mighty God, the LORD of
 hosts, is his name,

Great in counsel, and
 mighty in work: for thine
 eyes are open upon all the
 ways of the sons of men: to
 give every one according to
 his ways, and according to
 the fruit of his doings:

Jeremiah

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

INTO THE HARBOR

AND WILLIAMSBURG, CROGHAN, NEW BREMEN, NAUMBURG

From Brother Henry Geistlich's Diary

Tuesday, May 22 . . . I read such a nice chapter in the Testament today, in the Gospel of St. John, where the word of the Saviour is so important, where He says, Whatsoever ye ask of the Father in my name, it will be given to you. Jesus meant this in a spiritual way, concerning the godly and heavenly gifts and riches. The Lord often said that the world and all its glory will vanish. These words are very helpful and consoling to children of God. We often come to circumstances where we need help, coming into fear, affliction and embarrassment. We are helpless and poor, as strangers who have no continuing city, but looking for a future one.

In all that comes over us, this is our consolation: We can call and pray, having the promise and the wholesome word of the Lord, that whatsoever we ask of the Father in His name, it will be given to us, knowing that heaven and earth will vanish, but His word will not vanish. He will hear in heaven.

Wednesday, May 23 . . . I was glad and thankful to the Lord. Daily His kindness and mercy is new. His Father heart is filled with love toward us. O that the people would appreciate it more.

Saturday, May 26 . . . Weather fair and windy. Today, I felt fairly well both in body and soul, the Lord having helped us until now. Praise be unto His holy name, for whoever trusts in Him will not come to shame.

We saw very large schools of fish, swimming in droves on the surface of the sea, moving as dogs running on the ground. It was interesting to us. The sea, so large and wide, is inhabited by many large and small creatures.

Today, three ships came in sight. This evening the anchor was let down, finding the water to be 300 feet deep. We also met a pilot ship coming out of the harbor of New York to meet our ship. These vessels belong to the government, carrying sailors or guides, who came aboard our ship, to lead it into the port of New York. Everyone seemed glad. Now we are get-

ting, with the help of God, to land.

The sea, big and wide, contains living creatures without number and uncountable. It is as we find in the 104th Psalm, O Lord, how manifold are thy riches, and in the book of Job, "Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment . . ." Everywhere, we can see the almighty power of God, on land and on sea, it all being to His honor. Glorious and lovely are His works. Whoever knows it has delight in it. Admiring, we can see how the Creator formed and cares for all things that move on land and sea.

Sunday, May 27. On the ocean. Weather—rain in the forenoon, afternoon fair. Today we reached the last day of our trip on the sea. About 6:00, I was thinking, while my dear ones at home are gone asleep probably . . . we sailed close to the harbor of New York, where our ship had to anchor and wait until morning.

Our trip in the past day was quiet. About 5 o'clock we could see to our left, in the far off land. It is a region with excellent homes and palaces . . . also many ships and vessels, some coming and going, others anchored in the harbor. I have never seen anything like it before.

We are now here. All seemed glad and happy, I feeling it my duty to thank God with all my heart, that He brought us so safe across the sea, and shielded us from all danger. I suppose it will be in the same manner, when we will reach that eternal shore with the help of the Lord. Then, we can forget all the burdens which we have had on life's journey, forgetting them in an instant. We will go from the life of believing over in the life of seeing.

It will be as the apostle, Paul, writes to the Romans: "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Monday, May 28. New York. Weather pleasant. This morning about 6:30 our ship raised its an-

chor again. A doctor came on board, looking if there was any sickness. Afterward, the ship sailed into the harbor. The tariff inspectors examined our belongings, then the passengers of the first and second class were allowed to land. I had to hire a rig . . . to take me to Bro. Hornef, who lived in Williamsburg, where I found him.

New York . . . on the inside is just the opposite as it looked from the outside. There was confusion. I was so sad that I had to weep over the city. This driving is without aim for the eternal and everlasting, being a running after the vain riches of this world, which will vanish.

Tuesday, May 29. Williamsburg. Weather rainy. Monday evening, I went with Bro. Hornef and Anna to get our trunks, we having some trouble to get them . . . also our watches. There being much noise and bustling, one could see some weeping and groaning . . . no one caring for another.

Friday, June . . . Williamsburg. Today, at noon, I read a chapter (Genesis 22) concerning the acts of Abraham offering his son, Isaac. Never before as today did this act get so important to me. It affected me so much that I had to weep.

How must Abraham have felt, as on the third day, he raised his eyes and saw the place before him,
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PRAYER PERFECT

Henry Souder Jr.

Miracles mount when He manifests His giving. His prayer principles point to perfect success in prayer.

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Jesus prayed perfectly. He knows how to get each of us to know, the perfect way of prayer.

A quiet place is what we enter. Here is communication into heavenly palace. Shut the door, not only the physical noise, but mental also. With effort, close the door.

Here is a secret privilege that no one knows about. That He is our Father is gloriously rich . . . a treasure that glows in unending joy.

"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."

Being to the point is important. Sometimes short prayers are nice. There is human inclination to think that prayers must be long to fulfill a duty. We should use the beauty of effort in earnestness and essential asking. If we go over it, and then go over it again, is that faith?

"Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."

Prayer has a gateway to a beautiful garden. He knows perfectly what is needed. He has complete account of the situation. Who are

we to even preach a sentence to Him?

In fellowship with Him, we have found His heart is open, understanding and sympathetic. We can praise Him. We can mention a verse that is important in our communication.

"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."

From His heavenly house, He cares for His children. We can not do without Him. He is life. From barren, homeless waste we have come to One who is warmth, who gives peace. How blissful is life with our Father.

It is very important to earnestly pray that His name be hallowed. He is holy, pure. A very beautiful part of heaven is His perfect purity.

If we pray, He will help us reverence His name. He can help those we must meet.

"Thy kingdom come." Eternity's awesomeness is its without an end. Things are final. Here we can change, pray, make amends. Here we find mercy. There are no changes there.

Let us call to Him for His kingdom. His kingdom is, first in the midst of us, and then He returns to rule forever and ever.

"Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." We don't know how to do it. Prayer sets in motion His will. If we rest this petition with Him, things happen we perhaps little dream. If we don't, something

seems just not right, and the fault is often our asking.

"Give us this day our daily bread." He knows we get hungry. He had the sum of calories we need long before we knew. He wants His children to come to Him, to commune with Him. There's beauty in fellowship.

The inner man needs daily restoring. Being flesh, we may not always clearly perceive this. Food is the satisfaction of the soul.

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

He is a gracious Saviour. Try as we may, we don't get His perfect mark, 100%. That is the reason He intercedes for us. His love more than covers our shortcoming.

We **must** forgive if we want to be forgiven. Unforgiveness is a sad thing. It could become a stranglehold.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:"

Our God is the One who determines who enters the glory above. In ancient times, the farmer would use the wind for separating the chaff from the wheat. When tossed into the air, the chaff would blow away. The grain would gather for the garner.

We can pray to One who knows how to make a way to escape every temptation. He will prove the good out. He will allow the bad to become apart.

"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

FORGIVENESS

Submitted by a member from Gridley, Kansas

At some time, we face the problem of forgiving someone who "isn't sorry".

Can we be **sure** that the other person actually "isn't sorry"? How often we misjudge another's intentions, motives—then slap a label on him.

One morning, trying to maneuver my car into a parking space, a larger, more stylish car stopped. The driver peered at me, and at

the parking space. Irritated, I rolled down my window and said in what must have been an ungracious voice, "This is **my** parking space." The newcomer smiled, and said kindly, "I was going to tell you that if you can't get into **that** space, there's a larger one down the block."

How I had misjudged this man's state of mind, his motives!

Even if we are thoroughly con-

vinced the other person is not sorry, is his precise state of mind our assignment? Should we not leave it to God, who sees and knows every nook and cranny of the heart? Is not using up energy time, that might be used in Bible reading, prayer, helping someone?

Suppose we have absolute proof that the person "isn't sorry". How enormous is the sin, to the sin all have committed against God, who

is sinless? He loves us and was willing to forgive. In the Lord's prayer, we are told that in order to be forgiven, we must forgive.

It's unfair to build up a mental picture of someone in terms of just one incident or one characteristic. Why not make a list of qualities you admire and like? That changes feelings.

The Bible says we must love. We can, with God's help, feel good will,

kindness, brotherhood, and freedom from resentment, anger and grudges.

Have you thought that your attitude may make a difference in an entire life? Attitude can be a powerful influence.

How much easier it is to forgive when we nourish a deep concern for the other. When we fill our minds with this, instead of soaking ourselves in a pond of criticism,

our attitude changes. Sincere prayer, earnest desire that another grows in faith and love—and the annoying resentment goes out the window.

No one can estimate the influence of one humble person who shows a Christian spirit in forgiving. Is it sometimes hard to do? What glorious rewards for the one who forgives, and in the life of one who is forgiven!

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Leland Plattner

Our visitors included ministering Bros. John Diggelman from Union City and John Bollier from Leo.

Our friends, Floyd Graves from Croghan and Richard Diggelman from Union City, have recently departed Ft. Sam, for Korea.

People all over the country have probably heard of the recent floods in this area. It seemed like everyone was helpless, as the water just kept coming. There was four feet of water covering Commerce Street in downtown San Antonio.

On Sunday night, May 16, a wall of water twelve feet high came rushing down Salado Creek, which divides Fort Sam.

This act of God caused many to deepen their thoughts, but did their thoughts go amiss? They plan measures to control these happenings, which seems as natural to man. Forgotten is the fact that God's power is unlimited and the preparing should begin in the heart. We cannot predict how, nor when, our life will be terminated, nor when the coming of our Lord will be, which will come to pass a lot faster than this flood.

This time, most have survived the disaster and have been granted more time. Will the next action of God, which could be a disaster for many and a relief for few, be followed by a span of time?

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Dianne Emch

Bro. Joe Schrock spent the evening of May 6 answering any questions which students might have and supporting his answers with Biblical references. Bro. George Gramm of Gridley had the closing prayer. Our new officers for the next school year are Bro. Daryle Hari, president; Bro. Wayne Drayer, vice president; and Sis. Shelby Culp, secretary.

May 13 brought to us Bro. Joe Getz, who read and spoke on Matthew 8. The Morton Mixed Choir sang four numbers for us, and Bro. Al Neukomm led us in the closing prayer.

Bro. Wendell Gudeman of Francesville showed his slides from Haiti on May 20. How small our gift really was in the face of so much poverty! Bro. Walter Culp had the closing prayer.

The last meeting of the 1964-65 school year was held May 27, and Bro. Leroy Hartman was our speaker. He used St. Luke 20:1-18 as his text, and he spoke of the faults of reasoning without faith. Bro. Dick Binkele led us in closing prayer.

Regular Bible classes will be held during the summer session, and visitors are welcome.

JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki

We had wonderful guests from California, on May 2 through 16. Their names are Bro. Ora and Sis. Dora Sauder, and really wonderful couple of course. This is not only compliment. It is, surely we felt them as nice members of our church. We surely thanked God they visited our country, and had nice Christian fellowship with them. They visited the country churches with John Klaus and his family, 15th of May, and came back from there the 16th. It was just Mother's Day, so we had nice supper downtown in Tokyo.

I would like to ask you to pray for several things for us. Our beloved sister, Toyomi Utsuki, who is Bro. Akira's wife, has bad illness, is in the hospital and probably she will have an operation for her heart condition sometime in middle of June. They are, of course, of fine faith, and have put everything in our Father's hands now. We are, one by one, visiting her in the hospital and trying to encourage,

every week. I surely believe our Father in heaven accepts our faithful prayer by His promise according to the Scriptures. "Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David." Isaiah 55:3

We started children's class at the Klaus' home, from last Saturday afternoon. I have responsibility for that. It was not so good attendance. Bro. John and I have the confidence to have more children next week. Our Sisters, Shipuko Kobayashi and Hideko Shimada, also helped with us on that day. Sisters Shizuko and Hideko are both Sunday School teachers here in Kanek church.

Sis. Asakawa came back to the country church, so the brothers have it more convenient to minister, because they do not clean the church and make supper anymore. I don't know how long she will stay at our church in the country, but I wish she will stay much longer, cooperate with us, and help the ministers.

BERN, KANSAS

Mrs. Morris Edelman

Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

Clyde Meyer, son of Emery and Sis. Lydia Meyer, and Mary Ann Kloewer were married on May 15. They will make their home in Omaha, where Clyde works.

A hospital patient this month was Sis. Leah Bauman, whom we were happy to see back in church last Sunday, even though she needed the assistance of a walker. Morris Rokey, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Lila Rokey, was hospitalized with a badly cut and bruised foot. Morris and his father were feeding cattle, when his foot slipped and was caught in an auger. He was able to free himself and feels fortunate he was not injured more severely.

A picnic, with more than a hun-

dred in attendance, was held for Sis. Roberta Farney, who taught Home Economics at Bern High School during the past year. She will spend her summer vacation at her parents' home in Wichita and will also visit for three weeks in Denmark and Sweden.

Bro. Paul Bauman from Bern, Switzerland, arrived at the Bro. Lou Baumgartner home, where he spent a week. He is now making his home with Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy Baumgartner and plans to stay with them for the summer. We welcome Paul into our community, and find it interesting to visit with him about his country. Bro. Alfred and Sis. Rosa Lantz, also of Bern, Switzerland, spent one day in Kansas visiting Paul and others who had met them in their home country. An evening of fellowship was enjoyed at the home of Bro. Lou and Sis. Lena Baumgartner.

