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## MIGHTY EVENTS SOON TO TAKE PLACE

(Postmarked Congerville, with the name Schrock on the letterhead)

Suddenly one day, perhaps very soon, all those who belong to our Saviour will hear a great shout from the sky, and will immediately be drawn up to meet the Saviour. The Lord first raises from the dead all who have been redeemed by Him. Every true believer, caught upwards by the magnetism of Christ, will at once be transformed with their glorified resurrection bodies, and will thus meet the Lord in the air and be united with all the redeemed. What a thrilling and triumphant moment it will be for the whole church. The vivid account of what will take place is given through the apostle Paul in I Thesalonians 4.

This stupendous miracle will take place, we are told, in a split second: "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." One moment a finite being in this sinful world; the next, glorified and immortal with Christ. He will do it according to His unbreakable promise. The Saviour's coming for His own people is not found in just one passage, but in many.

Our Lord teaches that His coming will be a day of solemn separation. See what He says: "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left."

When the appointed hour has come, the Lord will come, with great majesty and kingly power. "Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be

a very great valley. . ."

Then He will set up His kingdom on earth, and rule the nations with a rod of iron. He will reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. "And the LORD shall be king over all the earth . . ." Then will begin the golden age for the world, when the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

We should all be reflecting in our walk of life, and if asked of our hope to tell in fear, this glorious gospel message, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, He was buried, and He arose again the third day.

When Jesus was a boy of 12, His parents found Him in the temple. He said to His parents: ". . . wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

We never need to worry about the material things if we put God first. The Scripture teaches that if riches increase, set not thine heart upon them. The hymnwriter well put it, **Work for the night is coming, when man's work is done.** We believe that our time is very, very short. We believe that the Lord's coming is going to take place very soon. We need to be on the alert—for Satan seeks to deceive us religiously, as well as through the lusts of the flesh.

It goes without saying that this age is one of the most momentous the earth has ever known. We stand at the crossroads, and at times behave as disinterested spectators. God is obviously intervening in the affairs of man. ". . . and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

The tribulation is just around the corner. Political conditions stress the nearness of the man of sin. Visualize, as you can, the upheaval and turmoil. Start in any country, travel from east to west and from pole to pole. The same sorry plight confronts you. Listen to the frantic groans of the starving.

Pandemonium and fear paralyze. Distrust is rampant. The swift-moving moral scene is symptomatic of tribulation time. Christ spoke of conditions to prevail in the time of His return. We are told that the drunkenness and debauchery of Noah's day would be evident. He declared also that we would see the loose behaviour of Lot's day. On one hand we witness amazing scientific advancement, and on the other an acute moral recession, coupled with downright decline and decay.

Divorce courts are full. Outbreaks of atrocities are numerous. The record from day to day becomes more sickening. The scene grows darker. A sinladen, sin-loving age gladly sets the stage for the man of sin. Through his many-sided genius, antichrist shall persuade the millions that he is the answer to their need. Deluded and deceived, they gladly will believe a lie, and thus move closer to their damnation.

Totalitarianism in its worst form shall find ready acceptance and the whole world shall wonder after the beast. The plans are being well formed. Myriads of demons and spirits of uncleanness are relentlessly sowing the seed on a worldwide scale. Falsehood, even in Christian profession, shall find acceptance.

The aroused and watchful, redeemed and regenerated child of God takes a different viewpoint from which is earthly. Political unrest makes him happy to be a citizen of God's kingdom. The increase of sin causes him to draw close to the Lord. Satanic activity makes him more conscious of the truth. He lives in the joy of Christ's all-complete victory. Consequently, one born of God can see these things come to pass and lift up his head and rejoice. He thanks God and prays that he might be counted worthy to escape all these things and to stand before the Son of man.

# HISTORY AMERICAN ELDERS

## MINNESOTA

### Morris

Stettner, Jacob. Born in Ohringen, Wurttemberg, Germany, Nov. 27, 1869, came to America in 1884. He moved from Elgin, May 1, 1911, returning to Elgin August 1928, but continued to serve the Morris and Winthrop churches until 1941.

Koehl, Henry. Born in Illinois, Nov. 14, 1882, and ordained elder in 1941 by Bros. Jacob Stettner (Elgin), Ernest Graf Sr. (Akron), and Elias Dotterer (Junction).

Fehr, Paul. Born at West Bend, ordained elder June 14, 1964, by Bros. Noah Schrock; Silas Leuthold, Paul Banwart and Leo Moser.

The Morris Church was served over the years by Bros. Gottlieb Maibach (Pulaski), John Anliker (West Bend) and August Mogler.

## MISSOURI

### Lamar

Several families of believers moved to Lamar in 1901. Services were held in the homes until the present church was built in 1902; it was remodeled in 1947.

The Lamar congregation was served by Bro. Jacob Somerhalder (Gridley Kans.) until 1932. Bro. Emil Schubert (Peoria) served from 1932-1940, followed by Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville, 1942-1951, followed by Bro. Samuel Anliker, Gridley Kans.

### Taylor

Grimm, Fred. Born in Elgin, Iowa, Aug. 14, 1909, and ordained elder Dec. 21, 1960 by Bros. Silas Leuthold and Noah Schrock. He died March 31, 1967.

In 1918, Bro. Andrew Yackley, with his family, moved to the community, followed by four or five additional families during the next three to four years. In 1926, Bro. Edward Grimm and family and Will Butikofer and Eli Sutter and families moved from Elgin, Iowa. The first services of the Taylor church were held July 4, 1926. Bro. Grimm had previously ministered, so was appointed the resident minister, and served until his death, Nov. 29, 1937.

For many years a small converted dwelling served as a meeting-place, until the new edifice was built and dedicated in August, 1950.

At that time there were 8 families serving, and 23 members.

Bro. Elias Winzeler (Tremont) was assigned the oversight of the church, followed by Bros. Emil Schubert (Peoria) and Noah Schrock (Oakville).

## NEW YORK

### Naumburg

Virkler, Joseph. Born in Switzerland, Sept. 24, 1816, ordained elder in the year 1852 by Bro. Benedict Weyeneth, and served from 1852-1866. He died Oct. 2, 1866. Joseph Virkler was extraordinarily active and traveled much for the proclamation of the gospel.

Virkler, Peter, Croghan. Born July 23, 1829, installed elder in the year 1867, served from 1867-1889. He died Nov. 14, 1889. Bro. Peter Virkler traveled extensively, and was founder of the Oregon churches.

Virkler, Solomon, Croghan. Born May 5, 1855, and installed elder in 1891, and served from 1891-1897. He died Nov. 14, 1897.

Virkler, Alpheus, Croghan (1853-1918). He was installed elder in the year 1903, and served from 1903-1918.

Beyer, Philip, Castorland, New York. Born in Naumburg, Feb. 3, 1888, ordained elder Sept. 18, 1938 by Bros. Ernest Graf Sr. (Akron), Noah Hartzler (Rittman), and George Yergler (La Crosse). Served from 1938-1958. He died Oct. 23, 1958.

Bro. John Widrick is the present elder.

### History of Beginning of Apostolic Christian Church

The oldest settlements and congregations arose in Lewis County (now New Bremen) in the state of New York.

A French emigrant, Count de Chaumont, in 1815 founded the settlement called "French Settlement" at Black River. Settlement was largely forest primeval, with wild animals, and it was still the battlefield of the Indians.

Among the early settlers were several Mennonite families, such as the Virkler and Farney families. (The history of the Virkler family goes back to the year 1698, to Peter Virkler, who lived in the Emmen-

thal, Bern, Switzerland. He was a Believer, who endeavored to live according to the truth of the apostles.

The Virkler and Farney families (Farney was an elder of the congregation) were on the ocean 42 days until their arrival in New York, and then traveled by ship up the Hudson River to the French settlement. They acquired a tract of land for \$703.11—\$1.50 per acre.

At the request of Joseph Virkler in Lewis County, who had heard of Bro. Froehlich, Bro. Benedict Weyeneth came to America in 1847. Born in Switzerland, June 2, 1819, he was chosen elder for this purpose, consecrated by Bro. Froehlich and commissioned to go to America. He preached among them and founded a congregation.

The first elder who was appointed in America in 1847 by Bro. Weyeneth was Bro. Jos. Virkler, eldest of seven sons of Rudolph Virkler.

The oversight of the New York church was in charge of Bro. Ernest Graf (Akron) from approximately the time he was ordained in 1922 to 1938.

## OHIO

### Akron

Graf, Ernest Sr. Born in Schaffhausen, Switzerland, Nov. 9, 1873. installed Elder May 22, 1922 by Bros. Michael Mangold (Roanoke), Elias Winzeler (Tremont), and Joseph Ingold (Sardis). Served from 1922-1946. He died May 30, 1946.

Bro. Graf was the youngest son of a Reformed Lutheran family. His father, as a widower, brought his family to Ohio in March, 1883.

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When 9 years old, he spent the summer with a Peter Hilty family of Rittman. Their pious, humble life left a lasting impression upon him, and later he repented and was baptized.  
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**Announcement to Ft. Sam Soldiers** with ETS from July 1, 1963 through January 1, 1967: There will be a Reunion at Oakville, July 6 and 7. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m., Saturday at the Huron School. Provisions will be made for overnight guests and an early Sunday supper. If no one else contacts you before May 20, please RSVP by June 1 to Conrad Gerst, Oakville Iowa.

Many of the stencils of college addresses will be taken from the mailing before the June mailing. If a student would like to continue receiving **The Silver Lining**, please write, **The Silver Lining**, Box 167, Grabill Ind 46741.

#### REGINA, CANADA

Marie Simeon

Address and telephone numbers: residence, 2151 Wallace St., Regina Sask. Canada, residence phone is area Code 306, 5230827, and office phone is area code 306, 5225210.

Bro. Harvey J. Heiniger spent a few days with us here. He arrived on Saturday evening, March 16, and left on Wednesday morning of Mar. 20. We had four blessed meetings, with a good attendance for our small group. The weather was very favorable, in the upper thirties, and Tuesday evening we had a light snowfall, and now our snow is all gone. Our temperature has gone up over 40 above zero.

#### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich  
Mrs. Edison Gutwein

It is easy to say something, if there is love behind it. I just called one of our ministers to ask him who the visiting minister was that we had the first Sunday in March, as we had been gone at that time. He so lovingly said, "Bro. Leo Moser, of Lester, Iowa, and say he really did give us a blessed evening. Bro. Art Gudeman of LaCrosse also was here; he brought him." It just makes a person think that is what heaven will be made up of, those who love Him and do things with love behind them.

Two brothers came from Illinois, Edwin Ringger (Gridley) and Joe Stoller (Princeville). Every state has this Christian love that flows so freely, that we cannot thank God and them enough. All the loved ones that accompany these ministers also bring us such great joy.

Now seeing the word J.O.Y. was what we tried to do at our monthly meeting, putting Jesus first, Others next, Yourself last. When we first sing and give a Bible verse or poem is what we would do if Jesus was sitting in our midst. Then we try to do things for others, the less fortunate. Then last we had light refreshments that our eleven-year-old granddaughter made and served, wearing a Japanese tea-apron that Sis. Marie Neihouser brought back from Japan.

Aunt Martha Pelsy would like to sincerely thank everyone who sent such comforting cards to her—she would also like to give you a "good hand shake", like her dear departed mother, Grandma Pelsy, would always like to give everyone who visited her.

Farewell, and we want to put our faith to work everyday.

#### ALTO, MICHIGAN

Donna Steffen

Friend John Grawberg, son of Fred and Sis. Catherine, received his discharge from the army. John was recently stationed in Viet Nam. We are so thankful to God for protecting him while he was in the service. It seems so good to have John back in our congregation.

Sis. Catherine Grawberg was hospitalized for a foot operation. She seems to be recovering real fast, and is able to attend church again.

Hospitalized for a few days this month was Margaret Feldman, daughter of Bro. Lyman and Sis. Vivian.

Bro. Bill Cottrell from Taylor is working in our community for 3 weeks. We are very happy to have him here. Sunday evening, March 31, Bro. Bill showed his slides on Viet Nam and Japan. They were so interesting and make one realize what some of our dear brothers and friends go through while in the service. Surely we must remember them in our prayers.

"... no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

To each is given a bag of tools,  
An hourglass, and a book of rules,  
And each must build ere his work  
be done  
A stumbling block or a stepping  
stone.

#### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Joe Beer

I saw One hanging on a tree  
In agony and blood;  
He fixed His languid eyes on me,  
As near His cross I stood.

"Father, forgive them", thus did  
He pray,  
Even while His lifeblood flowed  
fast away;  
Praying for sinners while in such  
woe—  
No one but Jesus ever loved so.

Have you ever thought where we would be, if Christ had not come? There would be no church to worship in, no hymns to sing, no Bible to read and no hope for a heavenly home after this life is over. This would surely be a sad life, and when a person would die, what could you say to comfort the loved ones? There would be no gospel with the story of Christ, who died for us to save us from eternal destruction. What a sad life this would be upon this earth. "For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

10 March Ministering Bro. Ben Schlatter (Junction) and his cousin, Bro. Aaron Fetter (Toledo) were here. Ministering Bro. Willis and Sis. Betty Wiegand and Dwight came down to visit their son, Roy. Bro. Roy and Sis. Arlene Wyss came with them.

17 March—Bro. Melvin Fehr and Convert Dale Banwart (West Bend) were here to visit their brothers, Bro. Denny Fehr and Eldon Banwart, who are here in training.

24 March—Ministering Bro. Jess and Sis. Lillian Schrock (Congerville) flew down with Ministering Bro. Henry Manz and daughter, Sis. Henrietta (Junction). They had started the trip earlier in the week, but met with a near-tragedy. Soon after leaving home, they had an accident which totally demolished their car. They escaped almost completely unharmed. It has taught us that we take these beloved brethren too much for granted. Even after their accident, they were willing to come and spend some time with us.



This is a wonderful example of "The Love of God", which is expressed on page 289 of our Hymns of Zion. God does surely continue to watch over us, even in these last times.

31 March—Thirteen of us went up to Bryan, Texas, to visit Bro. Joel and Sis. Sonia Banwart and children, who fellowship with us quite often here. A blessed day was spent listening to God's word on a tape and also having a picnic.

Drafted—Bros. Kent Ringger (Bluffton), Ed Kupferschmid (Eureka) and Floyd Frieden (Elgin, Ia.). Al Kupferschmid (Forrest) and Cloyse Gress (West Bend) have started their training.

Discharged—Bros. Bill Cottrell (Taylor) and Tom Neuenschwander (Bluffton) have departed for their respective homes. They will really be missed, but we know that we are all looking forward to that day when we can go home to our loved ones.

Reassigned—Bro. Dave Klopfenstein has arrived, after spending seven weeks at home. Previously he was in Viet Nam. We were very happy to welcome him, and especially those of us who were here when he took his training in 1966.

We would ask, that those planning on visiting us would let us know at least three weeks ahead of time, if possible.

When a new draftee comes in, he should send his clothes ahead to us, either from the reception station or home.

Bro. Jim Fehr (West Bend) flew home and was taken into the fold. We welcome him as a bro.-in-faith into our small congregation. May the Lord grant him much grace in his new walk of life.

Our next scheduled ministers are as follows: 12 May—Alto, and 26 May—Bay City.

