



... keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

Which some professing have erred concerning the faith

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even

his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: . . .

If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: . . .

. . . there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, . .

For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old . . .

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

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HOW SWEET TO TELL MOTHER I'LL BE THERE IN ANSWER TO HER PRAYER

[Sis. Lydia Bollier traveled and is now beyond the sunset a little while before us. Here are some heart-touching words of hers. First, she addresses each of her children, and then her husband.]

Parkview Hospital—October 23, 1965 . . . Lying here in hospital bed again . . . praying for God's help and mercy as always, and praying for all our loved ones at home. Yesterday is gone, and with it many things have happened. Little do we know what tomorrow holds—But I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand. God is our refuge, a very present help in trouble . . . This I am so very thankful for. What would we do if we did not have a loving Saviour, and His wonderful word of life. We must all look to God more and more, so we can have that good Spirit of love and truth in our hearts now and forever.

It is fifty years in November since I repented, was baptized and received this wonderful Spirit of love and peace. It has meant more to me than anything this world has to offer . . . So wonderful to feel His patience in times like these, and I know His grace is sufficient for each day . . . So I will try to bear my suffering with Jesus gladly, and fear the cross of Christ no more.

So my dear ones—I am praying for all of you. I want my Saviour to be your Saviour, too, so we can meet again in the better home.

My Dear Melvin—You have been a good son, and we have always loved you and yours. Please take time for God every day . . . Remember when you went home with Uncle John—your wagon unhooked; it was dark and you were afraid. God answered your prayer, so watch and pray.

Dear Donald—You have always always been so kind and considerate to me. I have always been so thankful for you, and love you and yours . . . I know you don't forget to pray, as you never forgot that little German prayer I taught you and all the rest when you were a little boy. God does answer prayer, so watch and pray.

My Dear Ted—You too, like Donald and Mel, have always been so

loving and thoughtful, and my love for you like all our children brought me much happiness. I have many cherished memories of all of you, but don't feel so much like writing more this eve.

My Dear Hazel—Lying here in the hospital, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you at home. I'm happy to have my dear loving ones praying for me too. I love you all so much . . . always take your burdens to our dear Lord in prayer.

My dear son John—So thankful for a dear son like you, too, and for the happiness you have brought to me when you repented, and that you are serving our good Lord so faithfully. May He grant you a double portion of grace to help you . . .

I am so thankful for His love and grace in my afflictions, and for the love and happiness I found each day for all these years. His help has carried me through in sorrow and joy. My prayer is that everyone would have this joy and hope of salvation. May He abide with you and yours always, and grant you much wisdom and understanding to do His will.

My dear Bobby—Like all the others, dear son, I love you, so thankful you are a good son. Have been so thankful to have you close to us, and appreciate all you have done for us. God bless you, and keep you in His loving care. Watch and Pray.

My dear Jeanne—I am trying to write a few lines to each of you dear ones . . . I am so thankful for God's grace and help each day. Without His help I could not make it. I want so much for you to accept our dear Lord through repentance. This is the only way to find true happiness in sorrow especially, and in joy too. Ask and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. You have been so good to me, dear, and I love you and thank you for all. God be with you and yours.

My dear Marylin—Last but not least . . . So thankful for you dear and all you have done for me too. May God bless you and your constant help and love shown to us. I am so glad that you and Jean too have taken me to church. The dear

children need and enjoy Sunday School so much. They certainly enjoy to learn about Jesus and His love for all . . . hope they continue to always want to learn more about our Lord and Saviour and His love and compassion for all . . . And you, dear Marylin, I know want them to be saved, just like I have always prayed for you and all my children and their children . . . So don't put off repentance too long. The dear Lord is merciful, hears every prayer and wants all to be saved, so I'm praying you heed His call. You will wonder why you didn't do it sooner, because it brings so much peace and happiness now, and much more in eternity. You have been blessed with a beautiful home and two dear children, and yet that home up yonder is more beautiful than anything here on earth.

So strive to be ready when He calls . . . my prayers for each and everyone of you.

Dearest John—May God be with you through all these afflictions. I pray you can be blessed with better health again, God willing. I feel my time here isn't very long anymore, but God's will be done, and I'm so thankful to feel His help daily. I thank him for our many blessings together. He has always sustained us in our needs.

Praying that we will meet up yonder in the Sweet Bye and Bye. All my love, Mother.

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ALL WILL KNOW SOME DAY.

AN UNBELIEVER WAS NEAR ETERNITY. HIS EYES WERE FIXED ON A VIEW BEYOND. HE SAID, "SO IT IS SO".

CHRIST AND SALVATION, OR EVOLUTION

A Roanoke Brother

Throughout the day many things are pondered upon . . . So it has been on this Palm Sunday. In these troubled times, when all kinds of theories are brought before our children, the evil one would have the very elect to believe God is dead, and that from the theories of a young man called Darwin we are to believe that God's beautiful creation originated from a speck of space dust that fell to the earth.

We can take heed of our elder brethren, because of their longsuffering, and because the older we get the closer we get to God. In reality, the older we get the closer to death we are, and as we know when we pass death's gate, there the other side of Jordan stands our Maker and judgment. So it was with this young professor named Darwin. In his last days, he turned back to his childhood faith and

made his final choice God, and His eternal gift . . . But we don't hear of these last days of Darwin. He regretted his own theories, which took like wildfire. In his last days he regretfully said, "People made a religion out of them."

Today we have in our schools these same theories in the textbooks of our children. It has grown to a form of religion. It is said by some, "That you are for Christ or for evolution."

A young soldier in Viet Nam knelt in his foxhole, in the midst of war. The enemy charged. Such shouting and shooting he had never before witnessed. Under the pressure his nerves could not control themselves, and he broke and stood up in the midst of fire. He took God's name, cursed the enemy and started shooting at them. A bullet struck him, and he fell back into the foxhole. His buddy witnessed a dying boy of 18 trying to

say at death's door, The Lord's Prayer . . . But he was unable to finish, because the death angel took him to his judgment. In the face of death it seems that we have a tendency to return to our childhood faith.

If only we all could have the faith of our six-year-old children, who according to today's standards are uneducated . . . But he is full of the love of the Lord. You can ask him who created the earth and his answer will be simply, "The Lord." The Lord said, Out of the mouths of children comes perfect praise.

Here is where we should strive to plant the seed of faith, water it, and pray that God provides the increase, and that someday fruit will appear on this mortal tree.

To the honor and glory of the Lord and God the Father we give our praise, and pray that he holds our hand throughout life's journey. Amen.

ISRAEL

Henry Souder Jr.

In the midnight sky there is glow. God lights it.

The years race rapidly forward. This remains constant and certain: God reigns, governs, gives according to His glorious wisdom. He has a plan. He knows how to successfully bring to a finish each step in this age.

There is unity in His plan and fellowship in ageless joy is promised.

Many years ago, Abram went out from a land fraught with worldly ways. One night the Lord pointed out the starry hosts above. "Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall all thy seed be." Abraham is the father of the faithful. A uniting tie circles the faithful. In ages to come the brethren will rejoice with this pleasant personality, Abraham.

Time speeded on: The babes of

Abraham's time grew old, now have long been slumbering in the bosom of the earth.

David became king. In a great plan, David had a place. Promise is shown forward. Light from the word guides the traveler on the day path of God. David is told: ". . . And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever." Our Jesus has an everlasting kingdom. It is again a united circle God has in mind, His King in the line and on the throne of David. Now this kingdom of heaven is at hand. We draw nigh through Him.

The light of the world is Christ. Christ is the center of promise. The cross brings oneness. All the beauty of peace, the fellowship sweet, the life, the love will carry on over into coming ages . . . There is planned unity, glorious reality.

The book of Hebrews throws beautiful light on sweet souls who had a good report through faith: "God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." Souls who finished in faith in Old Testament days will rejoice with the church in ages to come. There is a sweet unity we shall know, together. What joys of pleasant fellowship, what dreams fulfilled will delight in that dawn of unending happiness.

The builders of a bridge dig and build; the final form is not in sight. Here are gigantic forms; there they are doing something. The planners have in mind the beauty of the final sight. God is preparing for that beautiful city and country He has in mind.

Time is passing. Now we are in the present age, far down the days. Shadows are long. It is late. We

have watched. In the very darkest hours—the clouded, blackened horizon, the tree will show spring cometh. We must watch and pray.

We must keep our fences, or we only invite trouble.

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee . . ."

Will the glorious Kingdom soon come? Will the sky soon be aflame with our lovely Lord and King?

From more than 100 nations the Jews have come to the homeland, Israel. What is this, where once was wasteland & desert? Tel Aviv is a city of 400,000. The old blocks of Jerusalem are still in Gentile hands . . . But Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. Thousands attend Hebrew University. A new port is opened at Ashdod. There is a thriv-

ing interest in the Bible. 2.5 million people, Jews, call themselves the "People of the Book".

These people have a mind to work. More than 83 million trees makes a marvellous difference. Copper is mined from what is believed were mines once worked under King Solomon. These people are intelligent. They explore nuclear reaction, search for desalination, ways to get water from the sea. They have some of the ablest physicians in the world.

Is there a uniting tie, angels rejoicing, arching the future?

Revelation 12 reveals the almighty view of God. In verse 13, we see the dragon turning viciously on the people of the land. In verse 14, the Jews flee. Does the destructive action line up with the abomination of desolation?

What of the remnant in verse 17? (The Jews will look on Jesus,

whom they pierced; when Jesus comes, they will repent.) But what of this remnant that keep the commandments of God and love Jesus?

Chapter 13 in Revelation has some very dark hours. In chapter 14 the storm is over for a beautiful choir.

What of the church and the Jews? Today Romans 11 "For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy."

The prayer of a righteous man and a righteous woman availeth much.

What mighty wonders He will do!

"Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come."

DON'T YOU WANT GOD'S BOSOM TO BE YOUR PILLOW?

The light for the righteous shines bright, so brilliant. Listen to the words of a faithful follower of the word:

"I know the old ship. The Pilot knows me well. He will take me safe into port. Heavenly breezes already fan my cheeks. I shall not be a stranger in heaven. I am well known up there . . . I see a great multitude with white robes, and I long to be with them. To depart and be with Christ is far better."

" . . . For many years neither death nor the grave had any terrors for me. Hark! hark! hear

ye not the song? Victory is ours. There is great rejoicing in heaven . . ."

A noted French infidel saw death ahead.

His infidel flatterers hastened to his chambers.

He loudly exclaimed: "Begone! It is you that have brought me to my present condition. Leave me, I say; begone! What a wretched glory is this which you have produced to me!"

At times he would plead in plaintive accents, "O Lord Jesus!" Then turning his face he would

cry, "I must die—abandoned of God and of men!"

His end drew near. His condition became so frightful that his infidel associates were afraid to approach his bedside. His nurse repeatedly said that for all the wealth of Europe she would never see such happenings like this again.

It's not for us to judge. We know that where mercy can be used, our God loves to use it. Where a soul perishes without hope, our just and righteous Judge will act according to His word.

Plans have been made whereby our men in service will be mailed a printed sermon each month. Any college student or person in a remote area wishing to be on the mailing list, please send name and address to Sidney Leman, Forrest, Ill. 61741.

Many of the student addresses will be discontinued before the June mailing. If you are in school through the summer and would enjoy to continue receiving the Silver Lining, let us know. Is there someone who would enjoy the Silver Lining? Would a child of yours read these precious pages if he received them?

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In His sweet drift to rest,
When one is near to sleep,
There listen to the best,
And in thy heart do reap.

One reaps the songs so sweet
Harbored in memories keep.
Joy in far circle meet,
And drink His waters deep.

Good gospel hymns blend sweet
With Zion Harp sweet song.
In stormless sky they treat,
To blue expanse belong.

THE NEW GOSPEL HYMNBOOKS

Some of the proofs are set in Chicago. A place in Indianapolis makes the plates. Work has been going forward. We would give a date of the July-August area, possibly July. We would urge caution, on a sure date, however. More later.

We would suggest, if you want to know what songs will be added, and what are to be left out, to look in the November **Silver Lining**. If you do not have a copy, there are some on hand.

CHANGE OF TIME

Days change so many things, yes
hours.
We see it so differently in sun and
shower;

"Mistaken" words tonight may be
so
cherished by tomorrow's light.
We must be patient, for we know
There's such a little way to go.

Pray don't find fault with the man
who limps,
Goes slowly along the road,
Unless you have worn the shoes he
wears,
And felt all beneath his load.

There may be sorrows you never
thought,
Though hidden away from view.
With burdens he bears placed on
your back,
You might be less perfect, too.

AKRON, OHIO Florence Graf

If you can look ahead to each
tomorrow
With thankfulness for what the
past has brought,
If you find happiness in simple
treasures—
A cheerful word, a smile, a
friendly thought—

If you can learn from every new
experience,
And grow in grace with every
year you add,
If you can give a bit of help and
courage,
Or say a word to make somebody
glad . . .

If these inspiring thoughts—
were to be employed by each of us
each day, what glory might be
given to the Saviour's name! It is
so easy to become engrossed in
one's own concerns and details of
daily life—forgetting how much
perhaps someone else needs just a
moment of our time.

Our sympathy is extended to the
family of Roland E. French Sr.,
who passed away April 14. He
leaves his wife, Louise; two sons,
Roland E. Jr. and Pfc. Delbert; one
daughter, Bonnie Lou Lawrence
and two grandchildren. Burial was
in Mt. Peace Cemetery, Akron.

Mere words are inadequate in
the face of tragedy—even so, in
Christian love we extend sympathy
to Sis. Elizabeth Krause. Eliza-
beth's sister, Mrs. Mary Beck, died
from injuries received in a traffic
accident.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Rich-
ard and Evelyn Baumgartner, up-
on learning of the death of Evelyn's
brother, Edward Winkler of Ritt-
man. Edward was killed in an acci-
dent on his farm home in Sterling,
on May 2. These words of a dear
friend of mine seem fitting at this
moment—"I try to live each day
as though it were my last day on
earth"—as indeed it may well be
for each of us!

