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## FOLLOW ME

This inspired message was written by a brother-in-faith, and came into my possession. Theo. Beer.

He who taught from authority said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life:" and "Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep." As we further read God's word, our observation teaches that salvation and a Christian life wholly consists of a personal relationship and faith in the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ, who ascribes to Himself the title, and rightly so, the "good shepherd", which giveth His life for the sheep. Upon the act of our faith in Christ, we may rest assured in His providential care, for time and eternity.

But you say, How can I know these things? How can I receive it for myself, and what must I do?

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." But you say, How can this be? Friend, let us take Christ's "Follow me" in simple steps, as He Himself taught.

Do you really believe the Bible is true? You must, if you wish to expect any consolation for time and eternity. Truly believe and be honest with yourself. If you truly

believe the Bible, this leads to Conviction. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Without this sense of need and guilt, it would be impossible to sense the need of a Saviour. If conviction is present, this will lead us to **Contrition**, deep, godly sorrow and humiliation for sin. If there is not godly sorrow for sin, one is most likely to turn again into his own sin. If there is not contrition, there is hardly repentance. We need to be sorry for sin, not sorry we cannot sin.

If we have true contrition, this will lead us to **Confession**. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins . . ." Man has tried since Adam and Eve to cover his sin, but let us be sure our sin will find us out.

When one has acknowledged his sin through conviction, contrition, and confession (before God and fellowman), transformation takes place. Things are different now. If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. If this transforming power

is present, we cannot but confess what great things the Lord hath done for our souls.

After whom do you follow? Jesus said, "... wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction" but "strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Jesus said, "I am the door". In Revelation we read of another door: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Yes, dear Friend, why not follow Him who had the authority to say "Follow me". In times like these, you need a Saviour, an anchor for the soul. Jesus is the only one who can help you, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. In this stress and strain of life, He will be your constant companion and un-failing guide.

Heed His kind invitation, Follow me, all the way, buried with Him in the waters of baptism, wherein also you are risen with Him through faith unto newness of life.

## HISTORY AMERICAN ELDERS

### INDIANA

Leo

Souder Henry, Sr. Born in Wayne County, Ohio, August 17, 1846. Ordained elder 1902 by Bros. Chris Gerber, Fairbury; Michael Mangold, Roanoke; and Andrew Rapp, Morton. Died October 25, 1924.

From 1862 until approximately 1878, services were held in the homes. In 1878 the first church building was erected.

When Bro. Souder was a young man, he was a member of some other denomination. He felt he did

not have what it required to be a true Christian, and began to seek for a faith which complied with the word of God. In the meantime, he repented and received peace with God; then he prayed that God should lead him to the church where he would find the true light.

Bro. Souder was a kind and loving shepherd, was loved and esteemed by young and old. He served as elder, not only in the Leo church, but also in the Bluffton, Bremen, Junction, Latty and Bay City churches.

Bertsch, David, Leo. Born at Grabbill, March 5, 1920. Ordained elder February 13, 1966 by Bros. Sam Aeschliman, George Yergler, George Sinn and Theo. Beer.

Milford

Beer, Theo. Born in Mansfield, Jan. 13, 1898. Ordained elder Aug. 5, 1956 by Bros. David Mangold, Roanoke; Samuel Aeschliman, Bluffton; George Yergler, La Crosse; and Joseph Klopfenstein, Gridley.

The present church building was  
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## PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Shirley Frank — Mary Heinold

The Ft. Wayne and La Crosse churches were in charge of our last two evening services. We would like to thank the ministering brethren (Bro. Norman Stoller and Bro. Ed Frank) and all who shared in making possible our meeting together.

Aaron Bauer and Bro. Kent Ringger have completed their studies, and graduated in January.

We are now making plans for our Easter program, which will be held at our evening services on the 10th of April.

On the 30th of March we will be returning home for spring vacation, which ends April 4.

We would like to share with others the following poem written by one of our students here at Purdue, Bro. Clint Bucher:

**A Moment Too Late**

One day in my room I sat thinking;  
A knock at the door filled the air.  
Quickly I went to the doorway;  
A stranger was standing there.

A stranger yet vaguely familiar,  
Like someone that I ought to know.  
He said, I have but a moment,  
One moment, then I must go.

I have a gift here, my dear brother,  
A gift you may have for your own,  
A treasure greater than any other  
The world has ever known.

One thing you must do first my  
brother,  
Before this great gift you can own,  
Forsake all your worldly pleasures,  
And kneel at the foot of God's  
throne.

You must humble yourself my  
brother.  
Ask God; He the grace will provide,  
And then take my hand and  
together,  
We'll walk down life's road side by  
side.

I pondered a moment this stranger,  
With the gentle look in his eye;  
I pondered a moment his offer,  
Then made my hasty reply.

I'm sorry, my time is all taken,  
And my idle moments are few.  
With all of my worldly pleasures,  
I haven't got time for you.

The look in his eyes changed to  
sadness,  
But the tenderness still abode.  
Then not waiting for my excuses,  
He started on down the road.

I stood at my door for a moment.  
This stranger, just who could he be,  
To come to my doorstep knocking,  
And offer a treasure to me?

Back in my room I was thinking,  
When a knock again filled the air.  
I hurried again to the doorway;  
A friend was standing there.

I sensed something different about  
him;  
He seemed to be happy and gay.  
He then related this story;  
A stranger had passed his way.

This stranger had offered a  
treasure,  
The friend had been glad to accept.  
I wondered, could this be the  
treasure,  
I was so quick to reject?

I saw in my friend's eyes the same  
look,  
That was in the stranger's before.  
'Twas only then that I realized,  
Jesus had been at my door.

Then quickly I ran down the  
sidewalk,  
But then I remembered in woe.  
The words of the traveler's  
greeting,  
One moment, then I must go.

Yes, Jesus had been at my heart's  
door,  
He wanted to give me a gift.  
He wanted to give my salvation,  
My burdens he wanted to lift.

But I was too full of the world,  
The pleasures and folly of sin,  
I didn't have time to consider,  
And let the Savior come in.

My pleasures of sin are all gone  
now;  
Many times I have nothing to do.  
Tis then I recall my answer:  
I haven't got time for you!

**ALTO, MICHIGAN**

Donna Steffen

"... be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only..." We were very happy that on Feb. 11 Bro. Joe Wai-bel (Bay City) could spend the day with us. Bro. Joe spoke two very encouraging messages; we trust

that he did not come here in vain, but that we might take these words to heart and become more steadfast on this narrow path of life. Bro. Joe announced that friend Louise Desotell has found peace. We are so happy that Louise has chosen this new walk of life, and we wish her all of God's richest blessings. Louise is the daughter of Bro. Derry and Sis. Virginia Schutte. After the afternoon services, Bro. Joe read and discussed the memorandum. It was truly a very blessed day.

Little Teddy Steffen, son of Bro. Aaron and Sis. Loretta Steffen was ill, and hospitalized a few days, from virus and croup. We are thankful Teddy could return home and is back to good health.

Bro. Carl and Sis. Myrna Steffen were blessed Feb. 27 with a baby boy. To welcome home Mark Anthony is his brother, Terry, and three sisters, Treasure, Michelle and Jill.

**FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Joe Beer

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." There was joy in our hearts on Sun., Feb. 25. Our dearly beloved friend, Rich Kupferschmid (Forrest), who is stationed at Ft Hood and assembles with us on week ends, decided that the pleasures of this world meant nothing to him anymore. The evening before, our ministering brother, LeRoy Messner (Winthrop) said, "Friends, you are tempting God when you put off repentance." This was one of the statements that stuck with Rich. Let us all pray for Rich and any others that have started on the road that Jesus our beloved Sav-

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your travelled first. Let us always remind ourselves of the reward waiting at the other end, for the true and faithful.

What a day that will be  
When my Jesus I shall see,  
And I look upon His face,  
The One who saved me by His  
grace;  
When He takes me by the hand  
And leads me through the promised  
land,  
What a day, glorious day that will  
be.

4 Feb.—Bro. Elmer and Sis. Matilda Fehr, Sisters Nima Fehr, Elizabeth Traub and Corrine Traub, all of West Bend, were here to visit their sons and nephews, Bros. Jim and Denny Fehr.

11 Feb.—Ministering Bro. Robert Pohl and his wife, Sis. Joyce were here, and Bro. Robert brought some wonderful messages. Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mildred Bauman were here from Goodfield to visit their son, Gary. (Bro. Gene and Sis. Kay Siebenthal and daughter Lu Ann came with them.)

14 Feb.—Ministering Bro. Paul and Sis. Anna Fehr (Morris) and Bro. Alden and Sis. Tillie Nussbaum were here on Wed. evening to visit Bro. Paul's nephews, Bro. Denny and Jim Fehr. Bro. Art Mogler and Sis. Eula (West Bend) were also here at that time.

18 Feb.—Ministering Bro. Earl and Sis. Edna Banwart, Bro. Walter and Sis. Esther Banwart (West Bend) were here to visit Bro. Earl's son, Eldon. Bro. Harold and Sis. Emma Blunier (Roanoke) were here to visit their daughter, Sis. Sharon Kellenberger and her husband, Bro. Keith. (Sisters Ginny and Cindy Beer (my sisters) from Milford came with Bro. Harold's.)

25 Feb.—Ministering Bro. LeRoy and Sis. JoAnn Messner (Winthrop) were here with their daughter, Cheryl. Bros. Kenneth and Irvin Furrer came down with Ron Getz (Wolcott). Ron's brother, Bro. Eldon is stationed here.

New Servicemen—Friends Herb Steffen and Duane Bach (Fairbury) and Dean Eisenmann (Cissna Park) got down here on 19 Feb.

Bros. Denny Nieman (Rittman), Steve Gerst (Oakville), and LeRoy Yackley (Taylor) were discharged. May God ever be with those who have just come in, and those who

have completed their tour of duty.

We wish to thank all ministers and visitors that consider it worthwhile to come and fellowship with us. This is a real example of the true love that does bind us together. May God bless you.

Because of the Hemisfair (which is from Apr. 6—Oct. 6) we are asking that anyone planning to come down during this period would let us know as far ahead as possible, because of anticipated crowded motel conditions.

Our scheduled ministers for the month of April are: Rittman—14 Apr., and Milford—28 Apr. We ask that you would please drop us a line as early as possible.

Bro. Steve Gerst (Oakville), your former reporter has asked me to take over these news until my discharge in June. Please pray for us, as we do for you.

Bro. Barry Isch (Bluffton), after graduating from basic was assigned a permanent party position. We hope and pray that God will see fit to keep him here for his entire term, as the other permanent parties will be out of the Army by the end of June, Lord willing.

#### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich  
Mrs. Edison Gutwein

"I will have to put down this blessed day in my Memory Book"; these were the words of a visitor, as he left on the Sunday that we had baptism for Mary (Gerber) Wuethrich and Dale and Ann Ward. The loving visiting brothers were Herman Kellenberger, George Yergler and Orville Ringger; also Bro. Sam Aeschliman, who spoke this: "I can assure you that we rejoiced at Bluffton when we heard you, Mary, was repenting." . . . And our hearts almost overflowed with love when we could accept Dale and Ann Ward into our fold.

In the evening, communion was given. Bro. George said he will not forget what old Grandpa Gutwein said: "Communion and the greeting of the holy kiss go hand in hand."

We have another joy to tell you. Sis. Linda Anliker and Bro. Robert Beer of Milford wish to say that their coming wedding will be the second most important step in their lives. The most important was when they individually received Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Because He

has led them together, they intend to join hands and hearts, to serve and live for Him until death.

Our third "Joy" was Bro. and Sis. Richard Streitmatter's 40th wedding anniversary. We all wish them the continued Christian love and blessings that they and their daughters give to our congregation.

Now we have a sad report. The deceased Bro. John and Sis. Mary Wuethrich's daughter and her husband, Hortense and Deloss Brenne-man, were suddenly taken in a car-train accident, during a heavy fog. The daughter's wish was granted, which she once said; she wanted a funeral like her mother's. Bro. Harry Bucher gave special comforting words to the two daughters, Betsy and Susie, that God will take care of them. We want to support them with love and prayers.

#### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

Sis. Marietta Kyburz, age 44, passed away Feb. 9, after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Ben; one son, Robert; and 2 brothers. Funeral services were held at the church on Feb. 12, with our local ministers officiating. May the Lord be with the bereft ones, that they might find comfort in the fact that Sis. Marietta is now at rest, relieved from all her suffering.

Cynthia Lynn is the new little daughter born to Kenneth and Diane (Lehman) Hopkins on Feb. 13. Bro. Irvin and Sis. Dorothy are the maternal grandparents.

Bros. John Anker and Andrew Farney are both confined to their homes by illness. We pray that their health might be restored, if it can be the Lord's will. Bro. Andrew recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

Bro. Bob Reuter has been elected as new trustee and treasurer, filling the expired term of Bro. Vernon Furrer. Bro. Dan Reel is our new usher, to assist Bro. Vernon Furrer; and Bro. Glenn and Sis. Eileen Furrer are to continue in charge of our World Relief Work.

#### GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

At this season of the year there are the usual colds etc., but we look forward to the wonderful spring-time, not too far. This is the time of preparation and sowing. We can ap-

ply this to both material and spiritual.