We, as brethren and friends, wish all of you a happy Easter. Let us always remember what Christ did for us. How wonderful it is, to look forward to that heavenly home some day, if we stay true to our Lord and Saviour.

### MORTON, ILLINOIS

#### Rose Getz — Ruth Rapp

We were richly blessed this day, March 31, when Frank Stephens and his wife, Shirley Joos Stephens, were baptized; and Marjorie Huette—daughter of Bro. Fred and Sis. Nettie Huette, Annette Stieglitz—

daughter of the Joe Stieglitz's, and Lawrence Tanner—son of the Gott-hold Tanners, were announced for baptism.

Our community was greatly saddened when our dear Sis. Lillie Widmer, 81, died of a heart attack while attending church services Wednesday evening. She was the daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Anna Zimmerman Witzig. Surviving are her husband, Bro. Donat (Tony) Widmer; seven daughters, Sis. Verna, Mrs. Pat (Frieda) Pfloderer of Morton, Mrs. Ben (Henrietta) Waldbeser of Cissna Park, Sis. Loretta (Mrs. John) Kauffman of Carlock, Mrs. Arthur (Pauline) Herman and Mrs. Herbert (Viola) Kauffman of Peoria, Mrs. Leslie (Dorothy) Hoffman of Normal; two sons—Chester of Loda and Merle of East Peoria; a brother, Ben Witzig, of Whittier, California; and two sisters, Sis. Anna Miller and Sis. Katherine Goetzinger of Goodfield. Funeral services were held March 16, with Bros. Russell Rapp, Joe Zimmerman (of Roanoke) and Henry Grimm officiating.

Funeral services were held March 27 for Benjamin Rapp, 71. He was the son of Bro. Barthol and Sis. Julia Welk Rapp. Surviving are his wife, Marie Binkele Rapp; three sisters, Sis. Hannah and Naomi, and Mary Jones; two brothers, Albert of Springfield and Joe of Homewood. Bros. Henry Grimm and Russell Rapp officiated.

Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont was with us March 10, and the Roanoke chorus joined us at our monthly song service.

On March 24 the Bible Classes of eleven Churches were here for Christian Endeavor.

Sis. Emma Bauman is hospitalized with a broken hip. Bro. Paul Schambach is in intensive care at the Pekin Hospital, having suffered a stroke. Sis. Naomi Rapp is a patient at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria. Sis. Anna Rapp (Mrs. Henry) had major surgery; she is a patient at the St. Frances Hospital in Peoria. Sis. Marilyn (Mrs. Wm.) Huette had major surgery and is convalescing at her home. Sis. Irene (Mrs. Walter) Stoller is a patient at the Methodist Hospital.

### Notes

The recent sad loss of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother leaves us with grateful hearts to-

ward friends, relatives and neighbors. Your comforting expressions of sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be remembered. God bless you. Donat (Tony) Widmer and family.

My sincere thanks and deep appreciation to my dear friends and relatives for the prayers, gifts, flowers, get-well cards, also Christmas cards sent me in the hospital and at Restmor. Especially do I want to thank all the ministers who were so faithful and came to visit me. May God bless each dear soul. In Christian love—Ruth Rapp.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to my relatives and friends who so kindly remembered me with cards, gifts and flowers during my recent confinement, also for the prayers, which I appreciated very much. Rachel Bauman

### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

#### Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler

It is with joy we welcome new families into our congregation, and with sorrow we bid them farewell when they so soon have to leave. Bro. Kaywin and Sis. Karen Martin and family have assembled with us for about a year, and now Bro. Kaywin is being transferred by his company to New Jersey. Although we do not like to see them leave, we know they will be a welcome addition to the Union City church. We pray God's blessings will be with them wherever they go.

### Contentedness

Lo, my contentedness  
Consists in cheerfulness;  
Things which I cannot cure,  
Patiently I'll endure.

This is contentedness.

Command your vessel brave;  
Ride on the stormy wave.  
God is your Pilot true,  
Leading and guiding you.

This is contentedness.

Sailing upon life's sea,  
Let hope your anchor be;  
Though it may storm today,  
Calm comes another day.

This is contentedness.

Let not your faith grow slack,  
Though fortune set you back;  
What heaven's will has passed  
Surely will come at last.

This is contentedness.

Though many dangers stand  
Over the planted land,  
Yet soon the husbandman  
Shall reap the ripened grain.  
This is contentedness.

Patiently hold thou still  
As is thy Father's will;  
Do not resist His ways,  
Lest you should fall from grace.  
This is contentedness.

In this world do not crave  
All that your heart would have;  
Let God withhold from you  
What is not good for you.  
This is contentedness.

God makes his children dear  
Often fare poorly here,  
But in his kingdom fair  
He does their home prepare.  
This is contentedness.

Meekly then I'll hold still  
As is my Father's will;  
While I have Jesus' love,  
No grief my heart can move.  
This is contentedness.

Jesus alone shall be  
Heaven and earth to me,  
So I am satisfied,  
Happy and well supplied—  
This is contentedness.

(Translated from the German by  
Bro. Graf)

#### FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Robert and Janice Sutter

The young boy strained his eyes to catch the first glimpse of smoke coming from the train that would pass through the valley below him. His heart beat faster, as he recognized the familiar sight of the train winding its way through the valley. He knew it would pass just below, as he sat high on the hill that gently sloped to the tracks below.

As the train passed by, he waved and smiled, because he loved the train and the people it carried. He waved as he had many times before, ever since he had discovered that the train passed so near his little farm house, on the other side of the hill. This was the highlight of each new day, the moment he looked forward to the most. In the train, everyone stopped their activities for a moment to wave at the boy, who day after day without fail stood smiling and waving.

One day as the train was passing through the quiet valley, the people

looked up smiling, expecting to see their little friend. They were surprised and troubled, because the boy was not there. Search as they might, their eyes were met with the sight of an empty hillside. Some of the passengers decided to go and search for the little boy, for they had grown fond of him.

As they drove up to the little house on the other side of the hill, they met a woman in modest clothing. When they inquired, she beckoned to follow to the crest of the hill that overlooked the valley. There, in the shade of a tree where the boy had always sat, was a little white cross. The boy had become ill and died, the woman said with tears in her eyes. Because of his great love for the train, they had buried him there.

Do we also have this great child-like love for Him that we follow? Such a great love, that we would wish to be near Him when we also would rest at the close of our days?

Most of the winter visitors have departed, and we are settling down to the small gathering we have during the summer months. We thank all who have honored us with their presence this winter, and invite all to visit us if the opportunity arises.

Birth: A baby boy, Matthew Robert, to Bro. Robert and Sis. Janice Sutter, on March 30. Grandparents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Vi Ringger of Bluffton, and Bro. Harry and Sis. Florence Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale.

Bro. Robert Huber was appointed trustee; Bro. Kenneth Troxel, treasurer of the general fund; Bro. Roger Sauder, treasurer of the World Relief Fund; and Bros. George Bolliger and Ed Gerber, ushers.

Gene Bolliger, son of Bro. George and Sis. Elsie Bolliger, has finished his enlistment period in the Armed Forces and is now residing at the home of his parents.

#### GIRARD, OHIO Jesse C. Emch

"And he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land. And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine, Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow . . ."

Sunday, March 10, was a day of rejoicing for us. Bro. John Klotzle

of Altadena and Bro. and Sis. Eugene Pamer of Akron along with many others were our visitors, which filled our church almost to capacity. Bro. Klotzle read for his text in the forenoon John 8, and Bro. Pamer read for his text in the afternoon Mark 10. We have chosen to begin this news item with Mark 4, observing that Jesus began to teach, as there was a great multitude gathered around Him. Both chapters that were read on this Sunday tell us that Jesus taught them. All who were present in the assembly on that day could say the Lord again taught us, as our dear brothers were inspired by God to speak. We welcome all to come and visit us again.

We feel that it is worth mentioning how good it makes us feel to see those who are well up in years and hardly able to come, and yet they are to be seen in the assembly. We have several in our small congregation. Among them are sisters, Elizabeth Games, Anna Hafely, Ethel Hafely, Sedona Habeger, and Bro. Wesley Stoll (who drives 30 miles each way). God will surely bless them for their efforts, and may it ever be an encouragement for others.

#### Humility

I ask God for strength,  
that I might achieve—  
I was made weak,  
that I might learn humbly to  
obey.

I ask for help  
that I might do greater things—  
I was given infirmity,  
that I might do better things.

I ask for riches,  
that I might be happy—  
I was given poverty,  
that I might be wise.

I ask for all things,  
that I might enjoy life—  
I was given life,  
that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I ask for—  
but everything that I had hoped  
for.

Despite myself,  
my prayers were answered.  
I am, among all men,  
most richly blessed.

(An anonymous soldier of the confederacy)

### LESTER, IOWA Emelie M. Knobloch

We are planning some recitations and songs to coincide with the season, by our Sunday School on Palm Sunday, which will open our first Sunday evening singing for the coming year. We have a singing hour the first and third Sunday of the month from 7:30 to 8:30.

Elder Bro. Paul Fehr assisted Bro. Leo Moser on March 17. We felt a need for help in the ministry; this duty has fallen on Bro. Eugene Metzger. We wish him and his wife much grace in their new undertaking.

Several folks from here spent March 24 at West Bend to witness the testimonies and baptism of several friends. Among them were Judy Wertz, who has been in our midst while taking her nurse's training at Sioux Falls. We wish them all God's blessings in their new walk of life.

With spring fast approaching and our Easter season here, may we be reminded of Christ's death and resurrection. May we look unto Calvary where Jesus shed his blood for the sins of all mankind. He arose and ascended to heaven to intercede to God for us. May we ever be mindful of our duties.

We were blest with visits of Bros. Noah Shrock, Simon Wagenbach, Herman Kellenberger, and Paul Fehr, expounding the word of God. Bros. Shrock and Kellenberger meditated on the summary of the conference, also the reports on the World Relief. We want to thank them for the warnings and teachings, of the evil which is so prevalent in our time, and to bind us closer to the love of God.

Announcement was made of holding Holy Communion on Easter.

We had several marriages: Larry Knobloch and Sheryl Ellis, Kieth Metzger and Mary Bly, James Metzger and Lois Wagenbach, Earl Meyer and Barbara Baer. May God be with them in their future life together.

Among the ill: Bro. Jacob Metzger, Andy Leuthold, Otto Knobloch. All the loved ones are recuperating to the extent they have been able to assemble.

Bro. Wm. Metzger, West Bend, has gone to meet his Maker. If we all could have the patience as he, in his longsuffering. He leaves a brother, Fred, and two daughters, Sis. Zelma (Martin) Knobloch, and

Sister Iola Knobloch who live in this community. We also mourn the passing of Sister Annabelle Bahr. We have precious memories of these souls. May we keep our faith, so we may be with our loved ones on yonder shore. May God share his sympathy, and help fill their vacancy.

Bro. and Sis. Nathan Knobloch received word of the death of a nephew in Viet Nam. He resided in Indiana. We pray peace can again be restored, so our loved ones may return to their homes and families.

We are happy Sis. Lena Maurer was able to make a visit with her family in Oregon, that she had a safe flight and was with us again.

As I close this news report, we are enjoying beautiful showers from heaven, which were desperately needed in this area.

Little Robbie Metzger has returned to his home, after several days of hospitalization.

### WEST BEND, IOWA

**Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart**

"It's all accomplished and fulfilled", "It's beautiful" were some of the last words uttered by Bro. Wm. Metzger to his family. William was born to the late George and Sis. Elizabeth Metzger on Feb. 17, 1886, and passed away March 10, 1968, at the age of 82 years, after a year of illness, through which time he was very patient and never complained.

He is survived by his wife, Sis. Ida; five sons: Emil, Bro. Arnold, Bro. Silas, Bernard and Wilmer; five daughters: Sis. Elizabeth, Sis. Marie, Sis. Zelma Knobloch, Sis. Iola Knobloch and Sis. Darlene; 41 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 1 grandchild, 2 brothers and 5 sisters. He was preceded in death by one son, 6 brothers and 2 sisters. Services were held March 13 by Bro. Wayne Gerber of Lester and Bro. Earl Banwart of West Bend.

We feel the loss of such strong, faithful pillars as Bro. Wm., but do rejoice that he could go to his reward, and that the Lord is still calling other young converts to strengthen His church. Elder Brothers Leo Moser of Lester and Paul Fehr of Morris, assisted by Bro. Paul Banwart, conducted the proving of five dear souls on a Saturday evening: Dale, son of Bro. and Sis. Earl and Edna Banwart; Judy, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Verner and Beverly Wirtz; Jim, son of

Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Matilda Fehr; Sharon, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Silas and Della Metzger; and Gary, son of Bro. and Sis. Lawrence and Ella Schneider. On Sunday, Ministering Bros. Elmer Schmidt of Winthrop and Carl Feucht of Lester, who were among our visitors, lent themselves to serve us, after which Bros. Leo Moser and Paul Fehr conducted the ever solemn and encouraging baptismal services.

The great concern that our shepherds have for us could be felt as Elder Brothers Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, Noah Schrock of Oakville, Paul Fehr of Morris, and Leo Moser of Lester, explained the memorandum. May we all strive just a little harder to mold our lives closer to that shown us by our Lord and Saviour. In this way we will show appreciation for the many thankless hours our elders spend for us.

Bro. Noah Anliker, Bro. Noah Gerber and Fred Wirtz are all home from the hospital and getting along all right. Sis. Lizzie Zaugg doesn't show much improvement, and remains in the hospital.

Cloyce, son of Bro. and Sis. Fahye and Marie Gress, has been called to serve his country. May we always remember these boys in our prayers.

Our Sunday School children are preparing to bring us the events of Easter and the resurrection of our Lord in verse and song. Let us appreciate all the Saviour has done for us each day anew. May we offer a word of gratitude for the efforts of the Sunday School teachers for their instruction of our youth.

A thank you: Bro. Noah Gerber and family wish to take this means to express a sincere thank you for the many prayers, cards and acts of love which has helped toward Bro. Noah's recovery. God bless you all.

### WOLCOTT, INDIANA

#### Arles Kropf

Funeral services were held at the church on March 16 for William Schmidt, 72, who passed away in California, where he made his home. Surviving are two brothers, Karl of Fairbury, Bro. John, a resident of Lake Manor Home at Monticello; sisters, Elsie Landis of Deer Creek and Bertha Peters of Peoria; and nieces and nephews. Our local ministers officiated.

Charles Lehman has completed his course at Tri-State College at



Angola and is now working with his father, Bro. Irvin, in his manufacturing business.

Our Sunday School classes are preparing their Easter program, which will be given on Palm Sunday evening.

It has been decided to purchase two additional lots adjoining our present church property, for possible use in future expansion.

Bro. Aaron Farney suffered a fall in his home. We are thankful he has no broken bones, but he did suffer bruises.

### BERN, KANSAS

#### Esther and Stella Moser

Holly Ann was born March 20, to Bro. Leonard and Sis. Nancy Baumgartner. She joins Jeff, Jay and Heidi in the home. Grandparents are Bro. Lester and Sis. Ella Hartter, Bro. Lou and Sis. Lena Baumgartner.

Announcement was made that Bro. Jess Schrock, Congerville, along with Bro. Henry Manz, Junction, on their way to Ft. Sam planned to be in our midst, and services would be held on a Tuesday evening. However, due to a car mishap they arrived too late, but could be with us for our regular Wednesday evening service.