Several from our congregation
were in hospitals this month. Our
thoughts are with each one—may
the Lord grant a speedy recovery.
Bro. Herman Von Gunten was hospi-
talized. Sis. Edith Schwartz of
the Croghan congregation under-
went ear surgery here in Akron.
Sis. Edith is convalescing at Rich-
ard and Ella Messner's home.

Mary Stanoyevic was welcomed
into our brotherhood, following
her testimony before the congrega-
tion. We greet Sis. Mary with love,
and know she will be a useful and
willing worker in the Lord's vine-
yard.

Elmer Greenbank, son of Bro.
Gordon and Sis. Emily Greenbank
left for military service on May 3.
Elmer will be missed by all of us.
We surely wish him the Lord's
blessing and protection each day.

ALABAMA Lynn Klopfenstein

There were surely many bles-
sings, inspired of the Lord, when a
chartered bus load of brethren
from Peoria, 41 in all, visited with
us in Alabama for a week end.
There were special singing services
at our three churches. Also dur-
ing this week end our elders, Bro.
Bauman and Bro. Kilgus, visited
the churches here and served
Holy Communion.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Ray
are recent parents of a newborn
baby; Mr. and Mrs. David Ross are
parents of a baby boy.

Sis. Alice Kelley has been hospi-
talized recently with abdominal
disorders.

Kathy Kelley, daughter of Win-
fred Kelley, suffered a broken col-
lar bone when she fell while help-
ing her father feed some livestock.

Ladies' meetings were held at
the homes of Mrs. Curtis White,
Mrs. Luther Kyle and Mrs. Frank
Haggenmaker.

Deaths: Mrs. Virgie Kyle (moth-
er of Mrs. Dewey Perry) died of a
heart attack; Reuben "Son" Kyle,
son of Mrs. Ethyl Kyle and nephew

of Sis. Zelma Young, of a stroke,
at age 25; and Wm. Kelley, nephew
of Houston (Sis. Alice Kelley), at
age 21 in a car accident.

Jimmy Fuller, son-in-law of Sis.
Bessie Drake, has left for service
in the Armed Forces.

Bro. Milton Ray and family have
moved to Atlanta, Ga. where he is
employed by a construction firm.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA Doris Graf — Jeri Minger

"And he took bread, and gave
thanks, and brake it, and gave un-
to them, saying, This is my body
which is given for you: this do in
remembrance of me. Likewise also
the cup after supper, saying, This
cup is the new testament in my
blood, which is shed for you."

—St. Luke 22:19,20.

Once more our congregation par-
took of this Holy Sacrament, and
truly we all felt the grace and bles-
sings from God among us. Bro. Roy
Farney from Phoenix, accompanied
by Sis. Minnie, came and helped
Bro. Carl Kinsinger with this un-
dertaking. We appreciate the Word
of God that he expounded unto us
that day.

Bro. and Sis. Roy Vinch Sr. have
announced the engagement of their
son, Roy Jr., to Miss Christel Emme
of Los Angeles. She is the daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Emme of
Schlem, Germany. Their wedding
date has been set for June 6.

Bro. and Sis. Clarence Graf also
announce the engagement of their
daughter, Judy, to Bob Crockett, of
San Gabriel, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Edward Barronowski. They plan
to be married in the fall.

ALTO, MICHIGAN Loretta and Myrna Steffen

The engagement of Sis. Kath-
erine Oesch and Bro. Carl Wheeler
has been announced. We wish them
rich blessings in their future to-
gether in Christ. She is the daugh-
ter of Bro. Fred Oesch.

Sis. Katherine Grawburg has
been released from the hospital and
is recuperating at home.

Bro. Andrew Virkler from Bay
City was our visiting minister. He
spoke encouraging words to us.
When the Lord blessed bread and
fed the multitudes, there were
twelve baskets of fragments left
over. Even so there is plenty of
heavenly manna left for us today,
if we only come and are willing to
partake of it.

We thank Bro. Andrew and his family for spending the day with us.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

Each and every one of us should remember our mothers, not only for the earthly things and goods they have given us, but also the spiritual—most important, and tender loving care, time and patience. Also, let us remember our grandmothers on Mother's Day and all the year through.

The most precious gift a mother or grandmother would want on Mother's Day would be for a son, daughter or grandchild to come to the Lord, and want to serve Him for the rest of their lives. Young people, sons and daughters, now is the time to come to your Saviour and repent.

BERN, KANSAS

Mrs. Morris Edelman

Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner

Easter Sunday was especially impressive to our congregation, as three young brothers, Allen Rokey, Wayne and Dale Strahm, were added to our church. The provings and baptisms renewed us all in spirit.

We thank the visiting ministers we have enjoyed having this month, Bros. Al Langhofer, William Cottrell, Fred Marti, Noah Schrock and Silas Leuthold. We invite all to minister to us again.

Hospital patients this month were Maretta Rokey, Sis. Ruth Hertz and Sis. Frieda Strahm. Each one is missed when absent because of illness.

Also this month we bid farewell to three young visiting brothers from Switzerland. Paul Baumann and Henry Frohlich have lived and worked in our community for a year, and Henry's brother Bernhard visited here for two weeks. They had become part of our church after being here a year, and will be missed by all, as most of us realize we may never see them again on earth. A farewell dinner and singing was held at the Bro. Harvey Grimm home. As one of our ministers said, May God be with them as well as us all.

Rudolph Lehman, son of Bro. Edward Lehman, and Joseph Rokey, son of Bro. Joseph Rokeys, have both left for the service. We regret seeing them leave, but do welcome home Gordon Grimm, son

of Bro. Harvey Grimms, who has served his time.

We rejoice that Marlene Esslinger, daughter of Bro. Martin Esslingers, is repenting.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser—Carolyn Gerber

Engagements: On April 17, Bro. John Pence's engagement was announced to Sis. Marty Pfister of Fort Wayne. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pence and Bro. and Sis. Levi Pfister.

On April 24, the engagement of Sis. Sharon Schwartz to Bro. Dick Meister of Ft. Wayne was announced. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Ervin Schwartz and Bro. and Sis. Lester Meister.

"To you who are beginning a life that's bright and new, pray for help and guidance, as your marriage depends upon you."

Birth: April 19, Bro. and Sis. Paul Gerber became the parents of a son, Sidney Paul.

Shut-ins during the past month were: Sis. Berniece (Melvin) Maller, Sis. Kay (Tom) Fairchild and Bros. Jacob Kaehr and William Fiechter.

Weddings: On April 17, friends Marcella Gerber and Paul J. Dillman were united in holy matrimony by Bro. Sam Aeschliman. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Henry Gerber and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dillman.

On May 1, friends Stanley Heyerly and Sandra Lee Cline were united in holy matrimony. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Raymond Heyerly and Mr. and Mrs. William L. Cline.

Two brothers, Perry Isch and Herb Frank, have been discharged from the US Army after serving two years of duty.

Funeral: On April 24, funeral services were held for Bro. John Gilliom, age 51, who died of a heart attack. Surviving in addition to the wife, Sis. Hazel, are the mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Gilliom; a daughter Nancy; and three sons, John, Ricky and Allen; six sisters, Mrs. Joel (Aldine) Schaefer, Mrs. Roy (Lucy) Haab, Mrs. Roger (Violet) Isch, Aldula and Nora Gilliom and Mrs. Sterling (Elva) Blocker; four brothers, Bruce, William, Louis and Ralph. Bro. John Yergler officiated at the services.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Martha Kieser

We were happy to hear the test-

imonies of our friends, Loris and Lottie Stisser, Clarence Bruell and Robert Wieland of Princeville, Saturday evening. Elder Bros. Herman Kellenberger, Roy Sauder and Silas Leuthold carried out this important work, as well as the baptisms which followed on Sunday. We rejoice with the angels in heaven over these precious, converted souls and welcome them as brothers and sisters in faith.

Dorothy Koehling, daughter of Levi and Mary Koehling was hospitalized a few days, but has since returned home and to her work.

Randy Ehnle, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Audrey Ehnle is home again, after receiving treatment at Mayo's in Rochester.

Sis. Lois (Dan) Endress received painful burns on her face and arms, when a furnace she was trying to light exploded in her face.

Sis. Esther (George) Kieser submitted to major surgery, and is getting along as good as can be expected.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. David and Sis. Shirley Kieser, in the death of Shirley's sister, Sis. Mildred Huber of Eureka. God grant that time and faith will ease the sorrow for all of Sis. Mildred's loved ones, and especially her husband and children.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Mrs. Robert Hueni

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. Isaiah 61:11

Sis. Mary Heuberger is home from the hospital and recovering nicely. We pray it will not be long before she is able to again worship with our congregation.

Bros. Silas Leuthold and John Bahler conducted services here Sunday evening, May 1, and reminded us of our responsibility to let our lights shine.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Dorothy Taeger Verna Woodward

As we are observing Mother's Day and Father's Day, we should pause and look back into our past, to see what examples we have had to encourage us on our journey of faith. Not all of us have had believing parents to help us along, but we believe that through the blessed example of other true and

faithful parents that we have come to know, we have been led to that straight gate. Should we not be strengthened in our faith when these parents, who are pillars in our faith, have had the courage to uphold their beliefs and the traditions that have been passed on to them even from their parents.

There are times when, in our youthful thoughts and zeal we seem to lose sight of those things that are sound and good for us. If only we would listen to and heed the advice of those faithful soldiers, would it not save us unnecessary grief and pain?

So let us that are young physically and young spiritually thank our Father in heaven for the help and care and guidance He has given us, through our faithful mothers and fathers.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL.

Ben Blunier

At our annual meeting it was decided to retain the present Sunday school teachers and trustees, to serve another year. The financial report indicated that the donations given at the Sunday services were nearly adequate to meet expenses. Other contributions made up the difference, so that this year's balance is about the same as that of last year. We thank every contributor.

Bros. Emanuel Gudeman and Ed Hohulin also took this opportunity to give us a summary of the conference letter, especially as it concerned our group. It isn't pleasant to be told we're falling short, though we know we often do, and that each day brings its challenge to improve. So then, shouldn't we be grateful to be so lovingly guided onto these paths that lead to eternal life.

There were only about 25 present for services the third Sunday in April. The students were not yet back from Easter vacation. God was yet with us, and seemed especially close as Bro. Emanuel Gudeman gave us wonderful teachings.

Then on May 1, one of our largest crowds were gathered to hear Bros. Lester Huber, Francesville; Vernon Leman, Eureka; and Ed Hohulin, Goodfield, expound the precious word. It was a truly blessed day. Special thanks to our ministers and to the visitors who blessed us with their presence.

Bros. Gene Bertschi, Roanoke,

and Henry Grimm, Morton, were visiting teachers to the Bible Classes. A large group from Illinois State University at Normal gathered with us at one, and added much to an uplifting evening.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young - Margaret Rudin

On April 24 three souls were added to the fold. They were Margaret Kupferschmid and daughter Sue and Dwane Reutter, son of Wm. and Sis. Anna Marie Reutter. They all testified they were lost and in need of a Saviour. Great joy was brought to the congregation. We wish them peace and guidance in the days to come.

Visiting ministers in our congregation the past month were Bros. Edwin Bahler, Maurice Frank, Henry Wackerle and John Wagler. It is always a pleasure to have visitors in our midst. All are welcome.

Our shut-ins: Sisters Lena Feller, Emma Wahl, Leona Knapp; Bro. Sol Farney . . .

Sis. Louisa Kupferschmid was hospitalized a few days for medical treatment. Sis. Marguerite Bauer had back surgery.

Bro. Clarence Rudin was admitted to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy.

Bro. Herman Bauer was a hospital patient for treatments, but is now home again. The little daughter Patty was hospitalized for appendectomy. Kenneth Kuntz, son of Bro. Charlo and Sis. Gladys Kuntz had an appendectomy. This is their second child within five weeks to have an operation for appendicitis.

Dale, son of Bro. Dick and Sis. Betty Knapp received a badly mangled arm in a freak accident on their farm.

Bro. Clarence Vogel also had to be admitted to the hospital for an appendectomy. We wish a speedy recovery for all these loved ones.

Our congregation was saddened April 13, with the unexpected death of one of our dear sisters, Lydia Rinkenberger. She had been ill only a short time. Her family thought she was improving, when suddenly the death angel severed her away, without a fond goodbye. She passed away at the age of 82 years. Surviving are three sons, Brothers Joe, Charles and William; five daughters, Sis. Fanny Wiegand, Sis. Marie Hohulin, Sis. Ellen Hofbauer, Arlene Kaehr and Sis. Marjorie Alt; 37 grandchildren, 20

great-grandchildren; and one sister, Sis. Leah Aeschliman. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Ezra Feller and Henry Wackerle. May God comfort the bereaved ones.

Another dear sister, Anna Schupbach passed away at the Proctor Hospital, Peoria. She had recently gone to Peoria to make her home with her sisters. She was 88 years old. Funeral services were held here April 23; Bros. Emmanuel Gudeman and Ezra Feller officiated. She leaves to mourn her loss, Sisters Martha and Rosa Langjahr and one brother, Carl, all of Peoria. We shall miss her as we always enjoyed visiting with her.

Funeral services were held for Theofield Roll, age 73, on April 26 at the Knapp Funeral Home. He had served in the army during World War I. He leaves to mourn, five sisters: Mrs. Lena Barth, Mrs. Olivia Miller, Mrs. Rosie Lober, Mrs. Lillie Miller and Marie Roll. Services were conducted by Bro. Emmanuel and Bro. Ezra.

With Father's Day coming, I would like to add something about my father, Bro. Joseph Rudin, who was taken away 12 years ago in April. It was at the sunset hour of his life. He was rejoicing that three of his daughters, two sons-in-law and three sons and their wives had turned to the Lord and were repenting. Suddenly, through an automobile accident, God seemed fit to take him home to that great Beyond.

I shall never forget the last week end I spent with my parents, when I bid my father goodbye. He felt we had so much to be thankful for.