Oscar W. Emch of 406 E. Pine St., Girard, died Sun., Feb. 11, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Youngstown, of a heart ailment at age 66. He was a patient for 23 days. His funeral was held at the church, Wed. Feb. 14. Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf officiated, assisted by Elder Bro. Noah Bauman and Bro. Robt. Stoll. Beside his wife, Marjorie Latimer, whom he married 37 years ago, he leaves to mourn his passing his two daughters, Mrs. Joanne Brown of Akron and Mrs. Jacqueline Felix of New York City; a son, Daniel of Warren O; six grandchildren; five brothers, Joseph D., Frank A., Jesse C., J. Lorentz and Carl L.; two sisters, Mrs. Louise Lance and Mrs. Esther Saylor. Another brother preceded him in death 48 years ago, and his funeral was also on February 14.

Oscar had been associated with the Penn-Ohio Towel Supply Co. 41 years, and for the past 11 years he was sales and service manager. He was very active in the community, especially with the school system (he was a board member twelve years). We can be sure Oscar will be missed by many. May God be the One of whom his wife Marjorie will always seek her help. May the Lord bless her and the family. The following was on a season's greeting card sent this past Christmas by Oscar and Marjorie Emch.

"Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so"—  
Little children ask no more,  
For love is all they're looking for,  
And in a small child's shining eyes  
The faith of all the ages lies . . .  
For lost in life's complexities  
We drift upon uncharted seas  
And slowly FAITH disintegrates  
While wealth and power accumulates—

And the more man learns,  
the less he knows,  
And the more involved  
his thinking grows  
And in his arrogance and pride  
No longer is man satisfied  
To place his confidence and love  
With childlike FAITH in God  
above—  
Oh, Father, grant once more to men  
A simple childlike FAITH again  
And, with a small child's trusting  
eyes,

May all men come to realize  
That FAITH alone can save man's  
soul  
And lead him to a HIGHER GOAL.

### MORTON, ILLINOIS

#### Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

Funeral services were held for Bro. David Wick, 84, on Feb. 16. He was the son of Valentine and Helena Bahr Wick, and married LaVina Kinsinger, who preceded him in death. He is survived by two sons, Bro. Harry of Morton, and Valentine of Washington; three daughters, Helen (Mrs. Lawrence) Roche of Eureka, Sis. Ruth (Mrs. George) Frank of Tremont, and Caroline (Mrs. Charles) Bell of Biloxi, Mississippi. Bro. Russell Rapp and Bro. Robert Grimm (Goodfield) officiated.

Funeral services were held Feb. 29 for Elmer Belsley, 55, who died unexpectedly at Bradenton, Florida. He was the son of Jos. P. and Anna Bauman Belsley, who survive. He is also survived by his wife, Viola Osterman Belsley, three brothers, Raymond of Morton, Lloyd of East Peoria, Wm. of Eureka; two sisters, Mrs. Albert Fischer of Peoria and Mrs. Edw. Martin of Morton. Bros. Henry Grimm, Russell Rapp and Joe Zimmerman conducted the services.

Funeral services were held March 3 for Ben Hofmann, 68. He was the son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Bertha Huette Hofmann. Surviving are his wife, Lena Kashefska Hofmann; two daughters, Mrs. Harlan (Ellen) Davis and Mrs. Leland (Lois) Post; two brothers, Bro. Frank of Mackinaw and Silas of Flanagan. Bros. Frances Rother and Al Aberle (Tremont) officiated.

Bros. Silas Leuthold, Princeville, Sam Anliker of Lamont, Carl Feucht, Lester, and Harvey Grimm of Bern, were with us and assisted Bro. Russell Rapp with the testimonies and baptism of Jeanie Schick, daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Schick Jr.; Pam Baer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Chris Baer; and Karen and Steve Roeschley, daughter and son of Sis. Mabel Roeschley. Also serving us were Bro. Elmer Bucher of Francesville and Bro. Andy Virkler of Bay City.

Bro. Joe C. Zimmerman of Roanoke and Bro. Leo Moser of Oakville blessed our congregation with their message Feb. 11, and the Gridley choir were guests at our monthly song service.

Announcement was made of the forthcoming marriage of Sis. Mary Menold, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Herman Menold, and Jerome Witzig, son of Bro. and Sis. Sam Witzig of Gridley.

Eric Wm. was born to Bro. and Sis. Barbara Schick Roecker on March 1.

Bro. Marvin Getz was chosen to serve as trustee, as Bro. Myron Springer's term expired.

Bro. Ernie Herman of Ft. Sam Houston has served his time of duty and is now at his home, 1060 Johnson St., Morton.

Sisters Ruth Rapp and Rachel Bauman, who have been convalescing at the Restmor Nursing Home, have now gone home—Rachel to 941 E. Madison St., and Ruth will stay with her sisters for the present time. Sis. Anna Krantz is a resident of the Restmor Home. Bro. George Yentes is a patient at the Restmor Nursing Home. Sis. Lydia Ackerman, Sis. Matilda Rassi, Sis. Rose (Mrs. Carl) Vierling, and Chris Wiedman have had major surgery. Sis. Emma Zimmerman (Mrs. John) is convalescing at her home, after being hospitalized for several weeks.

### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

#### Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer

Members of the Bradford congregation gathered with us Wed. evening Feb. 7, when Bro. Noah Schrock assisted Bro. Silas Leuthold in conveying the findings of the recent conference. Bro. Schrock told the interesting story of the first meeting or conference, when problems came up. Gentiles as well as Jews were being converted. After deliberating for some time, certain decisions were made, and Paul went from church to church & told of the problems and conclusions. Today we are confronted with some of the same problems. Our brothers display an abundant amount of patience. Each one can walk a little closer to the middle of the path. Before being dismissed, we sang together hymn 159 which was so fitting. The last verse reads "They who love the Saviour dearly, And not for vain pleasures seek. Glad for that which He provideth; Will be happy, blest and meek. And their peace, Ne'er shall cease; Heaven will their joy increase." Doesn't that make us all want to truly walk close-

ly to God and love each other more dearly?

Two families welcomed babies into their homes. On Feb. 5 a son was born to Bro. Ronald and Sis. Jacqueline (Stahl) Rumbold. They now have three little boys. Bro. Florian and Sis. Twylla (Stoller) Streitmatter welcomed a daughter, Crystal, into their home Feb. 11. They have a son and another daughter.

We are thankful to have Bro. Will Ehnlé and Bro. Chris Martin back in the assembly after illness. Bro. Levi Endress is a patient in the Cottage Hospital at Galesburg, and shows little improvement from a stroke. We pray that with treatment he can again learn to walk and care for himself. Sis. Edith Stahl is making satisfactory recovery from surgery. Sis. Nellie Woertz is improving, following surgery. Sis. Margaret Wieland is gaining strength after surgery, and displays a most cheerful enthusiastic disposition. Her new-found faith helps her to accept her affliction. Sis. Clara Berchtold is recovering from surgery and is still a hospital patient. We pray the Lord will be near them at all times.

The congregation experienced mixed emotions; all can place their trust in the Lord: **I raise my eyes to the hills; whence does my help come? My help is from the Lord who made the heavens and the earth . . .** We learned today that our brother, Silas Leuthold is entering the hospital and expects to undergo surgery. May the congregation join in prayer for his welfare. His grandson, Mike Menold, son of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Marie, is to leave for Vietnam, and we are also concerned for his well-keeping. We trust that Mike will remember the teachings he has learned and will take God with him.

The engagement of Bro. Ezra Rumbold and Sis. Lucille Roach was made known to the congregation. We wish them the Lord's blessings and happiness.

The Ronald Hoerr family are moving to Phoenix, hoping to find help for the mother, Evelyn, who is suffering from a crippling affliction. We hope the sunshine state will be helpful. We enjoyed having Julie and Jake in Sunday School; they are looking forward to making new friends in our church in Phoenix. We wish them much happiness

and comfort in their new home.

We had visitors from Eureka one Sunday recently, and were privileged to have Bros. Vernon Leman and Marvin Schmidgall minister to us. We thank the brothers for sharing the word with us, and may they also feel they were blessed for their efforts.

#### The Aged

Blessed are they who understand my faltering steps and shaking hand.

Blessed are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the words they say.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile who stop and chat for awhile.

Blessed are they who make it known that I am loved, not left alone.

Blessed are they who ease the days of my journey home in so many loving ways.

#### REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

The 11th of Feb., Bro. George and Sis. Anna Waibel celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with their children at their sons' home (Bro. Leon Waibel at Wolcott). May the Lord bless them all with much happiness.

Bro. Wendell Gudeman and others from Francesville were with us one Sunday. How true it is that we enjoy going places where we use to go when we were younger. His mother's home was across the street from us. His mother's parents and our parents were good friends. I too remember going to see them, when they still lived on the farm and most of their family were still at home, now are scattered far and wide, none living here except Sis. Rose Bahler, and Ed Frey. Such is life; the world moves on!

Robert Schini (Albert's) and family have moved to Metamora, Ill., where they will work for Bro. Lloyd Schumacher.

Bro. Sam Kilgus had word that his sister-in-law, Will's wife passed away. The uncertainty of life is ever before us. May we all strive to work out our soul's salvation and be at peace, so that we can say with Paul, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

We rejoice with Tom Clauss and

his parents, Bro. Marvin and Sis. Lorene. He was proved and baptized. He gave an interesting and sincere testimony. May he grow in grace, light, wisdom and understanding. May we all strive to do likewise.

Sis. Anna Schneider's daughter, Kathy and husband have moved to Chicago (thankful to have them nearer home, as they were stationed in California).

Bro. Robert Clauss and family have moved to their own farm, east of town. Trust is that they will enjoy and progress in their new home.

There was a card shower for Sis. Ida Nussbaum, as her 81st birthday was March 7. We are happy to report, she is in fairly good health, still busy with her quilting.

The Saturday evening Tom Clauss was proved, Bro. Irvin Lehman read the conference letter to a large assembly. Would that we could all strive to live in unity and love.

#### TOLEDO, OHIO

Mary Ann Weigele

A son, David Lynn, was born to Karen and John Breitwieser on Feb. 12. He joins a little sister, Sandy. Now, at only three weeks of age, he is hospitalized with a bout of intestinal flu. Karen Newman is recovering from a recent appendectomy, and Sis. Frances Laidig from an auto accident. We surely pray for a speedy recovery for all.

#### VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mrs. H. G. Bucher

Mrs. W. A. Jacobs

Prayer is the key that opens the door.

Our visiting minister Feb. 25 was Bro. Ezra Feller. The Francesville sextet and families and many others were with us also. That was a day of blessing, and enjoyed by all.

Our friend, Clarence Morris is a patient at Oak Lawn Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

When trials of this life make you weary

And your troubles seem to much to bear,

There's a wonderful solace and comfort

In the silent communion of prayer.

And from death and toil delivered,  
Angel bands shall bear me home.

## WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

Little Elizabeth, 8-month-old daughter of Robert and Kay Banwart, has returned home from surgery in Ft. Dodge and is getting along satisfactorily. We are happy to report, Bernadine Jurgens is home and able to assemble with us again. Sis. Francis, wife of Bro. Oscar Zaugg, had a knee injury but is improving. Hospital patients are Sis. Elizabeth Zaugg, Bro. Noah Gerber and Fred Wirtz. They all seem to be getting along quite well.

A new daughter, Lachelle Rae, was born to Lowell and Sis. Jan Fehr on Feb. 15. Sam and Sis. Tillie Mogler held a reception for their son and his new bride, Bro. Art and Sis. Eula, who were married Feb. 11 at La Crosse. May the Lord bless them in this important undertaking.

Bro. and Sis. Earl and Edna Banwart and Bro. and Sis. Walter and Esther Banwart have returned from a pleasant visit with the servicemen at Ft. Sam. The fellowship among our boys there is most amazing and helpful to them.

## ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss

Sis. Sarah Braun, one of our oldest members, has been hospitalized recently, but has again returned to the Simpson House, 180 S. State St., Elgin. Fred Schock, husband of Sis. Frieda, has undergone surgery and has returned to his home. Sis. Mary Moser, wife of Edward, was in the hospital; she also is back home. May God be with all the sick and the aged, and restore to health again according to His will.

Recently our Elder brother shared with us the conclusions of the Brotherhood Conference. We were reminded how in olden times God told Saul to utterly destroy the Amalekites, but he spared the best of the cattle and sheep to sacrifice to the Lord. This displeased God. He told him through Samuel, "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

## FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Louise Akel

Our church has become as busy as a beehive. Hard working elders, ministers and visitors have traveled far, some for vacations, some for very serious work, Holy Communion, the report and guiding the

flock. Our halls have resounded with the sincere and truthful word of God.

Elder Bros. John Bahler and Noah Bauman (Rittman) were aided by Bro. Al Fisher in serving Holy Communion. We will be strengthened by the breaking of bread and drinking of the symbol of Christ's blood. We also appreciated the visit by Bro. Grimm, previously.

Bro. Al Fisher stressed, **There is None Good—No Not One**, and how prone we are to make mistakes, that God in mercy and lovingkindness loves us still. Bro. Bauman preached about the signs of Christ's coming. Bro. Bahler gave the report and spoke of the importance of Holy Communion.