High School graduating seniors are—Sharon Meyer, daughter of Bro. Louis Meyers; Neil Hartter, son of Bro. Lester Hartters; James Meyer, son of Sis. Pearl Meyer; Susan Wittmer, daughter of Harlan Wittmers; and Joe Rokey Jr., son of Bro. Joe Rokeys. As these young people come to a time in life when they decide upon a future earthly occupation, we pray they can **Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven, and all other things shall be added thereunto.**

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY August Mueller

Sun., May 8 . . . Ye of my blessed pilgrimage, Dear and beloved companions who have the blessed privilege, the Holy Ghost's communion, God's blessing, on you I acclaim, and greet you in the Saviour's name. Indeed, it is a blessing when we can come together in the house of God and meet and greet one another in Jesus' name. We also had the pleasure to meet loved ones from Rockville and from Illinois. They were most welcome, and we thank them for the visit. We can not appreciate such showers of blessing enough, showered from our Heavenly Father, who has called and drawn us with His cords of love, and has given us the grace that we could forsake this world and serve Him.

We can truly say, the Lord heard our prayer in the morning hour. He is truly a kind and loving Father. Many years are behind us;

we never had want. He is our shelter in the time of storm. This was a day of joy and blessing. We have many reasons to humble ourselves and give our heavenly Father the honor and the glory, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

May 14 . . . It is a precious thing to read the word of God. We can learn so much, how we should conduct our life, that we should not rejoice if one of our enemies suffers or even gets killed, like I read this morning of the young man that came to David with his clothes torn and ashes upon his head to tell him Saul and Jonathan were dead. He no doubt thought that David would be glad to hear the news and perhaps would give him a reward. It did not turn out that way. David and his servants tore their clothes and mourned deeply. David asked the stranger, How come you was not afraid to lay your hand on the anointed of the Lord? The answer was, he asked me to kill him so he would not fall into the hands of the Philistines. That was a poor excuse to kill a king; David did not accept it. He called one of his servants and told him to fall upon him and kill him. He did not put him in prison or give him a court hearing; he told him, you pronounced your own sentence.

Yes, David had more than one opportunity to kill Saul, but he said, Far be it from me that I should destroy the anointed of the Lord. David mourned, especially over Jonathan, because that was his best friend. They made a covenant which was never broken. David went to Hebron, as the Lord told him, and there they anointed him to be king over Judah. All the years that David reigned over Israel and Judah were forty. He was one of the few kings that dedicated his entire life to the Lord. How glad was he, when his time came to depart from this world, he could say, I go the way of all flesh. He was a man of God. Many beautiful Psalms can we read, today yet, that help us along on our pilgrim journey. It is my sincere wish that we all come to such a blessed ending and reach that heavenly home, which the Lord has promised to all those that love and serve Him to the very end.

May 16 . . . Today was a beautiful day, both for body and soul. The morning sun in splendor proclaimed its Maker's fame. The beautiful

flowers, the grass, the trees loaded with leaves, it was a pleasure to behold the wonderful creation of the Almighty God.

The time we had after lunch was spent singing hymns of praise to the honor and praise of the most High. How shall it be when we can join in singing a new song, and bring thanks and praise unto our Redeemer in all eternity.

Today, I went to see my Sister Emma in the nursing home. She is about the same, no improvement that I can see. It is indeed a pity to see all those old people that can not help themselves.

Sun., the 23 . . . He is a God of love. He looks down upon mankind in His mercy, love and kindness, but the day will come when He will call an end to everything. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but His words endureth for ever and ever. We heard how important it is to believe in God and in His word, and to sow good seeds upon the field of eternity. As we sow, so shall we reap.

Friend Richard is leaving San Francisco tonight with several hundred others, by ship for Korea. May the Lord be with him and watch over him till we meet again.

Sun. May 30 . . . Today we had visitors from Leo. Thank you and come again.

Today is Memorial Day, a day where the people put flowers on the graves of the loved ones that have passed on, but we are told by the poet that we should visit the grave not only one day a year but often, as he says, Draw in spirit near the grave; Watch thy body slowly sinking. Pray: O Lord, that I am clay; Let my thoughts be daily thinking. Teach me, Father, every day. Make me true and wise, I pray. Let us apply our thoughts and our hearts unto Heavenly wisdom, for worldly wisdom provides nothing.

REMINGTON, INDIANA Anna M. Waibel and sisters

Bro. and Sis. Strahm from Bern, Sis. Arletta Waibel's folks, were here a few days. They were accompanied by a couple from Germany. They were happy to again meet the Bro. Gus Knochel and Bro. George Waibel families, who were to see them several years ago.

My three sisters and I, accompanied by Bro. Ben and Sis. Minnie Zehr from Fairbury, were in Bay City over Decoration Day, and call-

ed on the Waibel and Knochel families. Bro. George has been ill for seven yrs. He used to live here and also worked for our folks. May we all remember the sick more often, by visiting and remembering them in our prayers, and also those who take care of them. May their lot be made bearable day by day.

Orlan Siebenthal, son of Robert and Sis. Esther Seibenthal, graduated from college at North Manchester; Elma Kathryn Schneider, daughter of Sis. Anna; Linda Pittman, daughter of Bro. Odell Pittmans; Dennis Bahler, son of Bro. Dean Bahlers; Bonnie Knochel, daughter of Bro. Alfie Knochels, all graduated from high school and will be going to various colleges.

A person soon becomes like the God he worships. If one is tuned by grace to become conformed to Christ, his life grows into a sympathy of beauty and blessing.

One who has experienced the new birth and such a holy renewing of his mind through the power of the Holy Spirit can think of this broadening power of grace in his life as follows:

The world I thought, belonged to me
Goods, gold and people, land and sea—
Where'er I walked beneath God's sky,
In those old days, my word was 'I'.

Years passed. There flashed my pathway near,
The beauty of a vision dear;
My former word no more sufficed,
And what I sought was—"I and Christ".

But, oh, the more I looked on Him,
His glory grew, while mine waxed dim;
I shrank so small; He towered so high,
All I dared say was—"Christ and I".

Years more, the vision held its place
And looked me steady in the face;
I speak now in a humble tone,
And what I say is—"Christ alone!"

Testimony of A Conversion

Only through the grace of God can one such as I be awakened to the word of life! Being brought up in a faith based 90 per cent on

tradition and believing that tradition and not the Bible was the bread of life was a terrible shock! The Lord, through His own, opened my eyes.

My husband repented and turned to the Lord first (he was brought up in the faith). He was a wonderful example to me. Not once in the two years before the Lord opened my eyes did he compromise with me. He tried so hard to make me see this perfect gift of God's love but I made his life terribly hard! Then he was called to service!

I was working, and his folks kept our daughter. I had been to church but three or four times, at the most. The question was asked me by my brother-in-law, "Where do you believe you would be if we should have a car accident?" Believing in four places, Limbo—Purgatory—Hell—and Heaven, I was always consoled with, "Oh well! Purgatory!" But he talked to me and got me to wondering? There is no middle road. As I was about to retire that night in my In-laws' home, I couldn't sleep, although I said my usual and same bed-time prayers. Seeing the Bible on the dresser, I opened it. Never before was it so clear! It contradicted all my old beliefs. So I got down on my knees, and for the first time in my life talked to God! Then I knew, through prayer, that if I should die I would be lost.

Sin I had confessed in the confessional began to bother me . . . So after seeking the word and prayer, with the grace of God I went to the elder of my husband's church, told him of my convictions and the need to confess my sins, and unburdened my sin-filled soul.

No one knows the terrible feeling of deception, after once feeling like you are one of God's children, but to find that God doesn't even know me! But through God's help and the prayer of my loved ones, I was able to go to the head of my former church, sever my connections with them.

Then and only after making all right with God and man could I feel the wonderful peace that is greatest of all gifts! . . . Which makes up for all the trouble my former friends and family gave me. Now at last they see a different me and are sometimes wondering?

The peace of soul and heart in the waters of baptism are undescri-

bable. Now I have the joy of God in my heart, and trust through prayer and the help of God can live a true and upright life for the Lord, for it is not what we do in life that will count, but how we do it. I only pray that others could find the joy and contentment of living for the Lord!

A very least Sis. in Faith

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS Joyce Huber

A blessed gift came to Ray and Maxine Yoder on Mother's Day, to make Maxine a mother on the celebrated day. A baby boy was born to them, whom they named Brian Ray. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Minnie Zehr.

Happy to be home, after a discharge and many interesting experiences in the service in Europe, is Albert Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Steffen.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Martin and children are home from Texas for a few weeks, staying at the home of Dorothy's mother, Sis. Mary Traub. Everett is to serve in Turkey for three years, and he and his family leave the States June 16, making short stops in Europe, but long enough in Germany to see Everett's brother, and going on to arrive in Turkey the same day. We wish them the best in their new assignment.

Sis. Annabelle Widmer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Carl Widmer, is a new Sunday School teacher, replacing Sis. Ruth Walter, who resigned.

Sis. Kathleen Steffen, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ben Steffen, graduated from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing; and Sis. Mary Etta Knapp, daughter of the Norval Knapps, graduated from high school and is entering the Methodist hospital School of Nursing at Peoria.

Sis. Rosa (Hari) Roth, who has been residing at Fairview Haven for the past two years, passed away, at the age of 94. Surviving are her children and stepchildren: Sis. Katherine, Sis. Anna, Bro. Sam, Joe, Ben, John, and Bro. Harry, plus 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Sis. Anna (Rieger) Armbrus (George) passed away at Peoria, where she had been residing, and was brought to Fairbury for funeral services, June 5.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA
Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Edison Gutwein

I received an invitation from one of our grandchildren saying, "Come to Sunday School next Sunday", and what a blessing it turned out to be. One of the songs was "Jesus wants me for a Sunbeam". When they finished, the teacher said, "I saw a lot of Sunbeams", which makes us all think that is what we want to be, too.

Then a story followed about a girl named Sally, who was to receive a prize in her class. As she was to go to receive it, she saw her classmate beside her, who had to be in a wheel-chair a couple of years. She said, "Here is Holly; I want her to receive it." Sally gave up what she highly prized, but said, "It is better to give than to receive".

After this touching story, the children sang their offering prayer—

We bring our gifts to Thee;
 Oh may they useful be.
 Help us to give the greatest gift,
 Ourselves, oh Lord, to Thee.

Our church had a nice group to graduate from high school, Darlene Albrecht, Wendell Anliker, Mark Gutwein, Maurice Huber, Ryan Pelsy, Carol Traub, Virginia Von Tobel and Larry Wuethrich. Their class motto is, "One step at a time, but always forward", so we earnestly pray that they will all step up on the church steps every Sunday, and they cannot fail to go forward.

The children of Edward and Sis. Louise (Gudeman) Onken planned a "Happy Silver Anniversary" for them.

Bro. Art Novotny had surgery. We pray that God's healing hand can be laid upon him.

In coming to the "Zion's Harp Book Meeting" that was held here, Bro. Rudolph Graf came for our Wednesday evening services, giving us so much good food and good advice in saying, "We will do the Lord's will if we comfort those who are in distress."

In closing, here is what Grandpa Norr taught his children and grandchildren:

Good night; sleep tight.
 Wake up bright in the morning
 light,

To do what's right
 With all your might.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS
Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

School is out, and many are enjoying freedom from their studies. Many have graduated; some from elementary schools, some high school, some from college, and others nurses' training. Some have worked hard and earned special honors. All are anticipating new experiences, some going into higher education, while others are seeking employment. We congratulate all and wish them much success in whatever their choice might be.

We cannot help but wonder, however, how many will follow the most simple course, and accept the free gift of grace and find their salvation. This is the most wonderful class of which one can be a member. No one is turned away because there is no room, and all have the same chance to succeed. Everyday we learn. We are all hopeful of receiving the best diploma one could receive, at the end of our course, if we have been faithful and followed the simple instructions. The reward: to find our names written in the Book of Life and receive eternal life with our Lord and Saviour. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all could be a member of this graduating class?

Sis. Elizabeth Wagenbach is recovering very nicely from major surgery and is able to worship with us again. Little Danny Feucht, infant son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Margaret, spent several days in the hospital, but is well again and has been to church with his parents.

Bro. Reuben and Sis. Nathalie Feucht had a reception in their home May 15, honoring their daughter, Elaine, who was married to Woodrow Perris. We wish them the Lord's blessings, and hope they find happiness in their home in Peoria, where they will reside.

In Philipppans 2, we read how we should all be like-minded, be lowly and esteem our brother higher than ourselves, among many other teachings. When Bro. Maurice Frank of Chicago was with us one Sunday recently, he used this chapter as his text, and brought it out so clearly how there was one bride and one bridegroom, and how we should all strive for perfection. He left many precious teachings. We thank him for his labors, which we

ask for the Lord to bless. Bro. Joshua Broquard was here for the same Sunday morning, but went to Bradford in the afternoon. Paul Eisenman and Paul Wagler of Burlington, Iowa, shared their talents with us in Sunday School, for which we were very thankful.

Sis. Delores Baer has completed her studies in Childrens Memorial Hospital in Chicago and has returned to Peoria.

BREMEN, INDIANA
Mrs. Earl Zeltwanger

Bro. Herb and Sis. Phyllis Hueni are the parents of Sherryl Jean, born May 6.

Sis. Carolyn Suttor underwent surgery recently. The Lord has blessed her with a speedy recovery, and she is back in our midst again.

Carol Steffen was married to Jim Sundberg on May 1. Carol is the daughter of Bro. Manny and Sis. Ruth Steffen.

Pam Miller was married to Gerry Weldy on June 4. Pam is the daughter of Bro. Dick and Sis. Betty Miller. We wish both of these young couples the Lord's blessings in their life together.