He said, I feel we have accomplished something. (For I can say many prayers went to God interceding for his children.) Through his death another son and his wife repented.

God knows the way; He holds the key.
He guides us with unerring hand.
Sometime with tearless eyes we'll see.

Yes, there, up there we'll understand.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Lorna Schrock — Jeanette Knapp

Bros. Merle Bucher and Ed Frank from La Crosse visited our congregation during the past month. We were richly blessed and

were grateful for their visit.

We've had several persons hospitalized this month. Bro. Ben Knapp sustained serious head injuries in an auto accident, and was hospitalized for 2½ weeks.

Mrs. Mike (Lydia) Miller, who only recently underwent eye surgery, had brain surgery in Springfield, Ill. The latest report was that she is recovering very well.

Hospitalized for pneumonia was Dale Knapp, son of Bro. Glen and Sis. Jeanette Knapp. Although he was very ill, he is now convalescing at home.

Sis. Esther Miller fell, suffering a fractured elbow. She was hospitalized a few days for surgical repair of the fracture.

Rebecca Sue, the first child of Russell and Carol Miller, was born on April 23.

Kenny and Judy Knepp are parents of Cisne Rae, born on May 4.

Barbara Wettstein, daughter of Bro. John, graduated from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing on May 8. We certainly wish her God's blessings as she continues in her profession. She plans to continue working at Methodist Hospital.

CROGHAM—NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. Lawrence Farney

Mrs. David Schamback

In and out of the hospital recently have been: Sisters Laura Virkler, Lucille Farney, Catherine O'Brien and Bro. John Haney. Still hospitalized is Friend Grace (Mrs. Wilson) Merz; she suffered a stroke, but is improved. Friend Ernest Farney also is in the hospital.

Our two congregations enjoyed a blessed week-end when six precious souls were added to our folds. On Saturday evening, April 23, we met in the Croghan church to hear the testimonies, and witnessed the baptisms there the next day. The new members welcomed were Clyde and Lois Virkler, Niles and Polly Farney, Jane Demorest and John Schamback. Bro. Clyde is the son of Sis. Sarah and the late Bro. Sidney Virkler; Bro. Niles is the son of Sis. Huldah & the late Bro. Norman Farney; Sis. Jane the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Carl and Corinne Virkler; and Bro. John is the son of Bro. and Sis. David and Lois Schamback. Bro. John Bahler assisted Bro. John Widrick with the testimonies and baptisms, and we had with us Bro. Ernest Gerber from Rockville, who also minister-

ed to us. We are certainly thankful for their messages and help. We were also happy to have with us many visitors from Connecticut and Elgin, Illinois.

On the following Sunday the following was sung from the **Gospel Hymns**:

A long time I wandered in darkness and sin,

And wondered if ever the light would shine in.

I heard Christian friends tell of rapture divine

And wish'd, how I wish'd, that their Saviour were mine.

I wish'd, He were mine, yes, I wish'd he were mine.

I wish'd, how I wish'd, that their Saviour were mine.

I heard the glad gospel of good will to men;

I read whosoever again and again.

I said to my soul, "Can that promise be mine?"

And then began hoping that Jesus was mine.

I hoped He was mine; yes, I hoped He was mine.

I then began hoping that Jesus was mine.

Oh mercy surprising, He saves even me;

Thy portion forever, He says, will I be.

On His word I'm resting—assurance divine—

I'm "hoping" no longer—I know He is mine.

I know He is mine—yes—I know He is mine.

I'm "hoping" no longer—I know he is mine.

Sis. Cora Beyer is again able to attend services, and wishes to extend her thanks for the many cards and messages she received during her shut-in days.

After having been hospitalized and in a coma for four weeks, our beloved sister, Nora K. Farney entered into her eternal rest on Saturday May 7. She had been a widow since February 1958, when her husband, Bro. Alvin Farney was killed in a logging accident. She is survived by four daughters: Mrs. Robert (Sis. Edna) Beyer, Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) Eaton, Mrs. Roy (Mildred) Babcock and Mrs. Frederick (Leona) Farney; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters, Sis. Sarah

(Mrs. Hiram) Farney, Sis. Lena (Mrs. Jonas) Virkler and Sis. Elly (Mrs. Reuben) Schulz; and two brothers, Bros. Asa and Arthur Virkler.

Sis. Nora had reached the age of seventy-nine, and was until her last illness a regular attendant at church service, and a help wherever needed. Quiet and humble, she will be greatly missed for her sweet smile and thoughtfulness. Her funeral was held from the Croghan church on Monday, May 9, with Bro. John Bahler officiating, assisted by Bros. John Widrick and Ernest Luginbuhl.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Ruth Knochel — Ruth Gudeman

Ministers visiting the Detroit congregation this past month were Bro. Henry Manz from Junction and Elder Bro. John Bahler from Rockville. We are thankful for the gospel messages they brought to us, and pray that the Lord will continue to bless their ministry.

Sis. Linda Shaw is recuperating, after having surgery at Harper Hospital. We are thankful she is able to worship with us again.

Friends Kay and Tom Mailen have their first child, a son, Todd Alan. Todd is the first grandchild of Ben and Lorene Maibach.

We want to say a humble prayer of thanks for our Christian mothers and fathers. They have given us a heritage far exceeding any earthly wealth. We pray that we can continue to pass on this heritage, not only to our own children, but to all those we meet in our daily lives.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

Our guest ministers in the past month were Bros. Edwin Ringger, Alfred Bahler and Walter Steffen. We received many good and inspiring messages, and were especially reminded of the uncertainty of life, how in the twinkling of an eye one or the other could be taken from life into eternity, and how well it would be if one was prepared to go to that better home above. At our evening Bible Study meeting, Bros. Jesse and Joe Schrock were with us, and the text for the study was the first three chapters in Revelation, which tell of the messages to the seven churches. The first message to the church of Ephesus was to repent. Chapter 2, verse 5, "Remember therefore from whence

thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." We thank God and the brothers for the word of truth which we receive from time to time. May God bless their efforts.

Bro. Earl Feller was with us at our Wednesday evening services, after which he gave us a resume of what has been accomplished thus far in the task of providing a home for handicapped children. He said they have only begun on the groundwork, are getting out questionnaires, and trying to determine in some way what the sentiment is, and how to go about this tremendous undertaking. It will take time to get things underway. We wish the brothers who are working on this worthy project God's help and guidance further on.

Mark Wewetzer and Lynette Gudeman had their tonsils out, and are getting along well.

Sis. Mary and Lena Leuthold have returned from St. Petersburg, Fla., where they visited their brother Charles, who is very ill.

Sis. Mabel Steffen has been unable to assemble with us for several Sundays on account of illness, but is getting along better now and expects to be with us soon in our assemblies.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Jean Scheitlin have a girl, Bonnie Lynn, born April 19.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

Mother's Day for 1966 will be history by the time this goes into print. Nevertheless; I would like to share with you the following poem:

Mother's Day

Gentle hands that never weary toiling in love's vineyard sweet.
Eyes that seem forever cheery when our eyes they chance to meet,
Tender, patient, brave, devoted, this is always mother's way.
Could her worth in gold be quoted as you think of her today?

Death stood near the hour she bore us;
Agony was hers to know,
Yet she bravely faced it for us,
Smiling in her time of woe;
Down the years how oft we've tried her,
Often selfish, heedless, blind,
Yet with love alone to guide her she was never once unkind.

Vain are all our tributes to her if in words alone they dwell.

We must live the praises due her; there's no other way to tell Gentle mother that we love her.

Would you say, as you recall All the patient service of her, you've been worthy of it all?

Announcement has been made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Sis. LaVerne Fischer daughter of Bro. Sam and Sister Ida Fischer of Roanoke, Ill. and Bro. Albert Butikofer son of Sis. Marie and the late Bro. Albert Butikofer of Elgin.

Quite a number of folks in this community have been stricken with the flu. Sis. Marie Schmid, Sis. Bertha Pulfer, Sis. Alta Thomas, Mrs. Andrew Braker and my husband George were among the afflicted. The last named was hospitalized for about ten days; all are now recovering nicely, for which we are indeed thankful.

Bro. Jacob Gehring was stricken with the flu.

Sis. Louisa Butikofer is at this time very ill.

Our church dining area has a delightful, fresh appearance, brought about by a new coat of green paint on the walls; then too, the benches we use while partaking of the noon repast are new, and a new work bench in the kitchen is in the making.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein - Salome Walter

The evening of April 6, our friends, Kathy Rocke and her father Leroy were given the chance to give their testimony before the congregation. Bro. Roy Sauder from Peoria assisted Bro. Leroy Huber with the proving. Their wishes were fulfilled the following Sunday, when they were both baptized. It was a blessed day.

Good Friday evening services were held, with Bro. Joe Zimmerman in charge. Also this evening the Easter program was given by the Roanoke Sunday School classes and the Eureka Bible class. It was a very impressive evening of mostly singing, how our Saviour was crucified, died on the cross, and then arose from the grave.

Easter Sunday, Bro. Ed Aeschlieman from Union City was our guest speaker. Other visiting ministers recently were Bro. John Wagler from South Carolina and Bro. Robert Heuni from Bremen.

Sis. Evelyn Zimmerman was a patient in Eureka Hospital, but has returned to her home. Little Byron Wiegand, son of Elton and Sis. Loretta Wiegand is a patient in a Peoria hospital with pneumonia.

We have five new converts. They are Gary and Ila Huber, the children of Bro. Leroy Huber; Dorothy Anliker, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Walter Anliker; and Jean and Mary Beth Belsley, daughters of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Belsley. We all rejoice with these young people, that they have turned their backs to the world and all its pleasures. If only more would choose this path that leads to everlasting life. May God yet reveal His almighty arm to many before it is forever too late.



A view of the new rest home at Eureka

Sister Mildred Huber, 50, wife of Bro. Leroy Huber, minister and elder of the Eureka church, died Tuesday morning, April 19, in Eureka Hospital, where she had been a patient three days.

Born March 6, 1916, in Speer, she was the daughter of Jess and Martha Siebenthal Streitmatter and married Bro. Huber Dec. 8, 1946 at Princeville.

He survives, along with one son, Gary; one daughter, Ila, both at home; her mother, Mrs. Martha Streitmatter of Princeville; five brothers, Paul, Jeff, and Don, all of Princeville, Vernon of Washington and Alfred of Speer; five sisters, Mrs. Lucille Thomas of Peoria, Mrs. Sylvia Blunier of Roanoke, Mrs. Doris Rocke of Delavan, Miss Geraldine Streitmatter of Princeville and Mrs. Shirley Kieser of Bradford. One sister preceded her in death.

Bros. John Bahler from Rockville and Joshua Broquard from Fairbury had her services.

In Memory of our Dear Sister Mildred Huber

Our hearts are deeply saddened—
For we've lost a very dear soul,
But our loss is her gain to heaven—
A heavenly home was her goal.

So patient, so kind, oh so loving—
Her quiet ways and humbleness
shone;
Truly, she was one of God's
children—
And He never left her alone.

In all of life's afflictions—
Moments of joy and pain,
Her faith was unsurpassing—
She was never one to complain.

Her concern for her dear children—
To repent and have God in their
heart,
Her prayers were answered—how
loving—
Then God called her, **Come,
Faithful, depart.**

She'll be missed in our congrega-
tion—
Forget her? No, we never shall;
The example she set in her
Christian life
Surely in our hearts will dwell.

God's plan fulfilled—as He has
willed—
She is waiting on yonder shore,
For her family and all of her loved
ones—
To be reunited forevermore.

Written by a sister-in-faith from
Eureka.

Card of Thanks: We want to ex-
press our very deep thanks and ap-
preciation to everyone who so kind-
ly extended to us love and remem-
bered us with gifts, cards, and let-
ters of sympathy in the loss of our
dear wife and mother. God bless
you all. Leroy Huber and family.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS Joyce Huber

Sis. Emma (Herzog) Broquard
passed away, to be with the Lord.
Funeral services were held April
17. Sis. Emma was born in Switzer-
land May 28, 1885, and married
Joe Broquard in 1937, in Fairbury;
he passed away in 1955. Surviving
children are: Bro. Joshua, Bro.
George of Fairbury; Joe, Forrest;
Ben, Robein; Sis. Perseda Moser,
Sis. Lydia, Sis. Leona of Fairbury;
Kathryn, Peoria; Sis. Esther Her-
man, Dunlap; and Sis. Ella Kuerth,
Gridley.

We praise God that Alton and
Sis. Sally Schieler's son, Harvey
and his wife, Janice (Hines) have
sought the Lord as their Saviour.
May they grow in grace and in the
knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.

Pamela Lynn was born to Ray
and Maxine Yoder. Pamela's broth-
er is Brian Ray, and grandparents
are Bro. and Sis. Ben Zehr.

Sis. Mary Meister is making her
home at the Home in Eureka,
where her two sisters are. We are
sorry to see Mary leave Fairbury,
but know it is nice for her to be
with her sisters.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Martha Stoller — Nancy Honegger
Larry, son of Bro. Joe and Sis.
Ida Kaisner, and Cynthia Bahler
were united in marriage by Bro.
Henry Kilgus. The young couple
will reside in Fairbury.

Bro. Andy Koehl, who was a pat-
ient at the Fairbury Hospital, has
returned home and is making a
satisfactory recovery.

Sis. Anna Wenger, age 81, passed
away, after being hospitalized four
days following a stroke. She is sur-
vived by her husband, Bro. Ed; and
seven children, Sis. Aldine Wacker-
le, Bay City, Sis. Wilma Fischer
and Bro. Clarence, Eureka; Sisters
Edna Wiegand and Laura, and
Bros. Raymond and Albert, For-
rest.

Visiting ministers the past
month were Bros. Ben Fehr and
Don Sauder, Roanoke; Bros. Kel-
lenberger and Nathan Steffen, El-
gin.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Donna Le-
man named their fifth son Earl
Robert, born on April 18. Earl also
has two sisters.

