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he is here no more . . .

He labored in his Lord's church. Bro. Fred Grimm loved and longed to be of service. The beautiful sermon, in part, that follows was submitted by him. Now his works linger and work on . . .

Lesson for us: Labor now to whom you can, with what you can. Five-year-old Kalisa recently went to the hospital. She has had much experience of hurt, and didn't want to go. How our hearts were touched that we might help, do something to aid or make happy.

Lesson. Do while you can. What is life in this short span, compared to life without end? The pilgrim road is meant to be serviced with kindness.

And when the sun goes down in perfect ray and good friends have to part—Then is the perfect day.

[It brought back some pleasant, and sad memories. The pleasant memories are that Elder Bro. Michael Mangold had come to our church at Taylor to speak to fourteen new converts, of which I was one. The rest of the group were Eli and Elizabeth Sutter, George, Elizabeth, Philip and Lydia Hoerr, Carl and Tille Gerst, Clarence Yackley, Betty Frieden, Anna and Sarah Grimm and Leslie Gerst. Bro. Mangold gave us much good spiritual advice, much of which I can still remember and have thought of many times.

The sad memories are that we heard three or four days later that Bro. Mangold had passed away . . . Our Lord does all things well. . . Fred Grimm

The following words were spoken by Bro. Ernest Graf Sr. of Akron, at the funeral of Bro. Michael Mangold, held at Roanoke, on April 23, 1930.

Text: The Acts, 20th chapter, beginning at the 31st verse.

These words pertain to the Apostle Paul, of whom we read that he sent from Miletus to Ephesus and called the elders of the church. When they had come, he spoke such words unto them, reminding them

of their duty and calling, and that which the Lord had laid upon them as shepherds of the flock, that they should watch over them faithfully, and not cease to admonish and exhort as long as it was God's pleasure to let them live.

He laid it unto their hearts how important it was that they should set themselves a good example, and that they should remind each one—every brother and every sister, of their heavenly calling, of the promises which they had made when they entered into a covenant with God and Jesus Christ. He told them: Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over that which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with His own blood.

Then he spoke to them how he could say with a good conscience that he had, by the space of many years, warned everyone night and day with tears . . . When he looked forward to the end of his time, he could do so with a joyful and glad heart, because he had done his duty; and that with tears he had warned and exhorted night and day. Is it not true, beloved, that such tears often avail as much, or more, than words?

A father, when he has to punish, chastise or admonish a natural child—it often hurts him more than the child. Often a father has to shed tears when he must use severity with a child. I have heard children say that such tears hurt more than the words or the rod. When they saw their father or mother in tears, it hurt them so that they had grieved them. It brought such sorrow and repentance unto the hearts of the children, that they resolved they would no more offend father and mother, that they would not again do that which caused them such sorrow and grief.

Therefore I believe it is the same with such a shepherd which God has set over His flock, for he loved them. The Saviour asked Simon

Peter whether he loved Him. When he followed, He entrusted to Peter: **Watch and feed my sheep and my lambs.** When such shows His love for the children and sympathize with them, takes part in their sorrow and grief, as well as in their joy, it creates in them a love, and creates a fellowship and union in the spirit that they are bound firmly together, that they can share with one another joy and sorrow. Such one I believe we can say in truth that our departed brother has been.

The grief and the tears, not only of his relatives but of the whole church are a tribute to his labor and his faithfulness. How he admonished and warned, often with tears, and how he prayed with you many times. Often I believe I dare say, in secret he cried unto the Lord for your welfare, and now, beloved, he is no more here. You will hear his words, his prayers no more, but should they not live even though he is no longer among you?

I believe his words, his warning, his teachings will endure, abide and live among you for years to come. You will not be able to forget what he told you, how he warned you, how he laboured for your spiritual welfare—that each might be found faithful on the day of the Lord. I believe he felt deeply the responsibility that was laid upon him. Not only here, but everywhere we have found him a support, a pillar, a help in time of need, one that could advise, teach and show us not only in words, but in examples. I believe he made himself free to everyone.

Therefore, let us in love remember such acts, deeds and words. Let us pray for grace, that we may show ourselves worthy and that we may also, now since he is no longer here, in faith, in humility and in meekness pray for the Lord's further help.

I believe if we all abide in the fear of God, if we all come unto the Lord with our needs, our wants, our trials, and our troubles, with that

which worries us, that seem so dark when we look into the future—if we commend everything to the Lord in prayer, the Lord will hear our prayers and will again give His grace, that this work which has begun shall not perish or cease, but that it will continue. Everyone of us should try to be more faithful, more obedient, and more in the fear of God, so that His word may not only admonish, but may also comfort us.

The word of the Lord is a consolation unto those that are obedient. We read of those men of God who lived in olden times, that they received a testimony from God before their departure. In my heart I believe that this our departed brother also had received this testimony from God, that he could depart with peace and a feeling that he had tried to do his duty. Let us each strive with all our heart to do our duty to fulfill our heavenly calling, to stand by one another,

for everyone to do his part, so that the work of the Lord may continue, and that we may find reason to think the Lord can rejoice over his children.

Let us all remember that, even though those whom we have loved, those whom we have trusted, have been taken from us—whom we depended upon, even though they are no longer here, the Lord is still here. He is the same yesterday, today and in eternity. Those who have learned to trust in Him will find He will not forsake them, if they will not forsake Him. If we abide with Him, He will also abide with us.

He will not leave us as orphans. He will not leave us alone, but He will come through His word and spirit, and will teach us the way we should go, that our salvation may be worked out, that His will may be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

To our dear friends who often

heard the invitation from the lips of our dear brother, we would say to them: Remember how he was concerned for your soul's welfare; remember how he often invited you to come and partake of the gifts of the Lord—to humble yourself to become obedient, to give unto Him your heart.

It is not too late, and therefore all that still have this opportunity, we would say, Turn unto the Lord now while the door of grace is yet open, for the word of God will be fulfilled, and each must in the appointed time depart, when the Lord makes an end to our days. The time will come when He will make an end of all things, when the door of grace will be closed, when night will come, and no one can work anymore. Since we have no promise for the future, not even tomorrow, let us remember, Today while you hear His voice, "Harden not your hearts".

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

Visiting ministers during the past month were Bros. Phil Sauder and Ed Alt, from Cissna Park.

Our Sunday School children presented their Easter program Wed. evening, March 22.

We welcome to our community and congregation, Bro. Larry and Sis. Jane Nuest and children, Rhonda and Lori. They moved here from La Crosse.

Among the sick ones, Sis. Madeline Anker was a surgical patient, and Sis. Marietta Kyburz a medical patient. Sis. Leah Abersoll is also hospitalized again. May God be near to all those who are not well, and where it can be His will grant speedy recovery.

Due to the loss of our school building by fire early in March, our Sunday School facilities are being used by the fifth grade classes for the remainder of the school year.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Stephen Schrader

It thrills us that Christ was manifested in flesh here on earth and that He died for our sins; it brings joy unspeakable to know that He arose and lives eternally! What a comfort to know that ours is a living faith and that we trust in a living God.

Christ is arisen.

Joy to thee, mortal!

Out of His prison,
Forth from its portal!
Christ is not sleeping;
Seek Him no longer.
Strong was His keeping;
Jesus was stronger.

Christ is arisen.
Joy to thee, mortal!
Empty His prison,
Broken its portal!
Rising, He giveth
His shroud to the sod;
Risen, He liveth,
And liveth to God.

The Gridley congregation joined ours in holding Good Friday evening services. Bro. Sam Huber meditated upon Christ's suffering and death.

Our congregation is once again experiencing the joy that comes from seeing a loved friend turn to the Lord and unburden his tormented soul. Ronnie Isch, son of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Judy Isch, has acknowledged his call from God, and we trust the Lord will give him much grace.

Our shut-in, Sis. Katie Fankhauser, is slightly improved, in that she is able once again to take some nourishment by mouth. She is still hospitalized, but does spend some time each day sitting up.

Bro. Donald and Sis. Ione Broquard and children of Fairbury visited Easter week end with Elder Bro. Sam and Sis. Kathryn Anliker,

Ione's parents, and other relatives.

Bro. Stephen Schrader has submitted the following "Friendship" article:

As my humble attempt is made to bring to light some of the friendly and loving aspects of character of a brother in our congregation for the new feature on "Friendship," I feel it necessary to call upon the Lord for help. As usual, we must go ahead in faith that He will provide. He tells us, "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you . . ." Luke 11:9.

Elder Brother Samuel Anliker is a man, I believe, who has striven for many years to do God's will. Bro. Sam's warm and radiating love

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and compassion for all who have a cross to bear and for all who wish to take up the cross of the Lord is surely the talent which the Lord has given him to help Him in His work. Personally, Bro. Sam helped me especially during my days of indecision, as I was finishing requirements for my first college degree. This has been a number of years ago, but the memory of how wonderful it was to have a Christian soul to turn to and unburden a sinful heart is still vividly clear. Such love, patience, and understanding is in my estimation, a shining example of true friendship. May the Lord bless us all, so that we shall be able to transmit this same charitable friendship to all who need and seek it. Again, the Lord's word is very timely: ". . . Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

Memories of Easter linger with us, as we remember the little children and young people praising our risen Lord. On Palm Sunday evening they gave their Easter program at the church.

A group from the church spent a time of worship on Good Friday afternoon at the Allen County Home.

We had unusually nice weather on Easter Sunday, which was appreciated so much by all.

Edward Frautschi from Purdue University with his wife, Connie visited his parents and others over Easter.

We've had a number of ill, including Velma Bollier, Elias Souder, Pearl Klopfenstein. Little Kalisa Souder spent several days at the Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne. All are better again. Sis. Cora Levy, who has been ill for some time at the Crow's Rest Home of Ft. Wayne, is somewhat improved.

A group of our young people have been singing for orphans. Both the young people and orphans enjoy it.

A dinner honored James Winzeler, Jr. son of Pearl and Raymond Winzeler. James is leaving for service in the Navy.

APOSTOLIC PIONEERS

Looms in a carpet factory have the purpose of bringing a beautiful, perfect pattern. Parts are placed and keyed in a plan. The designer

and the worker blend their efforts for that pattern.

The Master takes human vessels and writes with His hand on the heart. He moves with precision, and loses not one of the grains. In old-fashioned year, far down to this space age, He beautifully looms His plan.

The name "Klopfenstein" is German, and means **hammer stone**. Michael Klopfenstein was born March 22, 1824, and came to America in 1841. Around the middle of the century, he married Lydia Souder. (Lydia was a sister to Henry Souder, an elder in the Leo church.) There were nine children: Jacob, Elias, Michael J, Emanuel, Mary, Joseph M, Jerry, David and Lydia. Their last page came in the same sequence; first, the oldest passed on, then the second, and on in order to the last.

Lydia heard the Saviour calling. God's goodness had led to repentance. She became a faithful follower, a believer in the ranks of the Apostolic Christian faith. Some of the children followed the heart's desire of mother, in the joy of her church.

One was Joseph M. His father had told him to join any church but the faith we cherish today. Joe was willing to give all. He took up His cross, and followed as a faithful member. His wife, the former Mary Rupp of Archbold, was reared in another teaching. She sought and found peace.

Near the corner of the Page and Witmer roads, Joe and Mary resided.

1967. In Ft. Wayne is a friend, Katherine (Conrad) Friece. Years ago she worked at Joes. Payment was \$2.00 a week. She was treated good. The light shone. Another figure among others, glows in Katy's memory—her uncle, Bro. Henry Souder. Today she claims no church but this as hers. How doth love shine across generations!

Little or much, our Lord will show how to be contented, if we want to be. We need not fear either poverty nor prosperity, in His strength. Our Lord took individuals, apostles, and trained them. How striking is the difference of the eleven empowered with His Spirit. This is true of any who will pray and trust. Klopfensteins, Souders, whoever it might be, with these God can do wonders with faith.

Faithful believers make the right kind of history. This year finds

Klopfensteins enlisted in heavenly plan. Bro. Lloyd, Joe's son, lives on the homeplace now. Friends Dennis and Roberta live round the corner. In Leo, from another line, Bro. William—a great-grandson of Mike's, is in the furniture business. Klopfenstein brethren attend at Bremen, some at Latty.

A youthful teacher in Sunday School is Bro. Lynn. A youthful song leader is Bro. Dennis, whose father is Bro. Floren, Latty. The Ft. Sam reporter wrote about a friend with a smiling face, David Klopfenstein. Friend David is in Viet Nam. He has sought the Lord with his whole heart. This medic has seen the dark reality of the battlefield.

A long distance call came, after David had left. Grandmother was home. The good news came; David was repenting. Again, David used the phone to communicate his confession.

Later in Viet Nam in a foxhole, in the dark, David brushed something from him. He took his flashlight and looked, a **green, deadly venomous snake**. If bitten, death can come very quickly. David went to a buddy's foxhole. Our friend has been protected this day. He says God is so close he can talk to Him.

We must be ready any moment, any of us, for our final page. Yet, day by day, the Shepherd can keep us, though a thousand fall at our side, and ten thousand at our right. Wherever we are, we should shine for Jesus. A foot-weary searcher may be looking.

Beautiful fellowship memories remain of Bro. Will B. He would select number 298 in the gospel hymns, "I know that My Redeemer Lives". He trusted His Redeemer, and now lives where He is. It's wonderful to think of those who are resting, happy at home.

Julia Maxfield is his granddaughter, and the great-great-granddaughter of Lydia. Julia loves the beautiful new gospel hymn, "What A Day That Will Be."

Each day is a new rising of the sun for the opportunity to work in the plan of the Master. There, over there will be seen how beautiful the pattern has wrought.

How doth it warm with love's bright beam!

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME, EUREKA

August Mueller

March 2 . . . What a friend we have in Jesus. I believe He was

among us when we had the singers here from Princeville. It sounded very good; they are welcome anytime. I know our Heavenly Father is well pleased when His children sing hymns of praise unto Him. Let us never get tired of praising. The poet tells us that in heaven they sing. There is no darkness in heaven. Jesus himself is the light, and what an occupation to pray and sing praises to our Heavenly Father.

Tonight we had the Goodfield Sunday School children here, singing for the people in the home. Bro. Ed's son was leading the singing. He was very good; I understand he is a teacher in Eureka High School.

When Abraham sat in his tent, he saw three men coming to his house. Abraham went to meet and greet them. There was only one that promised him a son; only one said that Sarah was laughing. He told her that what He said he meant, and it was fulfilled. The son was born; they called him Isaac. They went their way.

Two of them kept on walking; they had to carry out their mission about Sodom and Gomorrah. Out of all the people only Lot, his wife and two of his daughters were saved (but his wife looked back); the rest of the family did not believe. Only those that believe will be saved.

A clock that strikes has more wheels than one that does not strike. Some are very small; it is hard to get at them. Only the man that knows clocks knows how they all work together. When one wheel stops, they all stop. What are we going to do in this case? We take it to the repairman, who will tell us he needs time to put it in running condition again. When we go back, we are happy to see that the clock is repaired, because the pendulum is working again.