From Bern, Switzerland comes the news of the engagement of Bro. Paul Baumann to Sis. Mathilda Marti. We recall with pleasure the year Bro. Paul, along with Bro. Henry Froelich assembled with us.

Joe David Rokey (Bro. Joe-Sis. Lila) has received his discharge from army duty. Home! Joyous reunion! With prayers of thanksgiving to God who with love and mercy watched over him, both soul and body. Joe David is now returning that love, by giving his heart to Him through repentance.

James Meyer (Sis. Pearl) spent a 15-day leave at home, before going to Vietnam. May the Lord keep watch over him, that in due time we will be able to welcome him into our midst again. Earl Meyer has gone from Ft Leonard Wood to Camp Polk, Louisiana for a nine-week training period.

Quite a large group visited the A.C. Home the last Sunday of the month. The residents enjoy the singing and fellowship. It only takes a few words, or a moment of listening, to make their day a little brighter.

Our hospital patients have been,

Mrs. Fremond (Ruth) Meyer; Bro. Alvin Strahm (in and out several times, due to nose bleed that seems hard to check).

Joe David Rokey wishes to thank everyone that remembered him with mail, birthday cards and the many prayers while in service. All was gratefully appreciated.

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

**Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber**  
**The Holy Spirit fills us with hope and encouragement.**

**Births:** A daughter, Gretchen Sue to Bro. and Sis. Stanley Biberstine; a daughter, Kara Lynn to Bro. and Sis. Perry Isch; a son, Thomas Allen to Bro. and Sis. Roger Eisenmann.

**Shut-ins:** Sisters Lucille (Sherm) Steffen, Rosa Speheger, and Esther (Olen) Geisel; Bro. Amos Steffen.

**Holy Communion** rites were held for the Bluffton congregation. We were happy to have Elder George Sinn and Bro. Loren Stoller assist our elders, Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler, in this work.

**Wedding:** On March 24, Sis. Nancy Gilliom and Bro. Herb Frank were united in holy matrimony by Elder Sam Aeschliman.

"May your life be happy  
In all the years to come,  
A marriage made in heaven,  
A truly blessed one."

#### The Day of Glory

When the day of glory came  
On that far Judean hill,  
It was early in the morning  
When all was calm and still.

The stone that sealed the borrowed  
tomb  
Was quickly thrust aside;  
Our risen Lord in majesty  
Stepped forth that Eastertide.

No earthly grave could hold Him,  
For He was heaven's Son,  
True passport to eternal life  
For believers, every one.

Rejoice then, all ye people,  
And all the earth rejoice!  
Lift up your hearts in gladness  
As again we hear His voice. . .

**As I live, ye too shall live.**  
What joy His words convey!  
Lift up your hearts in gratitude  
This glorious Easter Day.

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

**Fannie Schieber — Jeanette Knapp**

We had several visiting ministers. We thank them for their visits and words of wisdom and truth spoken to us. They were Bros. Joshua Broquard of Fairbury, Joseph Kaisner of Forrest, LeRoy Hartman of Peoria and Walter Anliker of Eureka.

A son, James Daniel, was born March 18 to Bro. Don and Sis. Carolyn Ott of Danvers. Debbie, Mike, and Sue were at home to welcome the new little boy. Grandparents are Jack and Sis. Margaret Ott of Danvers, and Mrs. Gertrude Alsenne of Bloomington. Great-grandparents are Bro. Dan Huber of Fairbury and Mrs. Minnie Kath of Bloomington. Little James is Mrs. Kath's 74th great-grandchild.

Sis. Lula Miller, who had surgery on her ear in Peoria, is convalescing at her sister's home, Mr. and Mrs. George Greiner in Morton. Her mother, Sis. Anna Miller, has been staying with her son (Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller) and a daughter (Bro. Howard and Sis. Vera Heindold of Goodfield), while Lula has been gone.

Bro. Fred Knapp Sr. has been seriously ill at the Apostolic Christian home in Eureka. The last few days he seems to be improving some.

Sis. Lena Schieber is still in the Eureka Hospital. She seems to be doing nicely and will probably return to the A. C. Home in Eureka soon.

Bro. Jess and Sis. Lill Schrock, in company with Bro. Henry Manz and daughter, Sis. Henrietta, of Junction, were enroute to Ft Sam Houston, when they had an auto accident. Their car was badly damaged, but they continued on to Texas by bus and plane. Since returning home, Sis. Lill has entered the Eureka Hospital for an injured leg. Bro. Jess received a laceration on the back of his neck. Bro. Henry and Sis. Henrietta had minor lacerations. We hope they all will soon be well again.

We have had several beautiful spring days. The farmers were busy plowing, and gardens were planted. Yesterday we had quite a lot of rain. The lawns are so pretty and green now. It has turned cooler now, and is nice to work in the warm homes this morning. Some of the early flowers are blooming. Those first blossoms are always so pretty

and welcome, after everything has been dormant during the winter months.

### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

**Cathryn Wettstein  
Salome Schumacher**

Our visitors have been: Bros. Earl Kilgus—Remington, Alfred Bahler—Wolcott, Hartzel Kaisner—Detroit, Roy Ehnle—Bradford.

Bro. Joe Klaus has returned to his home, following surgery. Sis. Lucy Kempf is a patient in Methodist Hospital, after falling in her home and breaking her leg.

March 11, a large group of members and friends gathered at the church at 6 p.m. to house clean our house of worship. This is done once each year. What wasn't finished that evening, some folks came the next morning and finished. It is so good when we can all work together. It is very well if all of us can and should do some **house cleaning** in our hearts, and see that all things not pleasing to our God are **thrown out**, so when He calls us, sometimes very unexpectedly, we be ready to meet Him. May God bless and reward each one that helped clean house again this spring.

Sam Schumacher, son of Bro. Walter Schumacher has been discharged. Two of our friends were called into the service of our country in March. They were Lonny Kupferschmid, son of Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Laura Kupferschmid, and Clark Weyeneth, son of Bro. and Sis. Melvin and Leona Weyeneth. May they ever be protected by our wonderful and powerful God.

The wedding ceremony for Sis. Salome Walter and Bro. Walter Schumacher was performed by Bro. Leroy Huber, Wed. evening, April 3. May God bless their life together.

Birth—a daughter to Bro. and Sis. Melvin and Margaret (Wiegand) Getz. She was born April 2, and her name is Joanne Kay. They now have 3 daughters and 3 sons.

One Wed. evening in March we heard the reports from the Brother Meeting. Bro. Leroy Huber spoke a little, and then we heard a tape recording of many things that were discussed. Now it is up to each member to try to keep up the "Faith of our Fathers".

Bro. Paul Wiegand, from the Maple Lawn Home, is a patient at Eureka Hospital.

Sis. Mildred Hodel, wife of Bro. Harold, is a surgical patient in

Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

April 7 was a blessed day, because we had Communion services. Bros. Joshua Broquard from Fairbury and Edwin Hohulin assisted Bro. Huber in serving us. It is so impressive, as we do commemorate Christ's suffering and death . . . So we should all try to live a better life each day, knowing that some day if we stay true and faithful to Him, we shall see **Him** face to face.

### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

**Wanda Kraft—Marie Zaugg**

On Monday evening, March 18, we were privileged to have with us Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville. Bro. Schrock explained different passages. One he spoke on was the prodigal son. He explained that the father didn't go after his son who had left him; he waited until the son made the start back. Then the father ran to meet him. Likewise, when one's tired of the sinful life and turns to our Lord and Saviour. He will come to meet and guide back to our Heavenly Father. Other visiting ministers that evening were Bro. Charles Marti of Lamar and Bro. Sam Huber of Burlington, Kansas. May the Lord grant us the enlightenment that comes only when we take His Book as our counsel and guide, our support and comfort in life and in death.

Bro. Fred Sinn was in the hospital a few days, for a physical check up. Bro. George Bahr is in the Bethany Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas. He submitted to surgery March 29. May God bless George with reasonable health, that he may again assemble with us.

The following was written by our Ministering Brother, Wayne Miller:

Again we are permitted to see the dawn of another Easter season. In the minds of those who have learned to know the One who is responsible for the seasons and everything that each season brings forth, we feel a deep sense of gratitude for the mission He has completed and the gift that He has left for His creation. His word tells us plainly that Jesus left His heavenly habitation, to live among men and bring us God's wonderful plan of salvation. The hour came when the fulfillment of God's will was accomplished, and none other than our Saviour became the perfect lamb to be offered, to pay the sin debt wherein man was so heavily indebted.

Now that He has paid the sin debt for every man by the death on the cross and shedding of His blood, and has ascended to the Heavenly Father and now reigns with Him, His mission has been completed. Soon will come the hour for each of us. How will we account for the stewardship of our lives? For it is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment.

May this season cause each of us to realize our hour may soon be at hand to meet Him face to face, and that we can meet Him as an heir of His promise of His eternal home.

### MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

**Alma and Gus Baum**

**How marvelous, regardless where we are, we are only a prayer away from our God** were among the words spoken to us by our elder, Bro. Paul Fehr. Bro. Leroy Messner from Winthrop was also a guest minister. Our thanks go to them for their encouraging messages. It is humbling to know we are provided with shepherds and ministers who have a deep concern to resound the sincere word of God.

Sis. Sophie Sikaparija has returned from Phoenix, where she enjoyed the winter months.

Your writers have experienced a mild winter in this far North country, with sunshine for most days in March. However, early April shared with us a blizzard, being the worst of the season. Snow piled two and three foot banks, driven by strong winds coming over our still ice-covered lake, which has open water since about a week ago, immediately discovered by numerous migrating waterfowl, who stop to rest on their Northward journey. This is a very interesting season. Several pair of the becoming extinct bald eagles have returned to this area, where they are known to have nested in the past years. Also there are many migrating songbirds, who spend several days here, and join in feeding with the birds who have spent the winter with us.

. . . . The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another . . . .

### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

**Ruth Ricketts—Anna Marie Baer**

We recently enjoyed visitors from Fairbury and Remington, and were thankful for the sincere messages brought to us by Bros. Sam and Henry Kilgus. They told the



old, old story of Jesus, His love, and how He died on the cross and shed His blood for us. How thankful we are for such humble brothers, and extend to them a hearty welcome to return soon. We were surprised one Wednesday evening to have the Bradford congregation assemble with us, due to furnace trouble in their church. We were thankful for the inspired words brought through Bros. Nathan Stoller and LeRoy Ehnle. We thank them, too, for their messages.

A daughter, Rachel Marie, was born March 19 to Bro. Earl and Sis. Margaret Feucht. Two brothers, Danny and Mark, welcomed her home. Grandparents are Bro. Joshua and Sis. Marie Broquard of Fairbury, and Bro. Daniel and Sis. Nathalia Feucht.

We are so very thankful that our elder brother, Silas Leuthold, has recovered so nicely from surgery and is again on the pulpit. Sis. Pearl Rumbold is recovering from recent surgery and is able to worship with us again. Russell Rumbold is also recovering from back surgery. Our friend, John Hager, had the misfortune of falling on his tractor, breaking his leg.

Greg Martin, son of Sis. Edith Martin, has safely returned home, after spending the last year in Vietnam. He has received his discharge and is happy to be able to work in the field again. Greg and Bonnie Fehr have announced their engagement and are planning a June 15 wedding. We are thankful to the Lord for his safe return and wish him and Bonnie the Lord's blessings.

Just a short time ago we celebrated Christmas. Now we look toward Good Friday and Easter, and we remember that the Baby grew to manhood and lived among men. We remember that He faced trials and temptations, and that He was nailed to a cross. Where would we have been and what would we have done had we lived then? Would we, too, have stood by doing nothing; or even like Peter denied Him? Do we stand by doing nothing while His children suffer? Do we sometimes shut our ears to the voice that says, **Would Jesus do this?** We have but to open our ears and eyes to find many, many opportunities to do something, to show that we are aware of the great sacrifice made for us. Never can we fully repay the debt

we owe, but all of us can make ourselves a little more worthy, and in so doing draw closer to the One who is our Saviour.

"Upon that cross of Jesus  
Mine eyes at times can see  
The very dying form of One  
Who suffered there for me,  
And from my stricken heart, with  
tears,  
Two wonders I confess,  
The wonder of redeeming love,  
And my unworthiness."

Bro. Leonard and Sis. Marie Menold have received word that their son, Michael, has safely arrived in Vietnam. He is working in a dispensary and is thankful that he does not have it too bad.

Bro. William and Sis. Marie Eberle received word that their son, Orville, is stationed near Aschaffenburg, Germany, and he too is thankful for the post he has been assigned.

#### THE BIBLE

This Book contains: The mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, doom of sinners, and happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy; its precepts are binding; its histories are true; and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise; believe it to be safe; and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the Pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, and the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its Grand Subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be open at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.

#### PULASKI, IOWA Mrs. Dave Wiegand

We always welcome visitors, so we were very happy to have Bro. Fredrick Knapp, of Congerville, with us. He brought out two important lessons for us: One, when dealing with our fellowman, instead of

meeting him half way, we should walk the second mile. It is tempting to not do anymore for our neighbor than what he does for us. This leads to the other lesson we had: We should "outlove" our brother or friend. All that we could ever do for the Lord would just be our reasonable service.

Everyone is happy to see the green grass and some flowers blooming. Spring has come again. It is truly a wonderful time of the year, as we see God's creation bud forth. The farmers are plowing and preparing the soil for crops. It won't be long and we'll be sowing the seed.

#### REMINGTON, INDIANA

##### Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

The entire community was shocked and saddened to hear of the death of Army 1st Lt. Michael A. Merkel, 25, in Vietnam. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Merkel of here. His wife and 18-month-old daughter survive. They have been living on Okinawa. His grandparents, Bro. Jake and Sis. Emma, lived here for many years. Their son, Alvin was killed in World War II. Our sympathy goes to all concerned, including the aunt, Sis. Irene Knoblock of Lester and Alene Merkel of Plymouth (Ind).

It was interesting to have Bro. and Sis. Howard Sauder, his mother, Sis. May and others with us recently, from Roanoke. May told of her experience as a school teacher, and how she was led to assemble with our congregation when she had not heard of our faith before . . . How she repented, married and raised her family in the faith . . . makes one wonder if we fail to invite our fellowmen, neighbors and friends as we should.

Glad to report: Sis. Nathalia Schini is home from a Bluffton Hospital and slowly improving.

Appreciation is for visiting minister, and trust is they can feel our prayerful support when they assemble with us. God often **moves mountains by having His many obscure but faithful helpers carry away a few "pebbles"**.

Bros. Elmer Bucher of Francesville, Alfred Bahler of Wolcott and Verlin Stoller of Ft. Wayne with families were among us recently. Bro. Verlin and family came to be present at his father-in-law's 79th birthday. Ed Frey is able to attend church now and then.

How well it is when we can gath-

er regularly on Sunday and mid-week for the teaching of the word, to sing and pray together and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

We are thankful that Joe Lynn Schneider is home, after 6 months in the Army. He is the son of Sis. Anna Schneider.

Christ's love did not stop short of Calvary. How far are we willing to let His love take us?

The greater our faith, the smaller our fears.

### TOKYO, JAPAN

#### Yoshio Yamazaki

Very beautiful weather has come here in Japan and near our church. There are very lovely cherry blossoms. The Lord has given us many blessings.