Harry Streitmatter, 75, passed
away at Carle Clinic, Urbana,
where he had been a surgical pat-
ient for three weeks. Funeral ser-
vices were held on May 1. He is sur-
vived by a son, Edwin, Forrest, and
a daughter, Ardella Zimmerman,
Fairbury.

We welcome everyone in this
area to attend our World Relief
meetings, which are held the third
Monday of each month in the base-
ment of Bro. Paul and Sis. Martha
Honegger. It has been encouraging
to see the nice attendance and in-
terest shown in this project.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Gary and Mary Ann Maibach

Of the many, many blessings we
enjoy in this life from our dear
Lord and Saviour, the joy of sing-
ing God's praise is perhaps one of
the most uplifting. Especially at
times of parting, words such as
those found in "The Lord Will
Provide" are such a comfort.

"His call we obey, as Abram of old,
Not knowing our way, but faith
makes us bold;
Wher-e'er He shall lead us, the way
he doth guide;
He knows best who rules us; the
Lord will provide!"

Such comfort was shared to us
all here, as we realized that soon
our group, which has been fairly
good-sized, will be losing many dear
Brothers and Friends. Bro. Larry
Endress, who has been your faith-
ful correspondent for the past
months, as well as Bro. Neil Sch-
midgall and Friends John Cordill,
Roland Rumbold, Dale Endress,
Curtis Meiss, and Alvin Nohl are all
on orders for Viet Nam. Indeed we
pray that "The Lord Will Provide"
for them. Also, many are soon de-
parting for Europe and various
posts in the states. "Farewell,
Brother" is often hard to say, but
we pray we may put our whole
trust in God to keep us all until we
meet again.

Our meetings in the past weeks
have been richly blessed by many
visitors. On Easter Sunday over 30
visitors gathered with us for a bles-
sed day. Those visiting were fr
Morris, Bluffton, Lester, and from
many of the Illinois churches. The
Easter attendance of over 70 was
one of the largest in many years of
gatherings here. Sunday, April 24,
Bro. Harvey Heiniger from Oak-
ville, brought us God's word in rich
measure. May God bless all those
who made the effort to visit us,
and especially the dear brothers
who served us with God's word.

The increased size of the group
currently at Fort Sam forced the
acquisition of a new, larger apart-
ment. The new address is: 414
Queen Anne Court, San Antonio,
Texas 78209. Please send corre-
spondence to Bro. John Hartman
at this address. The telephone num-
ber, TAA-9803, is unchanged.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Annabelle Bahr—Marie Zaugg
"And whatsoever ye do, do it hear-
tily, as to the Lord, and not unto
men; Knowing that of the Lord ye
shall receive the reward of the in-
heritance: for ye serve the Lord
Christ." Colossians 3:23, 24. With
these words in mind, let us always
try to do our best!

Ministering Bro. and Sis. Eli
Somerhalder, Burlington, Okla.
visited on Mother's Day and served
our congregation, being guests in

the home of their daughter and family, Bro. and Sis. Raymond Banwart.

Bro. and Sis. Harold Kraft are parents of a new baby girl, Diana Kay, born May 2. There are two sisters and one brother. Nancy-13, Janet-8, and Roger-6, who are eager to help care for their new sister.

Linda Sinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sinn has been a hospital patient, due to sore throat. We hope she will soon recover. Linda's diabetic condition sometimes impedes the return of good health.

"When you have accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace; God is awake."

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

At Easter-time we are reminded of what our loving Saviour did, when He was nailed upon that cruel cross and shed His precious blood for one and all. We were truly blessed and inspired by the Good Friday message, brought to us by Bro. Edward Aeschleman of Union City.

Our Easter program was given on Easter evening. We especially wish to thank those from Milford who participated. The Intermediate class from Ft. Wayne gave us this "Easter Thought"—Our kind and loving Jesus rose from the tomb to light our way—He suffered upon the cross with forgiveness for those who crucified Him—He left us hope, faith and prayer that we, too, may be ready to forgive—That tenderly He watches over us and offers His guiding hand with love—And Easter is a blessed time, when all should join in reverent prayer to thank Him once again.

On April 17 we enjoyed a blessed fellowship with a number from the Mansfield church. Following a church supper and group singing, we were privileged to listen to the beautiful singing by the "Vesper Choir" from Mansfield. May the Lord ever bless those who offer their voices in singing praises unto Him.

The engagement of Sis. Martha (Marty) Pfister, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Levi and Lillian Pfister, to Bro. John Pence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pence, Bluffton was announced on April 17. On April 24 the engagement of Bro. Richard Meister, son of Bro. and Sis. Lester and Edna, and Sis. Sharon Schwartz of Bluffton, daughter of Bro.

and Sis. Ervin and Alice, was made known. To these young people, who have first dedicated their hearts unto the Lord, we would ask a special prayer and blessing, that God will be their guide and help as they make their wedding plans.

Quite a number of our group have been absent due to illness and injury. For those who are well again we offer our thanks to God; for those who still cannot assemble with us we ask that God may bless you with your spiritual needs, as well as hastening your convalescence.

We miss the presence of Sis. Elizabeth Poe, who has moved from Ft. Wayne to make her home in Bluffton. May the Lord bless her and be with her always. Her new address is 218 E. Market, Bluffton, Indiana.

Why do we have "Mother's Day"? According to our encyclopedia, "Mother's Day" has been generally observed since 1914 on the second Sunday of May as was proclaimed by one of our presidents. (It was first observed in 1907.) But do we need a special day to recognize the worth and beauty of our mothers? Should we honor and think of them only on "Mother's Day"? Surely not! Often I think of the love and devotion our Christian mothers and grandmothers had. It comes to my mind when I am confronted with problems, "Just how would they have handled these things" No doubt they, too, had similar problems or even greater ones. Surely we will find the answers if we look to our Lord and Maker and put our full trust in Him, as our parents did before us. It is a certainty that we will always need the prayers and guidance of our parents more than ever as our own families are growing.

Recently I was confronted with some questions by our six-year-old. "How old do you have to be to be baptized?"—"What do you have to do to be baptized?"—"We aren't suppose to work on Sunday, are we?"—(This last was a concern, as one of his school friends was telling him of all the work they do at their house on Sunday.) It is things like this that make me wonder how mother answered the many questions she must have been asked. One day he asked his daddy, "Who is your best friend?" "Mine is God and Jesus!"

So I would like to leave this thought that **mothers** should be "honored" not just once a year, but

we should remember them every day. Surely they deserve an expression of our love and appreciation for what they have done for us, often!

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Edison Gutwein

We asked Bro. Elmer Bucher to give us this information, which he so willingly did.

The "Home for Handicapped" committee met Wed. April 6 here at the church, to lay the ground work for our project. The seven brothers: (Elder) Sam Anliker, Harvey Grimm, Phil Mogler, Earl Feller, Andrew Virkler, Eugene Stoller and Elmer Bucher were all present. Also present were: Bro. and Sis. Herman Norr, Bro. and Sis. Dan Stoller, Bro and Sis. Bill Zbinden, Sis. Mattie Clauss and several home brothers and sisters. Each brother was assigned certain duties—namely acquiring information as to location of all handicapped children in our churches, degree of handicap or retardation, cost of home for handicapped to accomodate 40-50 persons, staff required to operate a home of this size, and type and practical curriculum of a home for handicapped. It is the desire of the committee to have this information ready to present at the brotherhood conference this fall. We covet the prayerful support of all the brothers and sisters, that we might in the name of Christ help those who cannot help themselves.

Bros. Sam Anliker and Harvey Grimm stayed with us then for evening services and encouraged us to never, never become discouraged, so we can come to a good end.

The wedding day of Bro. Nelson Beer and Sis. Shelby Culp had sunshine in it, in so many ways. They were married by our Bro. Wendell Gudeman, assisted by his great uncle Theo. Beer. May God richly bless them, all their life together.

God also opened the way for the following brothers to visit us: Irvin Lehman and Earl Kilgus, and then Bro. John Waglers were with us, which was a wonderful way to close the Lord's Day.

It has taken authors hundreds of years to say what Jesus summed up in these words—GOD IS LOVE.

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

Ho, every one that thirsteth,

come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

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.

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Isaiah 55:1, 2, 3, 6

Many of our congregation enjoyed being present to observe the Easter Program presented by the Sunday School. When the day was ended, we had good reason to thank the Lord for His many blessings.

On Sunday April 17 we had visitors from Akron, Barberton, Kent, Rittman, Sardis, Wheeling, and Wilmington. On Sunday April 24, our visitors were from Fort Wayne and Mansfield.

We are grateful for the messages brought to us by the ministering brothers, Ed. Aeschleman, Union City, Ben Stavenik and Robt. Beer from Mansfield. The Lord inspired them to speak. We welcome all to come again.

Hospitalized: Bro. Carl Emch's daughter, Mary Mae Bartholamew underwent surgery at Warren General Hospital. After some complications, she is now home convalescing. Sis. Esther Saylor's son Robert is in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio, where he underwent surgery. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Sis. Louise Feislinger, 91 years of age, had the misfortune of breaking her hip five months ago. She was in the hospital and underwent surgery. Later she was taken to a nursing home. Saturday April 30 she was brought home, and now has attended church service for two Sundays. We were all so glad to see her, and wish her God's blessing.

"Precious Memories"

In memory of Mother Minnie Bolinger: Birth date May 14, 1851.

Precious memories unseen angels,
Sent from somewhere to my soul;
How they linger ever near me,
And the sacred past unfold.

As I travel on life's pathway,
Know not what the years may hold;
As I ponder, hope grows fonder;
Precious memories flood my soul.

Precious memories, how they linger,
How they ever flood my soul;
In the stillness of the midnight,
Precious, sacred scenes unfold.

Sadly missed by daughters,
Sadie Schladen and Inez Brown

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Marian Wiegand—Edith Tanner

Announcement was made of the approaching marriage of Bro. Steve Wiegand, son of Bro. Simon and Sis. Mary Ellen, and Mis. Mary Ellen Hangartner, daughter of Sis. Florence. We wish them the Lord's special guidance.

The visits of Bro. Ezra Fellers and Bro. Merle Kaisners were much appreciated. Bro. Ezra mentioned this assurance on Good Friday: "The Lord always had a way to guide the man that was godly." During meditation Bro. Merle suggested that we treat our fellowman as if he were Jesus . . . What would our conduct be toward him?

Our new trustee is Bro. Eli Knapp. Bros. Bill Hohulin and Jerry Steffen are Sunday School teachers now. May each receive His needed help and grace.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Coming to us by chartered bus on Sunday May 1, from Milford, was the Bible School class, accompanied by some of the teachers. They attended Sunday School in the morning, and worshipped with us in the afternoon. The song "Flourishing Youth", from the **Zion's Harps**, was given and sung very fittingly for this occasion. After church services, calls were made at various homes; then they gathered in the high school, where dinner was served for them as well as for the Gridley Bible Class and teachers. The group returned to Milford the same evening. We hope they come back again some time, for there is no better way for young folks to meet than through church and Sunday School activities.

Guest speakers this same Sunday were Bros. Eugene Bertschi and Don Sauder, both from Roanoke.

"Mother's Day"

What beautiful services we enjoyed on this "Mothers Day." Could only more have been present to hear the very, very impressive messages delivered. How many mother's hearts are aching for their children, and probably unbeknown to many of us, how many children's hearts are aching, because they do not have the courage to break away and become a child of God.

We trust God will answer the many prayers offered up for them; we also trust He will answer the prayers of parents who have uttered sincere and earnest prayers and pleas for their children, and who have gone to their eternal rest, before their prayers were answered. We pray they will be answered some day.

Bro. Barnhardt Ringger, who spent some time in the hospital several weeks ago, has returned to Brokaw Hospital, in Bloomington, where he underwent major lung surgery last Thursday. We are told he is suffering quite intensively. We hope he will soon experience much relief from his pain, and be able to return to his home before too long.

Sis. Wilma Zehr is having a bout with the measles. We are glad to know she is recovering nicely.

Births: Shawn Kay is the name chosen for the daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schieler on May 4. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schieler of Gridley.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cargill of Chicago are the parents of a son, born May 3. He has a sister Natalie, who is four years old. Grandparents are Robert and Sis. Ella Keurth, and Mrs. Ella Cargill, all of Gridley, and Jay Cargill, of Ft. Lauderdale.

Bro. Bruce Witzig, son of Bro. Alph and Sis. Lillian Witzig, is to report for service in Ft. Knox on Wednesday, May 11.

A group from ISU presented several selections in a very pleasing manner at our April Sunday evening song-service.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

The Lord willing, Nick and Jean Ricketts plan to give their testimonies this coming Sunday, May 15 at our church. They live in Topka and are about "half way between" Gridley and Sabetha.

Bro. Jacob Beyer rather startled us when he had an emergency ap-

pendectomy recently. The appendix had ruptured, and he did remarkably well for a person in his eighties. He is home now and making a good recovery.

At the last writing, Bro. Loren Strahm was in the hospital. He had to stay longer than they first thought. He is to take it "easier" . . . he had made plans for his machinery and livestock sale before entering the hospital, so wasn't home very long before the sale. Their son Jake got a leave from the service to help out. They have rented their farm land, and Bro. Loren is able to spend some time now at the lumber yard. May the Lord strengthen him—it is good to have him back with us at church.

In our letter to the reporters this month it was mentioned that it has been said that perhaps that many of our communications are not understood—no wonder feelings and misunderstandings arise! Just this past week I spent a restless night "worrying" about a neighbor's hurt feelings—all because I took for granted it wouldn't "make any difference" and failed to communicate! May the good Lord help us all to stop and think how, from the other person's view, a situation may look, before we assume what was true in one situation would be the same in a similar situation. It's nice to be invited or consulted, even though we know we can't be there. On the other hand, we as Christians should remember other people are just as busy or perhaps more so than we are and unintentionally forget or are **side-tracked**—we forget—why wouldn't others?