Bro. Harry Sutter was disappointed, because he had prayed for another brother to help him divide the word of God. The voting was so impartial the elders thought best to wait until the Lord showed the way more clearly. Harry is fervent in his desire to build a church to the honor of God. His family is known for their hospitality. He tries to knit the congregation closer. A big responsibility is placed at his feet. We believe God will provide grace, so that he can follow Him.

Our sympathy goes out to Sis. Judith Pfister. Her husband, Walter was called out of this world while visiting here in Florida. We want her to know that we all extend God's blessings in her bereavement.

Sis. Billy Klopfenstein had an operation, and is back in church feeling much better except for a poison similar to poison ivy. Bro. Ed Gerber and family have returned from South America.

A dinner was held Sunday, March 3. Sis. Florence Sutter had charge. Visiting Sisters Elizabeth Kaehr and Emily Rechsteiner helped set the tables etc. Emily also donated some necessary kitchen implements. All helped. We have very willing workers.

The weather has been exceptionally cold. There was a tornado in N. Miami, hail and thunderstorms in central Florida. Today was just like a perfect spring day.

The mockingbirds built a nest in the lemon tree next door. It was a little high, but when the mother or father brought food, you could see two little heads rise to receive it.

There is a homeless, clean, pretty white Angora cat which roams the yards. We all feed it, but the last report was that it had captured one of the baby birds on the ground. We are warned not to wander too far from the true faith. Satan stands waiting for the one who is careless.

## FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Marie Zaugg

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you." God had prepared a mansion for our beloved sister, Annabell Bahr, and came and received her unto himself, Feb. 21. Annabell was born in Oneida, Kansas, August 7, 1922, the daughter of Bro. Charles and Sis. Lydia Strahm. In her youth she turned to her Lord and Saviour in repentance. Sis. Annabell was united in marriage to Bro. Jim Bahr Dec. 27, 1953, at Bern.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Bro. Jim; four children, Teresa Ann, Judith Kay, Jerald Eugene and Larry Ray; three sisters, Mrs. Leona Grimm, Sabetha, Mrs. Alice Wittmer, Bern, Sis. Flora (Mrs. Emil) Metzger, Steen Minn.; one brother, Carl Strahm. Her parents and a sister preceded her in death. Funeral services were held on Feb. 24. Bro. Eugene Marti was in charge. He spoke of how Annabell was ready to meet her Creator; she wasn't fearful of death, but was ready to go when He said **come**. Annabell was loved by everyone; she will be greatly missed by all. Interment was in the Lamont Church Cemetery.

A large barn on Sis. Carrie Masner's farm burned to the ground on Feb. 18. Bro. Lyle Fischer had lots of hay in the barn.

On Sat. evening, March 2, our two dear souls, Tommy Sinn and Charles Sinn, gave their testimonies before the congregation. They testified of what the Lord had done for them, had changed their hearts so the Holy Spirit could dwell therein. Bros. Sam Anliker and Lester Hartter proved them. Sunday morning, Bro. George Lambert of Wichita had the services. Bro. Ronnie Nelson, Burlington, had the services in the afternoon, speaking God's word in truth and in love. Bro. Sam Anliker baptized our two converts; they are now babes in Christ. May

God give them grace to live for Him all their lives. We wish to thank everyone for their visit; it helped to make this week end a blessing to all.

### MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

#### Alma and Gus Baum

There's an old Chinese proverb that if practiced every day . . . Would change the whole world in a wonderful way . . . Its truth is so simple, it's so easy to do . . . And it works everytime and successfully too . . . For you can't do a kindness without a reward . . . Not in silver nor gold, but in joy from the Lord.

We feel blessed when we see our little congregation is growing, and our hearts are moved, filled with joy and encouragement, to learn our friends, Kenny and Vera Schmidt have turned unto the Lord. We rejoice with them in this precious experience.

God's message was brought to us by brethren from the Oakville and Lester congregations. Their efforts are deeply appreciated.

### PULASKI, IOWA

#### Mrs. Dave Wiegand

Once again we are happy to welcome another family to our congregation. Bro. Bernard and Sis. Leah Schaer and their three girls and two boys moved here. We are thankful to have them with us, and pray that the Lord will bless them in their new home.

Springtime will soon be here. This is a happy and rewarding time for farmers. Some have new calves. Soon we will be plowing and preparing the ground to sow the seed. We can feel the Lord's nearness, as we work and toil with His creation. May He ever add the increase.

### SARASOTA, FLORIDA

#### Velta Laukhuf

"Blessed is the man . . . that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil."

Visiting ministers for the month of Feb.: Bros. Henry Wackerle, Ben Maibach, Henry Grimm, Henry Beer, Noah Bauman, Elmer Zollinger; Bro. Joe Schrock was still with us. Bro. Al Fisher was here for midweek service.

We sincerely wish to thank all the ministering brothers for their inspiring messages, proclaiming the

word of God in fullness. We hope and trust that these brothers will be blessed for their kind efforts; we welcome them back.

Our hearts were saddened to hear of our dear Bro. Gus Laukhuf passing away. Gus had spent several winters in Sarasota. The church group extends their sympathy to his wife, Sis. Madie, and family.

Thank you note: "We wish to thank all who so kindly remembered us in their prayers, for the cards and gifts, while Sam was in the hospital. May God bless you for your kindness. Our love, Sam and Clara Grimm."

### BERN, KANSAS

#### Esther and Stella Moser

Little did we think when Sis. Annabell Bahr attended services for her father, Bro. Charley Strahm, that in just six short weeks she would be called to join him. Four young children are left without a mother. Why this should be is not for us to question, as an all-wise God knows best, and doeth all things well. Sis. AnnaBelle was born and lived here until her marriage to Bro. Jim Bahr. They then made their home in Ft Scott. Sis. AnnaBelle was quiet, cheerful and a friend to all who had the privilege to know her. We extend our sympathy to her many relatives.

Bros. Amos and Sis. Lena (Burger) Strahm observed their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 22. May the Lord continue to bless them as they travel life's pathway together.

Bro. Alvin and Sis. Mildred Strahm have a new granddaughter, Martelle Ann, born Feb. 23 to Barbara and Gene Beethe, Topeka, Kansas.

Our Bible class and their teachers joined the Sabetha class one Sunday morning for study and fellowship.

Bro. Reuben and Sis. Stella have turned the farm operation over to their son, James, and moved to Sabetha. On a recent Sunday evening, a group of brothers and sisters (mostly old neighbors) went to their home for an evening of fellowship.

Bro. Edward Lehman was hospitalized for knee surgery. He however is able to assemble with us again. Sis. Rose Ulmer has been bedfast several weeks, but is much improved.

### LAMAR, MISSOURI

#### Marie Marti

Our community has again been saddened by the death of two loved ones.

Mae Schlupp passed away Feb. 24 as a result of a malignancy. She had been in the hospital about two months. Mae realized her need for the Lord and called upon Him in the last hours of her life. She is survived by her husband, Noah; a son, Billie; a daughter, Connie Robertson; her parents; two brothers and four grandchildren. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro. Lester Braker conducted the services.

Lena Jones passed from this life Feb. 28. Death was due to a coronary attack. She was born in Bern, Switzerland, the daughter of John Widmers. She is survived by a son, Karl (where she was staying at the time of her death); a sister, Sis. Sadie Metzger; three grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. Bro. Carl Hartman conducted the services.

Bro. Earl Banwart and Bro. Raymond Banwart visited our congregation. We thank them for bringing to us inspiring messages of love and truth. We invite them to visit us soon again.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

#### Emily Tanner

#### Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Moderation is an answer to many of the problems that confront one in this day and time. "Let your moderation be known unto all men." Bro. Ed Hohulin voiced this teaching when he assisted our elder brother, Roy Sauder, in presenting the summary of the last Conference.

We were abundantly blest with many good teachings from other visiting ministers also, which include Bros. Lynn Klopfenstein, Harvey Grimm, Robert Meyer and Cleo Rinkenberger.

Our congregation welcomes as dear brothers and sisters in our precious faith, David Koehl, Jane and Jean Hemmer, Michael Rieker and Steve Sauder. Bros. Ed Hohulin and Dan Koch assisted Bro. Roy Sauder on Feb. 17 and 18, when these loved ones were proved and baptized.

The engagement of Linda Sue Mefford of Pekin and Kenneth Phillip Bittner, son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Martha Bittner, has been announced. Christine Ellen Mason and

Frederick C. Pfaffmann, both of Colorado, are engaged. Frederick is the son of Karl and Marie Pfaffmann.

United in marriage Feb. 24 were Lori Jo Hoerr, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Wilma Hoerr, and John Thomas Kinney of Peoria. They are living in Peoria.

Bro. Charles Schmied died Feb. 8 at the home of his grandson in Florida, where he, his wife and his daughter-in-law had just arrived on a vacation trip. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Lydia; three daughters, Mrs. Sally Gilmore, Mrs. Marjorie Sank, Mrs. Verna Dowds; three sons, Daniel, Charles and Al Schmied; 19 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. One son, 3 brothers, 6 sisters and 1 grandchild preceded him in death.

Sis. Cora Kupferschmid died Feb. 10 at the home of her daughter, where she had been staying for three weeks. Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Marshall; two sons, Francis and Amos Kupferschmid; one sister Mrs. Ida Bentley; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Her husband, Christian Kupferschmid and two sisters preceded her in death.

Sis. Mary Wyss died Feb. 15 at the Rest-Mor Nursing Home. She had been a patient there since Dec. 28. She was first married to William Messner, who died Jan. 17, 1921. She was then married to Jacob Wyss, who died Aug. 3, 1940. Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Scheitlin, Mrs. Martha Perdelwitz, Mrs. Della Kellenberger, Mrs. Louise Wieland, Mrs. Emma Asal, Mrs. Esther Beer; six sons, Elmer and Paul Messner, John, Edward, William and George Wyss; two brothers, Albert and Eli Heiniger; one sister, Sis. Elizabeth Heiniger; 67 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

At our monthly Hymn Sing, we were delighted to have a quartet from Bluffton sing for us. The brothers are known as the Zion-Aires. We did so enjoy the fellowship of all the brethren from Bluffton who spent the week end here.

Bro. Toby Schneider had the misfortune to fall and break his hip.

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber

Christian concern is love that reaches out a hand to help.

Shut-ins were Sis. Sandra

(Aaron) Kipfer Jr; Bros. John Kaehr, Jay Rauch, Tim Ringger, Sherman Steffen.

Engagements: Feb. 25—The engagement of Sis. Mary Ann Kipfer to Bro. Joe Gerber was made known. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Martin Kipfer and Bro. and Sis. Henry Gerber. The engagement of Sis. Mary Jo Troxel and Bro. Sam Gerber was made known. Parents of the couple are Bro. and Sis. Ralph Troxel and Bro. and Sis. Ralph Gerber.

Funerals held during the past month were, Brothers Harold R. Steffen, George Ringger and Walter Pfister.

Harold Steffen—age 48, surviving in addition to the wife, Sis. Marie, are four sons, Edwin, Robert, Ray and Kent, and a daughter, Rose, all at home; three brothers, Wilmer, Glennis, Ralph; four sisters, Mrs. Catherine Reinhard, Mrs. Vergene Reinhard, Mildred and Violet Steffen. Elders Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler officiated the services.

George Ringger, age 81. Surviving besides the wife, Sis. Leah, are six sons, Raymond, William, George Jr., Sylvan, Orville, Al; three daughters, Mrs. Mary Frauhiger, Mrs. Ida Aeschliman and Mrs. Lillian Yergler; two brothers, Edward of Bluffton and Henry of Gridley and one sister, Mrs. Ida Kurth. Elders Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler officiated the services.

Walter Pfister, age 64. Surviving in addition to the wife, Sis. Judith, are three daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Ringger Jr., Mrs. Lucille Isch, Mrs. Rozella Gramm; three brothers; Eli, Carl, Otto; one sister, Emma Pfister. Elders John Yergler and Sam Aeschliman officiated the services.

Birth: On March 4, a daughter, Shelly Mae to the Glen Reinhard.

Proving and Baptism during the past month was held for friend Jackie Schwartz.

In a certain community there lived a very rich man, owning a large estate, and he employed a lot of help to care for his estate. This man attended church regularly. One Sunday, the minister spoke of how everything we have is really not our own. It is a gift of God and belongs to him! After the services the rich man invited the minister to

his house for dinner. After a good meal, the rich man took the minister out into the beautiful garden and around his large estate. Then he turned to the minister and said, "You mean to tell me all these things do not belong to me." The minister looked down, thought for a moment and said, "Ask me a hundred years from now whether they are yours." —Submitted by a Brother.

### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Howard and Louise Getz

On Feb. 11 we were happy to have Elder Bro. Theo. Beer, his wife, and his son, Philip and family with us. Though the group was small, we learned much from the messages presented from God's word.

Feb. 18 brought Bro. Merle Laukuf of Latty, and a nice group of about 70, for services. After the services, the younger members who had spent the week end in Bloomington or Indianapolis went to Bro. John Isch's home for a call, and to a restaurant for dinner. We are glad for the fellowship our young people share with the visitors from other congregations and colleges; we know this is an important part of our faith.

One of our largest groups assembled Feb. 25, when Bro. Alfred Bahler, Wolcott, was our guest minister. We were able to have three different age groups for Sunday School in the afternoon, because of the unusually large number of children. We surely appreciated the efforts made by these families in joining us. Bro. Alfred pointed out that all of the construction of roads, buildings and homes will in time pass away, but as the Bible says, we must put our trust in the Lord and live for Him.