Bro. Eli and Sis. Bertha Moser from Fairbury were here a few weeks ago, and we had nice Christian fellowship with them.

We had a member meeting here in Tokyo church last Sunday afternoon, and we elected new Sunday School teachers, Sunday School superintendent, and treasurer. Sis. Yoshiko Utsuki, Hiroko Utsuki and Shizuko Kobayashi were elected teachers, and Bro. Akira Utsuki was elected superintendent until next March. Treasurer was Sis. Hiroko Utsuki.

Our Sunday School decided to go on a picnic in Tokyo on Tuesday, April 2.

Sis. Toyomi Utsuki came to church again, after a long absence. We were very happy to see her.

Now Bro. Akito Inoue is coming to Tokyo church almost every Sunday.

### RITTMAN, OHIO

#### Florence Hartzler — Elma Stoller

“. . . and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more . . .”

We are thankful for the brethren who are inspired to teach us God's marvelous words and to read from the Book of Life such passages as these. Bros. Robert Stoll and Lorientz Emch from Girard, and Bro. Delbert Indermuhle of Sardis were recent visiting ministers.

A son, Marvin Paul, was born March 13 to Bro. Vincent and Sis. Jane Hartzler. At home to welcome

their new brother are Jonathen and Jennifer.

Roger and Madge Marty are parents of their first child. A daughter, Deborah Marie, was born on March 22. The Marty's live in Pennsylvania, where Roger teaches at State College. Grandparents are Bro. Raymond and Sis. Grace Marty.

Sis. Minnie Riggenbach is still a patient in the hospital, following surgery. Bro. Harvey Gasser also underwent surgery. Others needing hospital care were Bro. Carl Stoller and Sis. Ella Frankhouser. Sis. Alma Gasser had the misfortune of breaking her elbow, but was not admitted to a hospital. We pray the Lord will heal these dear ones.

Lnda Gasser, daughter of Bro. Glenn, and Kenneth Indermuhle, son of Bro. Delbert and Sis. Martha of Sardis were united in marriage on March 16. We wish them God's richest blessings as they start their life together.

Jim Mathys, son of Ed and Sis. Barbara, is spending some time at home, but will have to leave again soon for Viet Nam. Jim Gasser, son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Elda, and Ron Rupp, son of Ralph Rupp, were inducted into the service. Jim is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. We pray the Lord will protect these boys, and bring them home safely. They also can remember that the Lord is only as far away as a prayer.

Bro. Ben Saurer, who in his last years found grace to repent, passed away following surgery. His funeral was held Thursday, April 4. Surviving are one son Bro. Harry, Rittman; two daughters, Mrs. Esther Venner and Mrs. Evelyn Schweinsberg, both of Wadsworth.

Each one of us should also get ready for this time that we all must face. As we think on this, words from a song are brought to mind:

“My lifetime does pass away;  
Hourly to the grave I hasten,  
And I know each fleeting year  
My allotted span will lessen.  
Think, man, death comes soon or late.  
Tarry not, it will not wait!”

### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

#### Mrs. Eli Sutter — Mrs. Bill Heimer

Petty II Class Mark Edward Hodel, age 20, son of Edward and Mable (Reitz) Hodel, was killed in action on Sunday, Mar. 31, in Viet

Nam. Mark had been there since December, in the Seabees, a branch of the Navy. He was fatally injured by mortar and shrapnel. He is survived by his parents and two brothers. He was the nephew of Henry Hodel and Sis. Louise (Fred) Grimm of Quincy. The Hodel family lived in Quincy for many years, before moving to California, and attended church and Sunday School here. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family in the untimely death of their son. The parents' address is 11898 E. Highway 12, Lodi, Calif. 95240.

Donald Hoerr, son of Bro. John and Sis. Rose Hoerr, was injured in a tractor accident. It was necessary for him to use crutches for awhile, but he is getting along quite well without them now.

Sis. Loida (Henry) Hodel is recuperating, after having had major surgery.

We are glad to report that our husband and father, Bro. Eli Sutter is much improved from his recent illness. We hope he will continue to improve.

Sis. Edra Gerst had her tonsils removed and has recovered sufficiently to return to her home at Oakville. She is a student at Blessing Hospital, Quincy. Sis. Sue Henning and Lois Dorneweerd are also students at Blessing. They have vacation break now, before going to a St. Louis hospital in June for more training.

We are glad to have Bro. Bill Cottrell at home again, after finishing his two years of service. He was in Vietnam one year and was now stationed at Ft. Walters, Texas. He is the son of Bro. William and Sis. Ruth Cottrell.

Bro. Russ Henning was home for a 10-day leave from Ft Bragg, N. C. His wife, Sis. Sue, returned to Ft. Bragg with him while she is on vacation from nurse's training.

Our visiting ministers this month were Bros. Ezra Feller, Cissna Park; Aaron Steffen, Alto; and Perry Zimmerman, Forrest. We appreciated having them visit our congregation, and also those that came with them.

Mar. 31 was a year since our dear Bro. Fred Grimm went to be with the Lord. One year of joy and happiness in the presence of the Lord and the loved ones who have gone on before. He is greatly missed by all of us.

## UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Ed. Aeschleman

With the spring of the year upon us, we can see and feel the new life coming forth out of the earth. How much more did new life come to mankind, when Jesus arose from His grave on Easter Sunday to live eternally with the Father, and promised the same for all who would follow.

During March, four of our brethren suffered various illnesses. Sis. Frieda Hartman and Bros. Allen Beer and Denny Koehl all spent some time in the hospital, and Sis. Ida Knecht continued to be confined to her home. But God answered the prayers of many, and all were up and about by the month's end.

We all appreciated the visit of Ministering Bro. Roy Grimm and his wife, Sis. Donna, on March 24. God inspired his humble servant with worthy words of instruction and advice. We were reminded how important it is that we live by the whole word of God, and not just by parts of it that can be interpreted to fit the desires of men when taken out of context.

Bro. Ed Trent and his family of Rittman were with us on Sunday, March 24, and it was learned that, if God so directs, they could move into this area and become a most welcome addition to our small congregation. Richard Diggelman of Rochester, visited his parents and spent Sunday, March 17 with us.

## VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Mrs. H. G. Bucher

Mrs. W. A. Jacobs

Hallelujah, Christ is risen!  
Oh what joy this message gives.  
Hallelujah, Christ is risen!  
Lord of life, He lives, he lives.

Our visiting minister for March was Bro. Merle Bucher, his family and others. We are thankful for every visiting minister who can take the time to bring us the wonderful word of God.

Our dear friend, Clarence Morris, was baptized at his home, as he is not able to attend the church at this time. We are glad to have our vacationers back home with us, the Wm. Jacobs, John Heinold, and Roy Freidens.

## Let Us Rejoice

Let us rejoice that Christ our Lord  
has risen from the dead,  
And in the glory of His name  
let us be comforted at Calvary.  
Upon a cross He gave His life,  
That we might some day share in  
His eternity.

So let us show our gratitude in  
everything we do,  
By being kindly to neighbors all  
and Christians good and true.  
Let us give thanks to Christ our  
Lord and honor him today,  
For helping us to understand and  
showing us the way.

He saved from all the sins we would  
possess today.

## WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

Our dearly beloved elder brethren, Noah Schrock, Leo Moser, Paul Fehr, and Herman Kellenberger explained the memorandum. We thank them for their loving help and kindness. Our fellowship for one another is truly a gift given to us by God, which no other can have until they come and taste and see.

An exhortation for Holy Communion was given to us. As we approach communion, the Lord wants us to remember what He has done for us, and not what we have done for Him. We were reminded to take the mirror to ourselves and not to our brethren.

The Minneapolis congregation gathered with us for this blessed evening.

The Easter season is here, and all the precious spiritual value it has for the believer. We must think of the great love our Lord had for mankind, to die that cruel death on the cross, bearing the weight of all the world's sin.

Carol, daughter of Bro. Don and Sis. Viola Messner, was hospitalized with pneumonia. Stan, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Bernadine Messner was in the hospital several days.

A thought . . . The mother's heart is a child's schoolroom. Be thankful if you are one of the privileged who still has a mother with you.

## My Mother's Prayers

Among the treasured pictures  
That I've hung on memory's wall,  
There's one that's clearer than the  
rest,  
And sweeter far than all:  
'Tis a picture of my mother

When I, a little chap,  
Was folded in her loving arms,  
To slumber on her lap;  
I felt her hands caress my head,  
I heard her softly say,  
"Dear Jesus, take this little life  
And use it every day."

## TOLEDO, OHIO

Mary Ann Weigele

Sis. Minnie Fetter is hospitalized. We pray for a speedy recovery for her.

Our Sunday School had their Easter program on March 31. The oft-sung song, "Jesus Loves Me," took a special meaning at this season. Though little voices do not carry a tune too well, they do convey the message of Jesus' great love for us.

## LATTY, OHIO

Mrs. Delores Grant

Mrs. Marguerite Stoller

Visiting ministers were Bros. Noah Bauman, Joe Waibel and Herman Kellenberger.

Bro. Dave Klopfenstein gave a very inspiring testimony on Dec. 16, and on the following day was baptized. He has since returned to Texas, where he will have four months more training.

Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy Stoller are the parents of a baby boy, born Dec. 16. He was named Thomas Alan.

Those hospitalized were Sis. Ann (Stoller) Plummer and Mrs. Ruth Stoller. They both underwent surgery and are home again, steadily improving. Bro. Otto Schlatter underwent surgery and is home again.

Bro. Dan C. Stoller is able to assemble with us again. Sis. Alice Stoller has been assembling with us again. She has asked to express her thanks for the many prayers, cards, and gifts bestowed on her.

We are thankful for two new souls who have turned to the Lord in repentance. They are Chuck Dunham and his wife, Debbie, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Charles and Sis. Laura Dunham.

## In the Garden of Gethsemane

Before the dawn of Easter  
There came Gethsemane . . .  
Before the resurrection  
There were hours of agony.  
There can be no crown of stars  
Without a cross to bear,  
And there is no salvation  
Without faith and love and prayer;  
And when we take our needs to God,



Let us pray as did his son.  
That dark night in Gethsemane  
**Thy will, not mine, be done.**

**MANSFIELD, OHIO**  
**Aaron A. Sauder**

We welcome now the Hero,  
Who lay in calm repose,  
For over death He triumphed  
And from the grave He rose.

And now abideth faith, hope,  
love, these three; but the greatest  
of these is love. For God so **loved**  
the world, that he gave his only  
begotten Son, that whosoever be-  
lieveth in him should not perish, but  
have everlasting life.

We are indeed thankful for the  
four who have testified of the love  
of God in their lives, and were bap-  
tized on Sunday, March 17. Our  
new sisters in the Lord are Emilie  
Oesch Went (Mrs. Harold, daugh-  
ter of Bro. Karl and Sis. Tillie  
Oesch), Darlene Ramsier Enderle  
(Mrs. Larry, daughter of Bro. Wal-  
lace and Sis. Helen Ramsier),  
Cheryl Dotterer (daughter of Bro.  
LaVern and Sis. Christine), and  
Brenda Pfister (daughter of Bro.  
Clarence and Sis. Ruth). Elder  
Bros. Rudolph Graf and Noah Bau-  
man were with us on this joyous  
week end.

We have also enjoyed the mes-  
sages brought to us by Bro. Wayne  
Gerber of Lester, on March 10, and  
on March 31 when Bro. Edwin Bah-  
ler of Remington spent the day  
with us.

Sis. Elizabeth Kraus recently fell  
and broke her hip, and is confined  
to the hospital; Sis. Elizabeth Grif-  
fon is also a patient there. Others  
who have been admitted to the hos-  
pital, but have now been released  
are Sis. Dorothy Fuhrer Durkin  
(James), Sis. Alice Sauder Graszl  
(Frank), Sis. Mary Layland Kem-  
per (Keith), and Bro. Barnie Wash-  
ington. How wonderful are the heal-  
ing powers of our God.

Congratulations to Jim and Sue  
Layland, whose son Timothy was  
born March 15. Little Jimmy and  
Ronnie are so tickled with their  
baby brother. Carl and Sis. Ruth  
(Sauder) Layland are the paternal  
grandparents.

**BAY CITY, MICHIGAN**  
**Marlene Mosher**

The engagement was announced  
of Sis. Susan Ramseyer and Bro.  
Darrell Steffen, both of Bay City.

Susan is the daughter of Bro. Herb  
and Sis. Naomi Ramseyer, and Dar-  
rell is the son of Bro. Elmer and  
Sis. Delima Steffen of Bluffton. We  
wish these two young people the  
Lord's blessings and care through  
the new life they are planning to  
undertake.

We are sorry to say we have  
some of our loved ones on the sick  
list. Sis. Faye Wackerle has had  
surgery. Sis. Kathryn Wieland has  
not been back with us yet since her  
surgery. Sis. Margaret Knochel has  
been taken ill and is in the hospital.  
Bro. Fred Ruegsegger has had sur-  
gery.

We wish for these loved ones that  
are ill in body the Lord's grace and  
love, to bring to a measure of  
health. Let us pray for these loved  
ones, and hope they will be able to  
gather with us once again, for they  
are missed.

Each one of our loved ones that  
is taken from our midst for health  
reasons or from death are missed,  
but if they are prepared, can stay  
fast to the faith they have found  
with the help of our prayers  
and their own, this is a comfort to  
us.

In these days of strife and woe  
that are upon us, let us work to-  
wards our goal to be with our Lord  
at life's end, letting our Lord lead  
us and not going ahead of Him.

Time is so very short, and there  
can be so much joy in serving your  
Lord and Savior.

With Easter once again upon us,  
remember that God gave his only  
begotten Son Jesus, that we might  
have everlasting life, if we would  
only repent and be born again.

**BREMEN, INDIANA**

**Ann Zimmer — Becky Feldman**

"Train up a child in the way he  
should go: and when he is old, he  
will not depart from it." Our con-  
gregation has again been blessed by  
the addition of a little girl to the  
Michael Levy family. She has been  
named Annette Marie, and was wel-  
comed home by her two sisters,  
Trena and Lanae. Annette is the  
great-grandchild of Bro. Henry and  
Sis. Leah Souder.

On March 25 our high-schoolers  
traveled to Francesville, to join  
with their Sunday School for a day  
of enjoyable fellowship.

Bro. Henry Beer visited us on  
March 31, bringing with him a tape  
recording of **Noah and the Flood**.  
It contained a challenging message

to repent while the door of grace is  
still open.

Tom Conrad, son of Bro. Free-  
man and Sis. Mary, was readmitted  
for additional surgery. Our prayers  
continue to go forth in his behalf.

We have seen the healing hand  
of God work mightily in the life and  
body of Dan Clauss these past  
months. Our last visit with him  
found him without casts upon his  
leg, able to use crutches, and prais-  
ing the Lord continually. His expe-  
rience has certainly been a soul-  
strengthening one for us all.

**FT. WAYNE, INDIANA**

**Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber**

How anxiously our little ones  
looked forward to the first day of  
spring, only to be disappointed by a  
late snow that week end, that prov-  
ed to be one of our greatest of the  
season.

In a recent sermon, it was  
brought to our attention of how  
faith is in us—"Has it become **dead**  
as a dead stuffed whale in a muse-  
um; or **restrained** as a whale in a  
tank that requires a vitality shot  
to keep it going; or do our actions  
testify that **our** faith is full and  
abounding, as a live whale in the  
great wide ocean!" Surely we would  
desire to be in the latter group. For,  
what would it profit man if he gain-  
ed the whole world and lost his  
soul?