Yesterday, Mother's Day, I enjoyed. My Sunday School class was especially attentive and enthusiastic, the sermon seemed for me, the day was beautiful . . . no fuss and bustle to rush, a pleasant visit with "grandma" . . . and an out-of-town family stopped in the evening and stayed longer than intended: their children and our children were getting along so well they didn't want to leave. What a good feeling to enjoy such fellowship. How happy God must be in heaven when we, as His children, can live and work together in peace and harmony.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
Normal, Illinois
Dianne Emch

During the month of April, our sponsor, Bro. Joe Schrock showed

us his pictures from the Holy Land. It was interesting to see many of the places we read about in the Scriptures.

Our other speakers this month were Bros. John Bahler, Merle Bucher, and Uriel Gehring. We are thankful to God and to them for the services which they performed to us.

Sis. Jill Kaufman is student teaching this semester in the field of Home Economics. Sue Kupferschmidt of Cissna Park was taken into the fold during April. May God bless both these students in their undertakings.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

John Isch

The Milford congregation served us during the month of April, and this month Ft Wayne is providing visiting ministers. Their good will and service is deeply and sincerely appreciated.

Although the school year is about to end for many of our attending students, we remind them, and everyone, that services will continue to be held here the second and fourth Sundays of the month through the summer.

We are very happy to announce that our friend Kathy Grey, a junior nursing student here at the Medical Center, hopes to be proved and baptized the third week-end of this month at her home in Francesville. We are thankful for another soul who could find her Lord and give her life into His hand. We wish her God's richest blessings in her new life.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

Sunday is Mothers Day, a day set aside for honoring our mothers. We are grateful every day to our dear Lord for our Christian mothers. There is an enduring tenderness in the love of a Christian mother. She will sacrifice every comfort and surrender every pleasure; her devotion is constant; she guides her child in the paths of righteousness, warning of the dangers, ever with a firm yet kind hand of love.

"I wish you were my mother" so often we hear from the seven-year-olds, as they look up, their eyes longing for a bit of love and understanding. Yes, they have mothers—mothers that are too busy with the social affairs of the world to have any time for their children.

In sharp contrast, a little boy of

five in Sunday School looks up, his eyes filled with joy and happiness as he says, "I know about God and Jesus. My mother reads about them every night." This Christian mother possessed a deep sense of value and is passing it on to her children. She has time for the important little things that mean so much. Happiness grows at home; we need not look to strangers for it.

Bonnie Braker, who was hospitalized for medical attention, is able to assemble with us again.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Martha Rinkenberger

Our aged sister, Anna Wittmer is failing in health. She is in the San Pierre Hospital. May God give her the much needed grace to continue to live for the Lord.

Bro. Dan Koch of Tremont visited us this month. We wish to invite anyone who wishes to visit us, if not in our old church, maybe it can be after we are in our new church, which will be in a month or so, if God is willing.

This being Mother's day, all our young brothers, sisters and friends were home from college. They are all looking forward to school ending for the summer. May God watch over them all.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Glen Anliker — Mrs. Bernie Emch

Around this time of year our thoughts and memories go to our fathers and mothers, some whom we still enjoy their presence, others who have gone to their eternal resting place.

Let us look out into the world and take notice of the many children who have no father, mother, or never had the opportunity to hear about our Lord and Saviour, until maybe after they have grown up and then Satan has them at his command. Of course there are exceptions, where some find the precious pearl.

Indeed it is a vital asset to us to have had God-fearing fathers and mothers.

For those whom have been brought up by God-fearing parents and haven't given their heart to the Lord yet, what would make a nicer gift for father or mother? Even if they have departed this life, you could still have the opportunity to meet them face to face on the golden shores of eternity.

Fathers and mothers of today who have children growing up, let

us not forget our duty and responsibility to bring our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. I would even say all the more in our day and time, where the world is offering so many evil things to mislead our children.

During the past month, we had the blessed privilege to partake of Holy Communion. It certainly makes up stop and think if we are worthy of it or not! . . . But again it encourages us to take a new hold on faith, and work even harder for a home in heaven.

We welcome Sis. Dena Fechter back into our congregation. She has spent the past winter in Phoenix, for her asthma condition. We pray that her health will be able to let her assemble with us.

We than kBro. Joseph Aberle of Sabetha for his visit and bringing the word of God to us.

LATTY, OHIO

Mrs. Ray Sinn Mrs. Gale Stoller

We have again reached the springtime of the year and can look out and see the might and power of our great God, in the unfolding of the leaves and all the beauty of nature that comes forth. Everything had looked so dreary & apparently dead through the cold winter months, but now we see the springing forth of new life wherever we look. We know that only a supreme power could bring forth such a magnificent change. It reminds us of the radiance that shines forth and the new life that comes forth in a newly-born child of God—only possible by the grace of God.

Dianne Klopfenstein, daughter of Bro. Floren and Sis. Maryella was hospitalized, but has returned home and is much improved.

We have been privileged to enjoy the ministry of visiting brothers this past month, Merle Bucher and Ed Frank of La Crosse; Bob Grimm of Goodfield and Leroy Hartman of Peoria. We thank them and those who accompanied them for their visit.

We were also happy to have the Francesville Sunday School and those who accompanied them, for a blessed week end.

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family of Bro. Elmer Rigenbach, 71, who passed away so suddenly of an

apparent heart attack, while working in the yard. He set an example for us all in his quiet peaceful manner, and will be greatly missed. Surviving are his wife Sis. Sadie and family of eight daughters: Mrs. Melvine Zink of New Haven, Ind.; Mrs. Eleanor Tope and Mrs. Arlene Carnahan of Latty; Mrs. Florence Hohenberger of Defiance; Mrs. Lila Miller of Cecil; Sis. Carol Steffen of Bluffton; Sis. Lorena Steffen of Berne, Ind.; Sis. Myrna Moser of Strawn, Ill.; seven sons, Everett of Defiance; Mervin of Tallahassee, Fla.; Clarence, Vernell and Elmer Jr. all of Paulding; Ersel of Romero, Mich.; and Glen of Latty; three sisters, two brothers; fifty-one grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

Our guest minister on Sun. April 17 was Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest. He spoke from Luke 13, verse 24: Strive to enter in at the straight gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Then on Friday evening April 29, John Bahler from Rockville spoke at our church service. He spoke from the 4th chapter of Ephesians, and impressed on our minds that there is no such thing as a "white" lie. It's either the truth or not the truth. Samuel Aeschliman, from Bluffton, was also here. Truly we derived many blessings from these brothers.

Joel Souder has been on our sick list for the last couple weeks. He is resting and recuperating from a heart condition. We miss him in our church service, after laboring so faithfully for many years.

Sunday was the last date to hand in our Christmas bundles for the relief work.

Nancy Souder, daughter of Edward and Irma Souder entertained about twenty people at their home. This group is learning to knit.

The two Butler rest homes were visited the first Sunday in May. Short church services were held there for the patients. As time goes on, old places are vacant, and new faces appear.

THE BELIEVER

The path of the just shines more and more unto the perfect day.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Mary Lantz are members of our Leo church. Here are two who are journeying

hand in hand, unto the beautiful land. Showers and sunshine God has used with beautiful light, cast from eternity.

Bro. Dave became a member on Feb. 22, 1931. Thirty-five years and some have been speeded by, faithful years toward the goal. His grandfather lived for some time at Elgin, Iowa, and had three sons. Later, grandfather moved to Ohio.

His mother drew near to sunset. She had been bedfast several months, knew suffering. The very last moments came. She speaks. She hears singing.

(When her mother had departed, she could not be with her. Her child, Ida, had been sick. There would be this lonesomeness for mom, the absence of that gentle handclasp and loving kiss.)

After hearing those heavenly strains, she speaks. "Mother, oh mother, are you there?" Several times. Then, "Oh I found my mother!" Baby had gone before her also, 9-month-old Charlie. She started to call for him. Before any answer came, she walked where her precious little one was.

For Bro. Dave, there's trials. The enemy tries to harass, as he does all the brethren. Dave has experienced that times of testing come, where the possibility is present that the soul can waver. We have to have some place where we can go back to, a faith to say, "Here Lord I met you." The holy book says, ". . . call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;"

It is possible to get off on a tangent. With doubt, there is an insecure knowing not, a lot of voices. Faith and hope can be renewed. **Lord, once here we met.** Jacob could return in thought to the scene at the heavenly ladder.

Dave says that without charity one isn't a Christian. The more love one to another, the greater peace we enjoy, the more blessings we can have. The nucleus of Christ's life is that He loved mankind and died for us. This should be our constant striving.

The hardest thing (altho' the hardest is easy and light compared to bondage) is a life of humility, of service for the Master. In faith humility should be accepted. Humility takes in a tremendous lot of things. In younger life especially, it is so easy to not see the need for humility. Youth has a lot of am-

bition, push and drive—if centered in the right direction, it is for beautiful years. Love, joy, peace, all virtues, we must always try to have.

Dave thinks everybody misses some opportunities. If we see we have missed, we shouldn't lightly pass it by. We should be more alert. If too many are allowed, slothfulness and a "I don't care" attitude can come.

The kiss of charity is a personal greeting of love exemplified. It shows the peace between those who bestow it. There is love shown in the verse in Acts, the tie between the Ephesian elders and Paul: "And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him, Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more."

His mother strove for peace. More than once the children quarreled. She told them to always sweep their own place first. Bro. Dave knew the honor for parents told in scripture. He told his wife, Sis. Mary, he would help take care of her parents and he expected her to help take care of mother.

Advice from Dave when downcast: Prayer first; second, try to do a good deed, help someone. When there was sickness in family, it seemed afterward he was drawn closer to God. Sorrow and sickness is God's way to bring a soul close to Him. When other help fails, where can we find help?

Bro. David believes there is one calling and that the motivating force in the church and every Christian is love. The church's place should be fulfilled, the business of saving souls. The church being the bride must have a holy and upright attitude before God and the world. If His church isn't holy, where would God look for His people?

The pleasures and pride of the world . . . why worthwhile? The things of earth are temporal; only for time. The pleasures of earth are all fleeting. They are only to please flesh and body; no spiritual value do they have.

Each has to win battles. At the end of any space of time one takes, there is either gain or loss. At the end of the year, we are never at the same place we started.

How can one visualize no more time, being in eternity? The time will come when God will say that time will be no more. Here we

know, whenever a trial or anything such comes, there will be a time when it is over. Our moments are around time. We'll leave a lot of things. In eternity, there is no need of hurrying, no need to schedule anything. Bro. Dave tries to center thoughts on things of the scripture, to rehearse songs. He tries to remember all things that will lift the spirit up.

Death is a great mercy that God gives. What if we had to live forever in these present bodies? Yet, it will take every minute of these lives spent in grace to prepare for the hereafter.

Dave and Mary's little jewel, Larry Lee, took sick. Dave knew about the verse that told about calling for the elders, and that the prayer of faith shall save the sick. Dave longed to pray, but he found, that to pray for healing there was no grace given. He could not. The doctor's diagnosis was given, infantile paralysis.

Bro. and Sis. Elias Souder drove Dave and Mary to the hospital. Little Larry was held in loving arms . . . But to Bro. Dave, the death angel seemed hovering over that car.

The little boy was soon silent. He is in heaven. His daddy says he will always be pure and innocent. There will be no rebuking, "no-no" and other unpleasant things. Larry brought nothing but love into the home.

The tie of God's circle keeps in unsevered love. Here love was begun. There it shall be fulfilled. There we will go and recognize those we know and love.

What a glorious gate opens there . . . there ahead, where beyond the fondest dream are loved ones in glorious light.

LESTER, IOWA Emelie Knobloch

We had a blessed day Sunday, April 24, when Elder Brothers Noah Shrock, Paul Fehr and Silas Leuthold assisted Elder Bro. Leo Moser in serving Holy communion to our congregation. Bro. Shrock expounded on the true meaning of communion for the benefit of our new converts, who could be now granted such an holy act. Bro. Shrock gave a most inspirational message of Jesus' cruel death on the cross. I am sure everyone could see the true suffering He must have endured for the sins of mankind.

Bros. Art and Wendell Gudeman and their wives spent a Sunday with us this past month. That evening they showed pictures and explained the works of the World Relief, at the Community Building at Rock Rapids. Some of the folks from West Bend spent the evening with us (due to the bad weather they had been unable to attend at West Bend).

Our Sunday School children presented an Easter Program, following Good Friday services. Recitation of the Easter story and songs of praise were chosen.

Our congregation has been deeply grieved over the sudden illness of Bro. Kenneth Moser. Bro. Ken had brain surgery and is seriously ill at this writing. Carl Leuthold is feeling much better, after painful injuries to several fingers. Little Dennis Knobloch, son of Bro. and Sister Nathan Knobloch had hernia surgery. Jeryl Mogler, daughter of Bro. and Sister Philip Mogler had an appendectomy. May the Lord restore them with good health again. We are happy to report Bro. Eugene Metzger and Floyd Wulf are recuperating nicely and have been able to assemble with us.

To Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Knobloch a son was born, Harlan Jay, April 29. He has four brothers to welcome him home.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

"Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day." Psalm 96:2.

As in the past, the Vesper Choir was privileged to praise the Lord by presenting a program of hymns and sacred music to the sick and aged in our community. On March 30, they visited the Richland County Home and also our church home, and on April 6 they sang to the patients at the Mansfield Memorial Homes.

We appreciated the messages spoken by our visiting ministers in April. On April 3 we heard Bro. Joe Ramsier from Rittman, and on April 8 Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka.

A son was born on April 27 to Bro. Dick and Sis. Carolyn Sauder. Five brothers and two sisters also welcomed little Randy into their family.

The protecting hand of the Lord was again manifested, when Bro. John Fuhrer became ill while driv-

ing his car and was involved in an accident. All were thankful no one was killed nor seriously injured. His wife, Sis. Katherine Fuhrer, and Sis. Elizabeth Wahl, who were passengers in the car, have been confined to their home because of bruises and sprains. We wish them the healing power from above, that they may soon be able to assemble with us.