Sunday, Mar. 3 brought several Bluffton families and the ministers, Bro. Carl Kipfer and Wendell Gerber to Indianapolis. Because our regular meeting room was being used for YMCA activities, we had to hold services in two different rooms. We want to thank our visitors for their acceptance of and cooperation in the unusual situation. In a short meeting later it was decided that services will be held over the spring vacation period. It was felt that this definite schedule will strengthen our group and also make Indianapolis more attractive as a



new home for other families. Services are held at 10:30 and 12:30 EST. Guests are always welcome.

### LATTY, OHIO

#### Dolores Grant—Marguerite Stoller

We are happy and thankful to have David Klopfenstein back in our midst again, after serving a year in Viet Nam. After 52 days at home he will return to camp in Texas to complete his service. He is looking forward to baptism before returning to camp. Ronald Gerber, who is presently stationed in Georgia for further training, will return to Alabama by the end of March. He will be stationed there for nine weeks, before departing for Viet Nam.

Monthly song services are now being held the first Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m. We have had a very good attendance of both members and friends and urge everyone to continue to come and support this hour of singing.

Bro. Dan C. Stoller has been on the sick list and not able to attend church for some time.

Those on the hospital list in Feb. were Sis. Sadie Riggenbach, with major surgery. She is improving nicely. Sis. Martha (Tootie) Sinn had minor surgery and is back in church.

We are grateful for two new converts in our assembly: Becky Stoller, daughter of Bro. Loren and Sis. Esther, and Diane Klopfenstein, daughter of Bro. Floren and Sis. Mary Ella. Becky is attending first year of college at Bowling Green, O. Diane is in high school. Our prayers are with them, and for many to follow.

The Saviour is waiting to enter your heart.

Why don't you let Him come in? There's nothing in this world to keep you apart.

What is your answer to Him?

### MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

Scott Sauder (young son of Bro. Ken and Sis. Sue), Lynette Gabor (little daughter of Bro. and Sis. Donna), and Mrs. Wm. Bidinger have all been hospital patients, but have improved sufficiently to return to their homes. We will be thankful when they can again attend worship services with us. Sis. Katie Bertka recently dropped a scissors and punctured her foot; the

wound seemed to be healing, but when the scab came off, the blood spurted out with such force that she lost consciousness. She has been admitted to the hospital.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Judith Pfister of Bluffton and her family, in the death of her husband Bro. Walter. Bro. Walter was a member of our congregation for many years, and after their marriage he and Sis. Judith made their home in Mansfield for a number of years, before moving to Bluffton.

Our sympathy also goes to Sis. Grace Wurmold Schuckert of Akron, whose husband, Bro. Adam passed away at the Winchester Nursing Home in Mansfield, where he had been a patient for several months.

They bound the hands of Jesus  
In the garden where He prayed;  
They led him through the streets  
in shame.

They spat upon the Saviour,  
So pure and free from sin,  
They said, **Crucify Him; He's to blame.**

Upon His precious head  
They placed a crown of thorns;  
They laughed and said, **Behold the King.**

They struck Him and they cursed  
Him,  
And mocked His holy name.  
All alone He suffered ev'rything.

He could have called ten thousand  
angels,  
To destroy the world and set Him  
free.

He could have called ten thousand  
angels,  
But He died alone . . . for you and  
me.

“. . . salvation by our Lord Jesus  
Christ, who died for us . . .”

### PORTLAND, OREGON

Connie Steffen

Greetings from Oregon.

A brother and 2 sisters took 20 of our little people from the two youngest classes to Mt. Hood, which is about 55 miles from Portland. This gave the children an opportunity to be in the snow, which they don't often have because of the mild winters here. They returned to the home of Ed and Elva Unsicker for an outdoor wiener roast.

We would like to extend a hearty

invitation to all of you who plan a trip West this year. We value the hours of fellowship spent with all of you from across the nation. The following is a list of names and telephone numbers of families in the Portland and Silverton areas. Just give anyone of us a call, and we'll be glad to tell you how to get to our home.

Ray and Margaret Banwart, 777-1138; Ray and Virginia Cooper, 659-5122; Sam and Leona Feucht, 235-2852; Pauline (Maurer) Hartley, 655-4477; Rose (Mrs. Guy) Miller, 236-4029; Robt. and Pearl Miller, 771-7834; Paul and Ann Rumbold, 656-4572; Garth and Connie Steffen, 761-4531; Ed and Elva Unsicker, 771-5500. In Silverton: John and Betty Kaufman, 873-4844; Leo and Janice Montoya (Sis. Clara Kaufmans home) 873-4811; Margaret Wanner, 873-6546.

We have met many wonderful families through these visits. As your homes welcome us, so we welcome you.

Our sister, Golda Ditch, broke her right wrist. It is quite painful to her, and she will probably have her hand in a cast quite a while. Her address: Mrs. Lowell Ditch, 2601 Merriman Rd., Medford Ore. 97501.

### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

#### Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”

We thank Bro. Edward Lanz of Oakville for his message to us. Bro. Noah Miller brought him here from Minneapolis. Their wives accompanied them.

Our grandmother, Sis. Mary Wyss, was laid to rest in Peoria. She lived the longest of the first Apostolic Christian Church members to come to the Winthrop community.

Mrs. Darrel Redmann (Jane) entered the hospital for surgery.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Bill and Sis. Beverly Messner, in the death of her father, Roy Briest.

My lifetime doth pass away.  
Hourly to the grave I hasten,  
And I know each fleeting day,  
My allotted span will lessen.  
Think, man,  
Death comes soon or late.  
Tarry not,  
It will not wait.

**UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY****Ed. Aeschleman**

We thank God for sending us a number of brethren from many different places to worship with us during February. One Sunday our small congregation was more than doubled with visitors. We were blessed with true words of love and life delivered to us by Elder Brother Theo. Beer of Milford, Bros. Roy Luginbuhl and Al Schneider of Rockville.

Our sincere sympathy is offered to Bro. Louis and Sis. Emily Schoenleber. Their beloved daughter was called from this life in the mid years of a normal life span, leaving her husband and three children. May God comfort and provide for both the mortal and the spiritual body of the loved ones left behind.

We are pleased to report that Sis. Janice Kaiser, who has been in Walter Reed Hospital for more than 2 months, is recovering from her illness and will soon be able to go home. May God hear the many prayers offered in her behalf, and grant her a speedy and complete recovery.

Bro. Keith Kloter, who is attending school near Washington D.C., has been worshipping with us since the first of the year. Bro. Keith's home is Rockville. His presence is most welcome and appreciated.

**DETROIT, MICHIGAN****Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler**

A gracious word may smooth the way;

A joyous word may light the day.

A timely word may lessen stress;

A loving word may heal and bless.

On Feb. 18, we were privileged to have Bro. Roy Ehnle bring to us the true word of God. Bro. Roy and family were here visiting his sister and family, Sis. Mary Kaisner.

We spent an interesting evening Feb. 24 with Sisters Milly and Maryann Fischer of Roanoke, who described the purposes and program of World Relief, and exhibited several projects that can and are being done. Those who attended the meeting seemed to show interest in starting to meet regularly for this worthy cause. Surely we who have been so richly blessed can help show our love to needy ones in other parts of the world by working together in such a program.

Elder Bro. Joe Waibel was with

us Sunday, Feb. 25. In reading the memorandum, we were warned how Satan tries many different ways to come into the church—even at a time of sorrow when loved ones are laid to rest. There is a trend in our time to not have graveside services, which leaves a question as to whether the loved one is actually laid to rest in the bosom of the earth.

Homer Polk has gained a victory over Satan, confesses peace with God and man, and wishes to be baptized and become one of Christ's flock. Also announced as having repented and found peace is Ernest Weigele. Ernest is originally from Alto, the son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Anna Weigele, and now makes his home in Detroit. We all look forward to the time they can give their testimony and become a part of our brotherhood.

We rejoice, as do the angels in heaven, that Anna Sabados has found grace to repent. Anna is the daughter of Bro. Paul and Sis. Mary Sabados. The family came to Detroit approximately 2½ years ago from Europe. Their original home was Yugoslavia, then they moved to France, where they lived for fourteen years. Much of this time the children were separated from their parents and were not allowed to attend church or worship freely, as we do here. Since the family has been in the United States, we have heard the testimonies of the parents, who were converted in Yugoslavia. Another daughter, Suzanne, was baptized since coming to Detroit. Their experience is certainly a humbling one, and should make us all more appreciative of the many privileges we have in America. We are happy that Anna sought the better life, and have faith that God will complete in her heart the work He has begun.

The only one from our congregation in the service at the present time is Bro. Larry Belsley, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lois. After his basic training at San Antonio and a furlough, Bro. Larry was sent to Korea. He is stationed 1½ miles south of the demilitarized zone. We know he appreciates all the prayers, letters and tapes on his behalf. May God protect and return him safely to his family and loved ones.

The third child of Bro. Walter and Sis. Mary Gasser was born Feb. 6. They have named her Amy Ann.

What a blessed event when a child can be born into a good Christian home. The other two children are Miriam and Mark.

Bro. Dan Knochel was hospitalized for about ten days, with a blood clot in his leg. We are thankful he is able to assemble with us again.

Our prayers are for our aged Bro. Mitru Sagadi, who has been unable to attend church services for several years. Although he cannot see or hear, he still possesses a strong faith, and still can feel the nearness of God in the evening hours of his life.

**RITTMAN, OHIO****Florence Hartzler — Elma Stoller**

We are thankful the Lord protects those of our loved ones, and that they can return safely to their homes. Bro. Denny Nieman has been discharged from the service and can now assemble with us. We pray the Lord will also protect those who are still serving their country, and that they too can be returned home safely to us.

The betrothal of Bro. John Hartzler Sr. and Sis. Elda Schar was announced Feb. 18. We wish them God's rich blessings.

Surgical patients were Roger Bauman, son of Bro. Herbert and Sis. Bernice; Joe Riggenbach and Bro. Lester Riggenbach; Steve, infant son of Ron and Jeannette Woyat; others requiring hospital care were Sis. Minnie Riggenbach and Vernon Riggenbach. We are thankful the Lord can heal the body as He does the soul.

Funeral services for Sis. Lillian Beery were held on Feb. 19. We will miss this dear sister and pillar of the church, but we know she is enjoying that blessed rest in those heavenly mansions. She has been a widow for 48 years, raising six children, who survive: four sons, Howard, Bros. Melvin and Edward of Rittman; Bro. Robert of Sterling, and two daughters, Sis. Ruth of Rittman, and Sis. Marie Winzeler of New Haven, Ind.; grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive. Sis. Lillian could say: "Blessed rest, when earthly toil is ended, shall be mine in all eternity. From the Father who His call extended to me, that I serve Him faithfully. Oh how blest, to cease from toil and care, then to enter heaven's rest so fair."

Our Sunday School recess is over with the beginning of classes the first Sunday in March. We are thankful so many have found it in their hearts to attend Sunday School again this season. Bros. Dale Hartzler and Orin Rufener have taken on the duties of superintendents.

### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

#### Millicent Frieden — Lavern Roth

Ah dear one, how selfish is our weeping!

You looked for Christ while walking earthly sod,  
And based your future on His good word keeping;

Now, **blessed dead**, you're gathered home to God.

Our dear sister, Mary Somerhalder, age 74 and wife of ministering Bro. Eli, was called Home unexpectedly Feb. 7. Funeral services were held Sun. Feb. 11, with Bros. Roy Farney, Raymond Roth, and Ronald Nelson officiating. Mary is survived by her husband, Bro. Eli; seven children, Sis. Raymond (Kathryn) Banwart of Ft Scott, Sis. Wayne (Helen) Kircher and Jake of Burlington, Sis. Sol (Alberta) Rassi of Goodfield, Bro. John of Phoenix, Bob of Allen (Okla), and Mrs. Jerry (Shirley) Herd of Garland (Texas); several grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, Jack and Simon Allenbach of Burlington; two sisters, Mrs. Kay Ohlson of Kiowa (Ks) and Sis. Schupbach (Floyd) of Burlington. May sympathy be extended to the family in their sudden bereavement; may each remember that death to the Christian is "gain", because it means heaven, holiness, happiness, and HIM.

Many friends and relatives were here for the funeral. Among the ministering brothers present were Elder Bros. Sam Anliker of Lamont and Roy Farney of Phoenix, Bros. Joe Aberle of Sabetha, George Lambert and Al Langhofer of Wichita, Wayne Miller of Ft. Scott, and Loren Strahm of Gridley.

We have the glad news of two more converts in our congregation. They are Aleta Farney, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Huber Farney, and Joe Frieden, husband of Sis. Mildred and son of Bro. and Sis. Jeff Frieden of Wichita. May God grant them much grace and still call others to repentance.

Mrs. Marie Tucker has been announced as having found and secured peace in her heart; she is awaiting baptism.

Hospital patients have included Bro. Eli Somerhalder and Sisters George (Bea) Diel and Larry (Millicent) Frieden.

Let us strive to keep this thought in mind: A Christian is only truly useful and happy when he can say, **The will of God—nothing more, nothing less, nothing else!**"

### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

#### Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We rejoice over seven souls that were announced for proving and baptism: Gwenyln Bauer, Arles Hari, Ann Walder, Jean Reutter, Ellen Vogel, Beverly Stock, Julia Beer.