Sis. Ann Schott was hospitalized  
for a check-up and to receive some  
blood, but is able to assemble with  
us again, for which we are thank-  
ful.

We are happy to have those who  
have been absent among us again  
—some for illness and others that  
have been on vacation. We surely  
miss each and everyone.

I am reminded of the remarks of  
an older brother whom we were to  
visit, when he said that he finds  
the fellowship of the church just as  
sweet today as it was many years  
ago when he became a **child of God**,  
and one realized the more, how pre-  
cious this really is, when you are  
deprived of it for one reason or an-  
other.

Bluffton was our host church for  
the March monthly singing, and we  
especially enjoyed the special num-  
bers by a men's quartet.

We are thankful to Ministering  
Bro. Elmer Hartter of Milford for  
his messages. The same Sunday we  
were also happy to have the Milford  
Bible Class with us, and enjoyed

group singing and a short program by our young people in the evening. May they never forget these friendships of their youth.

Our Easter program was held on Palm Sunday evening. We were refreshed with the meaning of Easter and the story of **Redeeming Grace**, through verse and song. May God richly bless those who took part. What better time to seek and find the Christ, our loving Redeemer, that WE may keep this Easter Day. Palm Sunday is especially dear to me, for it was on a Palm Sunday, March 21, 1948, that I was baptized and became one of God's children! What a blessed privilege. What higher standing is there to be found anywhere than to be a child of God? I find none!

#### LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Stephen G. Schader

It is the season of the year in which we commemorate our Lord's suffering, death, and more importantly, His resurrection. It would be our wish that more souls would turn to Christ, when all about us peril seems to lurk. If all mankind would place their trust and hope in Him, surely the achievement of true brotherhood of man would be easily attained.

#### Easter

Sing, soul of mine, this day of days,  
The Lord is risen.  
Toward the sun-rising set they face;  
The Lord is risen.  
Behold, He giveth strength and grace;  
For darkness, light; for mourning, praise;  
For sin, His holiness; for conflict, peace.

Arise, O soul, this Easter Day!  
Forget the tomb of yesterday,  
For thou from bondage art set free;  
Thou sharest in His victory  
And life eternal is for thee.  
Because the Lord is risen.

We welcome back into our midst Bro. Pete Fankhauser, who recently returned from a visit with his daughter, Sis. Geraldine Beyer, and Bro. Clarence of Phoenix.

Our congregation enjoyed the edifying visit of Bro. Joe Schrock and Sis. Schrock of Congerville.

Bro. and Sis. Bernie Emch are

visiting their son, Bro. Bill, who is stationed near Stuttgart, Germany. They plan to visit relatives in Switzerland, also. We know that they will experience some very precious moments together. We would wish for them the Lord's protection on their journey.

It was our privilege to have Bro. and Sis. Lester Hartter of Bern in our midst. His exhortation to stand fast, never wavering, was indeed a timely one.

#### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Marcelle Dapper — Jan Elsasser  
Ruth Dapper

On March 12, our friend Willie Schmidt passed away in the Orange County Hospital. His body was sent to Wolcott for funeral services and burial. We extend our sympathy to his family and pray that God will comfort them in their sorrow. Willie will certainly be missed in our small congregation, as we always looked forward to seeing him.

We are happy to report that Sis. Julie Dapper is progressing nicely, after a minor eye surgery which she had in February. She has just finished having treatments to prevent reoccurrence of the Ptergium which she had removed. We thank God that the surgery was a success and that she is getting along so well.

We will certainly miss the presence of Sis. Anna Klopfenstein of Gridley (Ill) and Sis. Lena Ludwig of Rockville, who assembled with us several Sundays. Sis. Anna was here for about two months while visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Alice Gramm of Huntington Park and many others in the Southern California area. Sis. Lena spent a month with her daughter and son-in-law, Sis. Ruth and Bro. Dale Dapper of Anaheim. Some of us had never met these sisters before, but certainly could feel that precious love of God in our hearts as we so enjoyed fellowshiping together. We want to thank both of them for their visits, and pray that God will richly reward them for their efforts in assembling with us. We invite them to visit us again soon.

On March 7, Rod Fisher of Studio City, California was injured in an automobile accident. He sustained several injuries, mainly facial lacerations, and including a broken jaw. After spending a week in the hospital, he has now returned to his home where he is recuperating and

convalescing. Rod is the son of Sis. Gladys and Bro. Alphi Fisher of Phoenix. Our prayers are that Rod will again be restored to good health, as we wish him a speedy recovery.

Our hearts are again saddened, as our ministering Bro. Albert Kaisner returned to the hospital April 29 and is reported to be in serious condition. Our prayers are that the Lord will be ever near him, his wife Elizabeth and family during these trying times. At a time like this, our only source is through the power of prayer, which brings to our mind a verse in Hymn 174 of the Zion's Harp.

If a single fervent pray'r  
Of a soul prevailing  
On the tender heart of God  
Brings its fruit unfailing,  
How much more Is in store,  
When whole congregations  
Bring their supplications?

We thank the Lord that He opened the way for Elizabeth's sister and her husband, Sis. Frieda and Bro. Ben Beer of Mansfield to visit them.

Our hearts certainly go out to Ed and Mabel Hodel, who received word April 2 that their son Mark was killed in Viet Nam on April 1. The Hodels live in Lodi, California and are formerly from Cissna Park. They also lived in Huntington Park, California, while their children were younger and attended church and Sunday School at Maywood. Mark was 20 years of age. He went to Viet Nam in December, and was due to return home in June. Truly we do not know what God has in store for us, but we must believe and realize that He knows all, and even though these things sadden our hearts, we know they must happen for a reason. Our prayer is that God will grant unto his family His unfailing love and comfort them.

EASTER is by far the most blessed. It is the time when our Lord and Saviour, Jesus, arose victorious over death and grave, thereby giving us a means whereby we can be saved from sin and condemnation through salvation in Him. Here is a most fitting Easter Hymn (Tune: "Blessed Assurance")

Blessed assurance, Jesus arose  
Yea He hath triumphed o'er death  
and his foes!  
He hath arisen, reigning on high,  
Dwelling in glory, never to die!

Chorus:

O Tell the story, Yea o'er and o'er,  
Jesus, our Saviour, lives evermore!  
(repeat)

Blest Easter season, bringing anew  
Hope for the future, and faith that  
is true.

Christ, our Redeemer, arose from  
the grave,  
Giving salvation, mighty to save!

This hymn is to be sung by our  
Sunday School children; they plan  
an Easter program Good Friday  
evening for our congregation. It  
certainly does stir our hearts to see  
how eager little children are to  
learn verses, and then proclaim an  
Easter message. Therefore, brethren  
and friends of the truth, be ye  
doers of the word and not hearers  
only.

### TUCSON, ARIZONA

#### Anna Thomas

There are few things in life so in-  
spiring as a group of young people.  
This was impressed upon us when  
the Bible Class from Phoenix (led  
by Bro. Joe Beer, and accompanied  
by Ministering Bro. Richard Schup-  
bach and his wife) spent the day  
with us. After services, a sack-lunch  
was enjoyed on Mt. Lemon. It was  
truly a day to be long remembered.  
May God bless them for their ef-  
forts.

On March 10, Elder Bro. Roy  
Farney read the summary of the  
conference and explained the impor-  
tance of its decisions. He was ac-  
companied by his wife, Joe Dotter-  
er and his wife.

We were saddened by the auto ac-  
cident of Bro. Jay Bertsch; he was  
a shut-in for several weeks.

Bro. Jonas and Sis. Sophie Ball  
left for their home in Peoria. We  
thank them for their visit and inter-  
est in the Tucson church.

The Noah Hermans enjoyed a  
visit from their daughters, Mary  
Genzil, son Jeffrey, and Phyllis  
Lang, daughter Jennifer.

Sis. Emma Hoerr left for her  
home in Peoria. We will truly miss  
her pleasant gestures of love and  
fellowship.

### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

#### Millicent Frieden — Lavern Roth

Omission: In listing the survi-  
ors of our late Sis. Mary Somerhal-  
der last month, the name of Bro.  
John Hoffman, Burlington, was un-  
intentionally omitted. Bro. John was  
a half-brother to Sis. Mary.

March 31 marked the date of  
Marie Tucker's baptism, and being  
received into the fold as a sister-in-  
faith. The preceding evening she  
was proved; Sis. Marie testified  
how material things and loved ones  
could not satisfy the intense lone-  
liness she felt within her. Elder  
Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix offici-  
ated in this solemn ceremony.

The glad news of another convert  
has become known; Friend Betsy  
Diel has decided to live for the Lord.  
She is a daughter-in-law of Bro. and  
Sis. Joe Diel. Friends Elmer Kisling  
and Joe Frieden have been announ-  
ced and are awaiting baptism.

We have been privileged to have  
several ministering brothers with  
us. Bro. Henry Manz of the Junc-  
tion congregation and Bro. Jess  
Schrock of Congerville were in our  
midst one evening for services. Bro.  
Manz was accompanied by his  
daughter, and Bro. Schrock by his  
wife. Elder Bro. Roy Farney  
of Phoenix and Elder Bro. Sam  
Anliker of Lamont also ministered  
of holy teachings of God's word. We  
sincerely appreciated their efforts,  
and thank them all for coming.

While here, Bro. Roy Farney de-  
livered the memorandum. We were  
reminded how increasingly difficult  
it is becoming to tread the narrow  
way, without so much as glancing  
to the right or left. Bro. Roy's gen-  
tle warnings and admonishings  
made apparent his great love and  
concern for us.

Hospital patients have been Sis-  
ters Bea Diel and Jenny Schrock,  
and convert Aleta Farney, daughter  
of Bro. Huber and Sis. Helen. Sis.  
Marie Riedel is in quite ill health;  
she is a resident of the Kiowa Man-  
or Rest Home. It is our prayer that  
they may regain a reasonable  
amount of health again, if God  
wills it.

Few of us are idle in this ani-  
mated day and age—most seem  
never to get enough accomplished  
in one day. This is especially true of  
us in this farming area, as our har-  
vests draw closer and work begins  
to accumulate. Perhaps these words  
will make us each pause a moment  
to think:

Too busy to read the Bible, too busy  
to wait and pray!

Too busy to speak out kindly to  
someone by the way!

Too busy to care and struggle, to  
think of the life to come,

Too busy building mansions to plan  
for the heavenly Home,  
Too busy for all that is holy, on  
earth beneath the sky,  
Too busy to serve the Master, but—  
not too busy to die!

### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

#### Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss

Sis. Nina Moser was hospitalized  
for a few days and is now back at  
her home. May God be with her and  
all the sick ones at all times.

The engagement of Bro. Thomas,  
son of Fred and Sis. Louise Schif-  
ferer, and Sis. Kathleen, daughter  
of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Minnie Kel-  
lenberger, was announced. We wish  
them God's blessings.

Bro. Herman Luginbuhl and fam-  
ily from Roanoke visited Bro. Her-  
man Kellenberger and family, and  
attended our services, as did quite  
a number of others. (Bro. Lugin-  
buhl has some relatives in Switzer-  
land.)

Thy word, O Lord, draws us  
together

In mutual fellowship to stand.  
It kindles in our hearts forever  
The flames of faith and love's sweet  
band.

The word of grace which brought  
salvation

And fellowship with Thy great  
throne,

Who praise the Lamb with harp  
and song,

Extends to all its invitation.

We have a new brother-in-faith.  
Eugene, son of Bro. Herman and  
Sis. Cecelia Kachelmuss Braun was  
added to the flock. May God draw  
many more while the door of grace  
is still open.

A birth: a daughter, Sheila Re-  
nee, was born March 9 to Bro. El-  
mer and Sis. Eleanor Steffen. Bro.  
Jonathan and Sis. Ida Steffen, and  
Bro. Eli and Sis. Lena Grimm of  
West Bend are the grandparents.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Beth Anliker  
wish to thank all for the cards, best  
wishes and tokens of love to them  
on their 25th wedding anniversary.

One of our aged sisters, Karoline  
Kuehner, who has been a child of  
God since her early youth, is now  
approaching the age of fourscore  
and ten, which will be on May 4.  
She makes her home with her  
daughter, Mrs. Robert Gebhard  
and family, at 530 S. Liberty St.,  
Elgin, Ill.



We enjoyed the Easter Sunday School program. It was so good to hear the singing and speaking, expressing the joy of that joyful event, the resurrection of Christ. May God bless all who took part.

Sis. Caroline Greiner, aged 87, passed away; funeral services were April 9. Bro. August, aged 94 years, survives. We wish him God's help, strength and comfort in his lonely hours. May God be ever close to him, until he too can finish his course in faith and can go home to be forever with the Lord.

### SARASOTA, FLORIDA Velta Laukhuf

Since we are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we feel these words found in the Holy Scripture are appropriate at this time: "Afterwards he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he had risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Ministers for the month of March were Bros. Roy Sauder, Ben Maibach, Irvin Stoller, John and Corbin Bahler.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Loraine Maibach and family have moved into their new home, which was recently built on Siesta Key. We are happy to have the Maibachs with us during the winter months.

On Sunday March 3, a birthday dinner was held for all those having birthdays in March. There were nine honored for this occasion, with seventy attending the dinner. Two of our members celebrated their 84th birthday. May God grant them many more years of health and happiness.

The months of February and March were the largest attendance since the beginning of our services in Sarasota. We are thankful to God that this small group has grown in such an abundance of attendance.

### AKRON, OHIO Florence Graf

Elmer Greenbank, son of Bro. Gordon and Sis. Emily, recently returned home from his tour of service in Korea. We rejoice with Elmer and his loved ones, and wel-

come him home. How thankful can we be the Lord does yet protect many of our loved ones through many dangers.

Fred and Eva Grawunder announce the arrival of their second daughter. Susan Renee was warmly welcomed by her sister, Monica, 3. Bro. Peter and Sis. Eva Wenhardt are the maternal grandparents—Fred's parents live in eastern Europe.

Sis. Grace Schuckert is deeply grateful to relatives, members and friends for their help and comfort, as they in countless ways shared the afflictions during the long illness and the death of her husband, Adam.

### BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Loris Kieser

Mrs. Don Duckworth

We had two most welcome visitors. We are thankful to Bros. Leroy Hartman, Peoria, and Al Aberle, Tremont for proclaiming God's precious word unto us.

Bro. Dean Stahl remains a hospital patient.

Sis. Velma Hancher is only able to attend church occasionally, since her back surgery months ago. Her husband, Bro. Carl, was also hospitalized recently, but is home again.

We are thankful that Kent Knobloch's injuries were only slight, when he was in an accident on the way to school. His parents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Marvel.

### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS

Ben Blunier

The Lord has given us a minister. Bro. Dave Wiegand was given this duty on March 16, after Elder Bros. Emanuel Gudeman, Ed Hohulin, and Roy Sauder conferred with the resident parents and discovered strong support for Bro. Dave. Our prayers go out to him, Sis. Ethel and their family, that a rich portion of God's grace be ever with them. Just recently they moved into their fine new home in Urbana, Illinois (Box 473).

Continued support from other nearby churches is of course still needed and desired. A new schedule to send a minister to help Bro. Dave has been sent to the ministers of each church. Goodfield and Cissna Park remain scheduled for each first and third Sundays; Morton and Congerville have the other two

Sundays in May.