Our Life As A Clock

Do you remember when you first had the clock, it was in excellent condition? The pendulum was ticking the time away. You promised to keep the clock clean, as long as you live. The only one that can help is One about whom the poet writes: Wherever Lord true love is waning, O intervene ere tis too late, And may thy grace effect new ardor, Thy Spirit, LORD new love create, For if the flame of love should die, The light of faith extinct would lie.

Our Lord and Saviour gave His life so we would have life in eternity. See what manner of love the

Father bestows on us, that we should be called His children. None of us deserved such love, for we were in sin, until the time came when we by grace could come out of the prison. The prison doors were opened by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He alone has the power to open any door.

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. His mercy endureth for ever and ever. In the morning, He gives us the food for our mortal body. We could take nothing if our Heavenly Father would not give it to us. Praise ye the Lord, Yea my soul unto Him sing. The poet tells us that should be the first thing in the morning and the last at night. When we behold the sun, the moon and stars, we must agree with the songwriter, where he says, **Oh Lord, how great are thy works.**

It is a pleasure to write for the Silver Lining. All the members know that the honor belongs to God, and not to me.

When Joseph sent his brothers home to bring his father down to Egypt, he told them do not have a fall out. That was good advice. The Lord promised Jacob that He would bring Israel into the land which He had promised.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Louise Akel

Faith, Hope and Charity

Do you ever feel alone? Take heart!

God will draw closer to your side. Ever give a greeting with no return, or feel the sting of vanity and pride?

Have you ever been bewildered and thought, **I cannot understand?**

Just look up to God's home, heaven, and you'll see an outstretched hand.

March 12, Sunday morning we were on our way to church. It was a beautiful day, and not much traffic on the road, so we were traveling quite fast. Just as the two lanes narrowed into one, a car came alongside. We had only one wheel on the road and the rest of the car was on the shoulders. We were cut off. Both drivers thought if they stepped on the gas they could leap ahead. We have a higher powered motor than most Mercurys, so my husband thought it the best thing to do. The other car picked up speed also, and what was never meant to be a drag race became a terrifying experience. The cars were only inches apart. The ground was becoming rough and the chil-

dren started to scream. I turned to tell them not to, when a picture flashed through my mind of a canal that started a short distance up the road and without realizing it for the first time that I can remember I screamed. Gradually the brakes were applied, and we could fall in line in back of the other car. Both cars traveled slowly for awhile. These are the things that happen that are beyond man's control. If anyone happened to see me blinking very hard in church, it was because I remembered the last line of the poem "I thank Thee oh my God for the protection of Thy strong and mighty arm."

It also brought to mind the lines in the Bible where we are told not to use repetitious prayer as the heathen do. Even when we do not know what to pray, the Spirit makes intercession, especially when we are in trouble. That is the time we pray from the heart, and God hears and understands, although no words are uttered.

There has been a flurry of brothers going to and coming from Haiti. Easter Sunday we are expecting Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit. A picnic is planned in the afternoon.

An Easter thought for the friends: As Christ arose from the grave, you can also arise to a new life, through repentance and baptism, by burying the old sinful nature.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Edison Gutwein

In March, we had the loving privilege of having Bros. John Bahler and Noah Bauman to share communion with us, a solemn occasion, which keeps us loving everyone more and more.

The Christian home of Bro. Bill Hubers has been blessed with a baby daughter, Brenda. She has a dear little brother, Brent.

Now we will prayerfully give the names of loved ones who are hospitalized—Sis. Helen (Geyer) Eshleman, Sis. Margaret Albrecht, Edward Onken, Joe Stefan, Tim Gutwein, and Vivian Von Tobel. God promises to give His helping hand in all ways.

On Saturday, March 18, the World Relief Committee brethren met at Francesville. They were inspired by the love of God and challenged by His holy word, where we read, "Look not every man on his

own things, but every man also on the things of others." For this is the mind of Christ. (Phil. 2:4,5) World Relief activities were evaluated, and future projects were discussed.

Bro. Sidney Leman of Forrest, who is in charge of sending printed sermons to service boys, will now make sermons available to any person desiring them.

An investigation of the needs of underprivileged children, and homes in the U.S., is now underway. The need for used clothing is still great, and the World Relief Committee encourages everyone interested in clothing drives to contact Bro. Art Heiniger, 109 Behrends Ct., Morton, Ill. 61550, and he will send complete information on clothing, packing and shipping.

The brotherly love and cooperation received from all our congregations toward World Relief work has been an encouragement to the Committee, and may each "work of faith, and labour of love" be to His glory.

Will close with this—

Do all the good you can
In all the ways you can
For all the people you can
Just as long as you can.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mrs. W. A. Jacob
Mrs. Harry Bucher

Bro. Roy and Sis. Aldene Freiden have returned home from a vacation trip to California and Hawaii.

Our Sunday School gave an Easter Program, Allelujah. "I am he that liveth" Rev. 1:18. It is our sincere prayer, as they grow up, they can also understand, grasp the meaning of His life, death and resurrection, and then receive His grace to repent and inherit salvation through faith.

If God had left us a lot of gold, thieves would have stolen it in the first century, but He left His peace and His joy for every true believer, and no power on earth can take it from him who trusts.

What do you possess that thieves cannot take away? The greatest gifts God has given to His children are the ones that cannot be stolen—but they can be neglected and lost. It is up to us. Let us consistently put faith and hope in God! Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Lorna Schrock — Jeanette Knapp

During the past month, several persons from our congregation have been hospitalized for various reasons. They are Sis. Elsie Knapp, Sis. Ida Nussbaum, and Mike Miller. Don Wettstein has gone to the Eureka A. C. Home, following surgery.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Joe Zimmerman and Ben Fehr, both from Roanoke. The messages brought were timely and inspiring.

Jerry Sides, son of Bro. Edgar and Sis. Mary, has just begun his studies at Southern Illinois University. His address is 408 W. Mill, Carbondale, Ill. 62901.

In reading the following poem, the words seemed to echo those of my own heart sorrowing at the loss of a beloved uncle, Fred Grimm.

To lay life's burden down for aye
And gently fall asleep, to rest
From every sorrow, every care,
Forever on the Saviour's breast—
This is not death.

To leave a little while before
The rest, and wait with Him above,
Away from sin and toil and strife,
And only feast upon His love—
This is not death.

To wait the resurrection morn.
Beyond the wasting wilderness—
Where faith and hope forever cease,
And only love remains to bless,
This is not death.

To lay a life of service down
At Jesus' feet (whose one desire
Was but to serve the Christ he
loved,
And us) to mount up higher—
This is not death.

Then cease we hence to mourn for
him
Whose spirit is forever free,
Whose life of labor now is crowned
With glorious immortality
Through Jesus' death.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

"... this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

On Palm Sunday our congregation observed the sacrament of Holy

Communion. Bros. Eugene Bertschi, Silas Leuthold, and Leroy Huber assisted Bro. Roy Sauder in serving.

Our flock was increased by two more dear souls on Easter. They are Sis. Carol Erkert, daughter of Bro. Herbert and Sis. Christianne Erkert, and Bro. John Stock, formerly of Cissna Park, son of Bro. Ed Stock. We are so thankful when we can observe friends turn their back to the ways of the evil and crafty foe, and seek their soul's salvation in the Lord. Bro. Dan Koch assisted Bro. Roy Sauder, both Saturday evening when the provings were held, and Sunday for baptism.

Other visiting ministers were Bros. Noah Herman, Cleo Rinkenberger, and Edward Lanz. We're thankful to all for their timely exhortations and labors of love.

Bro. Douglas and Sis. Gloria Leman are the parents of a baby girl, Gina Marie, born March 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hermann are the parents of a baby girl, Lora Lynn, born March 12. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Lydia Hermann.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Mary Streitmatter are the parents of a baby boy, John Randall, born March 23.

Bro. Daniel and Sis. Mariam Messerli announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Marie, to Douglas Wesley Trew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Trew of East Peoria.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Gladys Binkele and Bro. Ray Martin. Their father, Bro. Frank Martin from Gridley died March 29.

Clarence Swadley died April 2. He married Alma Bessler Oct. 17, 1916. Surviving are his wife; one son, Leland; one daughter, Mrs. Florine Zimmerman; three brothers and three grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Wilton Mortuary, with Bro. Michael Weyeneth officiating.

The following have spent several weeks in the hospitals: Bro. Fred Witzig, Sis. Clara Geyer, Vi Geyer, and Sis. Hannah Traub.

The Mortonaires sang several selections at our Hymn Sing. We welcome them to come again.

Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Mina Tanner celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary March 12. A family pot-luck dinner was held at their home.

Note of thanks: Our thanks for your thoughtfulness, in expressing your wishes for our continued happiness with many beautiful cards for our 60th wedding anniversary. It was a joy to us and a lovely reminder of your kindness. May God bless you. Rudolph and Mina Tanner.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

We were pleasantly surprised early in the month, when Bro. Joshua Broquard was with us for mid-week services. Another Wednesday evening, Bro. LeRoy Huber came to assist Bro. Silas in reading and deliberating on the memorandum. We trust all will strive harder to walk closer to the narrow way and abide by the warnings and admonishments given. We can all be a help to our shepherds who so faithfully lead their flocks.

We were happy to have Elder Brothers Paul Fehr of Morris, Joshua Broquard of Fairbury, and Roy Sauder of Peoria conduct services Good Friday evening. Many friends were in attendance to hear of the Lord's suffering on the cross, the shedding of His precious blood, and dying for us unworthy sinners. Many blessings were received by all present. At this appropriate time, many members were doubly blessed when they partook of the Lord's supper. "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto 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." We were reminded how many grains of wheat are ground into meal, being moulded together into one loaf; so should each member be as one body. This is truly a wonderful privilege we have and should cherish highly, for it draws us not only closer to each other, but to Christ.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Pearl Rumbold have received word that their son Eugene, who has been stationed in France, is now in a camp near Mannheim, Germany. Gregg, the son of Sis. Edith Martin, was recently flown to Viet Nam. He enjoyed a 30-day furlough before being sent overseas. Bro. Levi and Sis. Mildred Endress and family were pleasantly surprised recently when their son, Bro. Larry, talked to them by telephone from Viet Nam. He expects to come home

soon. May the Lord be near all these dear young boys who must leave home to serve in the armed forces. Let us all pray earnestly for their safety and return home.

There has been much sickness the past few weeks, but the hope is, now that spring has arrived and the sun is warmer, everyone will feel better. Bro. Emil Lauber is convalescing at his home, after spending several weeks in the hospital. Bro. George Seidel was also a hospital patient for a few days, but is feeling much better again. Our friend, Marie Schick, isn't feeling so well.

"... I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." Sis. Lydia Seidel closed her eyes to this weary world March 23, after several months of illness. She fought a brave battle, but was ready to walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 26, with Bros. Dave Kieser, Walter Reklau (Toledo), and our other local ministers officiating. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery. She was a devout member for many years, and leaves to mourn her passing, her beloved husband, Bro. George; one son, Richard, his wife, Marie; four granddaughters, Sister Jean Metzger, Marita, Shirley and Karen Seidel; five sisters, Sisters Julia Miller, Bessie Martin, Leila Elsasser, Ida Koehler, Lavina Sloan; four brothers, Bro. Ben, Roy, Paul and Emanuel and a number of nieces and nephews.

Our congregation extends sympathy to the family of Bro. Fred Grimm and the Taylor congregation. Another faithful shepherd has laid his armor down and entered into rest. The redeemed of the Lord shall return—and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

John Girard and Judy Musselman were united in marriage March 12 by Bro. David Kieser, in the home of the bride's parents, Bro. Phillip and Sis. Mary Musselman. We wish the young couple the Lord's blessings, as they walk hand in hand.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Velta Laukhuf

Our blessings continue here in sunny Sarasota, with unusually large attendance and many inspiring messages from visiting ministers.

Bro. Ernest Gerber of Rockville gave us ever new teachings and admonitions on Sunday, March 5, and

Bros. Harry Bucher and Merrill Laukhuf were still with us and added many spiritual blessings for our strengthening.

Bro. Ben Maibach and family were with us two weeks. On March 12, we were richly blessed and admonished by heavenly teachings; at evening services, Bro. Ben was asked to tell of his Japanese experiences, which gave most of us a new insight into the problems of our Japanese brotherhood. On March 19, Palm Sunday, Bro. Maibach renewed our understanding of the spiritual meaning of the wonderful Easter season.

At the evening service, we were privileged to have with us Bro. Irvin Stoller of Latty, and our cup was again filled to overflowing.

On Easter Sunday we were a goodly number, and Bro. Philip Wingeier reminded us of our Lord and Saviour's sacrifice, and inspired us to strive to do our Heavenly Father's will more fervently.

On April 2, our last service of the season was held. We had a most enjoyable and blessed winter, spiritually, and as we said our farewells each were hoping, if it's the dear Lord's will, we can all gather again for another season. Bro. Phil and Sis. Ferne Wingeier wish to thank each for their cards, gifts and deeds of kindness this winter season. Everyone in this congregation wishes to welcome Bro. Ben and Sis. Lorene Maibach and their family to the Sarasota community for the winter seasons. The Maibachs have recently purchased a home in Sarasota, on Siesta Key.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Marge Zeltwanger

Once again it is springtime, and the promise of new life is just now beginning to creep over the earth. This time of year unfolds itself in many beautiful ways, and even the birds seem to proclaim a song of hope, as they chant their chorus in the early morning hours. I'm sure the Lord knew the importance of giving us this season, that our lives might be renewed in thanks and gratitude toward Him. My prayer would be that each of us would take the time to enjoy the world of beauty around us.

We are very happy to have Sis. Audrey Laidig back with us after a recent illness.

Rosena Hueni is in the hospital for tests. She has not been well for the past several weeks, and we pray

the Lord will be very near and grant her the courage to face each new day.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

La Verne Roth Millicent Frieden

A number from our congregation attended the World Relief meeting in Wichita March 12, held by Sisters Mary Ann and Mildred Fischer of Roanoke. They showed slides of people in destitute countries, who are recipients of the World Relief projects we are working on.

Bro. Bill Schrock, with three other brothers, spent three days in the Dominican Republic and Haiti as representatives of the Apostolic Christian Church. He flew there March 6, and was appalled at the living conditions and the apparent need for assistance. Preceding their flight to the island, a plane load of heifers was sent there under the Heifer Project. This organization sends dairy cattle, hogs, rabbits, etc. to the needy countries, and schools the people for two weeks on the care of the livestock. The first female offspring must be given to a neighbor, who repeats the process.

Sis. Marie and Pete Farney observed their 50th wedding anniversary with an Open House, at the home of Bro. and Sis. Richard Guthrie, March 19. Marie and Pete had no children of their own, but took three to raise, Bro. Richard Guthrie and Sis. Mildred Farney of Kiowa, and Max Guthrie of Mesa, Arizona. All three were able to attend. Marie had been a Sunday School teacher for many years, and received many remembrances from her former pupils, now married with families, and scattered far and wide.