An Easter program was presented by the Sunday School children, April 10. We always receive an inspiration and blessing when we witness the joy expressed by the youngsters, as well as their teachers, in telling the Easter story. "He is not here, but is risen . . ." St. Luke 24:6.

MILFORD INDIANA Marguerite Hoerr

Two of our young people have met with serious accidents recently. Linda Levy, daughter of Bro. Ray and Mildred, was involved in a car accident and received a severe spinal injury. She submitted to surgery, following the accident, at Parkview Hospital in Ft Wayne. Her convalescence is expected to be quite lengthy, but our hopes are for a complete recovery.

Ron Steinmayer, who has been worshipping with us for some time and had found grace to repentance, was critically injured when a tractor overturned on him while pulling tree stumps. He remains in a coma at Murphy Medical Center at Warsaw. Many prayers are being offered for this young man, who had become a friend to many of us.

Along with sadness has come happy events, too. Jerry and Jane Templin welcomed a little girl, Kristi Lynn, into their family.

Bro. Nelson Beer of our congregation and Sis. Shelby Culp of Francesville were united in marriage April 10, by Bro. Wendell Gudeman. We welcome this new couple to our church family, and we all join in wishing God's blessings on their union.

Our good friend, Steve Kaiser has made his surrender to the Lord, giving us all reason to rejoice with him. Steve enters service in the near future.

We were privileged to have Bros. Edwin Bahler and Earl Kilgus of Remington with us recently as guest ministers.

At this writing, my mother Sis. Naoma Beer is being admitted to Goshen General Hospital for tests

and probable surgery. Prayerfully, our thoughts go with her.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA Diane Olson

Precious teachings were received by our congregation from Bro. Alpha Moser. It was brought out how the world around us is trying to say God is dead, but even by viewing nature we can be assured that he is alive.

Sis. Martha Allenspach is now residing in a rest home. The address is Woodrest Home, Excelsior, Minnesota.

Where There Is Love

Where there is love the heart is light;

Where there is love the day is bright.

Where there is love there is a song,
To help when things are going wrong . . .

Where there is love there is a smile,
To make all things seem more worthwhile;

Where there is love there's quiet peace,

A tranquil place where turmoils cease—

Love changes darkness into light
And makes the heart take wingless flight . . .

Oh blest are they who walk in love;
They also walk with God above—

And when man walks with God again,

There shall be peace on earth for men.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA Mrs. Herman Schaefer Mrs. Otto Schaefer

Bro. Elmer Witzig and his family of Gridley, Illinois, visited our congregation on Easter Sunday. We are thankful to God for his inspiring message, and hope he will visit us again soon.

Mother

She could not give her children gold,

So she gave them faith to have and hold.

She could not give them royal birth . . .

A name renowned throughout the earth,

But she gave them seeds and a garden spot

And shade trees when the sun was hot.

She could not give a silver spoon
Or servants waiting night and noon.

She gave them love and a listening ear

And told them God was always near.

She could not give them worldly things

But what she gave was fit for kings,

For with her faith and books and sod

She made each child aware of God.

I believe the poem could be applied to all of our dear mothers. Let us not forget the wonderful teachings about God that they have taught us.

Bro. and Sis. E. O. Koehl announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Karen, to Wayne Fehr, son of Bro and Sis. Elmer Fehr of West Bend.

A little girl, Lisa Sue, is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Aupperle. She has a sister Marilee and a brother Troy to welcome her home. Sis. Viola Aupperle is the paternal grandmother.

MORTON, ILLINOIS Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

Funeral services for Bro. Ben Heiniger, age 86, were held April 22. Bro. Russell Rapp and Bro. Ben Maibach officiated. He had ministered over 40 years. Surviving are five daughters, Sis. Nathalia Frank of Washington; Elsa Bocka of San Bernardino, California; Elma and Elda at home; Sis. Irene of Peoria and two sons, Alfred and Ezra of Morton.

Funeral services were held April 16 for Wm. F. Ackerman, age 75. Bro. Henry Grimm officiated. He is survived by two brothers, Daniel of Peoria and Chris of Morton, also one sister, Kathryn, with whom he made his home.

Sis. Mary L. Welk is confined to her home, having suffered a stroke. She is improving at this time.

Sis. Louise Belsley broke her hip and is a patient in the Pekin Public Hospital, Pekin, Ill.

Bro. Joe C. Belsley had surgery on his eye and is convalescing at home.

Sis. Anna Rapp is a patient in the Methodist Hospital, Peoria.

Bro. Matt Paluska is critically ill, having suffered a heart attack while attending church services.

Bro. Otto Berchtold was able to

return to his home, after spending many weeks in the hospital, after having had a stroke.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz
Miss Della Witschey

Lewis B. Durig, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Durig passed away on April 13 after a few hours' illness. He leaves his widow, Bertha Rothlisberger Durig, three daughters, four sons, several grandchildren, six sisters and three brothers. Services were held on April 16; interment followed.

Services will be held at the country church on Sunday, June 26, beginning with a song service at eleven o'clock, with lunch served. The afternoon meeting will begin at one o'clock. At this time the minister for the day is not certain, but there will be one or more visiting ministers. Hot coffee and sweet rolls will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Durig and son Keith of Girard, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams of Akron were the guests of the Barth families on April 15 and 16.

Mr. and Mrs. John Witschey and family of Charleston, W. Va., were visiting here with his father, Mr. Dan Witschey and family on May 1.

Mrs. Elizabeth McGuier of Washington, Pa., visited here with her aunt, Miss Della Witschey the last of April.

Virgil Frei of Limestone Ridge is a medical patient in the local hospital at the present time. He was pleased with the care given by the nurses and doctors and was very content to be a patient, his first trip to town in 40 years.

Kerry Estep, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Estep, underwent an appendectomy operation on May 3, and was doing nicely.

Mrs. Mary Burgess and Mr. and Mrs. John Partlow and family of Monroe Heights, Pa., visited with relatives here over the May 1 weekend.

John and Ann Wagler of Greenville, S.C., had been visiting with relatives and friends in Ohio, passed through New Martinsville on May 4 and visited with this reporter and family. We were happy to have them for the short time; they were enroute home.

Mrs. Jennie Mullett has been quite ill with influenza, but is able to be up and around again.

Mrs. Jessie Bleuer was able to

visit with Della Witschey one day recently. She has been quite ill for some time, but is improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Wade celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on April 22. No celebration had been planned, but they and their sons and daughter-in-laws enjoyed a dinner at a local restaurant; they received many gifts and floral bouquets.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

When the time of year comes that we remember the Lord's suffering on the cross for our sins and attend services on Good Friday, it humbles us to think how privileged we unworthy ones are to be counted among those who look forward to the day of His coming. Not that we should think upon these things only at Easter, but it is deeply impressed upon our hearts, especially when we partake of Holy Communion.

Bro. Leo Moser from Lester spent the day with us on April 17. We were richly blessed through the word of God. Bro. Moser then assisted our Bro. Noah Schrock in serving Holy Communion to the congregation.

Bro. Silas Leuthold from Princeville and Bro. Simon Wagenbach from Tremont also gave of their time and efforts in bringing us God's Word in the past month.

Bro. John and Sis. Carol (Wagenbach) Steiner are the happy parents of a sweet little girl named Melody Rose, who became theirs when she was only eight days old.

Friends Danny and Dolores (Wagenbach) Anliker have a little girl, born April 29. She is welcomed by two brothers.

Recently several of us traveled to Princeville on a Thursday evening, to meet five sisters from Croghan who were on vacation. The New York sisters had been asked why they were traveling such a great distance just to visit people they did not know or had only met once. We cannot appreciate enough our precious fellowship that the world cannot understand. It is always a pleasure to visit with those of like mind and faith.

Letter of thanks: I wish to thank my many dear friends and relatives who so kindly remembered me with cards and flowers while I was in the hospital. A special thank you to the Walter and Leah Gerber

family and to my nieces and nephew (the Bahlers) at South Windsor, Connecticut, for the beautiful flowers and plant they wired to me. Sis. Anna B. (Ed) Lanz.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner
Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Sis. Nancy Staub and Bro. Gary Herrmann were united in marriage April 10. They are living in Peoria. We welcome Bro. Gary.

We welcome three more souls to our household of faith. Bro. Ken and Sis. Darlene Hoerr and Bro. Jay Plattner were baptized April 24. We were all reminded that we have a cross to bear; we should willingly pick it up daily and the grace will be shared to us to be able to bear this cross, no matter how heavy it is.

Dr. Gene Hoerr, a Peoria physician, is now a captain in the Air Force. His wife and two sons plan to join him in Minot, North Dakota soon.

August and Marie Hoerr announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Jane, to Michael McMullen.

Bro. Willis and Sis. Shirley Triplett are the parents of a baby girl. Rebecca Ann was born April 14.

Bro. Emil Bessler died April 8. He had been in failing health for the past year. His wife, Sis. Stella and one son, Harlan; one sister, Sis. Minnie Sauder; and four grandchildren survive.

Our sympathy is also extended to sisters Martha and Rosa Langjahr, whose sister, Sis. Anna Schupbach died here in Peoria. Her funeral services were held in Cisna Park.

Bro. Fred Fuecht, a resident of Peoria for 28 years, died May 2. He had been in the hospital just a few days. His wife, Sis. Bertha died in November 1963. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Worthington, Mrs. Marie Hoerr, Mrs. Dee Clatt; one son, William Fuecht; three sisters, Sis. Pauline Knobloch, Rose Knapp, and Freida Streitmatter and six grandchildren.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Frank Woertz, Dan Koch, Ben Fehr, and John Wagler. We thank them for their messages of love and proclaiming the holy word.

Sis. Anna Fisher is leaving Peoria, after being here in our assembly for over 35 years. Her new home will be at the A.C. Home in Eureka. We will miss Sis. Anna in

our assembly; she has always been such a willing worker. She also wishes to thank everyone for the lovely birthday cards and gifts she received recently.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Mrs. Joe Beer — Mrs. Ervin Rokey

We enjoyed having visiting ministers Bro. John Klotzle, from Altadena, and Bro. Glenn Hackenjös, from Portland, minister to us this past month.

Sis. Barbara (Richard) Schupbach and Sis. Hulda (Joe) Heinold had major surgery and are convalescing at home. Sis. Ora (Henry) Schrenk has also been a shut-in.

Here is a poem that I have seen and read since a little girl. I read it first at my grandmother's house, where she had it placed on her bedroom wall. Grandmother gave it to my mother some years ago, and now it is hanging on her bedroom wall. I often stand and read it now. It seems very appropriate for the past Mother's Day we honored.

Mother

Mother works for you,
Looks after you,
Loves you, Forgives you
Anything you may do,
Understands you . . .

PORTLAND, OREGON

**Mrs. Edward Oresicker
Mrs. Glenn Hackenjös**

"To God be the glory, great things He has done—" He has snatched us out of darkness and shown us the fullness of His love. Dear ones "Back East", you who also praise Him for "forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace", may we make an appeal? In the lovely Seattle-Tacoma-Puget Sound area live over a million souls. How long can our two believing families keep faith, that here is a place where God is going to work? Our God is able, but often He chooses to use man as His tool. This vast area of mountains, waters and great tall trees is also a place of marvelous job opportunities. At Kent, Washington, a Seattle suburb, where Bro. Richard and Sis. Darlene Voeller and their six children live, Boeing alone is building a new plant which will employ an additional fifteen thousand. Seattle, of course, is literally teeming with industry and its accompanying advantages.

Silverton, Oregon, about forty-

five miles south of Portland, is another area of great natural beauty. Most of our older members there are now gone, but we are just trusting the Lord to keep the doors open, that His church there may continue to be a refuge in time of storm. Salem—twelve miles away and the sprawling Portland area offer advantages for employment. The Lord has blest us with many wonderful children and young people here; your children would have plenty of company. Dear ones, do you believe with us that among these multitudes there are souls who would leave the furious pace of the world in this end day and be **near to the heart of God?** Perhaps God would have you share in the labor of this vineyard? Words can never tell what an encouragement it would be if just **one** devoted family would move to each of these "outposts"!

From Tacoma we are happy to report that Bro. Larry Lombardo's health is improved, for which we give all thanks and praise to the Lord, the great Physician.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

Bro. Bob Grimm of Goodfield and Bro. Ben Hartzler of Rittman were our guests April 17 and proclaimed the gospel message in truth and sincerity. Bro. Hartzler went to Bradford in the afternoon. Many from our congregation gathered there after services to witness the baptisms of our friends, Robert Weiland of Princeville, Loris and Lottie Stisser and Clarence Bruell of Bradford. How happy we are for these dear souls. We wish them God's nearness and guidance through this wicked world.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family of Sis. Mildred Huber, as well as the entire Eureka congregation. Mildred grew up in our community, and Bro. LeRoy has helped our elder brother, Silas Leuthold many times, so we felt a deep love for both. We extend sympathy also to the Morton congregation and to the family of Bro. Ben Heininger. He was a faithful minister; we always enjoyed having him visit us.

Our congregation voted for Sunday School teachers recently. We did so early, as Bros. Joe Stoller and Arthur Baurer are now in the ministry. Bros. Dave Ehnle, John Leuthold, and Edwin Baurer were

chosen to assist in this important work. Sis. Mary Jane Streitmatter was also chosen to teach. May the Lord be their guide and support as they teach the innocent little lambs

Greg Martin, son of Sis. Edith, has been inducted into the armed service and is presently at Camp Polk, Louisiana. We trust he can feel that God's help is only a prayer away.

Daryl Wagenbach and Michael Martin are both improved, after sick spells, and are able to be with us in Sunday School again. Bro. Dale Martin was quite sick for a few days and spent a few days in the hospital, but has improved and is back at work. Cleon Streitmatter, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Anna, became violently ill while at school in Champaign, and was brought to a Peoria hospital by ambulance, where he underwent major surgery. He has received a number of blood transfusions & is recovering nicely, looking forward to coming home.