Bros. Emanuel Gudeman, Cissna Park; Edwin Bahler, Remington; Elmer Witzig, Gridley; and Henry Grimm, Morton, were our visiting ministers. We are most grateful for their visits and the messages they gave. May God reward their efforts.

In closing his first sermon, Bro. Dave told of how once the princesses of England, as children, became separated from their parents. When asked who they were they replied, "We're nobody, but our father is king." Shouldn't we feel likewise toward our King, Christ Jesus.

### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We very much enjoyed the visit of Bro. Raymond Roth of Burlington, Oklahoma, and Sis. LaVern, while they visited their daughter and family, the Roy Yerglers. We want to welcome them back.

Bro. Edward Kambly passed away Mar. 18, at the age of 90, at the Fairbury Hospital (where he had been a patient 10 hours). He had been a resident of Fairview Haven Resident Home in Fairbury for several years. Even though he attained a high age, he was busy in his last years in the workshop in the home, making bird houses and different things. He leaves to mourn, a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Lassen; a son, Paul; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Services were conducted by our home ministers.

Not every one is privileged to come to the house of God and worship the last day of their life; such was the case of our dear Sis. Mabel Lehman, age 77, who passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Mar. 31. Funeral services were held April 3. She is survived by a brother, John; a half brother, William; and two half sisters, Mrs. Mary Dennis and Mrs. Bertha Sullivan. Our home ministers conducted the services. She will be greatly missed in our congregation and community.

March 30 was a blessed Sat. evening, when we could hear the testimonies of 7 precious souls, how they were lost and afraid to die, but now with repentance and confession they found peace. On Sunday they were baptized. We rejoice with them. May they be an asset to the church. They are Gwen Bauer, Arly Hari, Ellen Vogel, Ann Walder, Beverly Stock, Jean Reutter and Julia Beer. The parents are Bros.

and Sis's George Bauer, Marvin Hari, Clarence Vogel, Erwin Wald-er, Melvin Stock, Dale Reutter, and Harold Beer. Bros. George Gramm and Ed Hohulin helped with this important work.

Bro. Fred G. Knapp and Sis. Bena also Sis. Lydia Moser were involved in an auto accident, and sustaining numerous injuries. May these dear ones feel the many prayers uttered for them.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Leah Aeschli-man wish to thank everyone who remembered them with cards and good wishes on Phil's 88th birthday, Mar. 16. Phil is enjoying reason-able good health and is able to at-tend church services for which they are very thankful. May God bless them.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Tillie (Greiner) Rudin, in the pass-ing of her mother. We rejoice that the death of a Christian is gain and releases from all afflictions.

Our Sunday School will present an Easter Program on Good Friday evening.

### Resurrection

"... Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: neverthe-less not my will, but thine, be done." Unless we can say with Paul "I die daily", we will never fully know this resurrection power. "It is finished". His resurrection is the proof that your sin and my sin was atoned for at the cross. He arose and proved that He had finished the work.

Christ the Lord is risen today,  
Alleluia;  
Sons of men and angels say,  
Alleluia.  
Raise your joys and triumphs high,  
Alleluia;  
Love's redeeming work is done,  
Alleluia.  
Fought the fight the battle won,  
Alleluia;  
Death in vain forbids Him rise,  
Alleluia.  
Christ hath opened Paradise,  
Alleluia.

### ELGIN, IOWA

#### Mrs. George Butikofer

Greetings from Elgin. This is a typical April day. The wind is hold-ing sway. Bits of greenery is becom-ing apparent in the trees and on the meadows. Our robins and bluebirds have arrived. Already some grains have been sown. We at the moment

behold some foreboding dark clouds, which may mean some rainfall. This too would be a blessing, for the water level has become quite notice-able, in that some of our natural springs have ceased to flow as for-merly. Speaking of signs of spring, I must mention that our chives, spearmint and rhubarb are all show-ing signs of new growth. Spring-time seems to give us new hope and new life.

Our sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hodel of California. Their son Mark was killed in Viet Nam as a result of multiple shrap-nel wounds which he received while on duty at Phu Loc. His mother, the former Mabel Reitz lived in this locality before moving. Mark's aunt, Sis. Mildred (Mrs. Paul Butikofer) was informed on the second day of April of his death. He had planned to be married on June 9. The Hodels have two other sons, Eric, who is married, and John who is eight years old. Interment will be at Lodi.

We miss seeing Bro. Floyd Frie-nden in our church meetings. May God ever be with him. He was in-ducted into the army a few weeks ago.

We wish to thank all the minis-ters and visitors who came to fel-lowship with us. Among the minis-ters were Elders Bros. Noah Shrock (Oakville), Leo Moser (Lester), Paul Banwart (West Bend), Bros. Floyd Weiland (Detroit), and Uriel Gehring (Burlington).

Bros. Noah Shrock and Leo Moser conveyed to us the important conclusions of the recent confer-ence.

Elder Noah Schrock assisted El-der Leo Moser with the testimony and baptism of John Schupbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schupbach. We welcome Bro. Johnny into our fellowship, and wish for him a close walk with our dear Lord and Saviour.

The Wm. Butikofer family has moved from Durant to our town of Elgin. We welcome Bro. Wm., Sis. Norma and their children Michael, Julie, Joni, Mark and John. Wm. is a chiropractor. He is a son of Sis. Marie and the late Albert Butikofer. Trust is that they will enjoy and progress in their new home.

Bro. Fred Marti and Sis. Celia Butikofer are still under the doct-or's care. Occasionally they are able to attend church services. If any one would feel inclined to send them some mail, I think it would be very

much appreciated. Their addresses are Elgin Iowa 52141.

This is that great thing I know;  
This delights and stirs me so:  
Faith in Him who died to save,  
Him who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Jesus, God of majesty.

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

#### Martha Stoller

#### Carolyn Zimmerman

Sis. Martha Metz has returned to her home, following a stay at Wes-ley Memorial Hospital, Chicago. Hospitalized are Sis. Leona Wallace, surgical, and Sis. Lou Ida Steffen, medical.

Our Sunday School teachers and pupils are preparing an Easter pro-gram, which will be presented on Good Friday evening.

Jim Plattner, son of Ed and Sis. Mary Ann, who is stationed at Ft. Polk La., is seeking his Lord in re-pentance. Let us all pray for him.

We thank Bro. Earl Kilgus, Rem-ington, for spending a Sunday with us.

Karen Leman, daughter of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Leona, and Roger Huette were married on April 7. They will presently be at home where Roger is stationed, at Fair-child AFB, Washington.

Spring has arrived! This is an in-spiring, but also a busy season. The oats are sown, and next will be the soil preparation for corn and soy bean planting. In a farming com-munity, we probably live closer to the land than anywhere else. The farmer learns to recognize the sea-sons and cooperate with them. In this partnership it is time, and the weather which give orders. Can man open a bud or unfurl the sprout from the kernel? How dependent we are upon our Creator for our sus-tenance!

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

#### Joyce Huber

Our Sunday School classes pre-sented the Easter story, in an in-spiring program on Palm Sunday.

God manifests "the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe", as He "hath raised us up together, and made us sit to-gether in heavenly places in Christ Jesus". In going into the season of the year that our Lord Jesus died, there were several here that also died. As we see new life springing forth at this time of the year when Christ was resurrected, how thank-

ful we are that for those who have been raised up to sit together in heavenly places in Christ, and now passed away, will also have a new resurrected life forever with the Lord.

Sis. Emma VonBergen, age 91, passed away. She had married Matthew Kilgus, who passed away; and then she married Rudolph VonBergen, and was again widowed in 1929. She had been residing at Fairview Haven. Surviving are a daughter, Sis. Ella VonBergen, Peoria; 4 sons: Bro. Herman, Ira, Albert and William; 32 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Sis. Louise Roth, age 85, passed away at Fairview Haven, where she had been a resident one month. Surviving is a sister, Sis. Ida Meiss of Fairbury, with whom she had made her home until moving to Fairview Haven.

Bro. John Tyler, age 76, passed away. He had resided at Fairview Haven, before going to the nursing home at Sheldon in 1964. After his wife, Sis. Lydia Kaisner died, he married Sis. Anna Walter, and was left a widower in 1960. Surviving are a brother, Charles, and two sisters, Sisters Lena Yaggie and Louise Anliker, both of Francesville.

Bro. Edward Kambly, age 79, who had been residing at Fairview Haven since its opening, passed away. The body was taken to Cissna Park for the funeral.

Andy Maier, age 74, passed away at the Mercy Hospital in Chicago, where he had been seriously ill 3 weeks. Surviving are his wife, Tillie (Mueller); 2 sons, Donald and Marvin; a sister, Sis. Martha Maier; 4 brothers, Bro. Sam, William, Chester, and Alvin.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Robert Grimm of Goodfield and Raymond Roth of Kansas.

### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

#### Elna Grimm

Did you ever stop to wonder  
How our Saviour's heart did ache,  
As around that supper table  
With His friends, the bread did  
break?

How His eyes, with grief, were  
shadowed  
As in tenderness He said,  
**One of you, this night, betrays me,**  
One whom He'd so carefully led.

Oh what torture He endured there;  
What compassion He portrayed,  
And He bore it all in silence.  
What an awful price He paid.

Do we love Him; do we serve Him;  
Do we trust in Him always?  
When we find ourselves in trouble,  
He is just a prayer away.

What a Saviour! What a brother!  
What a friend, oh love divine!  
What a precious gift from heaven.  
I am His, and He is mine.

Our fervent prayers have, many times, this month been directed heavenward, for our loved ones in the hospitals . . . and also for their loved ones at home . . . And let us not forget to continue to pray for them.

Sis. Mildred Heinold (wife of Bro. Wilbur) has been extremely ill for the past several weeks, and is still a patient in the St. Francis Hospital in Peoria. Sis. Mida Knapp (wife of Mike Knapp Sr.) has also been quite ill the past couple of weeks, and is a patient in the Methodist Hospital in Peoria. Others who have been in and out of the hospitals are Sis. Julia Leman (wife of the late Bro. Dave Leman), Sis. Ruth Rokey, (wife of John Rokey), and their son, John Roger; our friends Sam Scheiler and Floyd Hofmann.

Bro. Roy Sauder was here to assist Bro. Ed Hohulin in the reading of the Memorandum, on Wed. eve. Mar. 27.

We enjoyed the message of Bro. Henry Beer of Milford, who was with us one recent evening. Bro. Henry proclaimed how good it is to be hungry for the word; and how we, then, find new meaning in reading the same **Old Sweet Words** day after day, year after year.

Stan Hohulin, son of Bro. and Sis. Chris and Vi Hohulin, was married to Jean Hodel, daughter of Bro. and Sis. George and Rachel Hodel of Eureka, on Sat. April 6. They will make their home in the Goodfield community.

### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

#### Mrs. Rudy Bahr

#### Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Sherri and Ronnie Ellis, daughter and grandson of Bro. and Sis. Ephraim Young, were hospitalized with a kidney infection and a virus. Both are recovered.

Bro. Eldon and Sis. Dorene Metz-

ger are parents of a baby boy, born March 17. Philip Loren has been named after both grandfathers—Bro. Loren Strahm, Gridley, and Bro. Philip Metzger, Sabetha.

Bro. George Bahr has been in Bethany Hospital at Kansas City for the past two weeks and had surgery. May the Lord be with and strengthen him.

I was shocked to find out yesterday morning at church that Sis. Leona Kraft was in a car accident in Missouri, on her return trip from a funeral at Cissna. She has a broken collarbone, and is staying with relatives at this address: Mrs. Lizzie Remm, Lamar Mo. 64759.

The bar in Bro. Joe Somerhaldler's leg slipped, and he had to return to the hospital for further surgery. He was able to be in church for a half-day yesterday. The family wishes to express their appreciation and thanks for all the kindness shown them.

With all the turmoil and riots this past week end, we can be so thankful to enjoy our quiet little "country" church, and we were blessed with the Christian fellowship of the Bro. Clarence Herman family of Morton, Bro. and Sis. Roger Aberle, Sabetha, and Bro. Frank Hertzell, Bern. Bros. Frank and Roger came to a youth fellowship committee meeting. We had a church pot-luck and singing in the evening.

This morning, before I called a serviceman to fix my dryer that just wasn't acting right and not doing its job well, I decided to make a last check on the lint pipes going through the basement, and lo, the trap door wouldn't open! Then outside, I found a small stone tucked in by a little boy with busy fingers. What a relief . . . and I thought of church—how each and every person is important . . . when someone can't do their "job" no matter how "little", how it affects us all. May the "great repairman" help us all to remove our "little stones"—we need to search, as no doubt we are "unaware or not thinking", as our 5-yr.-old son. What a change it made!

"I have often repented speaking, but never of holding my tongue."

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

#### Sue Ann Kupferschmid

Waking to find a beautiful spring morning, I remember I'm not alone,



for God loves me. He always has, but sometimes I need a reminder. He seems to be saying to me, "Listen to the birds. How sweetly they sing. You noticed the refreshing green grass, but did you remember that I am the One who turns it green?" How sad life would be if the grass died in the fall, turned brown and disappeared, never to live again so fresh and green . . . But we know it will live again in all its beautiful splendor. As God gives the grass life after it has died, let's never forget He has promised to do the same for us. Someday we can also awake to a beautiful new life, if we die to our old life today. Haven't you heard? It is no secret, what God can do.

March 14, Bro. Perry Zimmerman was with us. He read from Acts 20:13-38 and told us, "There are many books in your library, but not one will tell you when the Lord is coming. Not one teacher or professor can tell you. Jesus tells us to watch and pray, lest we fall into temptation."

"Prayer" was the topic Bro. Edward Hohulin spoke to us about, March 21. "In this day and age I think we need to know **how** to pray. Prayer is our shield and our guide," he said. He talked to us about the various kinds of prayers.

Bro. Joe Schrock spoke on the requested topic of "Works", Mar. 28. We cannot be saved by grace alone, or by works alone, or by faith alone. "It takes all three," he said. Ephesians 2:8-9 was one of the many references he used.

We presented our Easter program on April 4, with Bro. Emanuel Gudeman ministering unto us. He told us about the interesting significance of the number three during the crucifixion of Christ, such as the three prayers in the garden, and the three men, Judas, Peter and Barabbas. "We need to recognize how the Lord sees us. We need to produce the fruits of the Spirit," he said . . . And we can do this because of 3 things, a crucified, buried and risen Lord.

#### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

**Howard and Louise Getz**

We enjoyed the visits of a number of guest ministers. On March 10, Bro. Lester Huber (Francerville) and Bro. Walter Anliker (Eureka) shared the Lord's word with us. Bro. Orville Ringger (Bluffton) on the following Sabbath Day an-

nounced that Communion would be held soon, and we were reminded to meet that day prepared for its spiritual importance.

Cissna Park's Bro. Phil Sauder was with us on March 24 and brought us additional food for thought. On March 31, Elder Bros. Sam Aeschliman (Bluffton) and David Bertsch (Leo) shared Holy Communion, with approximately twenty members participating. The memorandum was read, and kindly admonishments and reminders given. If we truly love our church and the members of our "church family," we will display that love by our obedience and kindness toward one another and always looking first to correct our own shortcomings, before speaking to others of theirs.