Easter, our little church was filled to capacity, as many friends and relatives came to hear the Easter story. Bro. Ronald Nelson ministered to us of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. Then in the afternoon service, Bro. Eli Somerhalder dwelt on the resurrection of Christ and its impact upon our souls. Following church, a number from our congregation gathered at the Kiowa Manor Rest Home and held services there. The residents especially enjoyed our song service.

Bro. John Schubach is in the Kiowa Hospital, following major surgery, and seems to be improving.

Sis. Minnie Schubach, who had been in the Kiowa Hospital three weeks, following a fall in her home, is now a resident of Kiowa Manor

Rest Home and a roommate of her sister, Sis. Lydia Ott.

Our sympathy is extended to Sisters Jennie Schrock and Katie Bear, in the sudden passing of their brother, Philo Bear. May God comfort and sustain them in their sorrow.

A death can oftentimes leave one feeling he is isolated in his grief. Perhaps it is a test of faith, as it was for a mother who had just received word that her only son—a bright, handsome young man of 22—had been killed in the war. Her minister tried vainly to console her. "Where was your God when my only son was killed?" she cried. "The same place He was when HIS only Son was killed," the minister quietly replied.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

Bros. Noah Schrock, Silas Leuthold and Dan Koch spent Sunday, March 12, with us. The Conference letter was read, and Bro. Henry Grimm was ordained deacon.

Funeral services were held February 21 for Mrs. Emma Burger, 62, wife of the late Louis Burger. She was the daughter of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Martha Strunk Seidel. Surviving are two daughters, Martha Burger and Mrs. Ralph (JoAnn) Knisley; two grandchildren; four brothers, Bro. Joe and George, Wm. and Sam; and four sisters, Mrs. Henry Gunther, Mrs. Anna Burger, Esther and Sis. Margaret. Bros. Henry Grimm and Frances Rother officiated.

Funeral services were held Feb. 23 for Wm. Waldbeser, age 76. He was the son of Christian and Katherine Waldbeser. He is survived by his wife; one son, Elmore; a daughter, Evelyn Oswald; several grandchildren; three sisters, Sis. Kate Stieglitz, Sis. Lydia Getz and Louise Walz, and two brothers, Chris and Edward. Bros. Henry and Robert Grimm officiated.

Our community was saddened by the sudden death of Robert Dale Stieglitz, 45. He was the son of the late Henry and Sis. Emma Oberbach Stieglitz. His wife, Wilma, survives along with a daughter, Norma Getz.

Sis. Dena Woerner is a patient in the Pekin Hospital, Pekin, Ill.

Bros. John Frank, Albert Sauder and Paul Schambach are convalescing at home, having been hospitalized for a time.

Sis. Naomi Rapp had surgery, but is able to be home again. Sis. Dorothy (Mrs. Phil) Getz has a

bone broken in her leg. Sis. Elizabeth (Mrs. John) Schick injured her back in a fall, and Sis. Marie (Mrs. Carl) Schick has several injured ribs—the result of an auto accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Herman met with a serious car accident and are patients in the Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, Ill., where they may have to remain for a number of weeks.

A daughter was born to Wm. and Bonnie Metz Roecker on March 12.

Bro. and Sis. Anton Rother celebrated their 50th Anniversary Easter Sunday.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Once, when I was ill, a group from Cissna Park made me a beautiful scrapbook and brought it over one evening, with ice cream and cake. Some of the girls I knew, and some I didn't. It still thrills me to look it over and read the many encouraging and beautiful pages. One of the pages had the following verse:

A Friend

When troubles come your soul to try,
You love the friends who just stand by.
Perhaps there is nothing they can do.

The thing is strictly up to you;
For there are troubles all your own
And paths the soul must tread alone,
Times when love can't smooth the road,
Nor friendship lift the heavy load;

But just to feel you have a friend
Who will stand by until the end,
Whose sympathy through all endures,

Whose warm handclasp is always yours,

It helps somehow to pull you through,

Altho there's nothing he can do,
And so with fervent heart we cry,
God bless the friend who just stands by.

Sis. Anna (Erwin) Bahler is at the Bluffton hospital the past month . . . trusting she'll soon be able to come home, and pray her lot will be made bearable.

Bro. Orville Ringger of Bluffton ministered to us on Sun., and Bro. Merle Bucher of La Crosse at mid-week services.

Sun., March 26, we rejoiced to-

gether as Norma Schini and Elaine Steffen were baptized by our elder, Irvin Lehman.

Bro. George Yergler of La Crosse assisted. Bro. Walter Steffen of Milford assisted with the services throughout the day.

We are happy to report, Marlene (sister of Norma) Schini is repenting. We trust and pray many more can see their need of a Saviour and come today.

Wilma (Paul) Clauss went to Florida to see her father who is ill.

Sis. Eunice (Gus) Knochel is laid up with a blood clot in her leg, after she was recovering from her stay at the hospital (with a stomach ailment).

Bro. Herman and Sis. Emma Beckley had their 40th wedding anniversary. A number of their families came to be with them. We all wish them God's richest blessings in the years ahead. Bro. Elmer Witzig of Gridley was among them. We appreciated his services. May we all and he be richly blessed. Bro. Verlin Stoller of Ft. Wayne also served. May the Spirit use the many words that were spoken. Bro. Verlin and family were here to visit Sis. Marjorie's father, Ed Frey, who had a birthday recently and attended church for the first in a long time. May his health improve. We all wish him the best for body and soul.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A Banwart
We're happy to report that Bro. Wm. Metzger and Sis. Lizzie Zaugg were improved enough to be moved from the hospital to the Good Samaritan Rest Home in Algona Iowa 50511. (This is the same home that Sis. Elfrieda Schafer and Sis. Zaugg's brother and wife, Bro. and Sis. John and Emma Gerber reside.) Sis. Katie Alt's improvement seems to be slow. Her address is West Bend Iowa 50597. Even a short note can brighten the day for shut-ins. Sis. Katie Dogotch is again able to assemble with us, after missing a few Sundays because of illness. Bro. Melbert Thomann has a leg injury, which has kept him from being able to assemble with us. May the sick improve, if it is the Lord's will.

Dean and Lilas Banwart are the parents of a new baby girl, Pamela Kay, born March 28.

Bro. Vernon Leman from Eureka pleasantly surprised us recently. After visiting their son in Dennison, Iowa, he lent himself to serve us on Sunday. Elder Brothers Silas

Leuthold of Princeville, Noah Schrock of Oakville, Paul Fehr of Morris, and Leo Moser of Lester, brought the memorandum report to us, as well as many good and wholesome teachings. They spent a Sunday and Sunday evening with us recently. May we ever support and heed their loving advice, which is so timely and beneficial to us all.

Leslie Banwart, son of Bro. and Sis. Silas Banwart, has entered the air force and is stationed in Texas.

APOSTOLIC PIONEER

Elizabeth Meyer Cordill, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Strahm Meyer, was born January 7, 1867, at Bluffton. At the age of three, she moved by rail with her family to Blue Springs, Nebraska. They only remained here a few months, before moving across the state line, by covered wagon, into Kansas. This was all open prairie at the time, and they settled south of Bern, a small town northwest of Sabetha. Houses were few and far between, and the newcomers to the area sometimes made dugouts in hillsides to live in, until they could build a home. Elizabeth told of times when horses would walk over sod-covered dugouts while grazing. Sometimes snakes would creep into these homes.

Some years later, when Elizabeth became of school age, the nearest school being seven miles from her parents home, she was sent to spend a winter with an uncle and aunt who lived only two miles from a school. Here, sitting on roughly-sawed lengths of planks set on short lengths of sawed tree trunks, the children held their books on their laps. The six weeks she attended this school was her only formal education, but as time went on she taught herself, as many pioneers did.

One memorable experience was the year the grasshoppers came. They flew in large swarms that made shadows on the ground, like clouds passing over. An attempt to save their nice cabbages in the garden, by covering them proved useless as the grasshoppers consumed field and garden crops alike.

In November, 1890, Elizabeth married John Wm. Cordill. There were five boys and four girls born to this union. Their fourth child was 17 days old in May, 1896, when a large cyclone passed near their home. None of the old-timers ever forgot this, as many homes and

much property of our people were destroyed.

John and Elizabeth moved to near Lamar with their family, in Feb. 1902, where a new Apostolic Christian Church was built that fall.

Her husband's death in 1908 left her with nine children to rear, ranging in age from 8 months to 16 years. Farming activities were carried on with the aid of her brother and the children. One son died in 1920.

She was converted in 1912; she had served the Lord 54 years when she passed to her reward Jan. 30, 1966, at Lamar, at the age of 99 years and 23 days. The last years of her life, she made her home with her daughters, her favorite pastime being piecing and quilting quilts. The last years, Elizabeth spent hours, almost daily, reading the German Zion's Harp hymns, and was often heard humming them to herself. On Sunday in church she sang alto, and many spoke of how strong her voice seemed even in late years. It was only the last 5 months she lived that she was unable to attend church.

Submitted by a grandson, Bro. Earl Banwart, with the aid of a daughter of the pioneer, Sis. Olive Marti.

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Myrna and Loretta Steffen

On April 1, Elder Bro. George Sinn met with our congregation to read the memorandum. He pleaded with every member to take the words to heart and seek to do only the Lord's will.

We were thankful to have other visiting ministers with us this past month, including Bro. Henry Manz, Elder Bro. Joe Waibel and Bro. Andrew Virkler. They served in place of our aging ministering brother, Fred Oesch, who has been hospitalized. We feel that the Lord answered the many prayers said in behalf of Bro. Fred. We rejoice with his family that he can return home. Everyone in our congregation has missed Bro. Fred and his kindly words of wisdom.

BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

The Sabetha congregation joined us on Good Friday for services. Bro. Gene Marti took us in remembrance to Calvary, where our Lord suffered and died on the cruel cross, there shed His blood for the remission of sins. Do we really appreciate

it enough what the Lord has done for us?

Our young converts are all announced and patiently awaiting proving in the near future.

Midweek services are now discontinued. Singing hour started, beginning with Easter Sunday. We alternate with Sabetha.

The Sunday School teachers, Bros. Frank Hertzler, Joe Rokey, Harlan Stoller and Leonard Baumgartner, in company with Bro. Lester Hartter met in Ft Scott with other brethren from the area churches in regard to the Youth Fellowship.

Elsie Olsen, Story City, Iowa, formerly of the Bern community, had the misfortune to fall, injuring her arm. Elsie is a sister of Sisters Lydia Marti and Lucy Hartter.

April 2, the engagement of Bro. Leland Plattner and Sis. Mary Ann Metzger, Elgin, Iowa was announced.

At a recent proving, an admonition on idle gossip was given. To me the following poem covers the subject quite thoroughly.

Idle Words

While walking one morning
I heard an idle word.
It seemed so small and harmless,
I repeated what I heard.

I told it to a brother,
Who told it to another,
Who said he knew it was true
And passed it right along.

The word was quite forgotten
'Til bowed in evening prayer,
Then like a mighty giant,
That little word was there.

O Father in Thy wisdom,
Whether we are old or young,
Put a check-rein and a bridle
On a gossip-spreading tongue.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein—Salome Walter

Our visitors the past month have been—Bros. Uriel Gehring and Robert Pohl— Burlington, Iowa, Ed Aschleman—Union City, New Jersey.

Those who have been in the hospital and have returned home are: Sis. Irene Hartter, medical; Bro. Melvin Getz, medical; Bro. Roland Martin, medical; Bro. Leroy Rocke, surgical; Bro. Harold Hodel, medical; Bro. Gerald Leman, medical; Janine Wettstein, little daughter of the Harold Wettsteins, medical.

Our friend, Kathy Farney was proved on a Wednesday evening and was baptized the next Sunday, Mar. 12. Bro. Leroy Huber was alone. Sis. Kathy is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ira and Doris Farney. May God's grace be with her always.

Our house of worship has had its spring housecleaning already. A few over 90 people gathered March 20, in the evening, to do this task. What wasn't finished was done the next morning. Now if we can all do some house-cleaning (if need be) in our hearts, then I'm sure that God will bless one and all.

Good Friday services were observed, with the Sunday School classes from 3rd grade on up, also Roanoke Bible class presenting the Easter Story in scripture reading and beautiful songs. The children all did very well, and we feel sure that God was pleased with such. Bro. Leroy Huber was inspired to give a few closing remarks. Let us all remember how Jesus suffered, bled and died for us, then arose the third day and is now sitting at the Father's right hand, interceding for you and me. The last song was sung by the audience, "We will Remember Thee".

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

"... with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Several confessions of having repented and receiving peace were made this past month:

Duane and Arlene Kilgus said they discovered that the members of this church had something they did not have, and they sincerely desired to also have it. Psalm 37:4 was fulfilled for them: "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

Not only did they delight themselves in the Lord and receive their desire of peace and joy for themselves, but Duane's parents, Herman and Marie Kilgus testified they wanted what their children received, and are rejoicing in their newfound peace and faith, too.

In seeking Jesus, Carol Bazzell testified that Jesus gave her assurance that "being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ". Rom 5:1.

"I knew God was listening when I prayed," said Juanita Walter, "because I had prayers answered." She said she felt a lot of love from everyone the first Sunday she came

to church several months ago. Her husband, Jim Walter, also felt the love, made a change and became a child of God.

"Jesus was so close, it seemed I could reach out and touch Him," testified Colleen Walter, when she turned to God for help, after realizing she should be a child of God to teach her children things of God. Her husband, Richard, said he also saw that he was lost, made a change, and along with the others received in his heart the 3rd person of the Trinity—"Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." Acts 8:17.

Bros. Herman Kellenberger, Leroy Huber, Irvin Lehman and Henry Kilgus were visiting ministers last month.

Bro. Kenneth Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Steffen returned home from service duties, after having been in the army in Europe.

Sis. Colleen Walter entered the hospital for hip surgery, and will be in a cast and then confined to a wheel chair for a while. Also entering the hospital for surgery were Sis. Annie Sohn and Sis. Mary Steffen. We trust the Lord to heal, for He "healeth all thy diseases". Psalm 103:3.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Martha Stoller

Carolyn Zimmerman

Bros. Leroy Huber and Josh Broquard assisted Bro. Henry Kilgus in the provings of Roger and Janet Farney and Herb Bachtold. Also here to witness the testimonies and baptisms were Bros. Art Gude-man, Joe Schrock, Hartzel Kaisner and Merle Kaisner.

New converts since our last news report are, Gene and Carol (Aschleman) Metz, and Elaine (Anliker) Mueller. We rejoice to see souls seek the Lord in repentance, knowing the joy they will experience in living for Him.

Richard Kupferschmid and Dale Zimmerman, Ft Sam, spent a week-end with their families recently.

The Fairbury congregation assembled with us on Wed. evening recently, when the memorandum was read. Bros. Silas Leuthold and Josh Broquard assisted Bro. Henry in this duty.