Bros. Theo Beer and Gene Bert-schi were recent visitors in Bremen. We received much good advice for our Christian walk from their messages.

Douglas Traub, son of Fred and Barbara Traub, left for the service recently. I'm sure he would appreciate some mail.

This union of our hearts
 Shall stand through grace in
 Jesus;

We walk the path of life,
 While cheer and trust increases.
 Where God in truth abides,
 Where two join hand and heart,
 We find a threefold cord
 Not lightly rent apart.

Our minister, Bro. Henry Souder, and his wife, Sis. Leah, established this threefold cord, of which the hymn writer speaks, fifty years ago. Bros. Theo Beer, Joel Souder and Mike Weyeneth and many of their relatives and friends spent the day with them in fellowship. May the Lord continue to bless them, as they labor for Him here on earth.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS
Louise Steffen Katie Kachelmuss
 Bro. Fred Grimm of Taylor was

with us on a Saturday evening, when Nettie Leuthold and Patsy Schambach gave their testimonies. They were baptized Sunday afternoon. It is very encouraging to know that the Lord is still awakening souls, leads them from darkness into the glorious light, gives them peace into their souls and the promise of eternal life. May God give us all the grace to stay true and faithful until our life's end, so that we can then be with Him in eternity. Bros. Gerald Sutter and Ben Schlatter were also here.

We had a meeting at the home of Bro. and Sis. Herman Kellenberger, to become acquainted with the project of ACC for MCC. The Fischer Sisters, Mary Ann and Millie, of Roanoke were with us and told of their experience in the ten weeks they had worked on it, and displayed the articles that go into the bundles. Since then, we have had two meetings and were pleased to see how many are willing to do their part in this project. The meetings are being held in Bro. Herman's basement, two evenings of each month. May God's will be carried out in this.

Bro. Al. Fischer spent an evening with us at our weekly service. We could feel God's presence among us and had a blessed evening.

Sis. Anna Banwart has been hospitalized with a heart attack. Sis. Mary Huber had surgery, but is at home again. Sis. Rosa Lanz has not been able to assemble with us lately. We wish them all God's help, and that He may be their strength from day to day.

Charles Reber underwent heart surgery at the Mayo Clinic, and seems to be getting along as well as could be expected. Sis. Sarah Braun underwent surgery for a hip fracture. May God be with them in their afflictions.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein Salome Walter

Guests as ministers were—Bro. David Bertsch from Leo and Bro. Edmund Kloter from Fairbury.

Sis. Hannah Schumacher, Sis. Nettie Rocke and Bro. Andrew Fehr have returned to their home, after being patients in Eureka Hospital. Sis. Wilhelmina Klaus is now a patient in the hospital.

Birth—Elton and Sis. Loretta (Strahm) Wiegand are the parents of a baby boy, Brian Daniel, born

May 18. He is the fourth child, and has three brothers to welcome him.

May 23 was the family night singing. A group from Normal University sang several selections, and eight girls from the Bible class sang several numbers.

Elwin Fehr, son of Bro. Andrew and Sis. Bena Fehr, was proved Wednesday evening, May 26, and was baptized the following Sunday. Another soul has been added to the fold and our church membership. May many souls seek the Lord while He is yet to be found, and before it is ever too late.

The Eureka and Roanoke congregations partook of the Lord's Supper on Wednesday evening, June 2. Bros. Frank Woertz and Roy Sauder assisted Bro. Leroy Huber in serving this communion service. May we ever think of Him who did so much for us by shedding His precious blood on the cross of Calvary.

Summer Vacation Bible School is now going on. It will last for two weeks. May all the children learn many things in this time, and may all the teachers be blessed for their efforts.

The "Home for the Aged" is progressing nicely.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Marian Wiegand Edith Tanner

Our friends, Faye and Marvin Fischer, are now repenting, and express new appreciation for God's love and the beauty of His creation.

Bro. Bob Grimm has been able to assemble with us again, after having surgery. Sisters Hulda Witzig and Esther Hohulin are recovering at home, since their surgery. Little Kenny Hohulin was a patient in the hospital for a few days, after a fall, but apparently was not hurt seriously. David Zobrist was treated at the hospital for an injury to his foot. Sis. Carol Hohulin has been admitted to the hospital for tests. May God reveal His healing power of love to each one.

A daughter, Cheryl Elizabeth, was born April 18 to Bob and Loretta Hess. The maternal grandmother is Sis. Elizabeth Hartman.

We express special thanks to Bros. Al Fisher, Wayne Gerber, Dan Koch, Simon Wagenbach, Harvey Heiniger and to the other ministers and loved ones who visited us. The scripture says, "Whatever things are true, . . . pure, . . . lovely, . . . think on these things."

As we muse on these words, we recall some of the precious words they spoke.

Bro. Fisher reminded us, "The scripture says, ' . . . from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.' This is too wonderful, the Psalmist wrote, for us to understand, but we ought to take hold of it more and more as the days go by."

Bro. Gerber mentioned of the comfort that is ours: "We have been blest with a peace that can never vanish away. We can drink of this living water and our hearts are contented; we are thankful for the blessings of God; and we do not have to sit here in the pews of this church and wonder if we are saved by grace. Why? Because we can feel secure in our hearts that we have been redeemed through the blood of the Lamb."

Bro. Heiniger spoke these words of truth: "The battles and the conflicts that are before us are going to determine eternity and our eternal destiny."

Bro. Koch concluded, "And won't it be something, if through this vale of tears we can remain faithful at our post and bring it to that good and blessed end, and then we shall be with our Lord and with one another forever and ever, unhindered by the things of this world. Let us seek for; let us await this day."

Bro. Wagenbach prayed for all; let us do the same.

Glory To God

"Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious."

Yes, this newborn child of God has found the Lord to be gracious and plenteous in mercy. This child has found the desire of earthly and carnal things to fade away and has experienced a desire for the "sincere milk of the word". Though often in solitude and quietness, this child has found the word of God to be precious as a source of spiritual growth and comfort.

In proving, there was acknowledgment made that, if one is disobedient, he is not a true child of God.

Slow to speak and slow to wrath are now the virtues of this child.

Though in the past, life was hard and difficult (as for Joseph of old), now there is an expression of appreciation for the best things of life, such as fellowship with God's children.

The desire of this child is towards heaven—

"O when will I be there;
I fain would be on heaven's shore
With God's elect forevermore,
In blessed harmony."

Is there anything else that one could wish for in life, than to walk close to God and then to be with Him in all eternity?

MORTON, ILLINOIS Rose Getz

We have so many sick folks among us, and have much to be thankful for, as they are showing some improvement. Most of them are able to be home from the hospital.

Bro. Jacob Stevig had surgery and, although very weak, is able to be home.

Sis. Elma Heiniger had major surgery; Sis. Ruth Domnick and Sis. Naomi (Mrs. Frank) Bauman are patients at the Methodist Hospital.

Six of the children of Bro. and Sis. John Schick Jr. were on the school bus which was struck by a train, but none were badly injured.

Sis. Matilda Rassi, who had major surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, is recuperating at the home of her sister, Sis. Lena Hoerr, in Taylor.

A baby daughter was born to Bro. and Sis. Wm Huette on May 22, and a daughter was also born to Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Huette, on May 18.

Bro. Joe A Getz performed the ceremony for the home wedding of Beth Menold, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Herman Menold, and Dennis Feucht of Elgin, Illinois, on Sunday, May 23.

Funeral services were held in the Roanoke Memorial Home for Eli Liebig, 75, son of Martin and Priscilla Weyeneth Liebig, on April 26. He is survived by one brother, Joe, of Wheaton, and three sisters, Sis. Mary Welk of Morton, Sophia Jones of Selma, California, and Emma Kempf of Baltimore, Maryland. Bros. Joe Zimmerman and Eugene Bertschi officiated.

In memory of two dear children of Fred and Velma (Ackerman) Kerr of Chillicothe, Missouri, who passed away two years ago.

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o'er shaded
Sweetly our souls shall rest.

They were the grandchildren of Bro. Chris and the late Sis. Rosa (Jacob) Ackerman of Morton, also niece and nephew of Sis. Viola (Ackerman), wife of Bro. John Perdelwitz of Oakville.

Submitted by a great aunt, Sis. Carrie Jacob.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA Arles Kropf

Vacation Bible School was held the week of May 24 at the church, for the children of the Remington and Wolcott congregations. The theme was "My Saviour Teaches Me". A large attendance was had, and it is hoped the children derived a blessing from it and will remember the teachings. A program was given on Friday evening, to let the parents know what the children learned during the week.

The following was submitted by one of our sisters in faith:

Are you listening? Are you turning your ears and mind from God, so you know the inner voice will avoid you? I did—until I thought I couldn't stand it a minute longer. I have known of God since a child. I couldn't have graduated from college without His help. It was financially impossible.

As a teacher, a profession I respect so very highly, I thanked God I could teach, and loved it, but there I stopped. It was so much "fun" to live and let live and teach.

But where would I be if I should die?

Previously, I had taken it for granted heaven was my eternal home. After hearing the brothers preach, I wasn't so sure.

Should I repent? Of all those humiliating things I had done! How could the Lord ever forgive me? I knew I was sinning. Should I be baptized? I had been as a child, but how much sin can a baby do?

I needed help! . . . help out of this mess I'd lived, help to face God, reassurance that the Lord will take me.

The release of confession is unbelievable. At first, I had to hide my

face; I was so ashamed. The first admission is hardest, but I realized Satan wanted me to hold back the torment, and I felt the Lord was with me. Where else could such relief come from?

The anticipation of the proving was hard, and I was frightened at first . . . But God is always there, and through prayer I had decided the final answer rested in His hands. Should there be a deed or person whom I had neglected? I was prepared to accept the brothers' and sisters' decision as God's answer.

He approved of me, his lowly servant. How happy and grateful I am. Perhaps my eternal home is Heaven after all.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA Delutha Moser Carolyn Gerber

Provings and Baptisms:

Acts 3:19: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;"

During the past month, we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptismal rites of the following friends: Charles Isch, Perry Isch, Herbert Frank, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baumgartner. Elder Theo. Beer assisted Elder Sam Aeschliman in this important work.

Visiting us at that time with their family was Bro. and Sis. Art Gudeman from LaCrosse, who are uncle and aunt to Herb Frank.

Shut-ins:

Bros. Clifford Heyerly, Terry Steffen, Harry Aschliman, Gary Tonner and Sisters Martha Heyerly, Lydia (Edwin) Moser, Marjorie (Earl) Stucky, Melvin (Berniece) Maller.

A Note of Faith to His Own

Life can be beautiful,
Thrilling as a song,
Even midst disaster
When everything seems wrong.

Though some dreams have
vanished
In misfortune's rain . . .
You still have the power
To dream His dreams again.

All you have to do, friend,
This wonder to achieve,
Is close your eyes and lift
your heart
And whisper, "I believe!"

Engagement: June 6, Bro. Ken Honegger announced his engagement to Sis. Linda Stoller of Latty. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Alvin Honegger and Bro. and Sis. Dave Stoller.

Marriages:

Friends Colleen Ringger and Robert Londrum were united in marriage.

On May 30, Sis. Jenny Gerber and Bro. Stanley Isch were united in marriage, by Elder Aschliman.

On June 6, Friends Susie Schwartz and Russell Gerber were united in marriage.

Parents of the couples are: Bro. and Sis. Bill Ringger and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Landrum; Bro. and Sis. David Gerber and Bro. and Sis. Ervin Isch; and Bro. and Sis. Ralph Schwartz, Bro. and Sis. Ervin Gerber.

Birth: June 1, a daughter, Rhonda Lou, to Bro. and Sis. Harry Gerber. Grandparents of Rhonda are Bro. and Sis. Elmer Gerber and Bro. and Sis. Gaius Gerber.

The world is full of sounds so dear;
There's music always for the ear,
And one sound lifts the soul high
It is a newborn babe's first cry.

The first of the month, we were privileged to have visitors from Bern, Switzerland, Alfred and Rose Lantz. May God protect them on their journey here in the States and on their return trip to Switzerland.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Julie Dapper

"Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." St. Matthew 18:3. We were again reminded of these precious teachings that our dear Lord left for us, when our dear friend, Joyce Minger, gave her testimony of her faith and belief in our loving Saviour, who shed His precious blood upon the cruel cross for the remission of our sins. She was baptized on Saturday, May 15. May the Lord continue to bless in her new life, as a child of God.

Sis. Yoshiko Utsuki spent a week in our community, before her departure for her home in Tokyo. Her visit was truly appreciated and enjoyed. We pray the Lord will lead and guide her. She left by ship, on May 16. About 50 of the members

and friends from both Altadena and Maywood went to the dock to bid her farewell and wish unto her God's guidance and protection. Before her ship left the dock, we all gathered together and sang "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again".

My mother, Sis. Julia Dapper, was hospitalized during this past month, but is now back home and is improving quite nicely.

Sis. Nettie Locher is improving and has returned to her home at 4930 West 135th Street, Hawthorne, California. We pray that the Lord will grant her continued strength, and that she will soon be able to reassemble with our little flock.

Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix visited our congregation on May 30. Bro. Clarence delivered unto us many inspiring words, to direct us in our spiritual walk of life. May the Lord bless them for their visit; we invite them to return.

We had many visitors this past month, and we thank all those that have taken time to visit us, and we wish unto all the blessings of our Lord.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Diane Olson

We were again reminded of the power of God, when our vicinity was struck by tornados recently. None of our church people suffered any loss, for which we are thankful. How heart-saddening it is to see all the debris caused by the tornados. It should remind us not to cling too closely to our earthly gains, as they can be swept away in just the twinkling of an eye.