Sis. Marie Eberle and her children, Larry and Carol, Barry Streitmatter and Sharon DeWolfe were very seriously injured when they thruck a car that pulled in front of them. All were hospitalized, but are showing improvement. We hope their shut-in days are few and that they will recover rapidly. May the dear Lord sustain them during their convalescence.

We were thankful for the visitors from Elgin, Francesville and La Crosse recently, and especially thankful for the inspiring words of Bro. Elmer Bucher. We received many teachings, but one impressive thought was brought out, when the brother likened a journey on a ship to our journey on the ship of faith. When one starts out a journey we have not safely reached our destination until we are on the other shore. So it is with our daily battle of faith, we cannot be sure until we have reached a safe end, for which we strive for and pray daily.

Sis. Louise Lauber received a broken shoulder in a fall in her home. She is recovering, but has been confined to her home several weeks.

Bro. Larry Endress has received notice he is being sent to Viet Nam. May the dear Lord be his comfort, as well as all who must leave their homeland.

PULASKI, IOWA

Mrs. Ray Martin

Sis. Nancy Rinckenberger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Cleo Rinckenberger is engaged to Bro. Roger Musselman from Morton. May God bless their engagement.

Bro. Fred Knapp of Congerville visited and ministered unto us. He so reminded us how important it is to walk the narrow path of life, and not to see how far we can reach out into the world.

The Way and The Reward

His way at first may seem too hard,
Too steep, and full of sorrow,
Yet peace e'en now is its reward,
And bliss in God's tomorrow.
Who through the narrow gate doth
press,
An inner peace will he possess,
And every joy in living.

The broader way at first may seem
As through a pleasant pasture,
But in its path great dangers teem;
It ends in dark disaster.
In righteous anger God will cast
Into great agony at last
The unrepentant sinner.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Bro. Sam Kilgus and his family had a Kilgus reunion at their home Easter Sunday. Bro. George Waibels had a Waibel reunion at their home the same Sunday. We are always thankful when we can get together and enjoy one another. Too often we wait until we are called together because of a sorrow, or a misfortune befalls us. We trust each time we get together more of us can rejoice in the fellowship of our Lord.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schini have a baby girl, Karen Lynn. The grandparents are Bro. Albert and Sis. Amelia Schini. The great-grandmother is Sis. Mary Schieler.

Sis. Mary Bahler has been with her daughter, Gladys, at Indianapolis. She has been quite ill.

Sis. Louise (Rube) Scharlach is improving, after a sudden illness. We are thankful both were able to worship with us once again. Rube has not been with us since Jan. 1. We trust both will have better health from now on; they have had much to endure the past months.

Linda Pittman was married to Edwin Pherson. She is the daughter of Bro. Odell and Sis. Marjorie. May God's richest blessings rest on their home.

"Mothers"

The work of mothers is the task of inspiring human lives, as did Abraham Lincoln's mother. As she lay dying, she reached for his hands and said "Be something, Abe!" These words were an inspiration to him the rest of his life. He had many sorrows and hardships to bear.

Thank You Note: I am using this means to express my heartfelt thanks to all you good people who were so kind to remember me with cards, gifts, prayers and visits, for your many kind expressions of cheer and courage during my stay at the hospital. May the good Lord bless you all. Friendship is truly a priceless, precious ingredient in life that cannot be replaced. Phil Getz.

For the Believer

"Examine Your Menu"

In the history of Israel, the land of Egypt represents the world. The Hebrew people as slaves were typical of the sinner in bondage under the law. Pharaoh, however was wise enough to see to it that his slaves were never hungry. He knew an empty stomach was an invitation in stirring up anger, and so he fed them well.

Yet, what a diet it was! It is described in Numbers 11 as consisting of fish, onions, leeks, garlic, melons and cucumbers. Evidently Israel loved it, for even after God sent them food in the wilderness, they still lusted for the spicy, racy food of Egypt.

These foods of Egypt (typical of the pleasures of the world) were earthly; all grew, the vegetation, in or on the ground. Israel, after they were redeemed from Egypt still took Egypt's appetite along . . . But God wanted them to feed on other food. In the wilderness it was manna.

When they came to Canaan, the manna stopped and they lived on corn, wheat, barley, pomegranates, grapes, figs and olives. These foods all grew above the ground. They thus represented the Believer's proper diet—Heavenly Things.

What is your menu as a Believer? The Believer's food is in the heavenlies. How much do you feed on the Word and Prayer? How much on pleasures, sports, entertainment—worldly activity? Remember, you are what you eat.

"If ye then be risen with Christ,

seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God".

Living for God involves dying to the world.

Five basic reasons have been given why that great civilization the Roman empire, withered and died. These were:

"The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis for human society.

"Higher and higher taxes; the spending of public money for free bread and entertainment for the populace.

"The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting, more brutal, more immoral.

"The building of great armaments when the real enemy was within—the decay of individual responsibility.

"The decay of religion; faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life, losing power to guide the people."

The average age of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. These nations progressed through this sequence: . . . From courage to liberty, From liberty to abundance, From abundance to selfishness, From selfishness to complacency, From complacency to apathy, From apathy to dependence, From dependence back again to bondage.

With these facts, does anyone have difficulty concluding that history is repeating itself, that prophecy is about to be fulfilled? In about 10 years the United States will be 200 years old. This cycle is not inevitable—IT DEPENDS ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, seeking God's help.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Ella Mae Trent

In accordance with the observance of Mother's Day by the nation, from our pulpit tribute was given to Christian mothers. An ancient poet wrote a beautiful poem to mothers in "The Mother's Hymn."

Lord, who ordainst for mankind
Benignant toils and tender cares,
We thank Thee for the ties that
bind

The mother to the child she bears.

We thank Thee for the hopes that
rise

Within her heart, as day by day

The dawning soul, from those
young eyes,
Looks with a clearer, steadier ray.

And grateful for the blessing given
With that dear infant on her knee;
She trains the eye to look to
heaven,
The voice to lisp a prayer to Thee.

All-Gracious! grant to those who
bear
A mother's charge, the strength
and light
To guide the feet that own their
care
In ways of love and truth and right.

Mother's Day was one of sadness
for two families in our congrega-
tion. May 2, Edward Winkler, 23,
was killed in a freak farm accident.
Burial was in the church cemetery
on May 5. He was survived by his
wife Wanda, son Randall, three
brothers, two sisters, and parents—
Bro. John and Sis. Ida.

April 9, Bro. Ray Rake died un-
expectedly near his home. Burial
was April 12. He is survived by his
wife, Sis. Louise, a son, and four
daughters.

Hospitalized or ill this past
month were Sis. Donna Beery,
Dean Maibach, Bro. Charles Marty,
Bro. John Widmer, Pauline Marty,
Bro. Willis Snyder, and Sis. Emma
Horn.

When strength hath failed and feet,
now worn and weary,
On glad some errands may no
longer go,
Why should I sigh, or let the days
be dreary?
Lord, Thou Remainest! Couldst
Thou more bestow?

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

La Verne Fischer — Pat Stoller

Suzanne Beth is the name chosen
for the baby girl born to Bro. Les
and Sis. Judy Luginbuhl.

On April 10 the engagement of
Sis. Mary Ellen Hangartner to Bro.
Steve Wiegand was announced. She
is the daughter of Sis. Florence and
the late Bro. John Hangartner, and
he is the son of Bro. and Sis. Simon
Wiegand Jr. of Goodfield. We wish
them God's blessings.

We rejoice to know that our dear
friend, Jo Ann Bertschi has sur-
rendered her heart to the Lord. She
is the daughter of Bro. Gene and
Sis. Dorothy Bertschi. We wish
her God's grace and guidance.

On May 8, the engagement of

Sis. La Verne Fischer to Bro. Al
Butikofer was announced. She is
the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Sam
Fischer and he is the son of Sis.
Marie Butikofer of Elgin, Iowa.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

At our April 17 Communion ser-
vice, the members here at Rock-
ville, perhaps the largest group
ever, shared in the Lord's Supper.
We were again reminded by our
elders, Bros. John Bahler, Rudolph
Graf and Noah Bauman serving us
—that this is a commandment of
the Saviour—one we should exer-
cise as a reminder of the Saviour's
sufferings and the price He was
willing to pay for man's redemption.
In the Hymn No. 89 in the Zion's
Harp, from which we sang, we were
reminded of going out to Calvary.
The author, in the words of this
beautiful hymn takes one so near
in thought to the very scene of the
dying Saviour . . . hanging there on
the Cross.

How great the pains, O Lord
Afflict Thee on this day.
"My God, my God," He calls,
Forsake Me not, I pray.

No vengeance fills His heart;
For them I hear Him plead.
**They know not what they do;
Forgive them for this deed.**

"I thirst" He cries in pain,
For there is no distress
Which Christ, the Friend of Man,
Endured not at His death.

He bows His head and cries,
**Tis finished; All is done.
O God, receive my soul.
Life's victory is won.**

Two Named for the Ministry

Following the evening service,
two brothers were chosen for the
ministry. The outcome of the bal-
loting indicated that there was
room for two. The brothers sup-
ported, and called by the church
were Bros. Corbin Bahler and Roy
Luginbuhl. Bro. Rudolph Graf
made the announcement. Many
kind words, and words of encour-
agement, were given them by the
elders present and the members in-
dividually.

Sis. Lena Gottier has been trans-
ferred from the hospital to a con-
valescent home. She fell some time
ago in her home and suffered a
broken hip. Sis. Lizzie Kloter cele-

brated her 87th birthday on April
22. She said she feels good, and
with the aid of a "walker" can at-
tend church services regularly.
Sis. Lena Limberger, who was suf-
fering from a broken hip as a re-
sult of a fall in her home is also able
to attend services again.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Bro. Roger and Sis. LaVonne
Aberle are the parents of a daugh-
ter, born April 15. Lori Lynn is
their first child.

Sis. Mary Aeschliman, age 82,
passed away April 18 at the St. An-
thony Hospital, after a short ill-
ness. She is survived by one broth-
er, Sylvan Aeschliman of Sabetha.
Funeral services were held here
on April 20.

We rejoice that four more souls
were added to the fold. We welcome
as sisters in faith: Glenda, daugh-
ter of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Lois
Grimm; Mary, daughter of Bro.
Willard and Sis. Eloise Bahr;
Cheryl, daughter of Bro. Phil and
Sis. Bertha Metzger; Verona,
daughter of Bro. Virgil and Sis.
Marie Hartter. Bro. Sam Anlike
of Lamont and Bro. Lester Hartter
of Bern were here to assist Bro.
Eugene Marti in this good work.

Friend Roger Hartter, son of
Bro. Virgil and Sis. Marie, has also
turned to the Lord in repentance.
He is waiting for the day when he
can return from Viet Nam. May the
Lord be with him and bring him
home safely.

Other visiting ministers this
month were Bro. Fred Marti of La-
mar and Bro. Floyd Schmidgall of
Morris.

Some of us gathered in the home
of Bro. Velmer and Sis. Vila Meyer
for an evening of singing. They
have been married 25 years.

TAYLOR MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter Mrs. Bill Heimer

Visiting ministers this month
were Bro. Bob Pohl, Burlington,
and Bro. Ezra Feller, Cissna Park.
We were glad to have them with
us, along with their families.

Bro. LeRoy Yackley finished his
basic at Ft. Sam Houston and spent
two weeks with his parents, Bro.
Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley.

A son, Kim James was born
Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter on
April 25. They now have two girls
and three boys.

Sis. Emma Dee Hoerr is hospi-
talized. We hope her stay is short.

Bro. Stan Heimer spent a few days in the hospital for tests and observation.

Bro. Adolph Gerst was hospitalized several days for a heart condition. He has returned home and is getting along quite well.

Bro. Fred Grimm went to the Mayo Clinic for a check up. He was accompanied by his wife Sis. Louise and his daughter Mardell Dietz, Bradford.

We enjoyed the Easter Program, presented by the teachers and pupils of the Sunday School on Good Friday evening.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer
Sharon Herman

This past month we were privileged to have Bro. Russell Rapp of Morton and Bros. Ezra Feller and Philip Sauder of Cissna Park assemble with us. They brought us many blessings, and we hope that it will be God's will that they may soon return. We are richly blessed by the efforts of our own ministers, and we thank them for so willingly lending themselves, but it is even an added blessing when brothers are willing to come from a distance and proclaim the word of God.

On April 28 Elsie Hutchison, the mother of Sisters Doris and Beverly Hutchison, passed away at the age of 68. Bro. Albert Aberle conducted the funeral services. For the past few years she had been assembling with us, and there are many of us who miss her.

This past month, Sis. Jewell Sauder, Sis. Helen Rapp and Kathy Martin were hospitalized. When we stop to consider that hardly a month goes by that sickness does not befall some of those among us, it certainly makes us thankful that God has provided that we need not live with these frailties of the body forever.

Announcement was recently made of the engagement of Bro. Charles Sauder of Tremont to Sis. Miriam Fritz of Morton.

A son, Brian Alan, was born on March 22 to Ilene and Larry Hild. Ilene is the daughter of Sis. Hannah and Bro. Chris Pflederer.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Jay J. Bertsch

What is Brotherhood?

It is the strength of the past builders, and the hope of the future.

It is obeying our Lord in the

commandments and the sermon on the mount.

It is a rigorous young carpenter giving a lift to a tired old-timer working by his side.

It is a strong young man carrying his brother wherever he goes—because he was born without feet.

It is a dozen or a thousand people working shoulder to shoulder to build and maintain a church.

It is the two mites given by the widow.

It is the great man Paul, saying if meat offend my brother I will not eat meat as long as I live.

It is you and I bound in the mighty cords of Christian love.

We are happy to welcome back our son, Wendell Bertsch, and his wife Donna, who recently moved here from Bluffton . . . We pray that the Lord will be with them, and bless them with good health and happiness.