The engagement of our dear friends, Carol Egolf, and Aaron Bauer was announced. The parents are Bro. and Sis. Glen Egolf and Bro. and Sis. Aaron Bauer.

Sis. Helen Knapp had surgery. Others among the shut-ins are Sis. Clara Lober, Sis. Kathryn Merkle, Bro. Wm. Farney (who has not been able to attend church for months). We visited our aged Sis. Lena Feller who is now at home with her daughter, Bro. and Sis. Carl Moser. She seems so content in her lot. She wishes to express her thanks to everyone who remembered her with mail and visits, also to the ministering brothers for visits and prayers. She experienced so much love. God will reward every good deed.

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

#### Fannie Schieber — Jeanette Knapp

We were thankful for the inspiring messages brought to us by our visiting ministers, Bro. Frances Rother of Morton and Bro. Ben Fehr of Roanoke.

Several persons in our congregation have been hospitalized. Sis. Lulu Miller, Sis. Nancy Knapp and Sis. Ida Rocke underwent surgery. Sis. Fannie Schieber, Sis. Lena Schieber, Steve Dietrich (son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Sara), Timmy Dietrich (son of Bro. Bill Jr. and Sis. Sherri), Sis. Bena Steffen and Sis. Esther Schrock have been medical patients. May God be with each of our dear ones in hospitals, wherever they are.

A son, Michael Lee, was born to Ralph and Joyce Zobrist on Feb. 26. He is welcomed by a 4-year-old sis-

ter, Debbie. Grandparents are Bro. Marion & Sis. Esther Miller and Sis. Clara Zobrist of Goodfield.

### CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

#### Mrs. David Schamback

Ronald Hirsche, son of Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice, and Elizabeth Plana of Denver, Colorado were married on Jan. 27.

On Feb. 17, Judy Schamback, daughter of Bro. David and Sis. Lois, became the bride of Arthur Gottier of Rockville. Arthur is the son of Margaret and the late Henry Gottier.

Bro. John Hany is recovering from a major operation. Also hospitalized were Sisters Laura Virkler, Dorothy Herzig, and Susan Hirsche.

Rita and Jack Ebersol became parents of a son, Scott Randall, born on Feb. 12. The couple has three daughters. Rita is the daughter of Bro. John Widrick.

### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

#### Cathryn Wettstein

#### Salome Walter

Our visitors have been Bros. Edmund Kloter—Fairbury, Frederick Knapp—Congerville, Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest.

The engagement of Sis. Salome Walter to Bro. Walter Schumacher was announced Feb. 18.

Death: Bro. Michael Hartter Sr., aged 88, passed away Sat. Feb. 24 at the Maple Lawn Home, where he had lived the past 2½ years. Surviving are seven sons: Edward (Harvey, Ill); Arthur, Eugene and Frank (Washington Ill.); Michael Jr., (Metamora); Martin (Peoria); Harley (Eureka); four daughters, Sis. Dena Hunzicker (Independence, Ia); Sis. Clara Hunzicker, (Washington Ill); Dorothy Dickson (Peoria) and Helen Roman (Gilmer Texas). A son, Victor, passed away a few days before. His wife preceded him in death in 1965. Bros. Vernon Leman and Walter Anliker conducted the services Monday, Feb. 26.

In the hospital or returned home are the following: Sis. Marie Klaus has returned home, after having surgery on her foot. David, young son of Bro. Lewis and Sis. Clara Blunier had his tonsils removed. Lloyd, young son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Verna Wettstein had his tonsils removed. Sis. Corrine Hartter is a medical patient in Eureka Hospital.

Walter Knepp has been discharged from the armed services.

Bro. Ed Kupferschmid left for the armed services on Mon. March 4. May God protect him.

Bro. John & Sis. Mary Rocke, residents of the A. C. Home, observed their 69th wedding anniversary on Feb. 12. John has been failing in his health. May God help them through all trials and pain.

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

#### Joyce Huber

We were happy to have Elder Bro. Sam Anliker of Kansas visit us with an inspiring sermon. Also, we appreciate Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss' visit.

Elder Bros. Noah Schrock, Henry Kilgus, and Josh Broquard shared with us, for a blessed evening, the memorandum.

We praise the Lord that Dan Roth, son of Bro. and Sis. Earl Roth has repented, received peace, and he will be giving his testimony at Phoenix (he has been attending college there).

Sis. Edna Stoller suffered a back injury in an auto accident and has been hospitalized. Sis. Lucille Steffen is home, after having surgery.

Lincoln Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Roth was wounded in Viet Nam the first of this year and taken to Japan. While hospitalized in Japan, Sis. Nancy Roth, Lincoln's sister who has been helping in Japan, visited him. Lincoln has been able to return to his home to recuperate.

Sis. Anna Kaisner, 88, passed away at the Fairbury Hospital. She had been living in the nursing home since January. Surviving are her husband, Bro. Dave, and son, Ben.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moser were blessed with a new baby girl, Mary Alice. She has an older brother, Robbie, 2½. Bro. and Sis. Eli Moser are paternal grandparents, and the late Rudolph Germanns of La-Crosse are the maternal grandparents.

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

#### Martha Stoller Carolyn Zimmerman

We assembled with the Fairbury congregation to hear the Memorandum. Bro. Noah Schrock assisted Bros. Henry Kilgus and Josh Broquard. We thank Bros. Sam Anliker, Lamont; Ernest Gerber, Rockville,

and Walter Koehl, Fairbury, for visiting us during the past month.

Bro. Joe Kaisner is again with us, following sinus surgery in Champaign. Sis. Marie Hohulin was a surgical patient in Fairbury Hospital, but has returned to her home. Hospitalized are Sis. Martha Metz and Sis. Jeanne Ricketts.

The engagement of Sis. Gloria Bachtold and Bro. Wayne Dreyer, Cissna Park, was announced. We wish them the Lord's blessings in their future undertaking.

Richard Kupferschmid, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Nettie has turned to his Saviour in repentance. He was home from Ft Hood, Texas for a 10-day leave, during his conversion. We rejoice in another new convert, Nancy Ifft, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Velma, who also sees her need for a Saviour.

### FT. WAYNE, INDIANA

#### Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

This morning, I'm thinking of "our service boys" who are scattered many miles on the face of this earth, and I'm thinking of some of the conversations I had in checking on their most recent addresses: Betty Bahr (Mrs. Joe) told me that their son, Pfc. Steven E. Bahr, was sent to Hawaii in December and in his last letter, the early part of February, wrote he would be on his way to the Orient by the time they received his letter. Having more than eight months left, he was one of the 27th Marine Division called back to active duty in Viet Nam for four more months. Sis. Florence Pulver (Mrs. Les) relates their son, William E., has spent most of the winter in Norfolk, Virginia, where his ship has been in port, and so has been able to spend part of his week ends with his parents and family frequently; and another son, Daniel, was home on leave and reported to San Diego on March 1, for ship repair training the next 4 months. Sis. Edith Lieberenz (Mrs. Floren) states that their son, John S. Lieberenz, was in the Phillipines and expected to be moved around the 4th of March. May these dear ones, and those who are separated from home and loved ones, feel the many prayers and concerns uttered for them.

We thank the Latty brethren, who were our hosts at the February monthly singing. Ministering Bro. Irvin Stoller had the closing. We

invite all to join us for these singings, the second Sunday of the month at 6:30.

Sis. Ida Sinn has improved enough to be released from the hospital. She wishes to thank relatives and friends for the beautiful flowers, gifts and visits while in the hospital and since being at home—May God bless all! Bro. Ed Gudeman was a medical patient at Parkview Hospital with a heart condition, and altho home again, he is still weak. At his request, "The Love of God" was sung for him at mid-week services, while he was hospitalized.

Elder Bros. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton and David Bertsch of Leo were with us on March 3 for a blessed Sunday. The memorandum was read. May we accept it with love and great concern.

Mark David Pulver was born March 4, the first child of Bro. David and Sis. Ilene. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Andy and Laura Kammerer of Milford, and Bro. and Sis. Les and Florence Pulver of Ft. Wayne. May he fill their home and hearts with much happiness.

### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

#### Elna Grimm

A baby girl was born to Bro. and Sis. Morris and Kathy Zimmerman on Thurs. Feb. 8. Her name is Jeanne Sue; she is their fourth child, and their fourth little girl.

Visiting ministers have been Bros. Edmund Kloter from Fairbury and Edwin Ringger from Gridley on Sun. Feb. 18, Vernon Leman from Eureka on Wed. eve., Feb. 21, and Marvin Schmidgall from Eureka on Sun. Mar. 3.

Bruce Hohulin, son of Bro. and Sis. Lawrence and Laura Hohulin, has received his discharge from the army, and returned home to his parents and sisters on Feb. 15.

Bro. Mike Meece, son of Eloise Meece, has been granted 30 days to spend with his family before leaving for Viet Nam. He is to report in California on Mar. 27. Our love and prayers go with Mike. How comforting to know that **All things work together for good to them that love the Lord.**

Those who have been hospitalized are Sis. Alice Knapp and Bro. Hans Hinrichsen. They both submitted to surgery, and both have been released.

**GRIDLEY, KANSAS**

**Mrs. Rudy Bahr  
Mrs. Eldon Metzger**

As we returned from Wichita last Saturday, where we took a cake to celebrate Sis. Lydia Bahr's 77th birthday (Gram and our son Sam share the same day), I noticed on the way home, "The church that doesn't reach out . . . fades out." The thought came, oh be careful HOW you reach out—you may fade Christ out, too.

Sis. Lydia had another set-back, when the infection in her hip re-occurred. It was quite painful again but is getting better now, and the doctor has ordered 20 more days of antibiotic.

We thank Elder Bro. Sam Anliker for coming to be with us on Sunday afternoon for our annual election, and then Monday evening to share the conference report. The building, personal property, cemetery, and trustee board members were all re-elected. In Sunday School the following teachers were retired, and others elected to fill their vacancies: Sr. Bible Class—Roy Bahr, by Ephraim Young; 7-8th—Lloyd Kraft, by Martin Beyer; 6th—Wilma Young, by Mary Louise Beyer; 1-3rd—Eileen Bahr, by Dorothy Young. After being in Sunday School for 13 years, I got a little taste of what "retirement" must be like—"released" from the responsibilities, adjustment to being "upstairs for morning services" . . . (that wasn't hard but a pleasure) missing the contact with the nice class I had, wondering if our children are "behaving"—Mom's been there as long as they remember. Paula was delighted with—"Now we can go visiting more!"

Since I wrote last, we have lost two very dear souls. What wonderful testimonies were left by Aunt Mary (Eli) Somerhalder, Burlington, Okla. and cousin Annabelle (Jim) Bahr, Ft. Scott. It was a privilege to enjoy Sis. Mary's always smiling interest—making many happy memories for us. Sis. Annabelle left a precious beauty that touched all those around her. Thinking back, she was plain, simple appearing, but the love, warmth and faith within shown through, so that she was elegantly arrayed—leaving a lasting encouragement to us that neither moth nor rust will decay. It is not ours to "question why", but as Bro.

Gene Marti mentioned, life is like the grass—it cometh up and soon withereth away. These sisters chose the better part—**How beautiful to Walk In The Steps of the Saviour.** I thought of how Satan sometimes ridicules: the story in **Look** of how Bro. Gary Maibach was ridiculed for reading the Bible, etc., but when death was all about who called for him, who probably wished they were "in his shoes." Our faith is sometimes "looked down upon" too plain, too narrow, etc. when things are going good—but when the time comes for the last page of our life to be written and friends can feel "things were right", HOW can you take the greatest risk of all—not knowing that "things are right" with yourself? Annabelle had a "little time", but Aunt Mary did not. May the Lord strengthen us all, help us keep our faith, that some day we may again enjoy the fellowship of these loved ones who have earned a magnificent home in heaven.

**MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA**

**Marcelle Dapper — Jan Elsasser  
Ruth Dapper**

Willy Schmidt, who attends church in Maywood, suffered a stroke over a month ago. He was alone at the time and wasn't found until 36 hrs. had passed. His brother is Bro. John Schmidt of Wolcott. A number of us have gone to see him to offer words of comfort. He has lost his speech completely and is in critical condition.

Bro. Albert Kaisner is still not able to attend church, and recovery seems to be very slow for him. His wife, Sis. Elizabeth, is patiently caring for him at home.

We extend our sympathy to the Eli Somerhalder family and the Burlington congregation in the loss of Sis. Mary Somerhalder. We pray that God will comfort in their sorrow.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Geraldine O'Hara of New York City. She is the granddaughter of Sis. Julia Milinkovich of our Maywood congregation. Geraldine was only 26 years old and left 2 children. The cause of her death remains unknown. Here again we are reminded of the uncertainty of life, as it can come in our youth, when we reach middle age or in our latter years. May we at all times be prepared to meet our Maker and Crea-

tor when our life's journey on earth is ended.

The evening of Tues. Feb. 20 we enjoyed having Bro. Floyd and Sis. Perseda Wieland of Detroit in our midst. As both the Altadena and Maywood congregations gathered together, we could truly feel the blessings from God, as Bro. Floyd brought us many teachings of how we should live our life on earth. May God richly bless them for their visit and the wonderful fellowship we could enjoy with them.