Our wish is that Sis. Martha Allenspach will soon be able to assemble with us again, as she has been hospitalized for some time.

Bro. Leroy Messner was our guest minister on May 9. On May 23, Bros. Leo Moser and Paul Fehr expounded the holy word to us.

Since our church here first began, ministering brethren from Lester, West Bend, Morris, and Winthrop have been serving us every other Sunday. The Lord has now opened the way that we can have church every Sunday. Bro. Noah Miller of Winthrop has felt the conviction that it is the Lord's will that he come every Sunday and minister to us. Our prayers are for Bro. Noah in his new undertaking.

The services have been changed to the morning, and we hope that in the near future a building can be obtained so we can have all-day services.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the ministers, other brethren, and friends who have gathered with us in the past, and we heartily welcome all back.

New time is: Singing 9:30, Sunday School 9:45, Services 10:30, DST. Address: YMCA, 1845 East Lake St. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Ye shepherds, Who the Lord do love,

And through the Spirit from above
Proclaim to men salvation,

How much the Lord to you has willed,

Who at His blessed kingdom build.
It is beyond expression!

Therefore, therefore, Be ye faithful!

How delightful! God with pleasure
Will impart the crown and treasure.

AKRON, OHIO

Grace Schuckert

Florence Graf

Since the last edition of the Silver Lining, word has reached us of the arrival of a daughter born to Bob and Barbara Ritzman. Laura Ann arrived May 10—she is their first child. Grandparents are Bro. Forrest and Sis. Marie Ritzman.

Announcement was made recently of the engagement of Sis. Mary Ann Graf and Bro. Gary Maibach of Rittman.

Bro. Elmer C. Graf was elected treasurer of our church building fund at a recent business meeting.

The many friends and acquaintances of Sisters Mary Zollinger and Martha Kaufman will be interested to learn that Mary and Martha are making their home together at Sis. Martha's home: 738 Copley Road, Akron, Ohio.

Our ministering brother, Ernest Graf, is at this writing quite ill in the hospital, following surgery. We surely all remember him in our prayers, and trust that God will restore him to good health.

In closing, here's a thought taken from a poem written by Bro. Elmer C. Graf:

O' it's just a little longer

That we strive to be a light,
For in highest realms of Heaven,
God's own glory shineth bright.

So then, Brother, be ye strengthened;
Daily put your trust in God.
He will guide you on and upward,
And direct the way you trod.

Be of truest faith and patience;
Try to live in peace and love.
Battle on a little longer—
Soon you'll reach the home
above.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN Marlene Mosher

The engagement has been announced of Sis. Mary Schlatter of Bay City and Bro. Donald Gudeman of LaCrosse. Mary is the daughter of Sis. Ella and Bro. Elias Schlatter, and Don is the son of Sis. Mary and Bro. Arthur Gudeman. We wish the couple the best.

Bro. Donald Wieland had surgery and is now recovering at home. Also in the hospital is Bro. Matt Wieland; he has had surgery. May the Lord add an extra blessing to those who do not have complete health, and may they be restored once again with good health.

Bros. George Yergler and Joe Zimmerman visited with us, and on that day we held Holy Communion. We had a very blessed day. Isn't it a wonderful thing that we can renew once again what our Lord did for us? What do we do for our Lord? Do we do enough? He died for our sins. Would we be willing to die for Him, if he would ask us? We can try to do better, if we just live for him and "DON'T FORGET TO PRAY".

Are You Ready?

The coming of Christ from heaven
to earth
All Christians may see with joy
and mirth.
In the clouds of heaven each eye
shall see
The Prince of Peace, in majesty.

Perhaps He'll call us from the
grave
When He shall come, His own to
save!
But it makes no difference when
or how,
If we are faithful to our vow.

Sinner, repent, His Kingdom's at
hand!
And join that happy, glorious
band,

When He shall call you from the
sky
To leave this earth for to meet on
high.

The beginning is made in fervent
prayer;
Go to your closet; He'll meet you
there.
In penitence true, full confession
make,
And all your sins from you He'll
take.

Then soon His grace and peace
He'll share,
And you'll find hope, instead of
despair.
Through baptism bury your carnal
ways,
And faithfully serve Him all your
days.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Lorna Schrock

Congratulations to our 1965 high school graduates. They are: Larry Knapp, son of Wilbur and Virginia Knapp; Dennis Blunier, son of Tim and Lucille Blunier; Jerry Craig, son of Jim and Elda Mae Craig; and Chris Miller, son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Betty Miller. We wish them much success and God's blessings in all their future endeavors.

BIRTHS:

Douglas Arthur Miller, born on May 26, is the first child of Dave and Sandy Miller. Also born on May 26 was Mary Kay Hartman, daughter of Bro. Gene and Sis. Carrie Lou. She was welcomed by three brothers, Mike, Jim and Bobby. Bro. John and Sis. Mary Ellen Gudeman are the parents of a new baby girl, Jodi Ellen, born on May 27. Mathew John is Jodi's big brother.

Funeral services for John R. Zobrist, aged 77, were held on Sun., June 6. Bros. Harry Bucher of Valparaiso, and our elder, Bro. Frank Woertz, were in charge of the services. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his children, Harold, Mrs. Mary Underwood, and Miss Laverna. His wife, Edith Mahltig Zobrist, passed away in 1959.

FORREST ILLINOIS

Nancy Honegger—Martha Stoller

Sis. Lena Bach observed her 90th birthday recently. A number of our elderly sisters spent the afternoon with her, at the home of her daughter, Sis. Esther Honeg-

ger, where she is now staying. Sis. Lena wishes to express her thanks to all who remembered her with cards, gifts, and visits.

Sis. Mary Nussbaum is now at Fairview Haven to be with her brother, Bro. Silas.

Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss was a medical patient at the Fairbury Hospital recently. He has made a nice recovery.

Recent visiting ministers were Bros. Leroy Hartman, Walter Anliker, Noah Schrock, Ernie Gerber, Josh Broquard, and Merle Kaisner.

The engagement of Sis. Marie Anliker and Bro. Si Hohulin of Peoria has been announced. We wish them God's blessing and many years of happiness together.

Because of his health, Bro. Harry Roth, with his wife, Rachel, and their family have moved to Phoenix. We trust the Lord will go with them and bless all their undertakings. The last Sunday they were with us, their son, Jerry, gave a very interesting testimony of his conversion and was baptized. Again we could witness the work of God, as Jerry stated he had no rest, day nor night, until he could find the grace to surrender. Only after he had emptied his heart by confession could the Saviour enter in and grant him peace.

Holy Communion was held the following Wednesday evening, so Bro. Jerry, with all our new converts, made another wonderful experience, as we went in the spirit with our Saviour to Calvary. Bro. Schrock explained that this practice was instituted because the Lord knows the weakness and frailty of the human body, the need for self-examination and to be reminded of His death and suffering.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Mrs. Lee E. Eisenmann

Our friends, James and Marie Reimschisel, of 499 Campton Drive, New Haven, Indiana, became the parents of a son, Donald Eugene, on May 13. He was welcomed home by three brothers and one sister.

A DECORATION DAY thought, submitted by your assistant writer.

Our dictionary states that Decoration Day, or Memorial Day, is "the day when the graves of those who fell during the Civil War (1861-1865) are decorated May

30" . . . But to many of us, this day is a day when we also find ourselves visiting the graves of loved ones—to place a memorial thereon. As we approached the grave of my husband's infant son, who would now be eleven years old, I explained to our children that this was the grave where their baby brother was, and my little two-year-old daughter walked up to the stone and said, "Baby"! Just what would that little one be like now had he lived? I'm sure there are many mothers and fathers who often ponder this same thought!

In our services that Sunday, we were reminded of the tribute paid to our dead . . . But how much more ought we to pay tribute to the loving Christ, who gave His life that we might have **EVERLASTING LIFE!**

We enjoyed the services of our ministering brother, Elmer Bucher, of Francesville, on Memorial Day, and thank him for his visit, as well as the many other guests of that day.

On June 3, Miss Dorothee Koenig of Beuel, in the state of North Rhine-Westfalia, Germany, was a guest of Bro. and Sis. Lee and Mary Eisenmann. She had been an exchange student in this country in 1951, and at this time was making a three-week return visit. Through a letter written by Sis. Mary to her great-aunt, Mary Beutel, in Schornbach, Germany, came about this visit, as Miss Koenig was given this letter to translate to the German language. With her, Miss Koenig brought the love and well wishes of the family in Germany.

This past Sunday, June 6, a farewell pot-luck supper and singing was held for Bro. and Sis. Gene Strunk and Sis. Julia Simon. Bro. and Sis. Strunk are leaving Ft. Wayne at the close of the school term to move to Morton, where it is their plans to continue their teaching careers in the Morton School System. They will be greatly missed by our congregation. Sis. Julia was scheduled to leave Ft. Wayne on June 8 for a reuniting, after 42 years, with her family in Hungary and Romania. She stated her plans were to fly from Cleveland to New York, then to Amsterdam and Hungary, where her deceased sister's family is. Then she plans to go to Romania for 44 days, returning to Hungary for 21 days, before coming back to the U.S. about the end

of August, the Lord willing. She also stated that, as a means of recognizing her family at Hungary, her relative was going to wave her purse above her head, and at Romania her nephew was going to wave his hat. She wasn't sure she would know them after that length of time. She also remarked of the difference in traveling now, as compared to when she came to this country. This will be quite an experience, and we truly wish Sis. Julia the Lord's protection in her travels.

Plans are being completed for Vacation Bible School, which will be held for one week—June 14-18.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Bro. Alpha Strahm Jr. of Bern spent a half day with us and expounded the Word from John 14. He said that it often enters his mind as to what would be a suitable reading for meditation . . . But it seems that whatsoever is opened unto us, if we are acceptable, it is what is needed for us.

Sis. Dorothy (Ephraim) Young is in the hospital at this writing for a checkup.

Our Vacation Bible School is now in session. We have 43 students and six teachers. Several little children have come to visit, for which we are glad. Several teachers, with the help of our ministers and our elder, Bro. Sam Anliker, wrote their own lessons for the two-week school. May the little children derive some food for thought that will remain with them their entire lives. Bro. Loren Strahm is the school superintendent.

Our community was blest with several nice rains this past week, for which we thank the Lord. The large cracks in the ground have disappeared and everything seems to have new life. We know that even though we can plant the seed and water it, only God can give the increase, whether it be with our crops or in our spiritual life.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

John Isch

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God . . . For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in

us." These were among the many precious teachings that Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton brought to us on Sunday, May 16. We sincerely thank him and those that accompanied him on their long trip to be of service to us.

That particular week-end was one of the most blessed that we have experienced here in Indianapolis. Many young members and friends from churches in Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana were with us. We were all together for a supper and singing Saturday night at Bro. and Sis. John Mayers and then again Sunday after church for a picnic at Hank and Sis. Norma Zeller's. These are truly times that make us more appreciative of the fellowship that we can find only among those of our own precious faith.

Bro. John Yergler of Bluffton and Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott brought us the good word on the first Sunday of June. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." May the Lord richly bless them for their efforts.

A meeting was recently held to determine the future course of our church here. It was conducted by Bro. Herman Norr, and attended by Elder Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Theo. Beer, many ministers from surrounding congregations and other brethren who have special interest in our services. It was decided that services should be continued on a bimonthly basis; however, beginning in July, our gatherings will be on the second and fourth Sundays, instead of the first and third. This schedule change was primarily made to avoid conflict with services held in Champaign, hoping that in the future this would encourage more exchange visits between our two small groups.

It was decided that the Indiana churches would rotate the responsibility ministering to us for one month's duration. The minister which will come from this particular church will then bring along a guest minister from any other congregation. We hope that system will work as well as those of the past, while perhaps eliminating some of the problems of scheduling.

We hope and trust that the Lord will continue to bless our small gatherings as He has in the past.

JUNCTION, OHIO
Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

We counted it a blessing to have Bro. Walter Rehlau with us this past month; he spoke to us from I Corinthians, about our preparation for His coming. He reminded us that this is a time of preparation. We should put forth more effort to follow in the way God would have us, for there is a great reward awaiting those who love and serve Him. It does us good to realize, now is the time to labor and prepare, for as we have lived, we are also going to reap on that great judgment morning.

Bro. Andrew and Sis. Leona Dotterer were with us again, enjoying the services via a loudspeaker situated outside the church. It was good to see them again, since the infirmity of Bro. Andrew prevents them from coming in the wintertime. Bro. Andrew gave song 142 from our blessed Zion's Harp, "Obedience To The Word".

Thy Word, O Lord, forever is
The mirror where we see
Our faults and duties as they are,
Our likeness unto Thee.

His word obey and warning take.
His wisdom will prevail,
For if we know and heed it not,
It is of no avail.

The wrath of God lies on the world,
On whom its ways pursue,
Yet grace enough is found in God
To live in Him anew.

Bro. Elias and Sis. Evelyn Manz have a new baby daughter, Margaret Ruth, born June 1. Little Barbie, who was badly burned, is doing very well now.

Once again we will meet for Thursday evening services, each week at 8:00 p.m., until further notice. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

It was also made known that we would gather the third Sunday evening of each month for a Hymn singing, at 7:30 p.m. It is our wish that, as many as will should gather with us and join in the singing of His praise.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA
Martha Rinckenberger

Two ways, O man, are there for thee;
There are two destinations.
Upon the path to heaven we bear
The cross and tribulations.
The other path with joy abounds,
And yet no inward peace is found;
It leads thee to destruction.

Therefore, O soul, consider well
What there shall be your portion,
And choose while yet you live on earth
The way of full salvation!
If in the Lord your hopes do rest,
Then with this treasure you are blest.
Woe to the unbelievers!