Our local ministers conducted the funeral services for Sis. Matilda Bach, 51. After an illness of 1½ years, she slipped quietly and peacefully to her rest. The manner in which Sis. Matilda accepted her ill-

ness, and met death unafraid, was an inspiration to everyone. Our hearts go out in sympathy to her husband, Bro. Ed, and to her children—Marlene Watkins (Vandalia, Mo.), David, Harold and Jon at home; also two sisters, Sis. Marie Eberle, Speer; Emma Palmer, Glendora, Calif.; and three brothers, Henry Eggli, Ogden, Utah; Emil, Norwalk, Calif.; and Floyd, Tremonton, Utah.

The following poem, written in her own handwriting and tucked in the family Bible, was no doubt a comfort to her during her illness, and was read at her funeral service.

Should God permit dark clouds some day

To cast a gloom across your way,
Just take it as your Father's will.
You're in His care; He loves you still.

Be not alarmed, nor be cast down;
Tis through these trials you win a crown.

All earthly sorrows soon will cease,
While joy eternal shall increase.

There's much we do not understand,
But "all things" are within His hands.

Remember God's mysterious plan
Cannot be solved by mortal man,
But when we reach the land of rest,
We then shall know that He knew best.

The things we had not understood
We'll realize were for our good.

Card of Thanks. The Bach family wishes to express their thanks to everyone, for their many deeds of kindness during the illness and at the death of their loved one. Before going to the hospital, Sis. Matilda had also asked us to thank everyone who had remembered her in prayer, and for the many gifts and cards. (For her recent birthday she had received over 200 cards.)

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Susan Rapp

"Men may not read the Bible but they read our lives," said Bro. Ed Alt from Cissna Park, who spoke with us on March 30. He read II Corinthians 4 for the text of his sermon.

Bro. Wendell Gudeman, Francesville, used the verse, "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection" (Romans 6:5), in his explanation of the crucifixion and resurrection.

After his message, twenty-nine students presented the annual Easter program, which included hymns and Bible readings. Two hundred visitors shared this blessed evening with us. Spring-break began after classes on the next day Friday, March 17, and lasted until March 25.

The Virgin Birth was discussed by Bro. Leroy Hartman from Peoria on March 9. He read Luke 2:1-16, and also spoke on self-denial. Bro. J. B. Schrock usually conducts our Bible Study on the first Thursday of the month. On March 2 he said that the world moves by God's laws, and used this statement to disprove the theory of evolution.

Students who have completed nine weeks of student teaching are Anne Hodel Dossey, Sis. Carol Roth, Sis. Diane Emch, Bro. Robert Moser and Bro. Daryl Hari. Daryl graduated from ISU at mid-year, and is teaching business education in the Chicago area. Sis. Gloria Bachtold, Sis. Louise Hoerr, James Schlatter, and Bro. David Wettstein are beginning their student teaching assignments. We congratulate Daryl on his graduation, welcome the student teachers back to our group, and say good-bye to those leaving us for a short time, praying that God will be with them and with us all.

LATTY, OHIO Susie Lanz

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Roy and Sis. Helen Stoller and family on the death of her father, Roy Rhoad.

Bro. Gale and Sis. Janet Stoller have a new baby girl. Also to welcome little Carma are two sisters, Lavon and Lana, and a brother, Wesley.

Trena Laukhuf, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Jan, was hospitalized for several days, but is much improved again. Also included in our prayers is Sis. Lena Stoller, who now lies in the hospital. May the Lord grant her good health again, if it could be His will.

Giving

The world has many happy folk . . . who smile each day they live . . . because they know that happiness . . . depends on what you give . . . For a giving man is different from his neighbors on this sod . . . and his thoughts are of his brothers . . . then he's closest to his God . . . And the spark of love he kindles . . . in a breast where hope

has died . . . sheds a warmth that's like no other . . . for it feels so good inside . . . And everytime he gives a bit . . . he adds a little part . . . to that something deep within him . . . that the poet calls a heart.

"Thot" "Keep your light shining, and God will put it where it will be seen!"

MORRIS, MINNESOTA Mrs. Herman Schaefer Mrs. Otto Schaefer

We certainly have been blessed again this Easter season with poem and song from our Sunday School children and the inspired word of God by our beloved ministering brothers.

May the wondrous Easter message
Thrill your soul with hope anew,
Bringing all Gods' richest blessing
In the springtime, for each of you.

Bro. and Sis. Leonard Wulf are the parents of a baby boy; Duane Michael has five brothers and four sisters to welcome him.

Bro. Henry Sabo, Mansfield, and Bro. Elmer Schmidt, Winthrop, were our visiting ministers. We are thankful to God for the messages they brought us.

We have had several hospital patients this month. They are Bro. C. O. Koehl, Bro. Albert Joos, John Spohr, Sis. Gladys Messner, Sis. Clara Moser, Sis. Ricka Messner, Sis. Marilyn Luthi and Kathy Zeltwanger. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Our dear sister, Ricka Messner has been confined to her bed for several weeks. She will be 90 years old on June 4. I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from all her friends and relatives. She makes her home with her daughter and family, Bro. and Sis. Alvin Nohl, Hancock, Minn.

We wish to thank everyone for the many nice cards and gifts that were sent to us for our 50th wedding anniversary. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Thank you all. Gust and Sis. Louise Mohman, Louisburg, Minn.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS Josephine Schaefer Mary Jane Leuthold

On Palm Sunday, we spent a wonderful and blessed hour listening to the joyful and beautiful hymns of praise which the Sunday

School children sang, reminding us of the blessed news, **He is not here; He is risen!**

Jeanette Wagenbach and Fred Beutel were united in marriage on March 12, by Bro. Dan Koch. The parents are Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach and Bro. Will and Sis. Rose Beutel. The new couple is now residing in San Antonio, Texas, where Fred is stationed.

Bro. Bill Unsicker and friends Pete Winzeler and Dale Hassler were hospitalized this past month, but we are thankful that all have returned home.

Bros. Roy Sauder, Peoria; Russel Rapp, Morton; John Wagenbach, Oakville; and Noah Herman, Tucson, so willingly lent themselves on our behalf, and we received many blessings from their visits. Bro. Sauder and Bro. Rapp assisted our elder brother, Dan Koch in reading the report of the conference. May God ever grant them the grace to carry out their duties willingly, and may each of us strive, by the grace of God, to not only be obedient but to support and pray for those who are over us.

Christiana Endress, wife of Bro. Fred Endress, passed away on March 27 at the age of 80. She will be sorely missed, and we pray that God will comfort the loved ones.

We were quite happy to welcome back Bro. Harold Steiner and Bro. Maurice Schaefer from Germany, where they had been stationed for the past eighteen months. Their return was a joyful reunion, and I know that many prayers of thanks were offered to God for their safe return.

We were sorry, however, to bid Bro. Dave Koch farewell, as he left for the service. However, it is comforting to know that God watches over all His children, no matter where they are, and has promised that not one hair shall fall from our head unless it be His will. As a farewell for Bro. Dave the Sunday before he left, we sang from hymn 94,

“Though great dangers oft surround us
Passing through life’s stormy sea,

“Yet the Lord is ever near us;
He doth guide our vessel’s course;

We trust that these words will not only be a comfort to him, but to all who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Jay Bertsch — Noah Herman
New And Old

Make new friends, but keep the old;
Together both are more than gold;
New-made friendship is like new wine:

Age will mellow and refine.

Friendship that has stood the test
Of time, with new, grow toward the best.

Brow may wrinkle, hair grow gray,
But friendship never knows decay.

With old friends, tried and true,
Once more we our youth renew.
Cherish friendship in your breast
New do keep and old, for best.

Our ministering brother, Clarence Yackley of Phoenix, had charge of our services. We were happy he could be with us.

Our ministering brother, Noah Herman, was in Illinois over the weekend of Easter. We are glad he is back with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Bertsch, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Jay Bertsch, are the parents of a baby boy named LeRoy Charles, born on March 11.

Most of our winter visitors have returned to their homes. We wish to invite them and any others, to assemble with us whenever possible.

AKRON, OHIO Florence Graf

Bob and Barbara Ritzman welcomed their second daughter recently. Susan Marie was born on March 13; Laura is the Ritzman’s older daughter. Grandparents are Sis. Marie Ritzman and the late Bro. Forrest Ritzman.

Sis. Martha Kaufman passed away March 27, at the age of 86 years. Martha had been unable to assemble with us in the congregation for some time, but she was often in our hearts and prayers. Now she is with her Lord, we believe, and there is an empty place in our midst. Sis. Martha was the widow of Daniel Kaufman. She is survived by sons, Robert, Clarence, Elmer and Ernest, all of Akron; daughters, Sis. Dorothy Stavenik, Mansfield and Sis. Ruth Taylor of Akron. She also leaves grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and two sisters. Services were held at the church on March 29, with burial in Rose Hill Park.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Margaret Gangel have moved into their newly-

built home. Their new address is: 2908 Wilbanks Drive, Barberton Ohio 44203. May the Lord give His blessing to you in your new home.

When we were visiting the resting place of loved ones, my son reminded me that “Some day all of us will be here”—and caused me to think how urgent it is that we use each moment of each day in the work of the Lord. Surely we should not waste one precious moment!

FRIENDSHIP

There are many kinds of friendship—Christian, earthly, old and new. Friendships have no narrow boundary—know no prejudice or hate; Friendships grow where’er you find them—but **you** must care and cultivate!

Friendships are the lovely flowers
Blooming in Life’s garden here.
Each requires a loving tending
If a blossom it will bear.

Christian friendships are the sweetest;

There’s no need for many a word,
For the love of Christ does bind us
Heart to heart in one accord.

Earthly friendships need more effort

To learn to know and understand
The heart and mind of one
another—

To take and clasp the other’s hand.

Friendships old—how oft we see
them—

Glad smiles that our reunions bring;
Friendships that bridge years and
distance
These can cause our hearts to sing!

Friendships new—oh do be careful!
To cherish and protect this bloom
So newly found and gladly planted;
Give to it the choicest room!

Each of us can have a garden—
where friendships blossom—old
or new.

Here will grow our sweetest flowers
—some are early, some are late—
Here will grow our dearest treasures—but **you** must care and cultivate!

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Steve Gerst

A lovely day has dawned upon this dreary world. When we look upon the beautiful creation of God, we cannot make ourselves believe what sin and corruption man has brought into His Garden.

Just pause for a moment. Let your mind go back to God's beautiful garden of paradise. Who disrupted the serenity and beauty of His garden—Man? Thus on down to the present time; man has brought about the sin and corruption over the entire world. This was not in God's plan for His garden of paradise. What a great unhappiness He must have suffered as He looked down upon it, infiltrated by sin, shame, and lusts.

In His love and compassion for man, He had another plan, that man might have another chance to enter into the garden of peace, love, and beauty.

This plan is for all mankind, but so few have acquainted themselves with this plan! "What plan?" The plan of salvation. When we follow His plan of salvation, we shall be able to view the new garden that has been fully restored to its beauty, serenity, and love. No sin; nor pain; nor tears shall have any part there.

How have we lived? Have we heeded the Saviour's call? Have we given everything to Him? Have we prepared ourselves for the journey into Zion? Can we say we would be ready and waiting, if the Lord should come tomorrow? Or would we have a few more things to do?

I fear when the time comes that Christ calls to us, "Come", there will be no waiting or doing, another day. Have we given our love unselfishly to those that needed it? Instead of criticizing someone, given a word of encouragement? Instead of finding fault given a word of comfort and understanding? If we have Jesus in our heart, we shall stand ready and waiting.

Faith, hope, and charity! Charity is the greatest of the three. How can we explain what creates a desire in the ministers' hearts, to drive down here. It was expressed in a wonderful way by the chaplain who lets us have use of the chapel. He said, "Your church people must really be closely knit and have a lot of love for each other to come from such a distance."

The week-end of March 5, Bro. Al Schneider of Rockville proclaimed unto us; the week-end of March 12, Bro. Loren Strahm of Sabetha; the week-end of March 19, Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest, and the week-end of March 26, Bro. Gerald Sutter of Taylor spoke unto us. We have God to thank for instilling this feeling of charity into

our brethren, who take time to come down and fellowship with us. May God bless each that makes this effort.

New orders—Bro. Eric Kloter of Rockville received orders for Ft. Carson, Colorado, and is now residing there. Bro. Russ Henning of Taylor received orders for Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, and Mike Menold of Princeville received orders for Ft. Hood, Texas. We are so thankful that Mike can still gather with us on week-ends. May the Lord grant a double portion of grace to Bros. Eric and Russ.

New Serviceman—Bro. Mike Meece of Goodfield has started his basic training. We welcome him to our small flock.

Get to Know Your Brother Better
Let us visit a few minutes with Bro. Russ Henning of Taylor:

Russ:

"It was a cool autumn morning when I started my army career, on October 27, 1966. It was hard to leave home, parents, friends, and the fellowship I knew, but little did I know what awaited me at Ft. Sam.

It took a week for processing before I arrived in San Antonio. That week of processing made me feel the need and desire of fellowship, and when I arrived I didn't know what to say.

Many people may not recognize my name. This may be because my parents are not of our church, nor do they go there. I am originally from Elgin, Illinois. I knew of the church people, but not the church. This was also true when my parents moved to Milford, in 1964. It didn't take long before my father's job moved us again, this time to Quincy, Illinois.

It was here that the Lord showed me His will, through the light of a brother and a sister from church. Soon I could see that my life hadn't been as the Lord would want it; so in September of 1965 I turned to Him. It wasn't till June, the following year (1966) that I could be taken into the fold.

Another important step was made before I went into the army; it was on October 9, 1966. I was announced to Sis. Susanne Cottrell. God has surely blessed me, and I pray I can serve Him more true and faithfully each day, while I'm around those still in darkness.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Mary Ann Weigele

We welcome back Ken Newman,

who recently returned home after serving two years in the Navy.

On Palm Sunday, we held our annual Sunday School Easter program. The messages and songs brought by the little children in their innocence and simplicity were certainly an inspiration to all.

Good Friday services were climaxed by the announcement that friends Joe and Lydia Fetter have peace with God and long for baptism. We wish them much grace in their new life, and also wish many more could follow.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

Loved ones gone to be with Jesus,
In their robes of white arrayed,
Now are waiting for my coming
Where the roses never fade.

Here they bloom but for a season,
Soon their beauty is decayed;
I am going to a city
Where the roses never fade.