In these days of social and political unrest, let us rely more than ever on the bequest of divine love given by Christ, when He died on the cross for us. Only when love fills the heart can doubt and hate be closed out.

#### JUNCTION, OHIO

**Mrs. Ben Manz — Mrs. Alvin Manz**

Bro. Jess and Sis. Lil Schrock of Congerville, our ministering Bro. Henry Manz, and Sis. Henrietta, suffered no serious injuries in an accident in Illinois, on their way to Texas, for which we are most thankful. The car, however, was lost.

Bros. Walter Steffen of Milford, Carl Kipfer, Wendell Gerber of Bluffton and Bro. Henry Sabo of Mansfield and many other visitors were with us. The brothers spoke to us of the suffering of our Saviour, which was foretold so many years before by the prophet, Isaiah, and how good it is we can feel God's presence when we gather together. Even when there are those we don't personally know among us, we still feel the likeness of mind. Bros. Carl Kipfer and Bill Neuenschwander of Bluffton also helped in the Sunday School. We are thankful for our visitors and their help.

We are planning, if the Lord wills, to have our first services in our new church home, on Sunday April 28.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

**Mrs. Gus Weltz**

**Miss Della Witschey**

Joseph Witschey, 81, a resident

of New Martinsville for many years, passed away on March 19 in Wooster, Ohio. He was a son of John and Elizabeth Emch Witschey, and was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and four brothers. Surviving are two sisters, Miss Della Witschey of New Martinsville, Mrs. E. B. Frumm of Jeanette, Pa.; Lewis Witschey of Moundsville, W. Va.; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held here on March 22, with the ministers Lorentz Emch and Jesse Emch officiating. Burial was in the Apostolic Church Cemetery on Limestone Ridge.

Mrs. R. D. Williams and two daughters of Akron, Mrs. Freda Durig and daughter of Girard spent March 11 here with the Barth families.

Mrs. Lloyd Durig was a patient in the local hospital the week of April 1. She received medical care for inner ear trouble.

Mrs. J. C. Froelich is improving nicely, and has been back home for sometime, after spending almost eight weeks in the local hospital.

Mrs. E. B. Frumm was able to return to her home in Jeannette, Pa., after being a patient in a hospital there for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron visited with relatives on March 26 and 27.

Miss Ruth Mullett is able to be out again, after having surgery in a Wheeling hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Berger and daughter, Mary attended the services at the Sardis church on Sunday, April 7.

#### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

**Emily Tanner**

**Mrs. Michael Weyeneth**

"Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them."

It is really a blessed privilege to partake of Holy Communion. On Palm Sunday we were served this blessed Sacrament. Assisting our elder, Bro. Roy Sauder, were Bros. Russell Rapp and Dan Koch.

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

Our Sunday School children held their Easter Program in the evening, Palm Sunday. May the teachings of the love and resurrection of

Christ ever remain with them as then grow up, so they can one day fully appreciate all they have been taught in their youth.

Bro. Frederick Knapp was a guest minister. We enjoyed the fellowship of his family and some of the brethren from the Congerville church. We also enjoyed the fellowship with a group of brethren and friends from the Chicago church. They stayed for the Hymn Sing and sang a few selections.

A son, Timothy Douglas, was born March 14 to Bro. Doug and Sis. Myrna Schwenk. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Ira and Sis. Caroline Rokey; paternal grandparents are Herb and Sis. Ida Schwenk.

A son, David Dwayne, was born March 22 to David and Rita Sauder. Bro. Silas Sauder is the paternal grandfather.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Sophia Hoerr observed their 50th wedding anniversary on March 24.

Our sympathy is extended to Pauline (Mrs. Art) Hermann and Sis. Ella VonBergen. Both their mothers died this past month . . . Pauline's mother—Sis. Lillie Widmer of Morton; Sis. Ella's mother—Sis. Von Bergen of Fairbury.

### PORTLAND, OREGON

#### Connie Steffen

Mother's Day will soon be here. I wonder if we appreciate enough our Christian mothers. Do our children see in their mothers the God-given love and patience we saw in ours? And do we esteem our older sisters, who may well be our **spiritual mothers** guiding us in the path of our faith?

Earlier this year one of the Sunday School classes was studying about the tabernacle of the Israelites in the wilderness, and about its objects of gold. The teacher recalled a museum in Washington where there are quite a number of gold-covered articles, including the golden throne of Queen Marie, the former queen of Romania. A trip was then planned, and after Sunday School on March 24, 17 children from the two older classes and 3 brothers drove up the Columbia River gorge to Mary Hill Museum, which is a little over 100 miles from Portland. The weather was sunny and warm, and the mountain scenery, with towering firs and pines, was very beautiful. After being there a few hours, they returned for a spaghetti dinner in one of

our homes. The children look forward to these trips and quite often ask, "When are we going again?"

### SABETHA, KANSAS

#### Mrs. Joe Steiner

Friend Carroll Plattner, son of Bro. John and Sis. Marie Plattner has entered the armed services. He was sent to Ft. Polk, Louisiana, but has no definite address as yet. May our Heavenly Father shield and protect him throughout his tour of duty.

We offer sympathy to Sis. Freda Strahm, on the death of her husband, Noah. He passed away at their home on April 1, at the age of 79 years. His funeral services were held April 3. He is survived by one daughter, Margaret (Mrs. Fred Meyer), and two sons, Bro. Elmer and Bro. Walter, all of Sabetha; 9 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, 3 brothers and 4 sisters. He was a brother of Bro. Charley Strahm, who passed away in January.

The wedding of Kathleen Kocher and Robert Steiner was held Sat. evening March 30. We wish them well as they start their married life.

Dr. and Mrs. Lyle Steiner are the parents of their second daughter. Ingrid Marie was born on March 8. Lyle is the son of Bro. Joe Steiner. They reside at 20 South Electric, Apt. 1, Alhambra Calif. 91801.

### SARDIS, OHIO

#### Doris Indermuhle

United in marriage on March 16 were Kenneth Indermuhle, son of Bro. Delbert and Sis. Martha of Sardis, and Linda Gasser, daughter of Bro. Glenn and the late Sis. Lois of Rittman. They are making their home near Wooster, while Ken does his student teaching there.

A daughter, Carla Sue, was born to Friends Carlie and Grace Grossenbacher. She was welcomed by four other children, Sharon, Steve and twins, Randy and Sandy. Their grandmother, Sis. Clara Grossenbacher also lives with them.

We were again richly blessed with the visit of our elder, Bro. Rudolph Graf and his wife, Sis. Betty from Akron. We were privileged to partake of Holy Communion, and Bro. Graf read the memorandum. Among many other teachings during the day, we were reminded to be instant in prayer and thanksgiving to our Lord and Saviour.

We were also thankful to have

visitors from the Rittman and Girard congregations. As spring, a very beautiful and refreshing time of the year is upon us, we extend a cordial welcome to all to come to worship and fellowship with us.

### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

#### Josephine Schaefer

#### Mary Jane Leuthold

We thank the Lord for the inspired messages sent to us through Bro. Dave Kieser of Princeville. We thank him also for his willingness to lend himself unto us.

Bro. Joe and Sister Marcella Steiner are the thankful parents of a baby girl, Joan Elizabeth, born March 29. Our friends, Clifford and Roberta Schweigert welcomed a boy, Randall Brian, into their home April 1.

Friends Simon Wagenbach, son of Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise, and Yavonne Witzig, daughter of Bro. Sam and Sis. Louise of Gridley were married March 17. They are making their home in Tremont.

Friend Esther Huette passed out of this life March 16. Her husband, John; two sons, John and Robert; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Alice) Lahne; one brother, Peter Winzeler; and three sisters, Sisters Katherine and Mary of Tremont and Mrs. Aaron (Bina) Bertsch of Rocknoke are left behind to mourn her passing. Bro. Henry Grimm, Morton, conducted the services.

Sis. Mary Winzeler has been taken to the Restmor home in Morton. Sis. Liza Dill has been hospitalized for eye surgery, but is again home and improving nicely. Sis. Rose Schurter is somewhat improved, but still remains in Hopedale Hospital. Sis. Emma Springer is also hospitalized in traction. We hope all can soon be among us again.

### ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

#### Carlton J. Lanz

Birth: A son, Ronald James, March 13, to Bro. and Sis. James (Jimmie) Moser.

Death: Sis. Mary Wirz, 77. Surviving are two sisters, Sis's. Lena and Bertha Gottier. Services at the funeral home were held on March 23 by Bros. John Bahler and Ernest Luginbuhl.

Weddings: May 24, Bro. Dale Zahner and Sis. Harriet (Wolti) were united in marriage, when solemnized by Elder John Bahler. A wedding supper and reception followed, after which Bro. Dale and

his bride left for an unannounced trip to the South.

April 7, Bro. Eric Kloter and Sis. Sharon (Luginbuhl) took their vows, likewise, and became man and wife as their marriage rites were solemnized by our elder, Bro. John Bahler. Both couples were presented with many useful and beautiful gifts.

May their homes be one where God in truth abides, where two have joined hand and heart, where a threefold cord is found, not lightly rent apart. They have our prayers and best wishes.

Bro. John Feldman is a patient at the hospital, where he has undergone surgery for an appendectomy.

We are pleased to report, the announcement made here of two dear friends who saw a need for repentance and are now at peace with their God. They are Ted Neuenschwander and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Lanz.

## BURLINGTON, IOWA

**Mrs. Paul Eisenmann**

**Mrs. Paul Wagler**

Our congregation enjoyed a visit from our ministering Bro. Al Aberle from Tremont.

Sis. Katherine Schumacher was saddened to receive word of the death of her sister in Germany. We extend sympathy to her and her family, who are so widely separated.

A number from Burlington attended the wedding reception at Iowa City for Edith Donahoe from Iowa City and Gary Anliker, son of Bro. Emil Anliker of Forrest. Gary and Edith will live in Iowa City and have been attending Burlington church.

Emergency surgery was performed on Lewis Frank Sr., husband of Sis. Tillie (Wagler) Frank of Salem Iowa. He is recuperating nicely.

Our annual spring housecleaning at the church was swiftly done by approximately 25 volunteers. Especially appreciated were the efforts of those who drove down bright and early from Iowa City to help.

Many necessary items were given at a "kitchen and grocery shower" for the family of Adolph Gerst, son of Sis. Sarah Gerst, who lost their house and possessions by fire. They and their five children are now living in a mobile home.

## MILFORD, INDIANA

**Marguerite Hoerr**

As we gathered in church Palm Sunday evening, a very windy evening, many of us were remembering the Palm Sunday tornados that swept the Indiana countryside in recent years. As the Sunday School children sang of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and of His glorious resurrection on Easter Day, our fears subsided, and we were able to concentrate on the One who brings peace to our hearts in troubled times, the One who promises life after death. Our need for Him is so great, as we seek a stronghold in our time of stress, that we have a great sympathy for those who haven't come to know Him. We, who have found Him must try desperately to live as He has taught us to live, serene, peace-loving and kind to our fellowman.

Bro. Elmer Haab was briefly hospitalized for minor surgery. Sisters Helen Sorg and Esther Getz both entered hospitals for major surgery, and our prayers go with them for complete and speedy recoveries.

The Sunday after Easter will be the wedding day for Bro. Bob Beer of Milford and Sis. Linda Anliker of Francesville. They will make their home in the country south of Milford, where Bob is engaged in farming. May God bless their life together and bring them much happiness.

Many members, friends and children met at our church home one evening to do our annual spring cleaning. Many hands make light work, and in a few hours windows were glistening, woodwork was washed, and floors scrubbed and waxed. The sisters who faithfully do the cleaning week after week, and for whom we're very thankful, needed help on the jobs that one pair of hands could not accomplish alone. Worshipping together brings about a nearness with each other, but so does working together.

## MORRIS, MINNESOTA

**Mrs. Herman Schaefer**

**Mrs. Carl Joos**

Elder Bros. Noah Schrock, Oakville, and Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, assisted our Elder Bro. Paul Fehr in sharing the conclusions of the brother meeting. We were reminded and encouraged to stay humble and be obedient to God's holy word.

Bro. Harvey and Sis. Wilda Koehl

were blessed with a new baby girl. She has been named Jill Marie and has a brother, Byron to welcome her. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. C. R. Koehl and Bro. and Sis. Paul Fehr.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Emma Feuchtenberger announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan to Virgil Waking. We wish them God's blessing.

Sis. Esther Schaefer was involved in a car accident and hospitalized. She is now at home recuperating. Other hospital patients are Sisters Lydia Feuchtenberger and Mary Luthi, both who submitted to surgery. An aged, old brother, Carl Griener, who in the past made his home in the Hancock Rest Home is presently in the hospital for observation. Our prayers are surely with these loved ones who must suffer bodily afflictions.

## Know Each Other Better

Sis. Mary (Sommer) Koehl was the oldest daughter of Bro. Peter and Sis. Susan Sommer. She was born May 2, 1881, near Eureka, and lived most of her young years at Pulaski. She repented at the age of 20, the same year as she lost her mother in a horse-and-buggy runaway. Later, with some of her brothers and sisters she moved to Morris, to live on a farm. She was married to Bro. Henry Koehl on April, 1917. Bro. Henry was put in the ministry in 1927, and was elder later for many years. To this union four children were born, three sons and one daughter: Bro. Ernest, Sis. Eunice, Bro. Reuben and Jonah. There are seven grandchildren. Bro. Henry passed away suddenly on February 20, 1964. Sis. Marie made her home with her daughter, Sis. Eunice and a son, Bro. Reuben on the home farm until Dec. 1967, when she fractured her hip. She is now staying at the Villa of St. Francis Nursing Home at Morris. She is improving and hopes to be home soon. She was able to go to church until December. Her son Jonah, also at home, is retarded and is cared for by Sis. Eunice. Sis. Marie has been a faithful and loved sister for 67 years.

## LA CROSSE, INDIANA

As the Easter season approaches, our college students are home for Easter vacation. It brings our thoughts to that night in Gethsemane, when Christ was in the garden praying. Before that, He had held



the Lord's Supper nearby. Since the students were nearly all home, Holy Communion was held and served by Bro. George and Bro. Ed. It is indeed a very touching service, and reminds us of Christ's sufferings and what he did for us.

Arden Bucher, son of Bro. Art and Sis. Esther Bucher, gave his testimony before the congregation, was baptized and received into the fold. May God grant him much grace and strength from above, to walk in the Lord's ways.

In last month's issue, we stated Bro. Noah Gerber was here, but it was Bro. Leo Moser from Lester who spent his time with us.

Bro. Don Bucher was taken by plane to Mayo's, when he became very sick. His dear wife, Sis. Gwen and his parents, Bro. Bert and Sis. Marie accompanied him there. He has improved some and is again able to assemble with us, for which we are grateful.

Bro. Ken and Sis. Carol Bucher are the parents of their first son, Larry Allen, born March 20. He has 2 sisters to welcome him. Bro. Bert and Sis. Marie Bucher are the paternal grandparents.

Here are some thoughts of a parent set to verse as he sat at the bedside of his sick child:

Should we say that the day of the miracle's gone  
When we see what our Heavenly Father has done?

Borne in arms of compassion, in pity, and love,  
Rescued from near death by His hand from above.

Now we stand by the bedside so helpless and weak,  
We turn to our God and His blessing we seek;

His blessings were sent, even more than we thought,  
As the body gained strength and healing was brought.