We have had three baptisms in the last month. They were: Suzy Bucher, daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Ester; Clinton Bucher, son of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Melva; Elmer Heiniger also was taken into the fold. How wonderful it is that souls can still see the need for a Saviour. We would pray that many more could surrender their life to the Lord. At this time, we are also pleased to write that Richard Nuest, husband of Sis. Garnet, has been called and has made his decision to turn to Christ. Richard is the son of Bro. Les and Sis. Anna Nuest.

Our visiting ministers for the past month were Bro. Ezra Feller, Cissna Park; Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield; Bro. Edwin Bahler, Remington. We thank them for their visit and the messages which they delivered to us. May we ever appreciate the free and open way that is ours in our wonderful land, which has been preserved by God.

Bro. Donald Gudeman was home on furlough from Ft. Belvoir, in Virginia. Donald was announced to be married to Sis. Mary Schlatter of Bay City.

A closing thought: Always put off until tomorrow what shouldn't be done at all.

LAMAR, MISSOURI
Marie Marti

The Sunday School is truly our delight. It is a joy to see our precious youth gather on Sunday morning to join in singing hymns and eagerly, with tender hearts, listen to the Master's word. We are happy that our Sunday School has

grown. Sis. Cecil Braker was elected in May to teach the new class that was created, following promotions.

Our Sunday School will be host, July 24, at a Youth Fellowship Meeting for Berne, Ft. Scott and Wichita Bible classes. We hope that many warm and lasting friendships will be renewed, and the lessons they learn today dwell in their hearts always.

Bro. John Widmer is in Kansas University Medical Center, Kansas City, following major surgery. We pray that his health will be restored, and that he will soon be able to return home.

It takes so little to make us glad,
Just a cheering clasp of a friendly hand,
Just a word from one who can understand
And we lose the doubt and fear we had.
It takes so little to make us glad.

LATTY, OHIO
Mrs. Ray Sinn
Mrs. Gale Stoller

Pauline Riggenschach was in the hospital, but is now home recovering. Jack Metzger is in the hospital at this time.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy Stoller welcomed a new baby girl into their home. It is their first child. They named her Sherri Sue.

It was uplifting to all to hear the testimonies of Keith Stoller and Dan Sinn. They were both baptized the following day. Keith is the son of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Minerva, and Dan is the son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Nellie. We wish them, and all who are on the heavenly way, much grace to remain true and faithful unto life's end.

Sis. Bertha Buehler quietly went to her reward. She assembled with us the Sunday before she died. She was an example to all who knew her and a pillar in the church. We will all miss her, but know what the Lord does is well done. We are thankful she didn't have to suffer a great deal before her death.

The engagement of Linda Stoller and Kenneth Honegger, (from Bluffton) was announced June 6. Sis. Linda is the daughter of Bro. David and Sis. Irene. May God walk with them in this important undertaking.

Our Bible School classes have started and will continue for two

weeks. The children are eager to learn more about God. We hope and pray they will always stay that way throughout their whole life.

The Adult Sunday School Class prepared a supper for their parents and grandparents, the students doing most of the work, including the serving, while the parents and grandparents enjoyed being served. May God bless the efforts of the students for doing something for others.

MILFORD INDIANA

Paul Haab

Our friends, Alan and Kathy Wuthrich, are parents of twin girls—Barbara Anne and Beverly Alane. The grandparents are Walter and Martha Wuthrich. These are their first children.

A daughter, Jill Annette, was born to Joyce and Bob Wolferman. She has a brother, Chris. Bro. John and Sis. Dorothy Martin are the grandparents.

A daughter, Lynne, was born to Bill and Kay Graff. She has a sister, Lori. Grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Ida Graff.

Bro. Charles Weisser has been given the grace to repent, give his testimony, and be received into the fellowship. We are thankful that the Lord has been patient with him and made him realize how important it is that he get right with his God. Bro. Theo. Beer was assisted by Bro. Frank Woertz from Goodfield. Bro. Joel Souder was here also. We are thankful to God for this wonderful day, and to all the visitors for coming.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey

There will be services at the country church on Sunday, June 27, beginning at eleven o'clock. Ben Maibach of Detroit will be the minister for the day, with other ministers having a part in the service. Lunch will be served at noon. We are sorry that we did not have this information to use in last month's news; however, we are hoping for a good crowd again this year.

Mrs. Luella Sidell is slowly improving from the effects of a light stroke she suffered several weeks ago. She is able to get around the house and help with the work of the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McIntire are back home again, after spending several weeks with their families in North Carolina, New Jersey and West Virginia.

Ralph Witschey, son of Dan Witschey, is recovering nicely from serious surgery which he underwent several days ago in a hospital in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and A. C. Renner, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall and two sons are spending a month's vacation touring California and many points of interest.

Miss Mabel Barth has returned to her work in Denver, Colorado, after spending two weeks with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moser (Martha Potts) have returned from a visit with relatives in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Mary Burgess continues to improve and is still making her home with her daughter in Monroe Heights, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Witschey and family spent Saturday, June 5, here with relatives.

Ed Schupbach continues to improve each day from a fall in which he sustained a broken hip; he is confined in the local hospital.

Two weddings of local interest took place on Sunday, June 20, Donald Cross, grandson of the late Will Witschey, and Rae Ellen Barth, great-granddaughter of the late Mrs. Emma Barth.

Joyce Huber, Gertie Moser, Lavina Moser, Viola Moser, Lorene Broquard of Fairbury and Kathryn Honegger of Forrest, Mr. and Mrs. John Widmer of Rittman visited with friends for a short visit on June 7. The ladies from Illinois were thrilled with the hills of West Virginia and Ohio. They visited the country churches and will have many memories of their visit among the hills. We enjoyed your visit. Come again when you can.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner
Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Judy Buttrick has been announced for proving and baptism. We rejoice with each one who turns to the Lord to find salvation for their soul.

Eric Allen was born May 21 to Dr. Gene and Sally Hoerr. This is their second son.

Benjamin and Sharon Stickling

are the parents of twin boys, born May 28. They named them Craig Michael and Christopher John.

Sis. Mary Jane Aberle, from Tremont, and Bro. Dean Leuthold were united in holy matrimony on May 9. They are living in Tremont.

Wedding vows were exchanged May 22 by Barbare Jo Carlin and Ronald Lee Baurer, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Verna Baurer. The couple are making their home in Peoria.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara Plattner announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Kay, to Ronald T. Wabel.

Bro. Chris and Sis. Ella Hoerr announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen Sue, to Gerald R. Carson.

The engagement of Sis. Marie Anliker from Forrest to Bro. Silas Hohulin was made known to our congregation.

The engagement of Sis. Eva Jean Knapp to Bro. Herman Schaefer from Morris was announced to our congregation.

Sis. Anna Armbruster died June 2. She had been in ill health for quite some time. Two daughters survive. Services were held at the Wilton Mortuary here and at the church in Fairbury.

Sis. Emma Plattner was taken back to the hospital again. Alfred Streitmatter is also a hospital patient at this writing.

When Sis. Barbara Merkel was released from the hospital, she went up to Barrington, Ill., for a few weeks to be with her neice, Katherine Baer. She plans to return to her home soon.

Sis. Emma Siebanthal and Bro. Louie Ehnle have been hospitalized and have now returned home. Sis. Lena Reber, who spent several weeks at the hospital, is now at the Americana Nursing Home.

We appreciated the ministering of God's holy word from Brothers Noah Schrock, Lowell Stoller and Clarence Kachelmuss.

The children, 4-year-olds through 8th grade, are looking forward to two weeks of Vacation Bible School, which starts the morning of June 7.

Plans have been made to continue Sunday School through July 25, with the vacation period August and the first Sunday in September. Classes will resume again September 12.

Our last Hymn Sing for the sea-

son was held June 6. A group of pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade boys and girls sang several selections. The Adult Choir sang several beautiful, inspiring songs. The next Hymn Sing is scheduled for September 12.

Witnesses For Christ

The Christian boy in service
Is a light upon a hill.
Our Lord has placed him there;
He has a place to fill.
Surrounded by the heathen,
The field indeed is white,
He must witness for the Master.
His life must be the light.

The jokes and criticism
He must silently endure,
And by his Christian attitude
Respect will be secured.
These men who hope for victory
And for an end to strife
Can see the gracious victory
Within his daily life.

Jesus, the Lamb of God,
Alone can bring us peace.
No other name in heaven or earth
Can make this strife to cease,
And so the greatest jewel
In the Services today
Is the noble Christian boy,
Who is showing men the Way.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA Eileen Yackley

We enjoyed the Memorial week end visit of ministering Bro. John Klotzle.

We received a blessing, and welcome all to again assemble with us.

Bro. Bill Dotterer has graduated from Arizona State University, has his degree, and is now a certified public accountant.

Bro. David Stevig has returned home for vacation, from college in California.

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Lois Elsass are in the process of moving into the home they have bought. Their new address is: 10008 E. Cinnabar Ave., Phoenix, Arizona.

SABETHA, KANSAS Mrs. Theodore Locher Leona Aeschliman

We were privileged to have Bro. Am Anliker minister to us. Much was derived from his teachings. We find again how fortunate we are to have been chosen by God, as his people.

Zions Harp No. 130

O Thou Holy One, Great and merciful,
Praise to Thee I am bringing,
By night and by day, Singing and saying,
Praising, Praising the Saviour!
Angels rejoicing, their choirs are praising,
Lauding, Lauding the Saviour!

O Thou Holy One, great and merciful,
Praising Thy name forever!
Sinners are pardoned. Rest for the burdened
Comes from, Comes from the Saviour.
Joy be in Heaven; Mercy is given!
Thanks to, Thanks to the Saviour!

Sis. Evelyn Wysong was hospitalized for several days, having a leg injury. She is doing nicely at this time, and we trust will continue to improve each day.

Joe David, son of Bro. Reo and Sis. Verna Strahm, had serious injury when his foot was crushed in a farm accident. Some bones were broken, and his foot is now in a cast. He has, however, been released from the hospital and is convalescing at his home. We hope his confinement will be of short duration and that he will be able to assist with the many farm duties at this busy time.

Our college students are home for their summer vacations. May God's love and protection be with them.

Sunday, June 6, our congregation was blest by the inspiring spiritual message brought to us by our visiting minister, Bro. Maurice Frank of Chicago.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA Linda and Melva Messner

Our aged sister, Ida Miller, has been hospitalized, due to a fall in which she suffered broken ribs and a broken vertebra. She has been released from the hospital and is convalescing at her daughter's home in Gaylord. She would enjoy mail while she is recovering. Her address is: Ida Miller, c/o George Messner, Gaylord, Minnesota.

Sis. Bernadine Messner was hospitalized for surgery. She has recovered and is assembling with us.

Bros. Leo Moser and Paul Fehr ministered to us Sunday evening

May 23. The inspiring message given from II Thessalonians, chapter 2, warns the Christian against deception—Satan's greatest weapon. A picture of the antichrist is given in verse 3—"Let no man deceive you by any means: for **that day shall not come**, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

"... Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name . . . and shall deceive many." Matthew 24:4-5 These are some of Jesus' words in answer to the disciples. "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming . . .?" Jesus warns us that, as we approach the end of the age, Satan will become more and more active in deceiving people, in preparation for the greatest of all deceivers, the antichrist. Satan, we read, "beguiled Eve through his subtlety". Never before in all history has there been such deception as today—so many cultisms and sects sprung up. Never before has there been so many exotic doctrines preached, and all in the name of Christ. Ezekiel spoke, that it's the watchman's duty to sound the trumpet and warn the people.

It was announced that Bro. Noah Miller was released from our congregation as minister and will now serve in the capacity of minister at the Minneapolis congregation. The family plans to continue to reside at Winthrop at the present time. May God add His blessings and give the increase according to His will. In the harvest field, there is work to do—the grain is ripe—and the laborers few. May we labor together in the Lord's vineyard in one accord.

We rejoiced to hear the testimonies of Sis. Florence and Bro. Walter Messner, who were proved and baptized on Sun., May 30. It warmed our hearts to hear them testify of the wonderful grace and love of God they had experienced, even though they had walked many miles in the sea of life in sin. God's tender call in love and mercy to "Come unto me" was heeded. We wish them God's blessings in their Christian walk of life. Our visiting

elders were Bros. Paul Banwart and Leo Moser.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS
Mrs. Martha Kieser

We were indeed refreshed and uplifted in the Spirit, when our congregation partook of Holy Communion. Elder Bros. Joah Broguard, Fairbury, and Fred Grimm, Taylor, helped our elder, Bro. Silas Leuthold, with this work.

Marion Knobloch, son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma, spent a few days furlough at home recently. While here, he narrowly escaped injury when he dozed at the wheel and lost control of his car. We were thankful to see him with just a few bruises.

Quite a few little ones are home with mumps.

Ken Knobloch, a recent high school graduate, is interested in knowing if any one will be attending Joliet Junior College of Agriculture this fall. If so, contact him. His address is Wyoming, Illinois.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN
Kay Cargill — Linda Shaw

The evening of May 12 we were privileged to have with us Bro. Al Schneider from Rockville. He shared the word with us in love and faith, and we rejoice that God's holy word still stirs the hearts of man.

On Sunday, May 30, our congregation heard the kind exhortations brought by Bro. Art Gudeman from La Crosse and Bro. Walter Anliker from Eureka. Among the many teachings of our Lord of which we were reminded was the importance and need of prayer in our daily walk of life.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened . . .

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Two songleaders from Detroit attended the Francesville conference to discuss the proposed Zion's Harp changes. They relayed the satisfaction of the Detroit congregation with the present hymnbook.