**MILFORD, INDIANA**

**Marguerite Hoerr**

A little girl has been welcomed into the family of Leroy and Jackie Lehman. She has been named Christina Ann (for both her grandmothers) and is their fourth daughter. Her three older sisters are Louann, Jayne and Robin.

Stanley and Ginger Price are the parents of their first child, a son, for whom they have chosen the name, Lee Allen. Little Lee is the first grandchild of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Katherine Price.

Plans for an April wedding are being made by Sis. Linda Anliker and Bro. Bob Beer, whose engagement was announced. Linda is the daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emily Anliker, and Bob is the son of Bro. Howard and Sis. Eleanor Beer of our congregation. We extend our best wishes to this young couple for much happiness as they plan their life together.

Bro. Chas Weisser was the victim of an accident at his home, as his parked car slipped into gear and pinned him against the garage. Fortunately his injuries were not serious, and we are glad to report he is able to be back in church.

Our good friend, Anna (Armbruster) Davis was involved in an auto accident and sustained numerous injuries, necessitating an extended stay in the hospital. We are thankful our prayers for her recovery were answered and that she will soon be able to return home.

Sis. Louise Rapp has been hospitalized for several weeks for medical treatment. Bro. Otto Beer Sr. was admitted for treatment, also. They have both been dismissed and their conditions are improved. Tom Speicher, son of Bro. Lew and Sis. Miriam had major surgery. He has been dismissed from the hospital, and we are happy to report is mak-

ing a rapid recovery. Bro. Jesse Haab has made a full recovery, after being hospitalized for several days, during which he had minor surgery.

Bro. Theo. and Sis. Naoma Beer, along with Sis. Marie Ritzman of Akron, drove to Philadelphia, where they visited the family of Bro. Alan Beer. From there they drove to Walter Reed Hospital, where they visited Sis. Jan Kaiser, who is receiving medical treatment. With Jan were her in-laws, Bro. Bob and Sis. Helen Kaiser, who made the return trip with them. The wishes from this entire congregation go to Jan, as she is making continued progress from her major surgery.

Our spiritual lives were enriched by the word of God which Bro. Vernon Lehman shared with us in his visit.

#### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Herman Schaefer  
Mrs. Otto Schaefer

Sis. Pearl Moser has undergone surgery and is reported as doing fine, but is still in the hospital recuperating. Our prayers have been with Sis. Pearl. Bro. Gilbert Schmidgall and Sis. Lydia Feuchtenberger were also hospital patients but are now home.

Bro. and Sis. Jack and Nancy Knobloch are the parents of their second child and second son. He has been named Brent Edward.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz  
Miss Della Witschey

Mrs. J. C. Froelich is much improved, and will be able to return home from the hospital, where she has been a patient since Jan. 14.

Miss Bonnie Riggenbach is back to teaching, after being a patient in the local hospital in February.

C. O. Wade was a patient in the Wetzel County hospital Feb. 28-March 2, for medical care resulting from severe nose bleeds.

Miss Ruth Mullett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mullett, is slowly improving in the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling, where she underwent surgery on Feb. 26.

Jesse Rothlisberger, who has been very ill at the Ohio Valley Hospital in Wheeling, underwent surgery on March 4 and is reported to be doing nicely.

Word was received by local relatives on March 5 of the illness of

Mrs. Lucy Witschey Frumm, in Jeannette, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Berger and daughter, Mary, and Mrs. Gus Weltz attended the services at the Monroe Church on Feb. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Berger are the grandparents of a baby girl, born to their son, Gene Berger and wife on Feb. 25.

Harry Burton was hospitalized for several days, but was able to get back home and is recuperating.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilmore of Kansas City, Mo., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich and other relatives.

Walter Emch has not been able to get out much the past several weeks, but is looking towards spring when he can get out again.

#### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter — Mrs. Bill Heimer

We were glad to have as our visiting ministers, Bro. Art Gudeman on Feb. 25, Bro. Bob Pohl and Bro. Noah Schrock on Mar. 3.

Sis. Lois (James) Sutter submitted to major surgery, and Sis. Marjorie (Gerald) Sutter had local surgery. They are both recuperating nicely.

Bro. LeRoy Yackley finished his two years of service and has returned home to his parents, Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley. We are glad to have him in our midst again.

On March 3, Bro. Stan Heimer and Sis. Linda Kolthoff were united in marriage, by Elder Bro. Noah Schrock. Sis. Linda is the daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Rosella Kolthoff, and Bro. Stan is the son of Sis. Naomi and the late Bro. Bill Heimer. May the Lord richly bless them as they walk the path of life together.

#### TUCSON, ARIZONA

Noah Herman

The greatest need in our society of 1968 is for more Christian homes. May the light ever shine in a sin-darkened world, as a witness for His church while we wait for His return, moment by moment.

We welcome Sis. Esther Sutter into our fellowship. May God bless Bro. Jack and her in their new home, 1150 N. Magnolia Ave., as they use their time and talents for the welfare of the church.

Bro. Alfred and Sis. Anna Thomas have moved into their new home, 1525 N. Palo Verde Ave.,

Tucson, Ariz. 85716. We wish them God's blessings in all things.

Bro. Pete and Sis. Katharine Hoerr have left for their home in Peoria. We thank them for their visit and their concern for the Tucson church. Our sincere thanks go out to our visiting ministers. They were Bro. Clarence Yackley and Elder Bro. Paul Fehr. May God bless them for their many words of encouragement.

Sis. Emma Hoerr was blessed with a visit from her nephew, Bill Hoerr of Peoria. The church enjoyed his presence.

Bro. Noah Herman's enjoyed the visit from their son, Ronald, his wife Mary Ann and daughter, Julie.

#### LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

There were three rest homes to visit in Butler the first Sunday of the month. The new one is called South View. We received a warm welcome.

Our brother, Edw. Bertsch is improving at the Park View Hospital. He has been moved out of the intensive care unit. His sister, Rosa is also recovering from a form of pneumonia.

Sis. Bertha Keller is spending some time with her daughter, Vera Gerber at Bluffton. Sis. Pearl Greuter is at her daughter's home in New Haven Ind., somewhat improved but not able to attend church services.

Dennis and Roberta Klopfenstein were surprised with a housewarming and a gift given by this church.

Bro. Oliver Stieglitz is the new trustee. He already had been serving on our building committee.

#### AKRON, OHIO

Florence Graf

Live thou as thy wish will be  
To have lived when thou expirest.  
Treasures which have come to thee  
Fame and wealth which thou desirest,  
Will not make thy death more sweet,  
For they are not thine to keep.  
But a pure and loving heart,  
Conscience free from condemnation  
Can repose and peace impart,  
And in death give consolation . . .

Bro. Adam Schuckert passed away Feb. 11 at the age of 72 years. Adam had been in failing health for some time and had recently been residing in Mansfield. He leaves his wife, Sis. Grace Schuckert; sons, Elmer (Phoenix), Raymond,

(Chicago), Robert (California), Russell (Cuyahoga Falls), Herman (Akron), Walter (Barberton) and Carl; daughters, Mrs. Martha Zvoleff, Mrs. Rosemary Evans, and Mrs. Frieda Penden. Also surviving are Sis. Eva Emery of our congregation, Kathryn Schuckert of Akron—37 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and several half-brothers and sisters. Funeral services were from the church on Feb. 15, with burial in Copley Cemetery.

Sis. Sadie Brenner passed away March 6, at the age of 90 years. Sadie had been missing from our congregation for many months, due to infirmities and failing health. She resided with and was lovingly cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Hinnant. Sis. Sadie's cheery smile and ever-ready, pleasant greeting will be sorely missed by many. She leaves, two daughters—Mrs. Hinnant of Shaker Heights, Mrs. Elama Drakd of Silver Lake; a son Harold, of Houston, Texas; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Services were held March 8, with burial in Stow Cemetery.

Gary Graf, son of Carl and Kathy Graf had surgery, but is recovered nicely. Sis. Bessie King was hospitalized for surgery, following a fall, and will be laid up for some time.

#### BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Loris Kieser

Mrs. Don Duckworth

Bro. Dean Stahl has been a hospital patient for several weeks. We trust in God and pray he can fully recover.

Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mardell Dietz welcomed their second son, Barry Alan. Barry has a brother, Jeffrey. His grandparents are Bro. Herman and Sis. Hilda Dietz and Bro. Fred (now at Rest) and Sis. Louise Grimm of Taylor. Barry has the distinction of being born on Feb. 29.

#### BREMEN, INDIANA

Ann Zimmer — Becky Feldman

Bro. Will Leman has undergone brain surgery, in which a blood clot was removed. He is progressing slowly.

Tom Conrad, son of Bro. Freeman and Sis. Mary Conrad had emergency abdominal surgery. We pray for the full and speedy recovery of both of these dear ones.

We are thankful to the Lord that He has safely given a sweet little girl to Bro. J. N. and Sis. Karen Feldman. They named her Annette Kay.

Sis. Elizabeth Yackley is home from the hospital and is finding new strength daily. We look forward to the time she is able to fellowship with us again.

A Sunday evening service was held in Bro. Dan Germann's home, as he has not been able to assemble with us for two years.

We were happy to have Bro. Walt and Sis. Sharon Rager and their new son visit with us March 3, and to have Walt share the pulpit with our ministers.

Milford was welcomed Feb. 25 for an evening singspiration. We found much pleasure in our time of fellowship, and look forward to our next get-together.

We can find many things every day to praise God for, even when skies look darkest. He loves us so.

#### BURLINGTON, IOWA

Mrs. Paul Eisenmann

Mrs. Paul Wagler

Bro. Jerry Banwart of the La Crosse congregation has finished his on-the-job training in Burlington, and has returned to college. We enjoyed having him worship with us at mid-week services.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Joyce Pohl were in San Antonio, where Bob ministered to the servicemen there. Bob had been in service at Ft. Sam Houston a number of years before.

On March 7 the Burlington and Oakville congregations met at the Oakville church to hear a report on the Conference. Bro. Josh Broquard of Fairbury was here to help Bro. Noah Schrock. It is certainly good for all of us to be reminded of our Christian duties, and to realize again how important it is that we live closely to God, so we all may some day reach our life's goal.

#### ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

There is a hint of springtime in these parts. The cardinal has begun his seasonal song. The willow trees are showing green tips, and yesterday we witnessed a typical spring rain. Judging from the appearance of overcast sky, we may have additional moisture today.

The wedding of Sis. Ruth Butikofer and Bro. Wilbur Wiegand

was solemnized by Bro. Paul Butikofer, the evening of the 24th of February. A reception is planned for the 17th of this month. May God's richest blessings ever be present in their home. They will be at home at Saunemin, Ill.

Sis. Celia Butikofer and Bro. Fred Marti are among those ill. They have not been able to assemble with our congregation for a few Sundays. May God bless the treatment they are receiving, so that they will soon be well again.

#### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Eunice and Lydia Kammerer

Three dear souls, friends Elaine Schlipf, Rachel Funk, and Elsa Stoller gave their testimony and were baptized Mar. 3 and 4. Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin assisted Bro. George Gramm in the proving and baptisms. Friend Alvin Funk, who was hospitalized for treatment, has repented and confesses peace with God. Everyone rejoices for each soul who finds the need to turn to the Lord and find peace with Him.

Our guest ministers were Bro. Ed Alt and Bros. Jesse and Joe Schrock.

Sis. Violet Funk has sufficiently recovered from surgery to be released from the hospital and is back home with her family. Sis. Martha Schlipf is recuperating in her home, after suffering a fractured pelvis (resulting from a fall in her home). Sis. Anna M. Miller was able to return to her duties in the Eureka Home, after having been laid up with a cast on her foot following a fractured bone. Sis. Emma Grusy, who has been sick for some time is slowly improving. Bro. Clarence Stoller hasn't been able to assemble with our congregation for some time, but is steadily improving. Sis. Fannie Wiegand has been laid up with a kidney infection. We miss all our shut-ins and wish them all a speedy recovery.

Bro. Roger and Sis. Nancy Musselman moved to Gridley from Champaign, not Tremont as was stated in the recent issue of *The Silver Lining*.

Engagement was announced, of the coming marriage of Bro. Jerome Witzig and Sis. Marian Menold of Morton.

Our monthly songfest was held, with a large attendance. The Mortonaries were our guests, sang several beautiful selections and read

poems, which added much meaning to their songs. The Gridley Bible Class also sang several beautiful selections. All was very impressive.

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Sue Ann Kupferschmid

It hurts to say good-bye, thinking perhaps we will never meet again. If the Lord comes tonight, are you ready? How many more times will doors close between us? How many more good-byes must we say until the last one has been said? Will the next door we open be a golden one, which will close forever upon good-byes? Will our next hello be in heaven?

March 3, one of our students, Rachel Funk, Gridley, was baptized into the church of Christ.

Feb. 8, Bro. Joe Schrock spoke to us on "Science and the Scripture". Some of his references were I Tim. 6:20-21, Romans 1:18, and Isaiah 40:12. He told us about reasons people have gotten off of the track and said, "We shouldn't need any proof: the Bible should be proof enough that there is truly a God."