What comfort is in this hymn which was sung at the funeral of our young friend, Bill Beer, who during his brief illness heard the voice of the Saviour and listened, and now has **gone to be with Jesus**. William Charles Beer was loaned to his family for 25 years, and on March 22 the Lord took him **Home**. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his parents, Bro. David and Sis. Lena Beer, his brother Joel, sisters Marjorie Hollinger, Clara Catron, Becky and Fran Beer, all of Mansfield, and his grandmother, Sis. Frieda Rusch of Milford. We also extend sympathy to Sis. Dorothy Stavenik (Mrs. Ben), whose mother, Sis. Martha Kaufman of Akron has also been **gathered Home**. ". . . ye shall be gathered one by one"

Welcome to the two little Witschi girls. On February 20, Lori Ann was born to David and Shirley Witschi; she is their third child. Philip and Rosemary Witschi became parents to their first baby, Kari Lynn, on March 1.

Our prayers accompany Larry Enderle, son of Henry and Sis. Martha (Sabo) Enderle, who recently left for the armed services.

"He is not here, but is risen". In memory of that first Easter, the Sunday School children presented a program of songs on Easter Sunday. How radiant they were, and how joyously their voices proclaimed:

He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN Marlene Mosher

Sis. Lill Kempf has had surgery and is quite ill. We hope the Lord will grant this dear sister grace, and we hope she will not have to suffer too long.

We have had a blessed Sunday this past month. We have taken in two new souls into our fold, through proving and baptism. We now have two new brothers in our flock, Richard Jackson and Bill Waibel. We hope that we can add many more souls to our flock, if they will only come unto the Lord and do His will. On the day of baptism, we had Holy Communion. It was a very blessed day. Bro. George Yergler of La Crosse was with us for this blessed occasion.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber

Begin a new week
With a song and a smile;
It will lift your heart
For a long, long while.

Engagements:

On March 12 the engagement of Sis. Betsy Schaefer to Bro. Duane Gerber was made known. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Oscar Schaefer and Bro. and Sis. Gaius Gerber.

On March 19, the engagements of Sis. Karen Fiechter and Bro. Steve Aschliman; and Bro. Phil Stettner to Sis. Maureen Frank of Chicago were made known. Parents of the couples are: Bro. and Sis. Melvin Fiechter and Bro. and Sis. Harold Aschliman; Bro. and Sis. Howard Stettner and Bro. and Sis. Maurice Frank.

May your path be lined with roses,
And your skies be fair and blue;
May God bless you with His goodness
And His love, your whole life thru.

Weddings:

On March 12, friends Nancy Aschliman and Doyt Miller were united in marriage by Bro. John Yergler. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Roy Aschliman and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller.

On March 26, Sis. Rebecca Asch-

liman and Bro. Perry Isch were united in holy matrimony by Bro. Sam Aschliman. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Robert Aschliman and Bro. and Sis. Elmer Isch.

On April 2 friends Della Gerber and Marvin Steffen were united in marriage by Bro. Sam Aeschliman. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Sylvan Gerber and Bro. and Sis. Clarence Steffen.

Shut-ins:

Sisters Elva Aschliman, Connie Isch and Mrs. Jacob Tonner; Bros. Joe Meyer and Sylvan Frauhiger.

Funeral: Services were held on March 25 for Sis. Lena Stucky. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ted Unsworth, a son, Walter; a brother, Eli Dubach; two sisters, Mrs. John (Rosa) Speheger and Mrs. Emma Heyerly. Elders Sam Aschliman and John Yergler officiated the services.

On March 19, Holy Communion services were held. Assisting Elders Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler were Elders George Sinn and David Bertsch.

FRIENDSHIP

As spring unfolds its beauty, our thoughts wend heavenward, where beauty abounds eternally and where loved ones are waiting and beckoning.

Our memories go back several years, when a dear sister was yet among us. She has gone to her eternal rest. When we think of her—we think of one who has given her whole life time to others. First of all, she gave her heart to the Lord in her younger years. She never married—never gained great wealth—but owned storehouses of LOVE, MERCY and MEEKNESS.

In her career of Practical Nursing she gained the confidence of many friends, young and old, rich and poor. She was a real friend in need.

She often admonished the young members and told them of the importance of being humble and submissive. Her teachings still linger in our hearts. A person of great understanding, she often listened to others' cares and burdens with infinite patience. Her ready smile and helping hand lightened many a heavy load—in homes where there was sorrow and grief caused by the loss of loved ones. She was known for giving good advice to many who asked.

Today she has many stars for her crown; for being such a wonderful and true friend to all of us. That's what we call Lasting Friendship.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen — Katie Kachelmuss

We had in our midst this past month Elder Bro. Irvin Lehman of Wolcott, for the reading of the Memorandum. We had a blessed day and heard many good teachings, for which we thank God, and Bro. Lehman for his efforts.

Another blessed Lord's Day was ours, when Elder Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park was with us for the proving and baptism of Norman and Virginia Schock. Virginia is the daughter of Sis. Rose Preiss. Even though it would be just one or two, we still rejoice. It reminds us of one of our ministers who served us many years ago, Bro. Gottlob Huber, who was the assistant elder at the time we were converted and taken into the fold. He would say how we rejoice over every one, as we read in the Prophet Micah, when they have gathered the summer fruits, at the grape-gleanings there is no cluster; and Isaiah speaks that yet gleaning grapes shall be left as the shaking of the olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost branches thereof. So each one is precious in the sight of God. Bro. Huber served our church faithfully for many years, and we have many memories of the teachings and the kindly advice given. His daughters, Sisters Nina, Mary and Lizzie are still with us in our church circle.

Our friend, Tom Wahl, who is on the USS Boxer, spent a few days with his uncle and aunt, Jake and Nettie Leuthold, and attended Wednesday evening services. We're always so glad to see them in our midst, and how the boys do like to come for a few days with their relatives and friends. May God protect them all, and bring them safely home if He so wills.

Sis. Lena Vege's husband has been hospitalized for surgery, and is back home again.

Bro. August Greiner, our oldest brother in faith here, is at the hospital with heart trouble, but is somewhat improved and may go home soon. Sis. Caroline, his wife, is also high in years, and is sick and helpless. May God be their help and comfort, and also give strength and courage to those who care for the sick and feeble, and bless them for their efforts.

Born to Bro. Tom and Sis. Marlene Leman was a son, Edward Lee, on March 22.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA
Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

THE PATTERN OF LIFE

If the pattern of life looks dark to you,
 And the threads seem twisted and queer,
 To the One who is planning the whole design
 It's perfectly plain and clear

For it's only a part of God's loving plan,
 When He works in His threads of gray,
 And they'll only make brighter the rose and gold
 Of another happier day.

Sometimes the pattern of our life seems very dark to us, and surely things must have looked bleak to Bro. Raymond and Sis. Mary Pulfer when they met with an accident on March 8, and were hospitalized for two days less than three weeks, just four weeks after the death of their son-in-law. They are very thankful to be home again with their family, and seem to be improving nicely. It is an unusual coincidence that both should have their left arm in a cast. They were able to share their hospital room after the first few days, and their daughter Elaine, who was to have moved to her trailer that day, stayed with the children during the time Raymond and Mary were hospitalized, so these things helped to ease the concerns and worries of these dear ones while they were separated from their family.

Bro. Raymond and Sis. Mary wish to thank all who remembered them and their family with deeds of love and kindness, prayers, cards, letters, and gifts of any kind, following the death of their son-in-law and since their accident.

Elder Bros. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton and David Bertsch of Leo were with us on Wed. evening March 15, to read the memorandum. As we were listening to the concerns of our elders for us, I had to think of a plaque that hung on the wall at home when I was a child, altho I do not recall all the words—

1. DO nothing you would not like to be doing WHEN JESUS COMES.
2. READ nothing you would not like to be reading WHEN JESUS COMES.
3. SAY nothing you would not like to be saying WHEN JESUS COMES.

4. THINK nothing you would not like to be thinking WHEN JESUS COMES.

5. Go no place you would not like to be found WHEN JESUS COMES.

And to these might be added: WATCH nothing you would not like to be watching WHEN JESUS COMES.

How much lighter would be the load of our beloved leaders if we were always obedient children.

Other visiting ministers this past month were Bro. Merle Bucher of LaCrosse and Bro. Carl Kipfer of Bluffton.

We enjoyed a very blessed Sunday, March 19, when a number of "Rocke Cousins" assembled with us. Our visitors came from Illinois and Iowa, as well as from some of our surrounding churches. Surely we could experience the blessed fellowship that is ours as children of God. That evening, we gathered for the Easter Program and were reminded by our children of what Christ did for us, when He shed His precious blood on the cross for our sins. Surely we can never be thankful enough for this!

Correction: We surely wish to extend a welcome to: Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Linda Stoller should have read, Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Linda Stoller Honegger to our little church. My humble apologies.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA
Delores Messerli
Carol Ann Messner

On March 12, Elder Brethren Leo Moser and Paul Fehr were here to read the memorandum. We are thankful for the deep concern shown for our small congregation. We hope we will all take heed to their warnings and exhortations.

A daughter, Peggy, was born to Marvin and Deanna Messner. She has one brother, Dale, to welcome her home.

Wayne Miller, Darrel Redmann, and Eldon Stresemann were recently discharged from the hospital.

Steven, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice Howk, and Linda Quaday were united in marriage on March 24. Linda at present is living with Howks, as Steve is being sent to Germany.

Apostolic Pioneer

I would like to write a few lines about my Grandfather Messner, as I feel he was one of the pioneers of the Apostolic Christian Church of Winthrop.

William Phillip Messner was born in Baraboo, Wisconsin, 1865. Bro. Will was converted in 1889 or 1890. He married Sis. Ida Mathys in 1891, in West Bend. In 1902 they moved to Missouri. Sis. Ida passed away suddenly at the age of 34, leaving seven young children (in 1904): Sis. Elizabeth Scheitlin, Oakville; Bro. Joseph, deceased; Katti, who died at age ten; Sis. Minnie Kellenberger, deceased; Sis. Della Kellenberger, Elgin, Ill.; and Elmer and Paul of Twin Falls, Idaho. (Bertha died in infancy.)

The family lived at Lamar, at this time. Grandfather married Sis. Mary Heiniger in 1905, in the Lamar church. One girl born to this union lived only a few hours. They moved to Lester in 1907, and to Morris in 1913.

In 1919, he purchased a farm 5 miles southwest of Winthrop, moving his family and property in the spring of 1920. Newly-married son Joseph and wife Marguerite moved with them, and rented a farm nearby. Sis. Elizabeth, married to Bro. Gus Scheitlin, lived at Morris.

The following winter, Bro. Will had surgery at New Ulm, Minn. and did not live to come home. He passed away Jan. 17, 1921 and is buried at Lester.

Sis. Mary married Bro. Jake Wyss, in Peoria, in 1930. She resides at the Apostolic Home of Peoria.

Grandchildren of Bro. Messner are members of the Winthrop congregation.

Surely this brother and his helpmate had great faith that "God is just a prayer away", to move his family from one church to another, and then to an area where there was no church.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA
Doris Graf — Jeri Minger

I Trust

When a little one opens the door of time,
 And steps into the ageless beyond,
 That Jesus with His kind and loving smile,
 Will welcome that child to His throng.

I trust he will dry the tears from the eyes,
 And His great love will quiet all fear;
 This word will return to the sorrowing ones,

"I am safe! Come and meet me here!"

Written by Sis. Dora Sauder

Our small congregation and community were saddened by the tragic accident which took the life of little Theresa (Teri) Schwarz, almost 3 yrs. old, daughter of friends Bill and Pat Schwarz. Patty also was seriously injured, but is recovering at St. Luke's Hospital, in Pasadena. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Bill and Pat, and to Bro. and Sis. Wm. Schwarz Sr. They wish to thank everyone for the kindness and prayers extended their way from everyone all over the country. Funeral services were held by Bro. John Klotzle and Bro. Carl Kinsinger.

We thank all of our visitors for coming, especially the ministering brothers: Bro. Harvey Heiniger, Oakville; Bro. Norman Stoller, Ft. Wayne; and Bro. Robert Miller, Portland. Bro. Robert and Sis. Pearl Miller came to take their daughter, Marlise, home to attend college in Portland. Marlise has made her home with the Wm. Minger family the past nine months. We are thankful and happy that Marlise was able to turn to the Lord in repentance, while here, and we wish her God's blessings in her new walk of life.

March 19 was the date Bro. Virgil Graf and Sis. Marilyn Dotterer were joined in Holy Matrimony by Bro. Carl Kinsinger, in Phoenix. Their parents are Bro. and Sis. Clarence Graf, of Altadena; and Bro. and Sis. Joe Dotterer, of Phoenix. May God grant them much peace and happiness in their new life together. Their new address is 415 N. 3rd St. Apt. F., Alhambra, Calif. 91801.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

Our visiting ministers were Bros. John Bahler and Noah Bauman. This was indeed a blessed day. May God bless them for their efforts. We welcome them back.

The death angel visited our community and, very suddenly, Alven Samet—age 57 passed away of a heart attack. Funeral services were held March 22, Bro. Emmanuel officiating. He leaves to mourn his wife, Marie (Oberlander) Samet; three daughters, Racheline (Arnholz), Karen Laubscher, and Peggy at home; two sons, Ralph and Richard. May God comfort the bereaved family.

On Easter Sunday, Mr. and Mrs.

Louis Landes observed their 65th wedding anniversary. The following Tues. night, Mrs. Landes unexpectedly passed away. Survivors are sons Harold and Bernard, daughters, Erma Larson, Florence Cowger, Laverne Sobak and Hazel at home. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Christ Reutter, 85, passed away at the nursing home. He is a brother of Sis. Kate Walder. Funeral services were held at Knapp's Funeral Home, Fri. April 7. Surviving: one son, David; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

On Palm Sunday evening the Sunday School children presented us with a nice program, "Jesus the crucified". May the seed sown in these tender hearts bring forth good fruit in due time.

The two-yr.-old son of Don and Dorothy Holmes is in the hospital for tests and medications. Till (Bauer) Hari was hospitalized a few days, for medication, and is much improved. Sis. Mary Hari is able to be home again, after spending two months in the hospital.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Knapp on March 14. She was named Diane Lynn. A daughter was born to Bro. Walter and Sis. Aldine Kaufman on April 6. She was named Denise Joy.

Mother's Day

We are very thankful for such a day for the noble service they have rendered in their role as Mothers. If you have a Christian mother who did what she could to bring you to the Saviour and you can partake of the blessings, thank God for mother.

Its the little things of every day
That Mothers seem to know,
That make the going easy
And the memory of them glow,
And mother, when I think of all
The things you used to do
My heart gets twice its' normal size
In gratitude to you.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. Lawrence Farney Mrs. David Schamback

Funeral services for Bro. Benjamin Hofer, 78, were held in the Virkler Funeral Home on Saturday, March 25, with Bro. John Widrick officiating. He passed from this life in his home, after an illness of eight months. His wife, the former Ada Lehman, preceded him in death on January 30 of this year. He is sur-

vived by a son, Edwin, and four daughters, Mrs. Earl (Laurene) Robinson, Mrs. Lyle (Imelda) Bradish, Mrs. Edward (Helen) Petzoldt and Mrs. Robert (Lois) Ferguson; also two sisters, 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Croghan church, and burial was in the church cemetery.