Detroit was visited by the 8th grade and Bible class from the La Crosse congregation. They were accompanied by several adult

couples. We enjoyed their presence with us, June 5 and 6. We hope that their lives, as well as those of our youth, will be enriched by the visit.

PORTLAND, OREGON
Mrs. Edward Unsicker
Mrs. Glenn Hackenjoss

Isaiah's beautiful prophecy "Himself, took our infirmities, and bear our sicknesses"—is still true today, as in the days when the Lord Jesus was on earth. Seeing patience radiate from the faces of our dear sick sister, Mary Mathys, and brother, Larry Lombardo, we realize that indeed our wonderful Jesus is **bearing them**. If it be His will, how we pray that they may be restored to health, that God may continue to use their lives to brighten the darkness. If any of you would wish to send them a line of comfort, their addresses are: Mr. Larry Lombardo, 6402 78th St. West, Lakewood Center, Wash. 98467. Mrs. Mary Mathys, c/o Silverton Hospital, Silverton, Oregon.

We have been greatly comforted by Bro. Harvey Kaisner's recent move to Silverton (formerly of Maywood). Our cries for the Silverton church were mingled with all those of you who have been praying, and God has answered speedily. In Hebrews 5 we read that even our Lord Jesus, when He was in the flesh, had to **offer up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears**, and that He learned obedience, "though he were a Son". We know that none of us have ever uttered cries even to be compared with those bitter tears our Saviour shed. We feel so unworthy of answered prayer, and yet we go from "faith to faith", believing He will work in other dedicated young hearts a desire to join Bro. Harvey at Silverton. "Surely", another young brother said recently, as he stood in the churchyard, viewing the lush valley walled in by the green hills, "there are much worse places than this in which to settle!"

Silverton church is very grateful to have Janice (Kaufman) and Leo Montoya back from New Mexico, where Leo was in school, majoring in accounting.

Portland church and Sunday School are happy to welcome Laura Day, a recent high school graduate from Tidewater, Oregon, who is living with her aunt and uncle, Sis.

Connie and Bro. Garth Steffen. Laura hopes to attend our Daily Vacation Bible School also, and to find summer employment in Portland.

God has again raised promising green fields from earth, recently so brown and bare. Life from death! ". . . Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24. Think of this—because of **falling and dying** preceding living again, we have the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance . . . And not only we, but all who seek to **obey** God. One of our dear sisters tells her experience—

"I was not raised by Christians. In fact, I was brought up in a home that was far from a Christian atmosphere. My parents were divorced when I was six years old, and after that I was just allowed to grow up.

We, my daughter and I, had been going to a little church that was far back in the mountains. One Sunday, coming home from church I started to take a cigarette. I got the cigarette about to my mouth, when a voice spoke to me, saying, "If you take one of those, you cannot be one of mine." I looked back over my shoulder, as I did not know where the voice came from. My older daughter, who was with us that Sunday, said, "What is it, Mama? Did you see a ghost?" I told her that I did not know, but hoped to find out.

From that day I began searching for God.

The people from the Portland Apostolic Christian Church began coming to our little church to hold services. When my daughter and I began going to their services, and saw the love of God showing in their faces, we knew we had at last found what we wanted.

We were baptized in February of 1954. My husband and son were with us when we were baptized, but they had not turned to the Lord.

One night about two weeks later I awoke in the middle of the night to find my husband down on his knees beside our bed, crying and praying. I asked if I could help, and he told me no, to go back to

sleep. My son also turned to the Lord, with the result that in August of that same year, they were baptized.

We have one child yet out of the fold, but we are still hoping and praying for her. With the way God has so graciously answered our prayers so far, we are sure that our little lamb will one day come home. We thank God for His wonderful mercies unto our family."

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt Marilyn Schneider

Bro. Alfred Fehr was hospitalized for some time with a heart ailment. He is at home again and is feeling some better.

On May 9, we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion. We are very grateful that Bro. Leo Moser from Lester assisted our elder, Bro. Paul Banwart, in serving us.

Our congregation was saddened by the sudden death of our beloved brother, Fred Traub Sr. May God provide comfort to his dear wife, Sis. Corrine, and her family. Visiting ministers for Bro. Fred's funeral were Bro. Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski; Bro. Carl Hartman, Sabetha; and Bro. Leroy Messner, Winthrop.

Bro. Duane Metzger is home on leave from the service. Bro. Duane is stationed in Fort Knox, Kentucky. Arthur Mogler is also home on leave; he is stationed in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

This poem was written in memory of our aged brother, Chris Luthi:

His footsteps sounding on the floor,
His cherished face at the open door,
His presence there to sup with me,
Ah, these no more on earth shall be.

He had gifted hands that worked with sod,
A soul that knew and loved his God,
Eyes that read the Holy Book,
And forward to Heaven did ever look.

Yes, you have gone, my dear one,
from me,
But life is short, and toward eternity
I'll struggle along on the same path
you trod,
Where we'll meet, and forever sing
praises to God.

LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

Bro. Carl Kipfer of the Bluffton church and Bro. Norman Stoller of the Ft. Wayne church were our visiting ministers.

Sis. Lydia Bollier, who underwent surgery, is now out of the hospital and on the mend. Sis. Cora Levy is at the Auburn, Ind., hospital and very ill at this writing. We pray God will send His ministering angels to our loved ones. Mrs. John G. Getz is spending sometime at the Parkview Hospital.

Edw. Frautschi, who has been attending Purdue, is home for the summer. He is at this time working at the same place his father, Albert, works.

Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein left for Alaska, where he will attend college for a couple of months.

Bible school begins here Mon., June 14. Two weeks are planned, with a class for an older group evenings.

The Ft. Wayne Sunday School group entertained the Leo Sunday School group at the Fellowship Center, June 6.

Sis. Mildred Schlatter handed me this poem:

IF

If we noticed little pleasures
as we noticed little pains,
If we quite forgot our losses
and remembered all our gains,
If we looked for people's virtues
and their faults refused to see,
What a comfortable, happy, cheerful place this would be.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA Doris Graf Jeri Minger

"And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost."—St. John 1:33.

Our congregation rejoices that another dear soul has been added to the fold. Sis. Joyce Minger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Minger, was proved and baptized this past month. We wish her God's richest blessings in her new walk of life.

Sis. Yoshiko Utsuki spent a week here among our congregations before returning to her homeland, Japan. Our hearts were saddened as we said our final farewells to

her on Sunday afternoon, May 16. Fifty-five friends and members from Maywood and Altadena gathered at the Los Angeles Harbor before she sailed. As the ship blew its last whistles, the song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again", arose from our group, and looking on the ship, there stood dear Sis. Yoshiko, singing with us, with tears in her eyes. The sadness she expressed that day was for leaving all the dear friends and members across the United States. We hope that if it is God's will, she may again visit us again someday.

Bro. David Stevig has returned to his home in Phoenix, for the summer months. He is attending University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Many friends and relatives visited Bro. and Sis. Bill and Frieda (Baer) Minger, on the evening of their 25th Wedding Anniversary. We hope God grants them many more happy years together.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

La Verne Roth Kathryn Miller

In the last issue of news from this community, word was mentioned of the ebbing lifetime of Bro. John Brown, but before this letter left the state of Kansas, the weakened body was relieved from the breath of life, to rest in tranquil peace until God calls an end to time.

Bro. John Brown, 71 years of age, passed away in his home May 9. He was tenderly cared for by his loved ones during the time of his lingering illness. Funeral services were held here May 11, with Bros. Elias Somerhalder and Ronald Nelson officiating.

Bro. John was born in Gyorkony, Hungary, and came to the United States in 1912 at the age of 18. He worked for a time in Akron. After several years, he moved to Harper, Kansas, and in 1927 he purchased, and made his home, on a farm near Hazelton, Kansas. When taking out naturalization papers in 1928, the spelling of his name was changed from Braun to Brown.

He is survived by his wife, Sis. Dorothy; his daughter Millicent Frieden; and a brother, Miklos of Gyorkony, Hungary, who was privileged to visit the Brown family last summer.

Bro. Ruben and Sis. Marie Farney returned to their farm home near Burlington for the harvest

and summer months, after spending the past nine months in California.

Sisters Lydia Ott and Fredericka Schif are residing in the Memorial Manor Home in Cherokee, Oklahoma.

Elder Bro. Roy Farney, from Phoenix, was in our midst Memorial Day, May 30. The day proved to be memorable in several ways. Bro. and Sis. Minnie, being former residents of this congregation, were greeted with gladness. All were thankful that a measure of health and strength was provided that Bro. Roy could minister to this congregation the true word of the Scriptures, the day being completed in the remembrance of Christ's death by the serving of Holy Communion. A covered-dish supper, served in the church basement, was enjoyed by many.

Sis. Doris Schurter Daughhete was a hospital patient this past month.

The wheatfields are bending with golden, ripening grain. Man toils to work the land, plants in hope, but only God can bring the sunshine and the rain, and in due time according to His will, the increase at His pleasure.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL. Ben Blunier

The third Sunday in May was a truly blessed day of worship for us at Champaign. Our elder brothers, Noah Schrock and Joe Getz, brought us inspiring messages and then served us Holy Communion. Our prayerful thanks are extended to them for their love in bringing this blessing.

Later, we enjoyed more fellowship at a picnic at a Lake of the Woods Park Pavilion.

Bro. Fred Knapp, Congerville, was our teacher at the last Bible Class meeting of the school year. He was wonderfully used of the Lord to bring us the Word. We are so grateful.

Our thanks also to Bro. Ed Hohulin, who ministered to us at the first June services. We were pleased to yet have many of the college students with us, in the midst of their examination time. We will miss them through the summer, and look forward to seeing those who plan to return in the fall.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS Mary Young Margaret Rudin

On May 29, we had evening services, that our friends could give their testimonies. They are Kathy Yergler, Joan Rudin, Ann Rin-Rinkenberger, and Judy Bauer. They were baptized the next day. Bros. Joe Getz, Joe Waibel, and Henry Kilgus assisted our elders. Bros. Ed Hohulin and Sam Kilgus were also with us that week end. It was very blessed.

Sis. Minnie Rechkemmer entered the hospital again the past month. Sis. Mary Wyss is being cared for at her home.

Sis. Mary Dotterer Kietel passed away at Mansfield Hospital, where she had been a patient for eleven days, from the results of a broken hip. She had been making her home with her sister, Caroline Dotterer, in Mansfield for about 5 years. She reached the age of 87 years. Services were held at Mansfield May 25, and the body was brought here for services and burial, on May 26. Services were conducted by Bros. Joshua Broquard and Henry Sabo. She was laid to rest beside her late husband.

Birth: To Bro. and Sis. Gerry Farney, a boy, on May 17. He was named Rodney Dean.

The engagement has been announced of Sis. EvaJean Knapp and Bro. Herman Schaefer (of Morris). Eva Jean is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Fred Knapp.

Many are busy with Vacation Bible School, which is in full swing. They have an enrollment of 242 children. The theme is "My Saviour Teaches Me." How interesting it is to see what the little children learn. June 11, they will have a program to tell us what they have learned.

School is out. Many of our young folks have graduated from high school, and some will be going away to school. The graduates were reminded to read the Bible, for in it is much knowledge that the world can not obtain.

This was a class motto which was very impressing:

Whatsoever things are true
Whatsoever things are honest
Whatsoever things are just
Whatsoever things are pure
Whatsoever things are lovely

Whatsoever things are of a good report

If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

We are happy six more souls could be announced for proving. They are Vernon and Rose Martin, Vera and Joyce Hodel, Dale Feller, and Fred Maul.

On Sunday, June 6, our Sunday School entertained the Roanoke and Eureka Bible classes. Forty-three students from Roanoke and 37 from Eureka were accompanied by their teachers and their wives. A pot-luck supper was held in the church basement. We are certain this was an enjoyable day for all. We welcome them back.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Viola Gerber

We want to thank Elder Bros. Joe A. Getz and John Bahler for visiting us on June 5 and 6. Saturday evening was spent at the home of Bro. and Sis. Wendell Gerber. In the evening a song service was held. It is always a joy to be with those of like mind and heart.

Sunday morning and evening the brothers brought us the good word, which included many good teachings, chastisements and encouragement from Colossians 2 and 3. In the afternoon two friends, Robert Sutter and Darrell Klopfenstein gave their testimonies before the congregation and were baptized. When we hear friends testify that they are dead unto sin and want nothing more than to live for the Lord, it gives us faith anew. All of us could agree with Bro. Bahler when he said, "The Lord has been good to us this day."

We appreciate having a new song leader, Bro. Victor Beer, in our congregation. Our other two leaders, Bros. Harry Sutter and Wendell Gerber, were chosen some time ago to serve as ministers. Bro. Victor and Sis. Dorothy (Gutwein) Beer and their family moved to Florida recently from Milford.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS Annabelle Bahr Marie Zaugg

Visiting ministers were Bro. Sam Huber, Gridley (Kansas) church, and Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker, LeMont. It was told how lucky we are that we don't have to go to a certain mount or tabernacle to pray and worship at a certain time. We

can do so wherever we are and whenever the need arises. Do we value this advantage as we should?

Sis. Marie Zaugg and her sister, Friend Lydia Hawkins, were called to the bedside of their sister, Katie Hawkins, in California, who is very ill. She was still on the critical list when they returned home. May God grant her a speedy recovery.

Graduates in our community include Joyce Sinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sinn, and Charles Sinn, son of Bro. and Sis. Danny Sinn, from Ft. Scott Senior High; Betty Sinn, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Danny Sinn, from Ft. Scott Junior College; and Gerald Sinn, son of Bro. and Sis. Gus Sinn, from Kansas University at Lawrence.