Of the World: "Have you ever thought that, as knowledge has increased upon the earth that men have become greater and greater fools?" asked Bro. Donald Sauder, Feb. 15. He read to us from Amos 3 and spoke of our high and heavenly calling. We are called unto the highest love that is known to mankind. It is a love capable of overcoming the world.

Bro. George Gramm meditated on Luke 16 on Feb. 22. He told us, "If we live according to the world, we are not confessing the Lord. We have never gone this road before. It is a new road, even as a wilderness."

On Feb. 29, James 3 was read by Bro. Edmund Kloter. His text was on our "Manner of speaking," and how it tells what we really are. "What sort of influence do we have upon those that influence us?" he asked.

The signs of the end-times was the subject spoken on by Bro. Schrock on March 7. His Bible reading was Matt. 24:36 to 25:46. He warned against becoming spiritually drowsy and looking for another way. We should be prepared at all times.

### LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Among the sick were Bro. Sam Frank and Bro. Sam Heiniger, who

submitted to surgery; Bros. Don Bucher and Rolland Meiss, who were both hospitalized. We are glad to report they are all back assembling with us on Sundays.

Robert and Diane Gudeman brought their testimony before the congregation and were baptized and received into the fold. May God bless them as they begin a new life together.

We enjoyed the ministering of the following brethren: Bro. Joel Souder and Bro. John Bollier of Leo and Bro. Noah Gerber of Lester.

Sis. Eula Heinold and Bro. Arthur Mogler of West Bend were united in holy matrimony on Feb. 11. May God bless them as they begin their life together.

### OAKVILLE, IOWA Martha Steiner

Lowell (Ozzie) and Alma Langland of Ottumwa are the parents of a new baby boy, born Feb. 25 and named John Christopher. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Noah and Sis. Hattie Schrock.

On Thursday evening, March 7, we were privileged to hear a report of the conference read and meditated upon by our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock and assisted by Elder Bro. Joshua Broquard from Fairbury. Our responsibility now is to support the convictions and decisions made at these conferences.

Our February meeting in Iowa City was well attended, with a representation from five churches. Our guest ministers were Bro. Clifford Grimm from West Bend and Bro. Robert Pohl from Burlington, who lent themselves in expounding God's holy word.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA Carolyn Dotterer — Lois Heiniger

Sis. Averill Stevig has come home from the hospital after having surgery. We look forward to her complete recovery, when she can again assemble with us.

Marie Messerli was involved in an accident and broke her arm; however, we are glad that she is still able to gather with us.

We have been blessed with many visitors. On Feb. 18, they were our hosts at a picnic held at Squaw Peak Park. It is wonderful to fellowship with each other and enjoy the beauties of God's creations.

Bro. Floyd and Sis. Percida Wieland from Bay City spent several

days with us. Our thanks are extended to Floyd for ministering to us.

Dan Roth, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Lorene Roth of Fairbury, has given his life to the Lord and has found peace with Him. We rejoice with Dan and look forward to hearing his testimony.

On Feb. 18, our Elder Bro. Roy Farney read the memorandum. It is wonderful that God puts such love and concern for each other into the hearts of His children. We were strengthened and encouraged to build a solid faith in Christ, and were warned about the dangers found all around us. Since it was the last evening to be with many of our friends who were visiting in Phoenix, we felt a special bond of love uniting us all together.

### SABETHA, KANSAS

#### Mrs. Joe Steiner

We surely sympathize with the Charley Strahm family. The death angel claimed two from their family circle in less than two months time. Bro. Charley passed away, and his funeral was Jan. 13. Just six weeks later his daughter, Sis. Annabelle Bahr of Ft Scott was laid to rest.

Bro. Alexander (Alec) R. Wenger passed away Feb. 28 at the Sabetha Community Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Mary, now residing at the A. C. Home; his children, Irene (Mrs. John Lowenbach of Fairfax, Va.), and Melvin of Sabetha; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild and seven brothers. Memorial services were conducted by Bro. Eugene Marti and Bro. Herman Kellenberger (Elgin), on Sat. March 2. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

### SHIODA CHURCH, JAPAN

#### Toshio and Morie Uchida

We send our heartfelt greetings to all the brethren in Christ and friends of the truth in the United States. May God's blessings be upon you in an abundant measure.

We were blessed by the visit and fellowship of the Bro. Vernon Hartman family of Fairbury. Vernon told us that because of his faith in God, he was not the least afraid to get in an airplane and cross the Pacific Ocean. This was a wonderful testimony to us. We are very thankful for the close and warm



fellowship we could enjoy with our visiting brethren.

We are all quite well at the Shioda Church except for Mr. Mochizuki, who is the husband of Sis. Kazuko. He is in the hospital, after suffering a stroke and then coming down with pneumonia. We are praying for him. He is probably about 37 years of age.

The mothers and several fathers of our kindergarten children gathered together on Feb. 28 to decide on the smocks for the children to wear and discuss other matters pertaining to the kindergarten. Our new term begins on April 8, with 18 children. We pray that the kindergarten will bring us many contacts and make many friendships to the honor of God and eventually the salvation of souls.

I have recently felt very strongly the depth of the words written in Matthew 7:14 "... strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Because the gate is narrow, it is not easily recognized or found by those outside of Christ, and therefore we must work to help them find it.

#### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer  
Mary Jane Leuthold

Feb. 11 brought Bro. Leo Moser, Lester, and Bro. George Wagenbach, Princeville, into our midst, and it was indeed a blessed day. Bro. Leo came to unite in marriage Lois Wagenbach, daughter of Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise, and James Metzger, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mary Ann of the Lester congregation. We certainly wish the new couple many blessings and much happiness in their married life.

We also appreciated the visits of Bros. Joshua Broquard and Walter Koehl of Fairbury and Bro. Uriel Gehring of Burlington, Iowa. Bro. Josh assisted our Elder Bro. Dan Koch in reading the memorandum. How thankful we should be that our ministers and elders have enough love and concern for the church that they will remind us of our duties and warn us of the evils of this latter day and time. We were reminded that not one of us can afford to be complacent. Surely everyone must have left the assembly with a new desire and determination to walk a little closer to the Lord.

We are thankful that Bro. Aquil-

la Pfleiderer, who was hospitalized, has returned home. However, Sis. Rose Schurter is still hospitalized. We hope and pray that, if it be the Lord's will, she will soon be well enough to return home.

Bro. Carl Sinn is now making his home at the Eureka Nursing Home. He is missed from his spot in the front of the church, where he sat every Sunday when he was able to come to church. Although he could not hear, he would faithfully assemble with us, and I am sure he received many blessings just sitting in church and reading his Bible and Zion's Harp.

#### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS Ben Blunier

Many thanks to the dear brothers who brought God's word. They were Bros. Walter Koehl, Jesse Schrock, Emanuel Gudeman, Gene Bertschi, Willis Wiegand and John Rokey, at our Sunday services. Bros. Edwin Ringger, Emanuel Gudeman, and Ed Hohulin served us at our Wed. Bible Class meetings. **The Lord again has given His counsel and His will. He came to live among us, His promise to fulfill.**

The news from Vietnam is not good. Many have died, and many are facing death almost constantly. Throughout the world there is much disagreement, confusion, discouragement, and alarm as to what might be ahead. In times like these, how fortunate to be a Christian. Jesus walks with us, and we are not given more than we can bear. **When the dark midnight is over, watch for the breaking of day.** Remember and pray for our boys in service.

#### JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Ben Manz — Mrs. Alvin Manz

Bro. Herman Norr and others from Leo and Bluffton were with us for services on Sun. Feb. 11. In the evening, Bro. Norr showed us slides of three children's homes in Kentucky that received help from our area Sunday Schools for Christmas. A special interest was shown by the Sunday School students, as they had a part in helping.

Our new church building is nearing completion, and we expect to hold our first services in it very soon, probably during the month of April.

Elder Bro. George Sinn and Bro. Irvin Stoller of Latty were with us,

and reminded us that we are a fortunate people, that God has given us the faith to believe on His word. If we didn't have God's word to hang on to, where would we go? These may be the last days. Where do we stand? Let us not be found wanting. Bro. Sinn also read the memorandum, and we were reminded anew that we should remain humble and a light to the world.

We have been receiving quite a few visitors lately, who are coming while we still have services in our old church building. As we are one of the smaller churches, we always appreciate and are thankful for visitors. We welcome all who can to come.

#### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Sara Aeschleman — Norene Herbst

Sis. Lizzie Unsicker is home from the hospital, after undergoing eye surgery. Her sight is somewhat improved, and we are hoping for her further recovery.

Bro. Leonard Fehr passed from this life Feb. 20. He had undergone surgery several weeks previous, apparently in good health. While at the hospital he had the flu, previous to the operation. Complications followed the surgery, and all efforts to restore his health were unsuccessful. His presence is greatly missed. Funeral services were held Feb. 23.

Bro. Glenn and Sis. Christa Moser are the parents of a baby girl, Lynette, born Feb. 11. They have another daughter and a son. Bro. Bob and Sis. Madeline Zimmerman are the parents of a daughter, Tamara Sue, born Feb. 15. They also have two sons. Mike and Marjorie (Schwab) Mangold are the parents of their first child, a son, born March 1. He has been named Matthew Edward. A baby daughter was born March 9 to Everett (Mike) and Janet (Diggleman) Ellis. She is their first child and has been named Diane Lynn.

Visiting ministers were Bros. David Bertsch, Elmer Witzig, John Rokey and Art Bauer.

Card of Thanks: We wish to extend our sincere thanks for the kindness shown to our father Isaac Stortz during his illness, also the many kind acts done for the family at the time of his passing. Mrs. Bernice Audi and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Florence) Melchin and family, Mr. and Mrs. William

(Ethel) Flaa and family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell (Edith) Poland and family. "Weep not for me, nor wish me back; I am free from pain, now free and in my Saviour's arms do rest. That's where I long to be. You watched for me beside my bed, now I will watch for you, And when you reach the golden gate, I'll come and lead you through."

George Michael Mangold was born Dec. 25, 1822, died Nov. 18, 1894 at Chateau Salins in Alsace-Lorraine. He was laid to rest at Fairbury. He was the father of Bro. Michael Mangold. He composed 29 of the hymns in the **Zion's Harp**, namely numbers 1, 13, 21, 26, 32, 48, 49, 52, 54, 64, 67, 76, 79, 82, 85, 94, 106, 110, 116, 117, 118, 129, 151, 157, 158, 181, 190, 191, 208.

No. 191 was composed while he was imprisoned at Mosbach in Baden, Germany, for his faith, and was written on the prison wall, because he did not have any writing paper.

### ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

**Carlton J. Lanz**

The lovely, yet unpretentious wedding of Wayne and Marcia (Kloter) Kupferschmid in February was solemnized by Elder John Bahler at his home. A reception followed, after which the couple left for a wedding trip. Many of their friends wished them well. May God bless their home together.

Several of us from the Rockville church drove to New Jersey to spend Sunday with the small congregation of members and friends at the Union City church. Other members, like Elder Theo. Beer of Milford and some of his family and Bro. Keith Kloter—who currently is at a laundry school in Maryland—were also there, so together we joined in worship and enjoyed a very pleasant and blessed day. We sincerely thank the members and friends who prepared the lovely luncheon and for the warm welcome we received.

We rejoice together with Kay Kloter, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Kloter, who has let the Lord lead her through repentance and is now at peace with her God. The words of the beautiful hymn come to one's mind: Tears of joy I bring Thee, Jesus, Man of pain, That Thou, Lord didst call me, To Thy flock ordain! . . . Is this not a pleasure, Christian, here to be?

Seek ye all this treasure Jesus offers free! If man only knew the blessing We enjoy in Thee, Far more would be willing Now to follow Thee.

There are times, no doubt, when all of us feel a bit "let down" or depressed, especially so when our health is impaired or even more so when we become disabled by an unfortunate happening. This occurs often, we read, and we are saddened. Bros. Leonard and Daryl Luginbuhl are victims of one of these unfortunate happenings, yet the love, the kindness and the acts of benevolence has been tremendous. The beautiful boxes sent them from the Roanoke people, the cards and envelopes and personal letters people take time to write—this, they believe is none other than the love of God in the hearts participating, that moves them to do these noble deeds. God alone can reward!

Ted Neunschwander of Bluffton, now stationed at the submarine base at New London Conn., has spent his recent week ends here. He returned from a three-months' voyage (undersea) to Spain.

### MY PALACE

A beautiful palace my  
King gave to me,  
And all through my lifetime  
My home it will be;  
I call it my body to use as  
I will,  
But this I remember—That God  
Owns it still.

From things that would harm it I'll  
keep away,  
And carefully guard it by night and  
by day.  
Windows and doors are my lips,  
ears, and eyes.  
Dear King, help me use them in  
ways that are wise.

### History American Elders

(Continued from page 1)  
remodeled in 1940.

The Milford church was served by the following elders throughout the years: Bros. Henry Souder Sr., Leo, Elias Dotterer, Junction; and Samuel Aeschliman, Bluffton.

### Remington

First elder serving the Remington church was Bro. Chris Gerber, Fairbury, followed by Bros. Jacob Honegger, Forrest; Eugene Schladenhaufen, Cissna Park; Philip

Gutwein Sr., Francesville; George Yergler, La Crosse; and Irvin Lehman, Kentland (Ind.).