The children of both Sunday Schools presented a short program commemorating Christ's resurrection, during the noon hour, in their respective churches.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

In Iowa, the snowbanks are now a memory; in their stead we witness spring rains, lawns turning verdantly green, meadows changing color, and birds returning to their northern summer homes.

This Thursday evening marks the resumption of our weekly services at the church. These meetings terminate in the late fall season, when severe weather prevails.

Announcement was made Sunday of the engagement of Sis. Mary Metzger to Bro. Leland Plattner of Bern. We wish them God's rich blessings.

Sis. Alta Thoman is recuperating from a virus infection. Sis. Beulah Butikofer was in the hospital a few days last week, due to a strep throat condition. Elmer Butikofer's wife, Lydia was real ill with an ear infection, but we are happy to report that she is well again.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Bro. Fred Grimm. May God's grace help where the human touch is inadequate.

Bro. Uriel Gehring from Burlington was our guest minister for the month. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Judy, and children.

We send all of you readers a sincere greeting of love. Romans 8:28 is one of my favorite verses.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Annabelle Bahr — Marie Zaugg

Our Sunday School youth presented an Easter program on Good Friday evening, reminding us anew of our Saviour's suffering, death, and resurrection.

Our visiting ministers Easter were Bro. Michael Weyeneth, Peoria, and Bro. Sam Huber, Gridley, Kansas.

Bro. Joe Muhlbauer has entered Research Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., for possible surgery. We hope

he will soon be able to return to his home.

Work on our new house of worship is progressing slowly, but surely. The roof is now completed, which will enable the workmen to do inside work, should there be rainy days or weather unfit for outside labor.

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

Those hospitalized since our last news: Sis. Mary Beard, of Warren, O. was in the Warren Memorial Hospital for surgery on her eye. She is home convalescing. Oscar W. Emch of Girard has now returned to his work on a limited schedule, after being confined to his home and hospital for about five weeks. Carl L. Emch Sr. is home again, after being in the hospital for surgery on his foot. Robert Klotzle of Lake Milton, O. is in the St. Joseph Hospital Warren, O.; he was stricken with a heart attack. He is the youngest son of Sis. Lydia Klotzle, of Girard. We wish all a speedy recovery, and may we ever commit all into God's care and keeping.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Nancy Aeschleman and family of Wilmington, Del. spent Sunday, March 26, with us. They were on their way home from Illinois, which is their former home. We can be sure that the God-inspired message was an encouragement to all present. We welcome them to come whenever they can.

Oscar and Marjorie Emch of Girard have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jacquelin Jean, to Francis C. Felix, of New York City. Jacquelin is associated with the Queen Child's Guidance Center of New York City. The wedding is to take place May 20.

Miss Rosie Kisleg, age 87, of Girard has recently been taken to the Georgian Manor Nursing Home, 1050 Broadview Blvd., Brackenridge, Pa. 15014. When Rosie was six years old, her father died. She came from a large family of brothers and sisters. At that time, the family of children were placed in various homes nearby. My father, Abraham Emch went to the funeral of Mr. Kisleg, and on his return he carried Rosie to our home, this being in mid-winter. She was with us in our home in W. Virginia till she was 18 years old. We all accepted her as one of our family, and still do to this day. Shortly after this she came to Girard, and went to work for the Lotze family. When Miss

Lotze was married to C. C. Blair, Rosie went with the new couple and spent the rest of her life in the Blair home, 105 E. Prospect St., Girard. Both Mr. and Mrs. Blair passed away several years ago. In their will they made provision, that as long as Rosie lives, the home was for her to occupy. The time came when she could not live alone. In October, 1966 Sis. Louisa Lance went to live with and care for her. About March 1, Sis. Louisa became ill and was taken to the hospital. This is when the change became necessary for Rosie. We wish her God's blessing.

Hymn No. 18

Jesus, The Truest Friend.

Who is He that cares and watches
O'er our life and soul's estate?

Who is He that thus has drawn us?
Christ alone; His love is great.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Eunice and Lydia Kammerer

Spring again is bursting forth with rains, sunshine bringing out the green grass and beautiful flowers. The fields soon will be made in readiness for sowing. The whole earth is bursting forth with God's creation.

Our sick and shut-ins: Sis. Clara Funk entered Brokaw Hospital for further surgery. Clara is making satisfactory recovery.

Bro. Sam Witzig again entered Methodist Hospital, Peoria, for further surgery on his leg, injured in an auger accident last fall.

Our reporter, Sis. Eunice, who had fractured her leg in Jan., returned to the hospital to have her cast removed, and remained for therapy for 2 weeks. She was able to come home, and assembled for Good Friday services. She will be on crutches for a time.

Word was received from Captain Dennis and Mrs. Barbara Stoller in Ft. Bliss, Texas that their son, Todd Alan, in some unknown accident, broke his collar bone. Todd is 22 months old.

Sis. Dlares Deloris Marti returned to her home, following surgery in Mennonite Hospital, and is recovering satisfactory.

Bro. Orlyn Miller has sufficiently recovered from a fractured wrist (following a tractor accident in Jan.) to resume his farm duties.

We wish all our sick, injured and shut-ins a speedy recovery.

Bro. Frank Martin passed away March 29, following a stroke suffered the previous week. He is surviv-

ed by his wife, Sis. Mary; two daughters, Sis. Martha Stoller, Gridley; Sis. Gladys Binkele, Peoria; three sons, Bro. Orville—Roanoke, Bro. Ray—Peoria, and Earl—Morton.

A son, Nelson Marvin, was born Feb. 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kaupp. The paternal grandparents are Bro. Walter and Sis. Esther Kaupp, and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sutter of Gridley.

Our Easter services were largely attended by many friends and members. It is comforting to see our friends make such an effort to attend this special service. We had a very inspiring Easter message on that day, given by Bro. George Gramm.

On Sun., April 2, the Future Homemakers of America of Gridley attended our morning services. We were happy to have them and wish them back again.

On our last Wednesday evening service, Bro. Harry Bucher of Valparaiso ministered to us. He spoke out of St. Luke 4, of Satan taking Jesus on the high mountain, to show him all he could give him of this world. It was a very inspiring message.

Note: I want to thank everyone for their prayers, gifts, cards and visits while I was in the hospital, and since coming home, and the ministers from our congregation, as well other congregations, who visited, and for their prayers. May God bless each for their love and kindness. Eunice Kammerer.

I needed the quiet, so He drew me
aside,

Into the shadows where we could
confide,

Away from the bustle when all the
day long

I hurried and worried when
active and strong.

I needed the quiet, though at first
I rebelled,

But gently, so greatly my cross
He upheld,

And whispered so sweetly of
spirited thing,

Though weakened in body, my
spirit took wings

To heights never dreamed of when
active and gay.

He loved me so greatly; He drew
me away.

I needed the quiet, no prison my
bed,

But a beautiful valley of blessing
instead,
A place to grow richer, in Jesus to
hide.

I needed the quiet, so He drew me
aside.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz

Miss Della Witschey

Mrs. Luella Bleuer Sidell passed away on April 3, after a long illness. She was born on Limestone Ridge, the daughter of Joe and Adaline Swegard Bleuer. She leaves her husband, Ross Sidell, one daughter, one son, six grandchildren, five sisters and two brothers. Services were held on April 6, and interment was in a local cemetery.

Jess Rothlisberger underwent surgery for the removal of an eye on April 3. He was a patient in the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling, but has been able to be returned home.

Mrs. Lena Frayer was a patient in the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling recently, but is able to be back home again.

Dan Witschey remains quite well and is able to visit with his sister Della almost daily, and able to walk a short distance.

Mrs. Roy Lasure remains quite ill in a Wheeling Hospital; her husband is a great-grandson of Henry and Anna Hassig.

Mrs. Elizabeth McGuier and Mrs. Elizabeth Gray of Washington, Pa., were recent guests of Miss Della Witschey. During their visit, they were joined for a dinner with their cousins, Margaret, Elizabeth and Mary Witschey, in the home of Miss Della Witschey.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on April 25. A family get-together may be held at the home of their youngest daughter here in New Martinsville.

Mrs. Jessie Bleuer became a great-grandmother on April 3, when her oldest granddaughter gave birth to a baby boy, in Washington D.C.

Mrs. Jennie Steel of Wadestown, W. Va., visited recently with her sister, Mrs. Wiley Steel of near New Martinsville.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha Steiner

The engagement of Sis. Nelda Kuntz and Bro. John Rowell, both of this congregation, was made known to us. Their parents are Bro.

George and Sis. Hazel Kuntz, and Bro. Floyd and Sis. Louise Rowell. We wish them God's richest blessings and loving guidance, as they prepare to continue on life's pathway, together.

Jeffrey Ralph, born March 13, was happily welcomed by his parents, Ralph and Diane Lanz, who live in Ames, Iowa. Jeffrey is their first child. His grandparents are Henry and Sis. Marie Lanz of Rockville, and Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner of Oakville.

The three little daughters of Bro. Bill and Sis. Phyllis Massner now have a new brother, Charles William, born March 28. His grandparents are Bro. Jake and Sis. Bertha Gehring of Elgin, Iowa, and Bro. Adolph and Sis. Lillian Massner of Burlington.

On Good Friday evening, we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion, after regular services. Bro. Noah Schrock was assisted by our ministering brother, Gust Scheitlin, in this sacred service to the congregation.

Bro. Earl Banwart was our guest minister at the monthly meeting held in Iowa City. We enjoyed the evening very much, as always. We certainly appreciated those who traveled with Bro. Banwart from West Bend, to spend a few hours with those who are studying and working in Iowa City.

Bro. Fred Marti from Lamar was with us on a Thursday evening. We were thankful that Bro. Marti was feeling well enough to minister unto us, as he has not been too active for some time, due to his health.

Our yearly business meeting was held on a Thursday evening, to select new members for our various committees. Bro. Virgil Massner is our newly-chosen trustee; Bro. Norman Frank is now on the cemetery committee; Sis. Gladys Vierling will serve on the ladies committee. We do not appreciate enough the service performed by those who take their turn on the various duties in the church. Especially now when we are in the midst of a building program which involves new Sunday School rooms and a kitchen-dining area, these willing members have put forth much time and effort for the benefit of the church.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Mrs. Joe Beer — Mrs. Ervin Rokey

On March 19, Sis. Marilyn Dotterer and Bro. Virgil Graf were united in marriage. Bro. Carl Kin-

singer, from Altadena, had the services. We wish them God's richest blessings in their life together. They will live in California.

The angels have gathered a little flower for the Master's bouquet. Little three-year-old Terri Schwarz was visiting here with her parents, Bill and Patty Schwarz, when she was suddenly taken from this life. They were among many attending the wedding from California, and were preparing to leave, when little Terri and her mother, Patty, were struck by a car. Patty received many injuries and is hospitalized. May God comfort the bereaved.

Death is an angel
Sent down from above,
Sent for the buds—
And the flowers we love,

Truly 'tis so,
For in heaven's own way
This soul is a flow'r—
In the Master's bouquet.

Our dear Elder Bro. Roy Farney has been able to assemble with us again after his recent surgery.

The Sunday School had an Easter program. The little children said pieces and sang. The older children participated with song and appropriate readings out of the Holy Scripture, which is so beautifully told by the Lord's apostles.

PULASKI, IOWA

Mrs. Ray Martin

Our elder, Bro. Noah Schrock, visited our congregation on Sunday March 19, at which time he read the memorandum. In one of his sermons he so stressed how fast from one week to another things are shaping up to the coming of the Lord. As we look back and see how the Jews received the Lord as King, crucified Him, and He arose, all in one week, it makes one wonder how quick the end could come. So it behooves us to be ready, watching and doing those things that we would want to be found doing when the Lord comes.

We want to be thankful we have our elders in this day and time, who are so concerned for the welfare of the church.

Ronald, young son of Sis. Janet and Bro. Elvin Nuest, was hospitalized on March 11, in Iowa City. He was there about a week. We are glad he is home and doing fine now.

Sis. Myrtle Kinsinger is hospitalized with a stroke.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT Carlton J. Lanz

Plagued for several years by an infection in his right foot, Bro. Alfred Zutter, as an ultimate resort, submitted recently to its amputation. The almost incessant pains and discomforts he formerly had have now been alleviated, he said. (Bro. Alfred and his wife Sis. Frieda are of our most recent converts.) Bro. Emanuel Gerber, a hospital patient of two weeks for what was believed to be a pinched nerve in his neck, has been discharged. Sis. Anna (Bro. Harold Lanz's wife) is presently hospitalized, where she underwent minor surgery. They are often in our prayers, and all have our best wishes.

The most part of March was cold and brought with it a lot of snow to this area. At one time or more, the big parking lot at our church was a scene like that of a fort or an arena, surrounded or edged by high walls of snow, due some in part to the clearing of the parking area, to be sure. Yet this great accumulation had vanished almost entirely by Easter Sunday, the 26th—leaving the day most beautiful. This we welcomed, for it seems that Easter, of all days, is one of, if not, the most sacred and important. We read where Christ the Saviour arose from the grave on Easter morning. Notwithstanding the vain attempts made to hold Him there, He by the power of God came forth a victor over death. His noble mission now completed, salvation had become a reality to all believing peoples. This is important and most impressive.

The following Sunday, April 2, we celebrated and again proclaimed the Lord's Supper, a direct commandment by the Saviour Himself. It was well attended. Bro. John Bahler, in serving, was assisted by Bro. John Widrick of Croghan and Naumburg.

Having been transferred to Ft. Carson, Colorado, from Ft. Sam since the last issue of the Silver Lining, the new address of Bro. Eric L. Kloter will be found elsewhere in this issue.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

We again had a blessed Easter season. On March 18 we heard the testimonies of our friends Jane, Robert and Dennis Hartter and Gerald Grimm. The next day, Palm Sunday, we witnessed their baptisms. Bros. Sam Anliker and Lester

Hartter were here to assist our elder, Bro. Eugene Marti. Bro. Sam Huber of Gridley, Kansas was also present and delivered the word of God at the morning service.

We assembled together at the Bern church on Good Friday evening and again were reminded of our Lord's suffering and death on the cross. Then the next evening we assembled at the Sabetha church to hear the testimonies of our friends, Arlinda Strahm, Susan Plattner and Jay Kellenberger. We also witnessed their baptisms the following day, Easter Sunday. Bro. Herman Kellenberger came to assist Bros. Lester and Eugene. We welcome these seven friends into the fold as brothers and sisters in faith, and together with them are reminded of His great love shown to us by His death on the cross, and His triumph over death and the grave.

In the evening on this blessed Easter Sunday, we assembled again at the Sabetha church to sing hymns of praise to our Lord and Saviour. Bro. Herman also told us of his experiences on his recent trip to Japan, also of the Lord's work that is being done in this far off country. May He continue to call souls and bring many into the fold while it is still the day of grace.

Hospitalized during this past month were Sis. Janice Wyszong and Sis. Mary Aberle. Sis. Janice has again returned to her home.