Vacation Bible School is in progress now, for the next two weeks. There were 35 pupils on the opening day, 5 classes and 6 teachers. There will be a program at the close.

Sis. Ruth Sinn and myself are recovering from surgery last month, and have been back to church the past several Sundays.

I want to thank my friends and relatives who sent me get-well cards and letters. I appreciated them all, and can feel your and our prayers have been answered.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Bernie Emch Glenn Anliker

We are so grateful to God that he saw fit to restore a measurable amount of health unto our brother, Roy Wernli, that he can again assemble with us and labor for Him.

At this writing, Mary Storrer has been in the hospital several weeks, critically ill with a heart ailment. May God be with her and make her lot bearable.

Funeral services for Mrs. Katie Moser Leu, 89 years old, were held at the funeral home April 15, conducted by Bro. Samuel Anliker. Burial in our church cemetery.

We were richly blessed on the Sunday of June 6, when Bro. Alpha Strahm spoke God's precious word to us. For his meditation, he read the first chapter of Acts. The main theme of his sermon was based upon how we are living in the sixth hour, that the scripture fast fulfilling itself . . . So may we take heed to God's word and be obedient unto it.

May the close love and fellowship that we enjoy together, even when

we may have never met each other before, never wax cold, but may it always be rekindled.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

Thus united and in concord
Let us walk the path of life.
Hand in hand, O may love bind us,
For each other's welfare strive.

These words from Hymn No. 237 were sung at the wedding, on May 9, when Bro. Rudolph Graf performed the ceremony uniting in marriage Sis. Dorothy Sabo and Bro. Wayne Gerber. Our best wishes for a happy and blessed life together go with Dorothy and Wayne, who are making their home in Lester. We invite them to visit us often. The bride is the daughter of Bro. Henry and Sis. Louise Sabo, and the groom is the son of Bro. and Sis. Ted Gerber.

We also extend our best wishes for much happiness to the new Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kenneth Flick, who exchanged wedding vows on May 22. Before her marriage the bride was Diane Kay Riggenbach, daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Elda Riggenbach.

Our thanks to Bros. Joe Ramsier and Bob Stoll, who also visited and ministered to us this past month.

Congratulations to Steve and Nancy Miller, whose son-Stephen Douglas—was born May 3, and to Dick and Carolyn Sauder, who have a son Gregory, born May 16.

Although Sis. Mary Dotterer Keidel had returned to make her home in Mansfield for only the past four years, in her quiet loving way she endeared herself in the hearts of our congregation. On May 13, she broke her hip, and on May 24, at the age of 87, the Lord led her home. Services were held in Mansfield on May 25, and on Wednesday at the church in Cissna Park, with burial following. We express our sympathy to her brothers, Bros. Ben, Isaac and Andrew Dotterer, to Sisters Martha Laukhuf and Caroline Dotterer, and to her step-children.

Precious Lord, take my hand. Lead me on; let me stand.
I am tired; I am weak; I am worn.
Thru the storm, thru the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord;
Lead me home.

The Vesper Choir were privileged to sing hymns of praise, when they visited various homes for the aged in the Mansfield area during the month of May. On May 12, they visited at the Richland County Home, on the 26th at Mansfield Memorial Homes, on the 30th at Winchester Nursing Home. After singing for the residents of our Church Home on the 19th, refreshments were served, and we enjoyed an hour of fellowship with those who make their home there.

Sing praise to God, all ye who love
the Saviour;
Extol His actions; praise His faithfulness!
Sing praise to Him Who first
showed us His favor;
His loving kindness in your song
express!

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger

Norene Koehl

The high school graduates from our congregation this year are Sis. Bonnie Moser, Mark Kellenberger, Carolyn Sauder, Eileen Spohr, Beverly Messner, Jean Greiner, and Kathleen Zeltwanger. Another graduate is Charlotte Werpy, who graduated, after three years of training, from Northwestern Hospital School of Nursing, on June 4, as a registered nurse. We wish them all success and God's blessings in their future life.

Bro. and Sis. Ephraim Koehl had an open house reception on June 6, honoring the marriage of their daughter, Charlette, to Ward Werpy of Morris. We wish them well in their married walk of life.

We discontinued our mid-week services, and have singing at church the first and third Sundays of the month. We also turned to Daylight Saving Time May 23.

Best wishes to Sis. Eva Jean Knapp of Cissna Park and Bro. Herman Schaefer, whose engagement was announced Sunday, May 30.

We were blessed through God's word brought to us by visiting ministers, Bros. Noah Shrock, Silas Leuthold, and Ben Fehr.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

Mrs. Ada Banwart

Bro. Fred Marti from Lamar, assembled with our congregation for evening services on Thursday, May

6. Bro. Fred lent himself in preaching God's word.

Bro. Silas Leuthold from Princeville spent Thursday evening, June 3, with us at church, before going on their way to Lester. Bro. Silas expounded the word of God.

Friend Rebecca Barth, daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Barth, was married on May 29 to Don Carpenter of Morning Sun, by Bro. Noah Schrock.

Friend Sandra Heiniger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Harvey Heiniger, was married on June 5 to Larry Heckenberg, who is employed in St. Louis, Missouri. The marriage ceremony was carried out by her father, Bro. Harvey, who has been chosen by our congregation to assist Bro. Noah Schrock in this solemn duty.

Friends Ed and Joyce Korf and Jay Richard welcome the new member of their household, little Kurt Alan, who was born May 9. The maternal grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Richard Anliker.

Bro. Adolphus (Doss) and Sis. Bertha Lee Massner are parents of a baby boy, David Lyle, who was born May 31. This is their first child. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. John Wagenbach Sr. and Bro. and Sis. Adolph Massner, of this congregation.

Bro. Conrad and Sis. Roletta Gerst are parents of a little boy whom they have adopted. Roy Leslie was born on May 27. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Leslie Gerst of this congregation and Bro. and Sis. Roy Farney of Phoenix.

We spent our last Thursday evening in Iowa City for services this summer. We will again meet when the fall semester begins at the university. All efforts put forth to attend these services are greatly appreciated, and everyone is welcome to come next fall.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Honegger

For our last evening of worship and fellowship, our minister was Bro. Irvin Lehman from Wolcott. From a portion of Psalm 119, we heard of David's meditation in God's law. In His commandments, David found delight, hope, and comfort, and thus made a promise to Him: Psalm 119:33 "Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end." Many wonderful blessings were received by all who attended.

Concluding with final exams, another school year came to a close on June 2. Once more we thank God for being our Guide throughout the year.

Since most of the students returned to their homes or various cities for summer jobs, we will have no services until September. For those of us who stay, we are thankful we have churches of our faith within driving distance, where we can worship on Sunday. We thank the various congregations for their hospitality and kindness.

A schedule of the dates and churches participating in our services for 1965-66 will be listed in a future issue of the Silver Lining.

We extend our congratulations and wish God's blessings to our graduates. Steve Kaiser is now employed in Warsaw, Indiana, and Bro. Larry Hartter, who graduated last semester, will continue to do graduate work here at Purdue.

New students planning to enroll at Purdue this fall, or the ministers of their church, are requested to notify either Bro. Edwin Bahler from Remington or Mr. and Mrs. Keith Honegger, 225 Harrison, West Lafayette, Indiana. We wish to contact them before school begins.

TAYLOR MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer

Ruth Ann Tanner, Morton, graduated from Gem City College, Quincy, Ill. Her mother, Mrs. Gotthold Tanner, was here for the exercises.

Eleanor, daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley, graduated from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College at Kirksville, with a Bachelor of Science in Education.

Ron, son of Henry and Sis. Loida Hodel, graduated from Southern Illinois College at Carbondale, with a Bachelor of Science in Math.

Stan, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Naomi Heimer, graduated from Palmyra High School.

Bro. Will Butikofer wishes to thank everyone who remembered him in their prayers, and for all the cards, letters, gifts and visits which he received while in the hospital and since he returned home. Bro. Will broke his hip on March 5, but is getting along very well now and is able to walk with the aid of a walker.

Jimmy, son of the Bro. James Sutters, and Debbie and Curtis children of the Bro. Bill Heimer were hospitalized the past month for tonsillectomies.

Elder Bro. Fred Grimm, who has not been well recently, is in a St. Louis Hospital, where he submitted to surgery for the removal of a brain tumor on June 5. He is progressing satisfactorily at this writing, for which we are very thankful. We pray the Lord will restore him to full health.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Esther Schmid

Many valuable teachings and inspired messages were brought to us this past month by the following ministers, who visited our congregation: Bros. Carl Hartman, Sabetha; Noah Gerber, West Bend; and Frederick Knapp, Congerville.

On Mother's Day, we were reminded how God uses faithful mothers to preserve His people, as the mother of Moses saw that her son was a goodly child, and hid him three months so he could be spared from the king's decree that all male children should be cast into the river. When she could no longer hide him, she prayed earnestly for understanding, then took action and worked with her hands to make an ark. She put the babe therein and placed it at the river's edge, where Pharaoh's daughter found him. When the babe cried, she had compassion on him and provided care, the baby's own mother as his nurse.

The mother of Jesus Christ pondered in her heart that He was the Son of God. All through the Bible are many teachings of faithful mothers putting their trust in God, as our Christian mothers of today.

On May 9, Sis. Mary Jane Aberle and Bro. Dean Leuthold of Peoria were united in holy matrimony by our elder brother, Joe A. Getz. They are making their home in Tremont. We welcome Bro. Dean to our congregation.

Hospitalized this past month were Harold Rowell, for back surgery; Emma K. Getz, for observation; and Elsie Hutchison, for surgery. All are recovering at home now.

Vacation Bible School will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. for two weeks, with classes for grades one through high school.

Glory To God

God's call comes in many ways—through prayers, reading the Bible, listening and reading sermons, funeral services, and singing hymns. God calls us by name. "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you," says Jesus. His love invites, meets, and embraces us, even though we know we do not deserve this consideration.

When one has started to repent, he feels so sad and heavy-hearted. He feels somewhat better after talking with parents, ministers and others, but as time goes on, he feels much better after confessing his sins.

Grace is the unmerited love and favor of God. We praise God for the grace of His forgiveness, when he moves in to save sinners who stumble over their own pride. We are saved by grace. God has a claim on us. He is our Lord.

We know a soul is lost without repentance and baptism. Let us never forget to thank God that He gave His son, Jesus, that we might have life eternal. In any testimony of repentance, we usually hear that we get worn out by sin. It saps our energies, drains our vitality and frustrates our joys. Therefore, we feel we would like to start over and live for the Lord. We must repent and be born again. He offers pardon for our sins, then we experience the peace of a clean heart.

When the Holy Spirit works within our hearts, miracles occur. Darkness turns to light, blindness to wisdom, death to life.

The reading of the Bible has helped in repentance, and afterward also. The Bible stories taught in Sunday School are very interesting, but they mean so much more when one has repented.

Peace with man and God is very wonderful. The peace He grants is the peace of a clean heart and a right spirit, the peace of guilt removed and sins forgiven, the peace of fellowship with God that gives us strength for every burden.

The former things which were once loved can easily be forgotten. We are willing to begin the day with God in prayer, open the book of God and read a portion, conclude the day with God as He is still near; go through the day with God and confess your sins and

then lie down with God and He will guard you.

Life in the kingdom of God is a life of new beginnings. It began in holy baptism, when we were born again of water and the Spirit. There, God established a covenant of forgiving grace and gave us life in Christ. As baptized children we find a new beginning. The stains of sin are erased.

Just before baptism and all through repentance, a soul seems so unworthy of God's love . . . But after baptism, one is so happy to be a child of God that sometimes tears of happiness flow. We praise Him for the grace of His forgiveness and for the joy of service to His glory.

Laying on of hands is the sealing of the Holy Spirit, as taught by the apostles . . . Holy Spirit, faithful guide, ever near a Christian's side . . . We are sealed unto the day of our redemption, are warned, comforted and led unto all righteousness by the Holy Spirit's guidance.

We have new life in Him because the Spirit breathes the breath of life into our hearts. He is always present and active in our lives. We call Him Lord, because Christ reconciled us through His cross.

We believe that God is love. He loved us with an everlasting love; so we must love God. Nothing shall separate us from the love of God. Is the love of our hearts showing the love of God? Fellowship is wonderful in our churches. You meet and greet so many people, and singing usually means so much during repentance and all through a lifetime.

We are concerned about each of our brothers and sisters, and we rejoice whenever a soul repents and is baptized. Everyone after repentance and baptism is so happy that they have been chosen by God as His own and called by grace to the fellowship of faith through His Spirit.

The hope to come is that we have found redemption through His blood. We have forgiveness. We have the riches of His grace. We need not fear the future, dread the present, or bear the burdens of the past. What a God to love and serve. In Christ, we have a Father, with a Father's heart of love! The life we have in Christ is life in four dimensions.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Mrs. R. J. Taeger

In the past month we have had a number of singings, in the homes of brothers and sisters and friends of the truth. We believe that this is pleasing in God's sight, and does not only strengthen the faith of His children, but also those that are seeking to become one of His.

God can bless His people when they find it worthwhile to open their homes to sing and praise His high and holy name.

Only through fellowship can our church brotherhood stand the many trials and tribulations that seem to be many in these latter days.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

Nature presents a most beautiful picture at this time. The meadows and fields are verdant with leaves and vines. The crop condition at present is very good. May the Lord be praised for His many blessings bestowed on His people.

Elder Paul Banwart served us Holy Communion. "Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me . . . This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."