We've had several visitors this past month. Ministering Brother Clarence Yackley and his wife Vera—and, other brothers and sisters, all from Phoenix, spent a Sunday worshipping with us. We are glad for each and everyone that stops for just a day, or for quite some time.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

August Mueller

April 3 . . . the grass is out of the ground, a beautiful color of green. Soon the trees will bring forth new leaves and blossoms, and the yards will be full of flowers. How much more important is it that we with our spiritual eyes see what the Lord has done for us, how He sent His only begotten Son upon earth to suffer and die for all mankind, that whoever believes in Him shall not die but have everlasting life.

Today is Palm Sunday. Jesus knew the day and hour He would die. He also knew what the evil men would do to Him, that they would smite Him, mock Him, and spit in His face, that they would put a crown of thorns upon His head. Finally they nailed Him on the Cross, where He gave His life.

He asked His Father to forgive them; they know not what they are doing. Even while He was hanging on the cross He saved a life. He promised one of the malefactors, You will be with me in Paradise today yet.

All the nations will have to appear before Him. He will pronounce

judgment over all his enemies. The sea will give up the dead. Those that repented and were saved have reason to rejoice. They are on the safe side; the second death will have no power over them. They are redeemed. How fortunate are we that we can share in His suffering.

I visited Sis. Ida Knecht. She is in poor health. She told me that she hasn't been to church for four months. She needs the prayer of everyone. Bro. Harry Frauhiger was absent from church for three Sundays.

How fortunate are we that our Lord did not stay in the grave, but arose. He is Lord over everything. All power is given to Him in heaven and on earth. He is still the same loving Jesus as He was when He was among mankind here on earth. He is still willing to forgive sins to all that come to Him with a broken heart. He still has the power to heal the sick according to body and soul.

He promised He will come again to take all those that love and serve Him to Himself, and they shall be where He is, in eternity. The poet tells us in hymn 124: And now in Spirit Thou dost call From heaven to us one and all: May peace be with thee, child of mine, For heaven's kingdom shall be thine. What more can we ask for?

He went through bitter hours for us. He spent whole night on His knees praying. It is our duty to do for Him what we can. Our life is short here on earth compared to eternity. Let us not fall asleep, but trim our lamps and fill them with oil, for we know not at what hour the Bridegroom cometh.

When we go on a long trip by car, train or plane and we reach our destination safe and sound, we feel obligated to give God thanks for His protection, that He watches over us by day and night. When we return and arrive home, we again give Him the honor and praise. Home is where we find rest and contentment. How sweet will it be when we reach that heavenly home, where we can rest in eternity, after the long journey through this strange land. We are strangers and pilgrims here and have no continuing city. We know neither time nor place when the Lord will say to us so far and no farther, but if we stay true and faithful we will come to a blessed ending.

Sunday the 17th . . . Bro. Harry Frauhiger is in the hospital with a

kidney ailment. We pray that the Lord will restore him to good health soon, so he can be with us again; we miss him. We are happy to have friend William Orth with us again; he served in Viet Nam for six months. We thank God that He watched over him and brought him home safe and sound. He is the only child.

How fortunate are we that our heavenly Father does not demand educated words of us when we pray. He likes a humble prayer. Jesus left an example for us when He told His disciples how to pray. If we ask Him for grace and strength for prayer, He will put the words into our hearts and upon our lips which we should bring before Him.

I hear Sis. Elsie Lanz lost her husband; he died of a heart attack. It is only fitting that we sympathize with those that mourn over the loss of a loved one. May God comfort your heart, dear sister in faith.

How fortunate are we that we were called when we were young yet, that we could give thanks and praise unto our Creator for all He has done for us through His beloved Son. For many of us that have reached 80, 90 or even a hundred years, the days have come of which we say I have no pleasure in them. No doubt some cannot see the sun, the moon, and the stars anymore; some have lost their hearing; some cannot get around anymore. My sister, Emma, cannot remember anything. Others have affliction they never counted on when they were young.

Sunday the 24th . . . today we changed from Standard time to Daylight Saving Time. Bro. Harry Frauhiger is still in the hospital. He had an operation this past week on his kidney. Three daughters and his son-in-law, Bro. Bill Gerber, from Bluffton came to visit him. They were in our assembly today. We wish Bro. Harry a speedy recovery, so we can meet and greet him again on a Sunday.

I am happy to report that Bro. Harry Frauhiger is making good progress. He expects to get out of the hospital in about a week. We all are waiting to see him in Union City.

Ye messengers of peace shall bring
The glorious gospel of the King
To man in accents truthful.

How great your blessed reward
shall be
When Jesus Christ the Lord will
see
That ye were true and faithful.
Every brother who such mission
and position
Has been granted, Shall be to the
end undaunted.

VALPARAISO, INDANA

Mrs. W. A. Jacob
Mrs. Harry Bucher

Bro. John Heinold entered Porter Memorial Hospital April 11, due to a heart condition. He must remain in the hospital five weeks. We trust the Lord will grant him strength, that he may be restored to good health again. May God be merciful unto him and his wife, Sis. Tillie, who no doubt has many anxious moments.

A Mother's Prayer

O Saviour, take these children of
mine;
Hold fast their precious hand in
thine.
Guide them now, lest they go
astray;
Teach them to walk the Christ-like
way.

Do not withhold the trials of life,
Nor smooth away all cares and
strife.
I want them so to pass the test,
That their own lives be fully blest.

Oh, many times perhaps they'd fall,
But then I know you'll hear them
call.
I have faith; I believe in you;
I trust you, Lord, to see them
through.

They'er all alone, so far away;
O choose each word you'd have
them say.
Just guide each step and bless each
deed;
I pray, to you they'll others lead.

Today I give you back your own;
Give them the love to me you've
shown.
My prayer is that their lives will be
Just consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

My husband, Bro. Bill Jacob entered the hospital May 4, due to a heart ailment. We pray and trust God will be merciful and restore him to good health again.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt Mrs. A. Banwart

Our congregation has experienced many mixed emotions during the past month, as a large majority worked side by side in the dismantling of our dear old house of worship and the rearing of our new one. For several Sundays we have assembled in our new building, which is humbling indeed when we consider, as reminded by a local minister of the meager assembling places of our ancestors and the even greater trials of others who were persecuted for assembling. Already we've enjoyed the blessing of visiting ministers. Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville and Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville and their wives were with us for a Friday evening service. Brothers Elmer Schmidt and LeRoy Messner and their wives from Winthrop visited us on a Sunday. We thank them for visits and teachings which included, "Satan will still come here and work, maybe even a little harder to lure us from our duties and Christian walk of life."

We all rejoice with Christina Schmidt, wife of Conrad Schmidt that the Lord has shared her grace unto repentance. May those of us who are redeemed never forget to be thankful for this gift also.

An enjoyable evening was spent by a sizable group, singing hymns and rejoicing with Bro. Noah and Sis. Emma Gerber on their silver wedding anniversary.

Patients in the hospital at Iowa City during the past month included: Julie Wickman, granddaughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Helen Zaugg, and Gary Schneider, son of Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Ella Schneider. Bro. Noah Anliker and Sis. Florence Banwart have been hospitalized for tests. Franck Dogotch is slowly improving, after being hospitalized for three days. Many from here have been confined to their homes with severe flu, including our elder brother, Paul Banwart. Chuckee Schneider, son of Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Ella Schneider, was hospitalized as a result of it.

We are happy to have Art Mogler, son of Sam and Sis. Tillie Mogler, assemble with us again, since his discharge from the service.

The engagement of Wayne Fehr, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Matilda Fehr and Kathy Koehl, daughter of Bro. E. O. and Sis. Eunice Koehl, has been announced.

In Memoriam

flood of precious memories lingers in our hearts today. The sacred, loving thoughts arise because it's Mother's Day. Dear mother is not with us now. We can not wish her well; But then we do not need to, for in heaven she does dwell.

The path we tread without her is yet strange and unbeknown. We often need to watch and pray unto the Father's throne That wisdom be revealed to us. What homage can we pay To mother on Mother's Day when she has gone away?

Though where she rests there is no need, yet surely she would long To meet the loved ones left behind, to join in endless song. Thus homage we can pay to her, if we God's will obey, And thus we pray—to meet her there—perhaps some Mother's Day.

WICHITA, KANSAS**Mrs. Ethel Smith****Mrs. Jackie Farney**

Claudia Olesen gave her testimony and was baptized April 15. It was a very blessed day, and we rejoice that we can now greet Claudia as a dear sister in Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Warner are parents of a baby boy. Douglas Andrew is their first child. Bro. Howard and Sis. Anna Marie Warner are the grandparents.

Jerry and Donna Farney are parents of a baby boy, born April 29. Brent Steven is welcomed home by his two older brothers, Mike and Brian. Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ann Farney are the grandparents. Jerry and Donna are residing in Amarillo, Texas.

Several of our congregation were hospitalized this past month. Sis. Nellie Lambert was hospitalized for surgery. Lois Bowers, daughter of Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian, was a hospital patient for an appendectomy. Curtis Wheeler, son of Sis. Karlene Wheeler, was hospitalized with a virus infection. Douglas Farney, infant son of Bro. Larry and Sis. Jackie Farney was hospitalized for surgery, and Sarah Otie was also a hospital patient. We are glad to report that all have been able to attend church services and are feeling fine, for which we are very thankful to the Lord.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA**Lillian Pfister - Delores Messerli**

"A saint can see farther on his knees than a philosopher on his tiptoes." (See James 5:16)

"As we commemorate Mother's Day in May and Father's Day in June, we are especially thankful for our rich heritage, and earnestly join their prayers for a circle that will be unbroken."

Our Winthrop nursery has been blessed with three new baby girls. Melissa, born April 15 is the daughter of John and Sis. Dorothy Jacobson. Lisa, born April 17 belongs to Bro. Dennie and Sis. Carol Ann Messmer; Lyla, born April 20 to Bro. Gene and Sis. Ella Mae Schmidt.

Sally Jacobson, age four, has had her left leg in a cast since March. We are thankful that she is getting along real well.

Jason, age four, son of the Dennis Messners, was hospitalized over May 1 week end with a respiratory ailment.

On Good Friday evening, Minister Elmer Witzig and his family of Gridley, Illinois visited our congregation. We certainly enjoyed the appropriate message taken from Luke 23.

The announcement was made of the engagement of Bro. John Pence of Bluffton to Sis. Martha Pfister of Winthrop.

John C. Messner, youngest son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Florence Messner, was married to Janie Rodden on Saturday, March 12. They are now living at 348 Ramona Avenue Apt. 23, Monterey, California 93940. We are all eager to welcome them home to Winthrop sometime this summer.

Some of the Bible in the morning, to order my onward way. Some of the Bible in the evening to hal-low the end of the day.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA**Arles Kropf**

Bro. John Schmidt is a patient in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, after suffering a stroke. He is partially paralyzed and unable to talk.

Sis. Sophie Farney has also been hospitalized, but is again able to be at home.

Our Sunday School welcomes Roger Schwab, who has come from Milwaukee, Wisconsin to make his home with his uncle and aunt, Bro.

and Sis. Vernon Schwab and family.

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ON THE JOURNEY HOME

More from Bro. Geistlich

Tuesday, Sept. 4 . . . Today we left on a steamboat for Pittsburgh. I am glad and thankful to God that the time for returning has come for me. Thanks be to God for all the love, favor and grace He bestowed upon us . . .

Wednesday, Sept. 5. Pittsburgh. We arrived here at 11 a.m. after sailing all night on the steamboat.

I slept but little last night, although the night was quiet. I was greatly strengthened though vigorous prayer to the Lord . . .

Thursday, Sept. 6. Philadelphia. We rode the entire night. Dear Bro. Bella said to me this morning that he was very tired, also thinking that one has much here, and that it would be pitiful for one to have nothing here nor hereafter . . . But God would that we be saved, as God in Christ did redeem the world, and established under us the word of redemption . . .

Friday, Sept. 7. At Williamsburg, New York. This morning I arose early after I had prayed and read the 16th Psalm. I took my money to the exchange of Mr. Eschman and Stapfer in New York, Bro. Rausp going with me. Now the time of parting has come. Many brethren went along to the ship, which was a mail ship from Bremen, the "America". Our farewell was touching. On one hand I had pain as I bade the dear brethren adieu, and on the other hand I was glad that the time for going home had come.

Dear Bro. Bella went along to the harbor . . . At 1:00 the ship moved away from the harbor. The brothers wept on shore . . .

I again committed myself unto God, that He would be our helper and protector on the sea, for only He can bring us to our destination.

Sunday, Sept. 9 . . . quiet devotion on the sea.

Wednesday, Sept. 12. Weather pleasant. Today was a glorious day. All was well in the Lord my God. How wonderful are the ways and leadings of God; if we consider them from our youth on we can say, as we find in the scripture, His way is on the sea and His Hand on the great waters. My hope is that He will bring me, along with all His faithful, into that eternal haven of peace . . .

Thursday, Sept. 13. On the sea.

Weather pleasant. Today was another fine day. I can hardly believe that it can go so good for us, yet we can well accept it if the Lord gives it to us. O that He will also give us grace to be real thankful for all His love and goodness, which He shows unto us. We were created to praise Him and glorify His holy name, which is high in heaven and on earth . . .

Friday, Sept. 14. Often I have heard it said that the morning hour has gold . . . if I early in the morning open my heart and mouth to God, I am more delighted in the morning . . .

Saturday, Sept. 15 . . . I awoke to another new morning. When will the time come, when I will awake on that eternal morning. Today I read in the 11th chapter of the Hebrews about the faith of our forefathers . . . This is very important and strengthening to read. They only saw the promises from afar . . .

Sunday, Sept. 16. Weather stormy . . . The apostle writes in the Acts, how on their trip to Rome they were in many dangers on land and on sea. By far, it is not yet 14 days and nights in which no sun or moon did shine and nothing but darkness surrounded them. If the storm is wild and dark on the outside, if only we are clear and light inwardly, for by God darkness is not dark; night is light as day. The city of God, where the mansions of the ransomed are, will be fine and merry. God will be the center of it . . .

On the sea . . . In such a place as this, a true Christian has many advantages, for he can turn to God his heavenly Father in full satisfaction and confidence, knowing that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Often it was my desire and longing to be pleasing to Him . . .

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