We now would thank God who also did lend,  
Loving doctors and nurses, love of brethren and friends,  
To help us to climb what seemed like a mountain,  
And drink from the depth of His Love and Life's Fountain.

We can never repay Him for such wondrous grace,  
But if to Him we're faithful (and when met face to face  
With the forces of Satan, we stand

for the right),  
He'll never forsake us; hold us up by His might.

Should we say that affliction's all sorrow and loss

When our Saviour was born on this earth for a cross?

Let's meet our tests daily as well as we must,

For this Helper we'll ever with confidence trust.

And though we're oft weak, our Shepherd is strong;

At times through our tears, He can bless with a song,

To praise Him and thank, His rich blessings given,

And live to gain joy eternal in heaven.

### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

#### Eunice and Lydia Kammerer

Visiting our congregation and delivering inspiring messages were Bro. Henry Beer, Milford; Bro. Harold Gramm, Morris; and Bro. Simon Wagenbach, Tremont. Bro. Beer also showed slides on Saturday evening of his European trip.

Our friends, Yvonne Witzig, and Simon Wagenbach, were united in marriage in the home of the bride's parents, Bro. Sam and Sis. Louise Witzig, March 17. The bridegroom is the son of Bro. and Sis. Simon Wagenbach, Tremont. Bro. George Gramm performed the ceremony. The young couple are at home in Tremont.

We are glad to report two more souls have turned to the Lord; they are Wava Kaupp and Allen Funk. We wish them God's grace in their new walk of life.

Bro. Donald and Sis. Rosy Gramm are parents of their first son, George Donald, born at Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, April 4. George has four sisters to welcome him. Bro. George and Sis. Louise Gramm are the paternal grandparents, and Sis. Judith Pfister and the late Bro. Walter Pfister are the maternal grandparents.

Sis. Fannie Wiegand is a patient in Fairbury Hospital where she underwent surgery. Virginia, daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Marjorie Witzig, entered Mennonite hospital April 8, for oral surgery.

Tom Miller, son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Hermine Miller, was called to assist the National Guard, during the rioting in Chicago following the assassination of Martin Luther

King. We realize what danger these men are facing in this critical situation. May God protect them all.

Friends Donald and June Zimmerman and family have moved into their new home, which they recently completed. May God bless them and their family.

A happy reunion in the David Wagner home came when their son, Steven, returned from Viet Nam for a month's stay.

The following poem was submitted by Sis. Ollie Gramm.

### Be Careful What You Say

In speaking of a person's faults,

Pray don't forget your own;

Remember those with houses of glass

Should seldom throw a stone.

If we have nothing else to do

But talk of those who sin,

'Tis better we commence at home,

And from that point begin.

I'll tell you of a better plan,

And find it works full well,

To try my own defects to cure.

Before of others tell;

And though I sometimes hope to be

No worse than some I know,

My own shortcomings bid me let

The faults of others go.

### OAKVILLE, IOWA

#### Martha Steiner

Visiting ministers in March were Bros. Nathan Stoller and Roy Ehnle, Bradford; Paul Butikofer, Elgin (Iowa); Aaron Steffen, Alto; Nathan Steffen, Elgin (Ill); Robert Grimm, Congerville. We were richly blessed by their visits to our church, as they lent themselves to expound God's word.

Friends Gary Anliker (Iowa City, originally Forrest) and Edith Donohue (Iowa City) were united in marriage by Bro. Harvey Heiniger, in Iowa City on March 23. Gary's parents are Bro. Emil and Sis. Louise (Kaisner) Anliker from Forrest.

On the following day, March 24, Bro. Bill Gerst and Sis. Judy Hodel were united in marriage by Elder Bro. Noah Schrock. Their parents are Bro. Paul and Sis. Elva (Butikofer) Gerst and Sis. Ruth (Zaugg) Reiman and the late Bro. John Hodel. The newlywed couple plans to live in Michigan and make Alto their home church.

Services are regularly held on a monthly basis at Iowa State University, usually the second Sunday.

Bro. Cleo Rinkinberger from Pulaski conducted the meeting in March, with about forty in attendance. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting in Ames may contact Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lanz at 515-232-3778.

The regular meeting at the State University of Iowa in Iowa City was held the third Wednesday evening in March. Guest minister was Bro. Paul Butikofer from Elgin, Iowa.

Hospital patients have been Sis. Edra Gerst, tonsillectomy; Velma Scheitlin (Mrs. Rollan), surgery; and Bro. John Wegman, heart condition.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

**Carolyn Dotterer — Lois Heiniger**

On March 17, announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Alice Heiniger to Bro. Richard Messner. We wish them God's blessings.

Gene Brown, son-in-law of Sis. Margaret Bradford, was injured in an automobile accident. He has returned home from the hospital, but will be unable to work for several months.

Bro. Alphi (Dick) and Sis. Gladys Fisher have returned home from visiting their son, Rodney Fisher. He was injured in an automobile accident and hospitalized in Hollywood, California, but has now been dismissed from the hospital.

Steve Lemons, son of Bro. Floyd and Sis. Clara Banwart, has been called back into the service. He is stationed at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. He had been residing in Washington D.C.

A farewell was held April 5 for our friend, Gary Messner, who has been called into the army.

Our prayers are with our friends who have left their homes to serve their country.

### PURDUE UNIVERSITY

**Shirley Frank — Mary Heinold**

On March 20, Bro. Bob Grimm of the Goodfield congregation met with us. We enjoyed his message, and would like to thank him and his family for making the trip to be with us.

Friend Arden Bucher, son of Bro. Art Bucher and Sis. Esther Bucher of La Crosse and a student here at Purdue, recently gave his testimony, was baptized, and received as a brother-in-faith. We are happy for him.

Our spring vacation ended and students returned to classes April 8. This Wednesday evening before Easter, we are holding our Easter services. Valparaiso is to be our host and will participate in our program. We welcome all to share this service with us.

The following week end, the Purdue student group plans to spend Saturday and Sunday with the Youth group at the University of Illinois.

### ALABAMA

**Lynn Klopfenstein**

Wayne Spratt, son of Prater and Sis. Irene Spratt of Athens, returned from active duty in Viet Nam. Thanks to the Heavenly Father for each one that is permitted to return home.

March 17 will be a day long remembered by the brethren in Alabama. This was the week end of Christian testimony and baptism in each of the three churches: Bro. Nick Prestridge, Athens; Sis. Jeanette Pitt and Vivian Phillips, Hillsboro; and Sis. Mavis Naylor, Landersville. This was indeed a time of great rejoicing—thanks and praise to God for the change of hearts.

The Athens church was virtually filled the Sunday Bro. Phil and Sis. Fern Wingeier, Alto, visited the Alabama churches. We thank Bro. Phil for the labors of love.

We are thankful that Mrs. Hester Parker, Landersville church, has turned to the Lord in repentance. May the Saviour give her and all others who seek Him complete spiritual peace and daily comfort and joy.

Hospitalized: Sis. Annis Perry, Bro. Wesley Long, Mr. Will Posey, Mrs. Hester Parker, Mrs. Leo Nolan.

Friday night meetings have been held at the homes of John and Betty Byars, Bro. and Sis. Carl Naylor, Dyars and Sis. Betty Jo Harville, and Billy and Shelby Dutton.

### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

**Sara Aeschleman — Norene Herbst**

Visiting ministers were Bros. Joe Kaisner, Perry Zimmerman and Joe Zimmerman Jr.

Bro. Ed Hodel has returned from the Health Clinic at Excelsior Springs, Mo. and is again able to attend church services.

Those who are in hospitals are Sis. Clara Diggleman and Sis. Millie Leman; Bro. Dave and Sis. Anna Hodel are at the Mayo Clinic. (Bro. Dave is showing improvement, after surgery); Sis. Anna Hernfelt has recovered from surgery.

Our Sunday School and Bible classes presented an Easter program on Palm Sunday evening. We were happy to have the Eureka Bible class with us. It was very inspiring to hear the innocent voices of little children singing praises to God's holy name. As you looked into the bright little faces, one had to wonder, what will these little ones have to endure yet in these trying times . . . surely would commit them into the good Lord's care and keeping.

Note: We wish to extend our sincere thanks for prayers, beautiful cards and words of love and sympathy, and gifts shown us during the illness and passing of our dear husband and father, Leonard Fehr. Sally Fehr and Family.

### LEO, INDIANA

**Mrs. Elias Souder**

Little children and grown-up people joined in singing and telling about our Risen Christ, on Palm Sunday evening.

The three rest Homes at Butler were visited on Palm Sunday. We found our brother, Fred Wiggs, feeling better again. He hadn't been so good for awhile.

Our brother, Edw. Bertsch, is still at the long-term unit of Parkview; his brother, Andy, was also hospitalized.

Sisters Bertha Keller, Mary Troxel and Pearl Greuter are among our shut-ins.

A group honored Bro. and Sis. Henry and Arvilla Kipfer, for their 25th wedding anniversary in March, at the Fellowship center.

Mr. and Mrs. David Norr are the parents of a son, Eric David, born March 12. Dorothy and Robert Norr are the grandparents.

### 1968 is the 25th Anniversary of The Silver Lining

Back in 1943, World War II was on. We had a Sunday School class of between 50 and 75 young people in total number. From our congregation and close ones, twenty-eight boys were in the service. (They all returned but one.) It was very important that there would be some

way we keep in contact with them. We came to the conclusion to get out a paper. The first paper went out October, 1943, to 35. Since that time the Korean War was on, and now the Viet Nam War. Many boys get their paper by air mail; this way it takes fewer days. We are mailing around 5500, which takes 12, or approximately, mail sacks. The cost of getting the paper out, the printing, postage, etc., is around \$600.00. Our work and our co-laborers' work is without charge.

All reporters receive a letter every month from Bro. Ed Souder, who is the news correspondent. He gives them information for writing the news. The contents of the future paper are gone over very thoroughly.

On Monday a group gets together, and mail is prepared. We now have a new tying machine; this lessens and helps work considerably. We are now anticipating on getting a new addressing machine, which will be fully automatic. This also will be a good improvement, and will help considerably.

The staff wishes to thank everyone for their part in this work. Thanks for the hundreds of letters we get from those who get the paper.

The paper is available to anyone who wishes to have it. Keep your eyes open for someone that might appreciate it.

Here are a few suggestions which will help. It has cost as much as over \$1 a day, when the post office notifies that someone has moved. (Each form costs 10c.) IF YOU INTEND TO MOVE, please notify your reporter 30 days in advance, so they can let us know. We would appreciate it very much if every Church would set a time or two and make their collections in a group. You can work with your ministers and reporters. A number of churches are doing this. It works out very nicely.

May the good LORD continue to bless the Silver Lining, as He has in the past. May God bless you all. GREETINGS from the staff.

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### History American Elders

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tized at Ashtabula, Ohio, on Christmas Day, 1889.

Soon after Bro. Graf's ordination, he was called to be a regular helper to Bro. Chris Gerber at the churches in New York State, Rockville, and Union City. Following Bro. Gerber's resignation in 1930, he served New York State until Bro. Philip Beyer's ordination in 1938, and the Rockville and Union City churches until Bro. John Bahler's ordination in 1943. A mutual and lasting bond of love sprung up during the years of his services to the eastern churches.

Bro. Graf also served the Sardis church 1932-1946, Rittman—1922-1925, Girard and Mansfield, 1922-1946; and the Maywood church.

He traveled from coast to coast and to Europe, in the interest and promotion of church duties. He was helpful in numerous translations, German to English, including the **Zion's Harp and Heftli**. He was an avid reader and had a good memory, from which he could give interesting and detailed accounts of what he read and experienced.

Graf, Rudolph, Akron. Born in Akron, Oct. 21, 1902. Installed elder



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Dec. 1, 1946, by Bros. Noah Hartzler, Rittman; Elias Dotterer, Junction; and Otto Ramseyer, Bay City. In addition to Akron, he is serving the Sardis, Girard, Mansfield and Toledo churches.

The first members at Akron

came during the 1860's—family names such as Schwing, Brigger and Blumenstein. Bro. Geistlich of Switzerland visited Akron during his notable visit to America in 1866.

In 1880, the families of Brenner, Braun and Mueller came from Ger-

many. In 1892-1893 families such as the John Meyers, Chris Von Guntens, Gottlieb Von Guntens, Carl Tschantz, Jacob Rupp, Albert Zollinger and Chris Roth came from Ashtabula, Ohio (among them were Ernest Graf & Sam Baumgartner).

## ADVENTURE

Your editor

Some are exciting adventures. Someone is in danger! Step by step, another reaches to help. There is a hero. The best is safely hidden away in the Bible. "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

There is a place for His student to find where the soul is afire with an eager-to-learn heart. The world to come has adventures to learn, now. The closer we get to this great Teacher, the more we are inspired.

His words are life. There is a pleasant world to discover. The natural man cannot see. We may hear sweet voices. We may feel the movement of glorious powers.

The finest teacher of all-time gets his student to take part. The mind follows, greatly, with eyes fastened on Him. Our learning is keyed to something beyond. Something deep.

"... we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." It is very, very interesting. And richly rewarding. It is adventure in the spirit.

Jesus, we can read, has "a quickening spirit". He glows with life. He is able to tell about things we wouldn't dream. Like a strong magnet. He draws, attracting His student—when that student is interested. We get out what we put in.

Beautiful verses are meant to be lived. They are to enjoy and employ in action!

The subject of pain, affliction, testing can't always bring a smile and light-heartedness. If we listen closely, the learning is seen for its radiance and beauty. We discover a wonderful flash of light. It fits; we tuck away in our spirit, and look for more. "... our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;"

To discover opens to a wealth of joy. Jesus is always light, and wonderful. It is up to us what we find. His Light was burning . . . back, way, way away, always. It is just as lovely now, and shall be forever, perfectly beautiful. It is warm, delightful, sweet. There is a lot to learn: "... to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

It is there. God is rich in love. We do the limiting. Go. Beyond. It is real adventure.

A school has a professor telling . . . another is leading through a hard problem. Our Teacher, Jesus, lives. He has found victory over death. His place is high in heaven. What good things He tells. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." What are those things? time after time, look in His textbook, the Bible. There are the deep, happy things.

It shows gladdening of the spirit. "... ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." Laughter awaits in the hereafter (and what happiness does that show!) What did Jesus mean when He said "joy"? He was a man of sorrows,

yet we can read in Luke 10 where He rejoiced. Joy is an everlasting trait of God. It is one of the things that is part of Him.

What He meant by joy is revealed in His word. It is a deep gladness of the heart. It rebounds from news, and things, that are forever and ever.

God's holiness is blessed to ponder, and wonderful to praise. Joy and wonder wait its deeper discovery. Why does God chasten? "for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness."

Being free from sin is so nice. Think about His holiness, a beautiful wealth. This holy God has not the slightest, smallest mistake or speck. Not one at all. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. He is lovely and pure, spotless. His word glows with more and more adventure, to those who look.

Our grades are in His mind. God is working for our good. The flames heat the gold, our spirit, to liquid. Then the specks are taken away. Though we do not see Jesus, we know Him: "yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory". Grasp that wonderful adventure!

Yet with all this, more wonderful life awaits at home. Those speakings that cannot be spoken, there is something wonderful. What is it that is to be spoken? It is not allowed a man to speak here. There is more, much more: the land, the home, the world to come. "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

He gives that we may discover the adventure to come.