Mrs. Lydia (Stoller) Aberle passed away April 4 at the St. Anthony Hospital, where she had been a patient three days. She is survived by her husband, George; three daughters, three sons, one sister and one brother. Her funeral was held April 6 at the Sabetha church. Bros. Carl Hartman and Eugene Marti held the services.

Our mid-week services have been discontinued at this time. We will again have our song service every other Sunday evening throughout the summer months.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. Larry Farney
Mrs. Harvey Smith

The announcement was made Sunday that our dear friend, Sarah Bowers, has found peace and desires to be baptized. We rejoice with her and hope her wish may soon be granted.

Friends Patti and Gary Miskimon are the parents of a girl, Shawn Michelle. Maternal grandparents are

Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian Bowers.

The World Relief demonstrations shown by Sisters Millie and Mary Ann Fischer were certainly enjoyed by all. It is amazing to realize that articles of clothing can be made, and be so appreciated by those in need, from everyday scraps and pieces that some of us thoughtlessly discard. Films were shown of the countries and people who receive these bundles of clothing. The sisters pointed out that many of us feel we cannot be of much help, as we do not seem to have time to make many of these articles. However, if we can only make one, it will clothe a needy person that would not have received any otherwise. There are never enough bundles to go around.

Sis. Anna Marie Warner was hospitalized this month for minor surgery. We are thankful that it was not as serious as first expected, and are happy to have her in church with us again.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Loris Kieser

We were happy to have Bros. Frank Woertz and John Rokey, Goodfield; George Wagenbach, Princeville; and Walter Rehklau, Toledo, spend a day with us.

A fire destroyed the three upstairs bedrooms at the home of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Wilma Kieser. The rest of the house suffered smoke and water damage. They had only lived there ten days when the fire occurred.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Bro. Fred Grimm. His daughter, Sis. Mardell (Kenneth) Dietz resides here. He has visited and served us many times, and we can't help but miss him.

Randy Ehnle, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Audrey is receiving treatment at Mayo's in Rochester, Minn., at this time.

Sis. Lois Endress spent some time at home, but has returned again to the hospital for continued treatment.

Little Rita Ehnle, 8-month-old daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla, has entered the hospital for tests and observation.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Joanie Heiniger
Apostolic Pioneer

I thank my father for writing this, and thanks to Lydia Marti, Uncle Ed Swing, and Ernest Mueller for the information needed to write this story.

We have many good courageous brethren on whom we could bestow this title, so we will choose the first one who came to this community, Bro. Joe Swing. As I sit and reflect back over the years and think of the wonderful moments we shared, I recall his love for us all.

He was born at Akron, in August of 1861, to Bro. Karl and Sis. Salome (Bolinger) Schwing and grew up with his two brothers, Henry, the father of Sis. Lydia Marti and Albert, who many of us were privileged to know. His father became one of our ministering brothers, and under his guidance their lives were molded to Christ's way.

When Bro. Joe was 18 years old they came to Fairbury, where he farmed for several years before going into a hardware and implement store. It was then that the name was changed to Swing.

He was married to Annie Scheppe, and to them were born two children. Their life together was very short, as the death angel took his loving wife. Some time later, he married Eugenia Hoffman, and they were blessed with a family. Once more the death angel took from him his loving wife. Surely, if we put ourselves in his place for a moment, we can realize the great task on his shoulders to provide for and care for his family. The Lord, who sees all, was again gracious in providing him with another wonderful wife, Lydia Hoffman, who was so kind to his children, as well as to her own, that I didn't know until much later that they were not all her own. Theirs was a fine hospitable Christian home, where many may recall precious hours spent with them and their family.

When they came to this community, they moved on a farm east of La Crosse. In those days, we who can remember can well recall what family cooperation it took to operate a large farm without the modern equipment we have today, and how difficult it was to go through the great depression. With courage and confidence in God, these wonderful **Veterans of the Cross of Christ** provided the necessities of life for their families, through it all.

He lived to be almost 87 years old, and may well have said as the apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of

righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing."

To me, he demonstrated a life dedicated to Jesus teaching, **Love God above all and your fellowman as yourself**, and I feel his sincere prayers were for the ones he loved most, his loving family, and his church. Let us pray to God that He help us to reflect Christ in our lives, like our Apostolic Pioneers who have gone on before.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Marguerite Hoerr

We were privileged to have ministering Bro. Philip Wingeier and his wife visit us, on their return from Florida to their home in Alto.

Lavina Haab Perkins, age 72, passed away recently at Elkhart General Hospital. She was the daughter of our late Bro. Ed Haab. Our sympathy is extended to her family and lifelong friends.

Bill Graff has been hospitalized recently for observation and possible corrective surgery for a former back injury. He is in Elkhart General Hospital. We would ask that God could grant him a complete and speedy recovery.

Seven young people in our congregation have answered the Lord's call. They are: Susie Price, Dave Beer, Ned Speicher, Bob Steffen, Bill Steffen, Stanley Wuthrich, and Bill Troup. We rejoice with them and seek a renewal of our own faith, as we observe their complete surrender to the Lord. The following poem might express the thoughts they wish to convey, as they speak to their friends about their decision.

PLEASE, FRIEND

What can I do, what can I say
To show you how I feel?
The friendship we have had before
Has just become more real.

The feeling I have in my heart
Is stronger now, more true,
Because God has a part in it,
My friendship now for you.

We've been friends for many years.
Please know what this has meant.
Please know the feeling in my heart
Is now from heaven sent.

My daily wish, my fervent prayer
Is now, my friend, that you
Could find a closer walk with God,
As I have come to do.

My life each day grows brighter;
My path becomes more sure.
Sin's burden that had weighted me
down
Is gone, no more to endure.

Please friend, come walk beside me;
With happy hearts we'll trod
Hand in hand, our souls free from
sin,
Friends together, with God.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Ella Mae Trent — Claribel Walters

Those of us who sometimes find the teachings of Christ a little hard to follow to the very letter, ought to look to the life of Christ, to find that He both taught and practiced the teachings He left the people. We can profit from the examples left, trusting that this profiting will lead to a greater perfection, so that our actions may always speak for the Christian life we profess.

It seems that our first impulse when we are wronged is to take revenge or to **get even**. We find it hard to turn the left cheek when we are smitten on the right, or to love our enemies. Yet, Christ permitted the throngs to smite Him, spit upon Him, adorn Him with a crown of Thorns, nail Him to a cross and crucify.

Christ went as a lamb to His slaughter, and only begged the Father to forgive His persecutors, **for they knew not what they did**.

Christ had it within His power to spare Himself from this suffering, pain and reproach. A legion of angels were at His beckoning. Yet, His prayer was, **Father, not my will but Thine be Done**. This is a prayer which ought to be always in a Christian's heart, so that he is daily led and does not run ahead.

The two condemned men who hung beside Christ also present striking examples. The one criminal's interest was to be spared the agony of the cross, and he reproved Christ for not using His power to get down. This man died in sin. The other criminal begged Christ to remember him, and he died to sin. This man heard the words, "To day shalt thou be with me in paradise", from Christ, who gave up the ghost, dying for sin. It was not the man who died in sin, but the one who died to sin that ascended with Christ to heaven.

Had the grave held Christ, then could we believe the tomb the end for man, but death had no sting and the grave no victory. Likewise can

we expect to arise unto a new life when we die unto sin, and again to resurrect from the dust to life immortal, after our pilgrimage ends here.

Hospitalized this past month were Bro. Fred Marty, Sis. Martha Lou Marty, Sis. Eleanor Ramsier, Bro. Don Walder, Sis. Louise Riggenbach and Ronald Christian.

Funeral services were held for Bradley David, infant son of Bro. Vincent and Sis. Jane Hartzler, who died March 27. He was also survived by Jonathon and Jennifer.

A son, Arlyn Charles, was born March 16 to Bro. Alvin and Sis. Elverna Zollinger. He joins a brother, Norman, at home.

ALABAMA

Lynn Klopfenstein

Easter Sunday, the first congregational service was held in the new Laudersville Church house. The building is indeed modern in every respect. Both morning and evening services were well attended. The main assembly room has seating for 150; there are four Sunday School rooms in the basement, as well as a fully-equipped kitchen and facilities for fellowship. Elder Bro. Noah Bauman conducted the open house services.

On April 8, we welcomed the arrival of 45 brethren from Peoria, who traveled via chartered bus to spend a week end in our churches. Countless blessings and joys were derived from the Spirit of Christian fellowship. Among the visiting group was the mixed choir directed by Bro. Ed Meister. The choir sang at our three churches, as well as at the home of Bro. George Kelly in Tennessee.

Mr. Riley Terry of near Moulton, passed away recently.

The marriage of Leon Drake, son of Sis. Bessie Drake, and Gail Blackwood was performed by Bro. Junior Hale.

We are thankful for the recent ministry of the following brothers: Lester Huber, Elmer Bucher, Jesse Schrock and Jim Hoerr.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Mr. and Mrs. John Isch

We are so happy and thankful to welcome a new young family to our city. Bro. and Sis. Charles Neuenchwander and their eight children have recently moved here from Bluffton and now regularly worship with us. Charles is working here for a local industrial firm. We certainly

wish them well in their move, and ask that the good Lord will provide for them. We hope that this will be only the first of many more families to settle in our community; our little church would certainly profit from them.

With the winter behind us and spring now at hand, we would hope that more brethren and friends from surrounding areas could come to worship with us every second and fourth Sunday of each month. Bro. Elmer Hartter of Milford ministered to us on April 9 and Bros. Emanuel Gudeman and Ed Hohulin plan to be with us for our next meeting. For those of us who depend so much upon these services for our spiritual food and drink, the efforts of our visiting ministers and their supporting congregations have great value.

LESTER, IOWA

Emelie Knobloch

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Raymond Meyer, a daughter, Dawn LaRae, on March 10; to Bro. and Sis. Melvin Knobloch, a son, Dirrick John, March 26; to Bro. and Sis. Robert Metzger, a son, Robbie Allen, Feb. 22.

Infant Jean Lois Knobloch, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Gilbert Knobloch, passed away March 10, at Iowa City Hospital, following heart surgery. She was born Jan. 29. Besides her parents she leaves eight brothers: Roland, Timothy, Charles, Kyle, Philip, James, Lou and Paul; three sisters: Peggy, Barbara and Ann; her grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Ernest Kellenberger, Morris; Bro. and Sis. Emil Knobloch of here. May the Lord share his sympathy to the family during their lonely hours, but we know she is safe in the arms of Jesus.

Bro. Chris Kellenberger has been able to assemble with us again. He wants me to convey his thanks to all, who made his hospital stay and recovery more pleasant by sending gifts, flowers, and blessings for a speedy recovery.

Many loved ones were home for the Easter holiday. We had a blessed evening March 19, when our Sunday School youth shared teachings and songs, in a program on the true meaning of Easter.

Marvin and Charles Metzger have been discharged from the service.

Little Robbie Metzger, who has been in the hospital a couple times since his birth is now home again.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Julie Dapper — Ruth Dapper

Due to ill health our minister, Bro. Albert Kaisner, was unable to assemble with us for several Sundays; however, we are thankful that God has granted him enough strength that he is now able to spend his Sunday mornings with us in the house of the Lord. Our prayers are that God will continue to strengthen Bro. Albert, so he will soon be able to resume his duties.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Pearl Miller and family of Portland spent the evening of March 13 with our congregation. Bro. Robert, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, brought unto us many instructions and warnings which will aid us in our everyday life. The main reason of their coming was to take their daughter, Marlise, who has been working here in southern California for several months, along back to Oregon. During Marlise's stay here, she could see the lost condition of her soul and has submitted unto God through repentance. We wish her the Lord's blessings as she walks this narrow path.

Our community was shocked and saddened on Palm Sunday with the tragic death of 3-yr.-old Teri Schwarz. Teri was the daughter of Bill and Patti Schwarz and the granddaughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Naomi Schwarz. Both Teri and her mother, Patti, were struck by an automobile while visiting in Phoenix. The accident took the life of little Teri and seriously injured Patti. Several days later Patti was flown by ambulance plane to Los Angeles and was admitted to the St. Lukes Hospital in Pasadena. Funeral services for Teri were held Sat., March 25, with Bro. John Klotzle officiating, assisted by our elder, Bro. Carl Kinsinger. It is sometimes hard for us to understand why these things happen, but we truly know that God has a reason for everything. May the parents, grandparents, and all be comforted and strengthened through God's grace and unfailing love. Those who may wish to send Patti a note of cheer may forward it to: Mrs. William Schwarz Jr., c/o St. Lukes Hospital, 2632 E. Washington, Pasadena California.

We have again felt the preciousness of our faith this past month. Joe and Sis. Theresa Stefan from Francesville came to California on a vacation. Shortly after their arrival in southern California, Joe

was stricken with a severe heart attack. Their daughter and son-in-law, Sis. Marean and Bro. Jim Gutwein, flew out to be here during Joe's illness. Feeling there was a slight improvement in their father, Sis. Marean and Bro. Jim left for Francesville, on Tuesday, April 4. On Thursday, April 6, the Lord called Joe unto Him. Even though we had only met the Stefan and Gutwein families during their short stay here, once again we could feel the close and preciousness of our faith, and how it does truly bind our hearts together with love, even though our earthly homes are many miles apart. Our entire congregation extends its deepest sympathy to Sis. Theresa and her family, and pray that God will comfort them in their sorrow.

As the angels in heaven rejoice over every sinner that repenteth, so do we also rejoice that our friend, Kay Wieland, has submitted her heart to the Lord in repentance. Kay is from Princeville, and has been employed by Western Airlines in Inglewood, Calif. May God grant unto her the grace to remain upon the Narrow Path of Life, which leads to heaven above.

When the news reached our congregation that Elder Bro. Fred Grimm, passed away, our hearts were truly saddened. We extend our sympathy unto his wife, Sis. Louise, his children and the Taylor congregation. May God bring comfort to your heart and to all those who knew Bro. Fred, for he certainly was loved by all, and will now be missed by all.

Bro. and Sis. John Hassig, who spent the winter with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hassig of Wilmington, have again returned to their home in Ohio. We wish to thank them for their visit and becoming a part of our congregation during their stay. We will miss them and invite them to return to visit us, if it can be the Lord's will.

The presence of our two dear older sisters, Anna Vly and Rose Eigner, are certainly missed. Both Sisters Anna and Rose have gone to spend their remaining life in a convalescent home. Those who may wish to send them a card or write a note of cheer and encouragement may send it to Miss Anna Vly, c/o Cal-Haven Convalescent Hospital, 445 West Broadway, Glendale Calif.; Miss Rose Eigner, c/o Elmonte Convalescent Hospital, 4096 Easy, El Monte Calif.