We had a week of Bible school, closing with a program and a picnic supper. Sisters Shirley Butikofer and Mary Metzger were the teachers. There were fourteen children enrolled. The program was enjoyed by the whole congregation; in addition, there were some visitors present who also enjoyed hearing the children render songs, give Bible verses and act out some parables. We appreciate the efforts of the teachers, pupils and parents involved.

Sis. Mary Metzger and Dale Moore graduated from Clermont Valley High School. Mary plans to take a course in practical nursing at Mason City, and Dale plans to assist his parents on their home farm. We wish to congratulate them, and wish for them God's blessing in whatever they undertake to accomplish.

It might be well for us to add to our usual salutation of "How are you"? "How is your faith"?

As perhaps many children who are taught about God's plan of sal-

vation in Sunday School, I became concerned about following the Lord quite young. May I add here, the labor of our Sunday School teachers certainly is not in vain, even though for awhile it may appear so, when Satan entices us to seek the pleasures of this world.

As I grew to the age of accountability, it seemed the desire of seeking the Lord in repentance never left. How cunning the enemy of our soul is! He let me keep this good intention. However, he began crowding into my mind and heart the things which the flesh desires. Being without the grace of God, of course these were the things to which I yielded.

The Lord still knocked at my heart's door from time to time . . . Sometimes through the preaching of His Word . . . Sometimes through the conviction of sin on my own conscience, and often through fear of His return and being found not ready to meet Him. The pleasures which at first seemed so desirable were becoming a burden. However, I had become a slave to them and could by no means see how I could be freed. The desire to repent was still with me, but I lacked the faith to believe that the Lord could cleanse me and help me to stay true to Him.

It was at this point that I feel God looked in pity upon my sad condition. I feel He began to guide my life with His hand of love, although I did not think of it this way then. Some of my fondest desires turned to ashes, and finally freed from these, I became willing to listen to God's remedy for sin.

His Word tells us, "faith cometh by hearing". When I at last began to pay attention to reading and listening to God's word, it began to speak to my heart. The Lord said, **Whosoever cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.** Listening to the preaching of God's word became a hard task without breaking down. I did not want anyone to notice how troubled I was. Had I confided in someone much sooner, I might have been spared much anguish of heart.

There were also excuses to overcome and put aside. One of them was too much willingness to excuse myself with other people's faults. Suddenly I realized, someday when God brings judgment upon this world, the faults of others cannot save me. The Lord will only be in-

terested in the debt of sin I owe.

Finally, one evening I confided my troubled thoughts to my brother, and he advised me to pray and seek God's grace and help. That night I fell on my knees and asked the Lord to help me, but I wasn't quite willing to fully surrender yet. Satan still filled my mind with doubts, but from then on I asked the Lord for grace and courage to take the step.

About two or three months later, one Sunday the minister suddenly quoted the scripture, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved . . ." This seemed to reveal the light for which I had sought, for it meant, believe in His power to cleanse you from sin . . . Believe in His power and not my own to bring the things of darkness to light and afterwards help me overcome and stay true to Him . . . Believe in His shed blood and the willingness to forgive the repentant sinner.

After having this much revealed to me, I was truly without excuse. I realized that now I must choose either to turn to the Lord or turn away from Him who gave His life for me. Seeking His grace and help, I made my wishes to repent known to my family. How wonderful God's grace is, that He is willing to help us do those things we are helpless to do of ourselves. Confessing my sins was not so hard now. Truly His peace is like a river, flowing through the parched ground of a heart after finding God's forgiveness.

Now I had love and concern for those who had come this same way. There is a joy in fellowship with those of like mind which I knew nothing of before. Being weak in faith, however, and Satan always works at our weakest places, it was sometime before I found faith to make a covenant with God in baptism. It was again God's grace, the prayers and advice of many beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord that helped me. What joy, after this step was taken and I was able to greet those of like faith as brothers and sisters in the Lord.

As the scripture teaches, through the laying on of hands and prayer, I received the Holy Spirit to guide me through this life. If only we are obedient when He prompts us, we will never be sorry we chose this path, already in this life . . . And the joy which awaits

us if we stay true and faithful till life's end, we cannot even comprehend.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

One more soul was added to the congregation, when Duane Witzig gave his testimony and was baptized. Duane is the son of Bro. Alf and Sis. Lillian Witzig, and is serving his country, being stationed at present in Washington. He had a few days leave, which was a very happy one for Duane and his family.

Our guest speakers in recent weeks have been, Bros. Don Sauder and Ben Fehr from Roanoke, and Bros. Dan Koch and Albert Aberle from Tremont.

Elections for trustees, Sunday School teachers and ushers was held on Wednesday evening. Bro. Alph Stoller was the retiring trustee, and Bro. Arthur Gramm is our new trustee. Bros. Paul Zehr and Bro. Edward Gramm succeeded Bros. Roy Hodel and William Romersberger as Sunday School teachers. Newly elected ushers are Bros. Alph Stoller and Floyd Meiss.

Present trustees are, Bro. Alv Ringger—Chairman; Bros. Roy Hodel, William Romersberger, Eli Kiefer, Arthur Gramm.

Present Sunday School teachers are Bro. Herbert Gramm—superintendent; Bros. Carlton Klopfenstein, Ralph Klopfenstein, Harold Schmidtgal, Allen Marti, Ralph Schlipf, Richard Kiefer, John Schlipf, Paul Zehr and Edward Gramm. The sisters are: Ella Schlipf, Helen Schlipf, Ruthanna Schlipf, Marilyn Schieler, Wilma Zehr, Mary Witzig and Irsel Funk.

Present ushers are Bros. Emil Schlipf, Fred Miller, Eugene Funk, Alph Stoller, Floyd Meiss.

Among the sick:

Bro. Frank Martin, who has been ill for a number of months, is slowly but steadily improving.

At this writing, my sister and co-reporter, Lydia, is in Brokaw Hospital, Bloomington, having undergone surgery, after suffering a very severe attack from gallstones. May God be with her, and soon restore her to better health.

Once again, schools are dismissed all over the country. Many young people are immediately beginning jobs, others going to summer school, and still others planning and preparing for further

education. Some of the boys are entering the service, and quite a number of girls are going into Nurses' Training. As each one steps into a new and strange world, may they ever ask God to go with them and be with them. This new world does not offer the comfort and shelter to which these young people are accustomed. Where ever they are, if they remember the love, advice and warnings of their parents, and put their trust in the Lord, He will surely be with them. May God protect them all, where ever they are.

INTO THE HARBOR . . .

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where the Lord told him to offer his only son, whom he loved, as a sacrifice to the Lord. How must his fatherly heart have pained him as his son, Isaac, asked him, as they were going together, "My father . . . Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?"

What a proving it was for him, but his love to God and his strong belief made him firm and confident to be obedient to the word of God, in whose hand was his and also the life of his son. Because Abraham was obedient to the word, it was counted to him for righteousness, he becoming a father to all the faithful on earth.

I thought, O that the Lord would give us such a faith and such a heart that would be as faithful and as obedient as the heart of Abraham was. Then God can reward us . . . and fulfill His promises to us. We need grace and Abraham's strong faith, which will dispel all doubt, all obstacles, when one is willing to offer to the Lord even that which is dearest. Then we can reap a recompense on that glorious day.

Saturday, June 2 . . . Williamsburg. Yesterday I sent two letters . . . today one to Bern and one to Brother Bella. This afternoon, accompanied by Sis. Wink, lately of Basel, we made several calls on the brethren.

Sunday, June 3 . . . Williamsburg. Today there was church, both in the forenoon and afternoon. It was given to me to speak. There are several loveable brethren here; a special loveable brother is Hornef, he being a pattern and a model for the church. They regard him too little.

How good it is if we have a hunger for the word of God. In the evening, there was singing, which we followed by reading a chapter and a prayer.

Monday, June 4. Today we left Williamsburg, accompanied by several, for New Bremen. Our trip from New York was by railroad, over the Hudson River. The larger villages through which we went were Roseville, Hudson, Shoreliede and Judiken. We had to take a stagecoach to Lowville, arriving there at 1:00 at night.

Tuesday, June 5. We hired a rig to take us to Croghan. On the way, we met the dear brother, Virkler, whose home is some distance from town. This is the place where the brethren Virkler live, there being a large congregation there.

A brother from New York City who accompanied me here asked Bro. Virkler how much land a man must have to make a living for a family. He replied, "It might make a big difference what kind of a man he is." "There were two men in Israel, in the Old Testament, the one being satisfied with very little and lived an orderly life. The other had very much, and wanted to add more to it. These men were Naboth and Ahab . . . And so there is just as much difference yet today." This conversation was a blessing to me . . . also important, concerning the brethren here and the condition of the church. I felt inwardly good. I could feel real happy among the brethren. They live close together, and through raising cattle have a pleasant and quiet life.

Wednesday, June 6 . . . Croghan. We visited among the brethren today, among whom was Bro. Vetter, who used to live in Zurich. We found him, his wife, and their children in good health. We enjoyed seeing each other, talking about many things and happenings of the past in the old country.

From there we went back to Peter Virkler, who is a brother of Joseph Virkler. There were quite a few brethren assembled here. We brothers talked about many things. Our songbooks were discussed.

We also talked about gross sinings, about which I gave the brother a letter to read. He recognized the spirit that was contained in the letter as unclean, and the writer of it impure. How good it is if we stay by the clear word of godly truth and daily gain through

it with godly grace, which in us and through us serves our own, and to others, salvation.

Thursday, June 7 . . . New Bremen, N.Y. Today I wrote a letter to Bro. Reuter. There was church both Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the church house which belongs to the congregation. The members here are quite numerous, living in a circle of about ten miles. It seems to me there is an active spiritual life among the brethren here. Much earnestness and zealously can be seen among them, not only in the evening at church, but also in their doings from morning until night.

Friday, June 8 . . . New Bremen. Weather cold and rainy. Today there was church at Naumberg. There is a nice church house here, and they have a large assembly. With the help of the Lord, it was given to me to speak with much joy. I had a good feeling in the spirit among these brethren. There is church everyday.

Saturday, June 9 . . . Naumberg. God let me feel my helplessness. I often felt weak, as I saw the brethren assembled and fear came over me, but never did the Lord allow us to come to shame. If we recognize our nothingness and our infirmities, He then lets us see how rich and helpful He is, to all who call to Him.

This I could feel, when I was in doubt about what to speak when the brethren were assembled. I opened the Bible and read a chapter. It came easy for me, as the Lord granted me to speak His word abundantly. Therefore, God's word is treasure, a precious spring, from which many thirsty souls have drunk and refreshed themselves on the riches of His house and holy temple. We have taken from His abundance grace for grace.

It is an invisible stream of godly blessings. They are gifts and grace concealed in Christ. O, how can we take from this stream of Christ, wherever we may be, all that we are in need of . . . There is always plenty on hand. In all eternity, this life will not wither. This godly wealth will not end for ever and ever.

We can find in Revelation, 21st chapter, that the holy city has an unmeasurable amount of wealth and riches . . . pure gold . . . all manner of precious stones . . . jasper, sapphire, emerald, sardonyx, and

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pearls . . . And that its glory and light is the Lamb and the city has no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God does light it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. **There is a pure land of wonder . . . Where the real joy exists . . . Where hate and quarrel surrender . . . because there the love is.**

We shall rejoice in hope for that new Jerusalem.

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I Surrender All; *In My Heart There Rings A Melody; *Jesus Will Walk With Me; Jesus Is All The World To Me; Jesus Loves the Little Children; Jesus Now is Calling; Just Over In The Glory-Land; *Jesus Paid It All; Kneel At The Cross; Leave It There; Leaning On The Everlasting Arms; Looking This Way; Lord, I'm Coming Home; More About Jesus; My Anchor Holds; *My Home, Sweet Home; My Mother's Bible; My Saviour First Of All; Meet Me There; My Mother's Prayer; Nothing Between; Nearer Still Nearer; Nailed To The Cross; O That Will Be Glory; O Come, Little Children; O Have You Not Heard Of That Beautiful Stream; O Come, All Ye Faithful; O Holy Night; *Over The Sunset Mountains; *On The Jericho Road; *Open Thy Merciful Arms; Precious Memories; Praise Him, All Ye Little Children; Remember Me, O Mighty One!; Repentance and Faith; Stepping In The Light; Sound The Battle Cry; Sitting At The Feet of Jesus; Soldiers Of The Lord; Silent Night; Sunshine In The Soul; Steal Away Saved By Grace; The Blood of The Lamb; The Service of Jesus; *That Beautiful Land; The Haven of Rest; There's A Great Day Coming; *The Fire Song; *The Great Redeemer; The Riches of Love; The Open Gate; The Uncolored Day; Tell Me The Story of Jesus; To Part No More; Tarry With Me; The Eastern Gate; The Last Mile of The Way; *The Nail-Scarred Hand; To God Be The Glory; *Take My Hand, Precious Lord; The Master Calls For Reapers; There Will Be No Dark Valley; The Babe of Bethlehem; Tell Mother I'll Be There; *That Lonesome Valley; The Lights of Home; Through The Shining Gate; *Until Then; *Victory in Jesus; *Where The Roses Never Fade; When I Get to The End Of The Way; Were You There?; Worship; Wounded For Me; We Shall Know Up Yonder; Where We'll Never Grow Old; Where Will You Spend Eternity; Where Jesus Is, 'Tis Heaven; When We All Get to Heaven; Will There Be Any Stars; *Whispering Hope; *When The Saints Go Marching In; When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder; We Are Going Down The Valley; Wonderful Peace; Where He Leads I'll Follow. . . *Where Could I Go; What A Mourning; *What A Day That Will Be; *Wonderful Grace Of Jesus.

*Alone; *In The Garden.