In 1900, services were held in the homes, each Sunday at a different home. In 1900, Jacob Von Tobel purchased a quarter section of land, on which the church now stands. He donated a parcel of ground to be used for the building of a church, including the cemetery. In 1903, Bro. John Schieler, who was a carpenter, with the aid of a few volunteer helpers built the first church at a cost of approximately \$1800. In 1910, an addition was made, this building serving its purpose for a period of 37 years, or until 1947. It was then abandoned, and the present modern church was built.

### Wolcott

Lehman, Irvin, Kentland, Ind. Born in Wolcott, Oct. 21, 1909. Installed elder Jan. 19, 1958 by Bros. George Yergler (La Crosse), Samuel Aeschliman (Bluffton), and Theo. Beer (Milford).

In 1900 services were held in the homes, each Sunday at a different home. In 1902, there was need for a permanent place of assembly — a piece of land was purchased, and the church building was completed in 1903-1904. During the time the building was being constructed, townsmen offered the congregation the use of an old school building. The frame building that was constructed at that time was in use until 1952—last service being held on Oct. 5, 1952. Construction of the new stone building was started in May, 1951. First services were held on Oct. 12, 1952. Dedication services were held on Nov. 16, 1952.

### IOWA

#### Lester

Mogler, August. Born in Bochingen, Germany, Sept. 5, 1858. Ordained elder by Bro. Joseph Huber, Gridley, Kansas, June 1908. Served from 1908-1916. Died Oct. 20, 1916.

From 1890 to 1892, services were held in the homes of members and friends. The first church building was erected in 1892. In 1908 a small addition was added to the church. In 1948-1949, a new church was built. Dedication services were held Oct. 16, 1949.

The Lester church was served by Bros. Michael Zimmerman (Congerville), Rudolph Witzig (Gridley), Gottlieb Maibach (Pulaski), August

Mogler (Lester), Jacob Stettner (Elgin), and Henry Koehl (Morris).

### Oakville

Schrock, Noah, Burlington, Iowa. Born in Congerville Aug. 29, 1892. Ordained elder May 1940 by Bros. Emil Schubert (Peoria), Carl Rassi (Morton), and David Mangold (Roanoke).

The Oakville church was started in 1903, when there were 7 families. The following year others moved in, including Bro. Albert Reiman, who was the first minister. The first elder was Bro. Gottlieb Maibach, Pulaski, followed by Bro. Andrew Rapp, Morton, serving from 1908-1911; Bro. Barthol Rapp from 1911-1914; Bro. Elias Winzeler, Tremont, from 1914-1939 and Bro. Emil Schubert, Peoria, 1939-1940.

Bro. Noah Schrock began his ministry in 1918, at the age of 25. Bro. Schrock has charge of the churches in Oakville, Burlington, Pulaski, Taylor, Portland, and Silvertown.

During various periods Bro. Noah had oversight of the churches in Burlington, Harper, Wichita, Lamont, Gridley, Ft. Scott, Sabetha, Bern, Lamar, Maywood, Altadena, West Bend and Elgin (Ia.).

### Pulaski

Maibach, Gottlieb. Born in Bern, Switzerland, March 12, 1853. Ordained elder 1895 by Bros. Chris Gerber (Fairbury) and Rudolph Witzig, Gridley.

The first church was built in 1865, about 3 miles southwest of town. The second church was built in 1904, and the third, a new modern structure was erected in 1958 at an approximate cost of \$32,000.

Bro. Geistlich of Switzerland visited Pulaski during his visit to America in 1866. John Miller, Michael Miller and Johannes Nafzinger were among the early Pulaski settlers. Some of the families were living in log cabins. The Frederick Wuthrich family from Uttligen, Switzerland immigrated to Pulaski in 1889.

Pulaski was served by Bros. Rudolph Witzig (Gridley) Michael Zimmerman (Congerville), Michael Mangold (Roanoke), and Noah Schrock (Oakville).

### West Bend

Banwart, Joe. Ordained elder by Bro. Joseph Huber, Gridley, Kansas. Banwart, Paul. Born in West

Bend, 1890. Ordained elder in 1949 by Bros. David Mangold (Roanoke), Noah Schrock (Oakville), and Henry Koehl (Morris).

West Bend was also served by Bros. Jacob Stettner (Elgin) and Noah Schrock (Oakville).

## KANSAS

### Bern

Locher, Rudolf. Born in Walkringen, Bern, Switzerland Aug. 19, 1870. Ordained elder in 1935 by Bro. Emil Schubert, Peoria. Served from 1935-1944. Died Sept. 15, 1944.

Wittmer, Joseph. Born in West Union, Iowa, Sept. 17, 1887. Ordained elder Mar. 17, 1946, by Bros. Ernest Graf Sr. (Akron), Noah Schrock (Oakville), and David Mangold (Roanoke).

Bro. Lester Hartter is the present elder.

### Ft. Scott

A number of brethren came to Ft. Scott in 1893; they held services in the homes. In January 1921, the present building was purchased.

The Ft. Scott congregation was served by Bro. Jacob Somerhalder (Gridley, Kans.) until 1932. Bro. Emil Schubert (Peoria) served as elder from 1932-1940, followed by Bro. Noah Schrock (Oakville) from 1940-1951.

### Gridley

Huber, Joseph. Born in Gutma-dinger, Germany, Dec. 29, 1938. He was installed elder in 1881 by Bro. Benedict Weyeneth, and served from 1881-1917. He died Aug. 7, 1917. Bro. Huber began his ministry in Germany at the age of 27 years, and came to America in 1876. He served the Gridley, Lamont, Ft. Scott, and Lamar churches.

Somerhalder, Jacob. He was born in Rahaage Canton-Argau, Switzerland, Nov. 29, 1853, and ordained elder in January 1921 by Bros. Barthol Rapp (Morton) and Jacob Kaufman. He served until 1932, died Nov. 5, 1945, and was laid to rest in the church cemetery, northwest of Gridley, Kansas.

The Gridley church building was built in 1881 (3 miles northwest of

Gridley). In 1895, the church was destroyed by a severe windstorm. It was rebuilt the same year. In May 1910, it was destroyed by fire. A new church was built that same year, remodeled in 1946.

### Lamont

Anliker, Samuel. He was born in Cropsey, Ill., Feb. 19, 1905, and installed elder Dec. 15, 1951 by Bros. Noah Schrock (Oakville), Joseph Wittmer (Bern), and Roy Farney (Kiowa). Bro. Anliker also serves the churches in Gridley, Ft. Scott, Wichita, Sabetha and Lamar.

The Lamont church was built in 1881, remodeled in the fall of 1951, and again in 1956.

The Lamont congregation was served by Bros. Jacob Somerhalder (Gridley, Kans.) until 1932. Bro. Emil Schubert (Peoria) served as elder from 1932-1940, followed by Bro. Noah Schrock (Oakville) from 1940-1951.

### Wichita

Wichita was served by Bro. Noah Schrock (Oakville) from 1940-1951. Bro. Roy Farney (Kiowa, Kansas) had oversight of the Wichita Church from 1951-1959, and resigned because of failing health, following which Bro. Samuel Anliker, (Gridley, Kansas) was assigned the oversight.

## MICHIGAN

### Alto

Katherine Wingeier emigrated from Switzerland and settled in the Lowell, Michigan, area (in approximately 1879), being the early settler in the area. She stood seemingly alone, as in a wilderness, for 13 years, with no members nor churches of her faith for more than 100 miles, but she had God as her companion. While baptized against opposition, her modest spiritual life was a help to others finding the faith. She was the mother of seven sons.

The first edifice was built in 1921, on Bro. Ferdinand and Sis. Anna Wingeier's farm, at a cost of a few thousand dollars. The building was remodeled again in 1946.

Alto was served by Bros. Gottlieb Maibach (Bay City) Ernest

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

the editor

Graf Sr. (Akron), Godfrey Rauch (Bluffton), Otto Ramseyer (Bay City), Rudolph Graf (Akron), George Sinn (Latty), and Joe Waibel (Pinconning, Mich.).

### Detroit

The first services in Detroit were held in the home of Bro. Ben Maibach Jr., Feb. 9, 1948 by Bros. Otto Ramseyer and Henry Wackerle, with about 75 present. Services were later held in the Redford War Memorial Home, commencing Jan. 1, 1950.

First services were held in the new building, 26741 Five Mile Rd., July 2, 1950. The building was constructed at an approximate cost of \$30,000. In 1957 further remodeling was required, to provide additional facilities, bringing the total cost to \$60,000.

### Bay City

Maibach, Gottlieb. Born in Bern, Switzerland, Mar. 12, 1853, and ordained elder in Pulaski, in 1895 by Bros. Chris Gerber (Fairbury), and Rudolph Witzig (Gridley). Bro. Maibach served as elder in the Pulaski church until 1905, when he moved to Bay City. He served in Bay City from 1905-1922, and died June 8, 1922.

Ramseyer, Otto. Born in Harper, Kansas, Sept. 16, 1888. He was ordained elder Aug. 3, 1941 by Bros. Elias Dotterer (Junction) and Jacob Stettner (Elgin). Due to ill health, Bro. Ramseyer was relieved of his duties in 1955.

Waibel, Joseph. Born in Forrest, May 26, 1899, and ordained elder Feb. 6, 1955 by Bros. Noah Schrock (Oakville), David Mangold (Roanoke), Philip Beyer (Castorland), and Rudolph Graf (Akron). He moved to Bay City in 1908 with his parents. They made their home in Kawkawlin, Mich.

Late in 1903, the Chas. E. Lambert and Julius J. Lambert families moved from Oklahoma and located on farms west of Linwood. In 1904 the Carl Wieland family moved from Cissna Park to a mile west of Kawkawlin. In 1905, the Henry Freidinger family from Cissna Park moved on a farm south of Linwood. Since 1905 regular church services were held in the homes of members, rotating from Sunday to Sunday, so as not to be burdensome to any one family. In 1906 the George Wackerle Sr. family moved from

Cissna Park to several miles west of Kawkawlin.

The little congregation grew. They located rough-sawed lumber from the woods many miles away, hauled it with horses, wagons and sometimes sleighs, and the church building was erected in 1907. The ground for the original building and cemetery was donated by Bro. Geo. Wackerle Sr.

This building served the fast-growing congregation until 1918, when the building was raised 8 ft., providing dining room, kitchen, Sunday School rooms and stairways. A new building was erected in 1953, dedicated April 4, 1954, with a seating capacity of 500. Bro. William Stevig helped with the design of these churches.

The great Physician now is near,  
The sympathizing Jesus;  
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer;  
Oh, hear the voice of Jesus.

Oh mercy, loud I cried,  
Now give me rest from sin.  
I will a voice replied,  
And mercy let me in.

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## HE HAS RISEN

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Do you know how very important is our Lord's resurrection? The apostles with great power told that Jesus is alive. It is headlines in the good news. Not one season. Again and again it is told that Jesus lives!

Many things can draw our interest, or take our time. Why should our day be dull? We have Jesus, who is life. Just thinking about it can warm our hearts. He is so kind and loving. He speaks in such a beautiful way; what He says shines and brings joy. So much opens. So many things come.

"And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you." The Bible tells that we are going to be like Jesus. Therefore, Jesus shows how it is going to be, living in that world to come.

He stood with His own. He is glorious. Time to get there, the way and the how he came, they just weren't any trouble. He was free from the hold of time and space. He stood in the midst: beautiful standing. It brings home the at-home scenes. Being together, fellowship, having dear ones close. He talked. We're going to talk in that home; we're going to listen . . . Sweet words . . . What all will be told in our homeland of never-ending delight?

Now He says, peace. Quiet, calm, sweet peace is a picture of that land no artist can touch. He gives peace

now.

"But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?" He understands. It will be a pleasure to sit in unending ages to One with such a mind. Never has there been another like Him. And the way He cares for others. Such thought, such love. What one moment will be face to face.

A certain one neared her last breath. For many a day, her life had been summed up in the lines she had written, "Near The Cross" . . . "till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river." Since a child, she had been blind. Now, she saw Someone. There was great happiness. She was dying, but she said, "I could run to meet Him".

"Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." We'll be able to see Jesus. We'll see those we love. Jesus says, "my . . . myself . . . me". We'll recognize. We shall know as we are known. Home has real-for-sure people with flesh and bones, acting as we act, doing as we do. Yet swallowed up in a glory and light that, at the last, all thought of the former will be gone. Not faintly, not shadowy, but real, something you can see and touch.

"And when he had thus spoken,

he shewed them his hands and his feet." We can see here how His children are going to look. God is not going to redraw a completely different figure. They are real hands and real feet.

The Bible teaches that the body will be raised. God don't throw away the body; he changes it. Not something else, or somebody else's, but our body. Some relationship. Jesus could show the wounds in His hands and in His feet. He could appear in one form, and then in heaven in another glorious form. John saw Him ( in Revelation 1) in beautiful, bright, wonderful array. The beauty of the old is not lost, but swallowed up in the glory of the new.

How kind and patient is this wonderful Person! "And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?" He knows what to do. He will lead as one is able to follow. He knows what to do so we shall say, someday, I am satisfied. This is all I want. Joy and riches and pleasure flow full.

The sun lights the day. It puts color in the clouds. Joy is that brightness of the soul when the wonderful Person of Jesus shines in it. Joy came while yet faith was slow. His being there, and their seeing Him brought some great happiness. It was a very great thing, and so shall it be.