We have again had many visitors and wish to thank them for taking the time to visit and assemble with us. It gives us great joy in our small congregation to meet loved ones from afar. May God bless you all.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Diane Olson

When He had all things created,
This great planet had completed,
Lastly He created man
In the likeness of His Maker,
That he should be a partaker
Of the good gifts in His plan.
Zion's Harp

The earth has come out of its dormancy and surely demonstrates an example to man, that he also should spring forth with fruit worthy of God's praise.

Our congregation was privileged to hear the memorandum, exhorted to us by Elder Bros. Leo Moser and Paul Fehr. How uplifting it is to be reminded what the Lord bids us to put behind for his sake.

Bro. Elmer Schmidt, Winthrop, and Bro. Alphi Moser, Morris, ministered unto us recently. We thank God for their precious teachings.

Pioneers

Bro. Noah Miller

The thought or beginning of church service in Minneapolis began one Sunday in the Winthrop church, when a friend from Minneapolis attended church. He asked the ministers if it would be possible to have church services in Minneapolis. He was told they would talk it over with their elder brother, Henry Koehl of Morris. With his support, and Bros. Paul Banwart of West Bend and Noah Schrock of Oakville, a schedule was set up, to have church service with Morris, Lester, West Bend, Winthrop rotating in sending ministering brothers, Sunday School teachers, song leaders.

The first services was held in a friends home, Oct. 1962.

The Bible was opened to the book of Jonah, chapter 3, where God told Jonah to go and preach to the great city of Nineveh.

We now have church service in a YMCA building every Sunday, in Minneapolis, 1845 East Lake. Sunday School is 9:30, church service, 10:30. We have 22 children in Sunday School, 7 members, one dear soul in repentance, and a number of friends.

We invite ministering Bros. and others to visit us. May we plant and

water according to God's will, so He will give the increase.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter — Mrs. Bill Heimer
Visiting ministers the past month were Bro. Paul Butikofer, Elgin (Ia), Bro. Roy Ehnle, Bradford, and Bro. Bob Pohl, Burlington.

Little Jeffery, son of Kenneth and Sis. Mardell Dietz, Bradford, was hospitalized with a virus while they were visiting her parents, Bro. Fred and Sis. Louise Grimm.

Sally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Riney, met with an accident while riding on a bicycle. She was thrown off when the bicycle hit a rock, and sustained a concussion and bruises. They have both been able to return home.

Rodney, son of Sis. Naomi Heimer, fell while playing at school and received an injury to his knee, requiring 21 stitches.

We enjoyed the program presented by the Sunday School pupils and teachers on Good Friday evening.

We are confident that 'At Home Tis Well' for our dearly beloved Elder Bro. Fred Grimm, who had so faithfully served us, and who in the past two years had known so much pain and suffering. We are thankful that he could be released, and guidance in the affairs of the church and the love that he showed us, especially to the children.

Bro. Fred was born in Elgin, Ia. Aug. 14, 1909, the son of Bro. Edward and Sis. Anna Burki Grimm, and died on Mar. 31 at the age of 57 years. He was married to Sis. Louise Hodel on June 5, 1932 at Cissna Park. He is survived by Sis. Louise, a son, Bro. Roy, and three daughters, Sis. Judy (Don) Feller and Sis. Kathy (Paul) Haab of Quincy, Ill., and Sis. Mardell (Kenneth) Dietz, Bradford; a brother, Leo of Chicago; four sisters, Sis. Marie (Will) Butikofer—Quincy, Sis. Rose (Ezra) Steffen—Elgin, Ill., Sis. Elizabeth (Eli) Sutter—Taylor, and Sis. Sarah (Leslie) Gerst—Oakville, and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mrs. Anna (Jess) Gudeman and his parents.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Ben Maibach Jr., Detroit, and Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville. There were many other elders and ministers present, also a host of brethren and friends to pay their respect and love for him.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis.

Louise and the family, who so faithfully cared for him during his long illness.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Bob Grimm

Good Friday services were very special this year; we had in our midst a new convert. Mrs. Chester Newlin from Deer Creek has turned to the Lord in repentance. Since then, our dear friend, Sam Scheiler, also from Deer Creek, has made a beginning in Christ.

Visiting ministers to our congregation: Bros. LeRoy Hartman from Peoria, Walter Anliker and LeRoy Huber from Eureka, Joe Stoller from Princeville, and Jim Ringger from Bradford.

A new baby boy, Brad Alan, was born to Bro. and Sis. Steve and Mary Ellen Weigand on March 10. Mr. and Mrs. Don Tanner are parents of a baby girl, born on April 7. They named her Nannette Amanda. Both babies are their parents' first child.

Our friend, Bob Watt, from Goodfield, passed away very suddenly on Sat. morning, April 1. He was a brother to Mrs. Eli Hohulin.

Sis. Nettie Knapp (Mrs. Kores Knapp) has been a patient in the Eureka Hospital. Mrs. Chester Newlin is a patient in the St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, where she recently underwent surgery.

Bro. Magnus Hartman is convalescing nicely at this time. He attended church a half a day last Sunday, the first time in a long time. This is a joy for which he has been longing, and our congregation is very happy to see him in our midst again.

Bro. Adolph Tanner is recuperating satisfactorily in his home, after having undergone major surgery. He has attended church services a couple of times recently.

Pvt. Bruce Hohulin, who is stationed in Germany, walked in on his parents (Bro. and Sis. Lawrence and Laura Hohulin) the 1st of April, and surprised them. He will be home until the end of April, at which time he will again return to Germany to complete his time in service. He should be returning home about next March.

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PURDUE UNIVERSITY Lafayette, Indiana

Mary Heinold — Shirley Frank

We were happy and thankful to see a nice gathering at our Easter program, held on the 22nd of March. Our host for the evening service was the Francesville church. We would like to thank Bro. Huber for bringing us the message of Easter, and the Gospel Heirs for making our evening even more enjoyable.

Our friends, Elaine Stephen and Norma Schini were proved and baptized in their home church of Remington on March 26, Easter. We know the happiness their parents feel, and it is our hope and certainly everyone's prayer that many more will seek the only real happiness and peace that only God can offer.

Being away from home, we can really appreciate our friends and brothers and sisters in faith. Perhaps this can best express our thoughts.

There are friendships that we cherish,
In our daily walk of life . . .
Friends who live by truth and goodness,
And who live in Him anew.
There is mutual understanding
And a sympathy so kind,
In the tie of Christian friendship
As on earth we oftentimes find.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS

Ben Blunier

In March, we were pleased to have Bros. Wendell Gudeman, Francisville; Jim Ringger, Bradford; Dan Koch, Tremont; and Ed Hohulin minister to us. Bros. Joe Zimmerman, Roanoke, and Emanuel Gudeman taught our Bible classes. We certainly thank the brothers and pray for grace to live the lessons taught.

Bro. Wendell showed slides of his World Relief trip to Haiti. This was an experience, just to view the great poverty and great need in that country. It looks almost hopeless, but with God all things are possible. Let us support our church efforts to help these people.

Sis. Ann Rinkenberger of Champaign is announced to marry Bro. Richard Steiner of Tremont. Ann is the daughter of the Bill Rinkenbergers of Cissna Park, and Richard the son of the Dan Steiners of Tremont. God's blessings to them.

In Zion's Harp Hymn No. 237, we sing "Hand in Hand, O may love bind us . . . for each other's welfare strive." This is Christian love. This is what Christ meant when he said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." This is Christian friendship.

Where could we find any better examples of such Christian friendship than in our ministering elders and brothers, who always seem willing to give of themselves, their time and talents, and materially. We are fortunate at Champaign to be the recipients from the ministers that serve us time to time, and must especially mention our dear Bros. Ed Hohulin and Emanuel Gudeman. They have faithfully served us two and three times a month for years now. Only God can reward such devotion, and as He has promised, He surely will.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr
Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Norma Beyer, high school daughter of Bro. Ivan and Sis. Ada Beyer was hospitalized for a week with a fungus infection in her throat. She has returned to school now.

Bro. Dan Kraft is slowly gaining, at the hospital. He hopes to be able to go home in the near future. He is not allowed normal visitations as yet.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

Sis. Sarah Braker has not been able to assemble with us for many weeks. We pray she may gain strength and can again be among us on Sundays.

Bro. Lester and Sis. Fern Braker have returned from an extended trip to visit two of their children and their families. We are thankful that they have safely returned home and were with us again last Sunday.

Elder Bro. Sam Anliker was with us Sunday. He so kindly gave us the report of the conference. We could feel and see the grave concern of our elders in leading their flocks. May we pray for obedient hearts.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Verna Woodward
Elaine Eisenmann

We are sorry to hear that Sis. Sarah Gerst is in the hospital, but hope she will soon be at home again and can be with us at our church services.

Our monthly singing was very well attended for April, and we were happy to have visitors with us from Peoria that Sunday.

Spring is here again, and with it comes the many beauties and wonders of our Lord.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Edward Unsicker

Oh Lord of goodness so amazing,
Not one is worthy, no not one.
We stand in shame and wonder
gazing
At wondrous things which Thou
hast done.
Thy crowning grace and precious
blood
Have reconciled us with our God.

Another dear friend, Marlise Miller, has recently experienced this glorious reconciling by His **crowning grace and precious blood**. Dear fellow believers, don't our hearts ache with longing, that all whom we meet may have this supreme gift of God and know the ecstasy of walking with Jesus, day after day? . . . "and the life which I now live in the flesh", said Paul, "I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

Bro. Garth and Sis. Connie Steffen, Danny, Joey, and Jimmy are all welcoming another little boy into their hearts and home. The newcomer's name is Nathan.

Friendship

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:14. To be a friend of the Lord Jesus Christ is almost too wonderful for comprehension, yet the Bible tells us many times that He is our very best Friend! As we heard in a recent sermon, it is very understandable that we poor creatures should yearn after Him, but how can it be that He seeks us? Yet I have just read one of these promises again, in John, 4—"for the Father seeketh such to worship him." Surely when we greet our brother or sister, and we think, "Here is another who is an intimate friend of the Lord Jesus", our hearts thrill as with no other earthly friendship!

Friendship in the Lord encompasses all ages. Is there any friend more precious than one who has served the Lord through a long lifetime? Listening to an aged friend speak of the things of heaven, knowing his or her time here is not long anymore, we can almost glimpse the glory awaiting!

On the other hand, how thankful we are to have close rapport and understanding, sweet friendship in the Lord, with young believers, perhaps many years younger than we. We can only find ourselves thanking the Lord over and over, for His calling them out of the black unbelief that so characterizes their generation today.

Distance also is spanned by true friendship in the Lord. Little notes of thoughtfulness keep communications open, and many fervent prayers speed on miraculous wings. How often when we have been in times of trouble have we said to a friend, "We knew someone was praying!"

Somehow, in the Lord, one seems never to single out special friends. It is such a fresh miracle each time we meet another soul who has been touched by the finger of His love—we know that each one is more than a friend—we know each one would do anything in his power for each other one in the Lord Jesus!

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Sara Aeschleman

Easter Sunday was a very happy day for our congregation, as there were five more precious souls added to the fold. Our friends, Gary and Joyce Roth, Kenneth Hodel, Connie Fehr and Kathy Fischer were bap-

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tized before God and a host of witnesses. We surely cannot thank the Lord enough for His wonderful plan of salvation given to all who will ask.

Visiting ministers this past month were Bros. Ed Frank and Art Gudeman from La Crosse; Ed Aeschleman; Paul Fehr, Morris; David Bertsch, Leo; Uriel Gehring, Burlington; and LeRoy Huber, Eureka.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Harley Moser are the parents of a new son, Thomas George, born March 15. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Luginbuhl have a new son, Scott Raymond, born March 4. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hodel also are the parents of their first son, Daniel Joseph born March 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Blunier are the parents of their first child, a little girl, Thekla Jean. Bro. and Sis. Gerald Fischer's have a new little daughter, Judy Renae, born March 12.

Bro. John Bowald is able to attend services, after being confined to his home since October. We are thankful.

Sis. Anna Pfister is a patient in the Eureka Hospital. Bro. Jack Leman is a patient at the Mayo Clinic.

The beautiful **Gospel Hymns Revised** will be available again in coming months. Would you be interested in one or more? They are a fine book to ask a teacher to assign for lessons. To sing, they are

lovely. Price is \$3.75 postage pd. [plus Indiana tax to Hoosier residents]. Fifty or more, are less. For orders or information write Gospel Hymn Publishing Co. Inc., Grabill, Ind. 46741.

Many of our college addresses will be pulled between the May and June mailings. If a student has been receiving the Silver Lining, and should or would like to continue through the summer, drop us a line.

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GLORIOUS SONG

The thrilling reaches of song distance in the eternal. It is an outburst of the spring of the soul. It is the stirring of immortal joy. It is the plan of the Almighty God, the instruction of the Master.

"Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem."

God created man in His image. Full understanding of this glorious Creator will be a joy. Think of being with Him. He has a marvellous voice. Psalm 29 praises Him for His voice. In Zephaniah we read: "The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing."

When God sings. How heavenly and delightful it will be to hear!

Singing is the outburst of the soul in the love for its Maker. It trills and thrills the darkest hour with the glorious burst of dawn. It is splendor God has given, the beautiful soul responding in chords divine.

Jesus sang, so close to Calvary. Just a little while on, his soul would be sorrowful, even unto death. In crucial, painful Gethsemane, sweat would drop as blood. Friends would flee. Before rest would come, the cup would be empty, and he would have won. Just a little while before:

"And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives." Every pilgrim has his mount. Is there not much to learn with the Master?

"I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." Precious Jesus, He partook of flesh and blood because of the sinner. Can we fathom the fellowship in all its glorious glow? Exemplified and exampled in the holy kiss, it surpasses all of earth's glitter, enthralled and encompassed in home.

He will sing. He inspires in the Spirit today. Boundless joy is for one who senses the presence of the Master. What a day, when face to face our voice will blend with our Lord, and He with us.

Sing at midnight, or in the morning.

"Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds."

The glory round the Lord in heaven is, in appearance, as the rainbow. It is lovely. We have His glory, a spiritual rainbow. Joyful? His dream is ours. Eternity is in view.

Glorious song may lift the spirit anywhere. "... God my maker, who giveth songs in the night". Wounded on the battlefield, or abed as a shut-in, beautiful hymns are meant

to help, from the Master. The Physician for every anxious care would take them, and for His moment let you dream—with joy, in peace.

"I will praise thee with my whole heart . . ." These words hold the secret to joyful singing. Notes, chords, time, timbre tie to a perfect place. Gathering the hearts to a determined unison to the Almighty One is the thrilling reaches of joy. How our hearts need soar to the heights of heavenly place. When there is this oneness of heart and oneness of voice, the glory of the Lord shines.

"I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever . . . I will praise thy name for ever and ever." "I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever . . ."

Song is part of the Father's city. Loneliness will be forever gone. Everyone will have perfect talent. Time, notes and chords will be richest, best. Our reception will be perfect. In joyous reverie we shall awake in eternal spring. All will be just perfect!

Everyone should sing, for it is joy. It is the recommendation of God for each soul.

"Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people."

Your editor