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DISCIPLES

(John J. Zimmerman is from Morton. It is from his effort we have the following. Included is a list of the apostles coming to an end of their long journey. The end of three are given in the Bible. The other are probably from tradition; that gives us how it may have been.)

Recently as I was searching through some religious history, I came across an interesting article which explained the destiny of the twelve. PETER was crucified. ANDREW died on a cross at Patrae, in Achaia, a Greek colony. JAMES, the bishop of Jerusalem, was thrown from a pinnacle of the temple, then beaten to death with a club. BARTHOLOMEW was flayed alive in Albanapolis, Armenia. JAMES, the elder son of Zebedee, was beheaded in Jerusalem. THOMAS was run through with a lance at Coromandel, in the East Indies. PHILIP was hanged against a pillar at Nereopolis, a city of Phrygia in Asia Minor. MATTHEW was slain by the sword in Ethiopia (Abyssinia). THADDEUS was shot to death with arrows. SIMON died on a cross in Persia. JOHN died of extreme old age at Ephesus. Judas, after betraying the Lord, went out and took his own life.

John was taken prisoner on the

Isle of Patmos. The isle consists of rough terrain. John was in the nineties. It was sixty some years after the resurrection.

According to the Revelation, chapter 1, our Lord and Saviour appeared unto John, and gave him instructions to write. Here we can see that it was God's plan that John's life was spared for a divine reason. What a miracle it must have been that John had material to write with, and what a precious thing it is that those words are preserved for almost two thousand years.

When John was informed to write letters to the seven churches, he wrote the first one to the church of Ephesus. It is related in Revelations 2.

"I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou has tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove

thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate. . . ."

In the 15th verse He says again, "So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate."

The Nicolaitans are idolators. The almighty God created the universe. There are thousands of different idols. In this country is the dollar, with which they can purchase lusts of the eye or the flesh. Santa Claus . . . is one of the myths. When Christmas comes, he is idolized. . . .

The dear babe was born in Bethlehem in a manger. When God in His great love gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on Him, and is born again, has a promise of eternal life. This is a gift that is far more valuable than all the wealth on earth.

Humanity cannot comprehend the greatness of God, who created all the planets, some of them millions of light years away. A God who is so great and of such love and compassion that He marks every sparrow's fall. Oh God, how great thou art, and what is man that thou art mindful of him?

FRANCESVILLE, IND.

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

Sometime ago our News Correspondent, Bro. Ed Souder gave us a suggestion: To carry a pencil and pad with us, to jot down remarks to use. We certainly enjoy the notes Bro. Ed sends us each month.

A dear old lady was mailing the old family Bible to her brother in a distant city, and the postal clerk weighed the parcel. "Pretty heavy," he commented, "anything breakable?" ". . . the Ten Commandments," the dear old lady answered, quick as a wink.

One of our dear lambs were asked if they were going to attend something. He said, "I have Jesus Christ in my heart, and I cannot take Him there."

At visitation a man was told that he had a good mother, and he answered, "Yes, she was better to me than I deserved."

A lady went in the drug store and asked the druggist if he had something for gray hair? He answered, "Nothing but highest respect."

On her son's wedding day, his mother took him to her side and

said, "When you come to church and see a visitor, don't go home until you know they have a place to go."

It was "Love" that invited the Peoria Choir to visit us, but it was "Love" that came." The singing could not have been any better on this side of Heaven.

Bro. Rod and Sis. Mary Huber thank God for their new baby boy.

Sis. Evelyn Pelsy and Sis. Mary Wuethrich, Bro. Dale Ward, Herb Cook and Emmet Ward all want to take their hospital days to the Lord in prayer.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA**Velta Laukhuf — Mae Schrock**

Visiting ministers were Elder Bros. John Bahler and Rudolph Graf, Bros. Henry Beer and Harry Sutter. We sincerely thank the brothers for their inspiring messages, and wish to invite them back. On Feb. 27, a potluck dinner was held at the Elk's Park, which was enjoyed by all.

Various ones are beginning to leave for their respective homes and churches in the North, as the season is fast coming to a close.

ASCHAFFENBERG, GERMANY
Harlan Metzger

We certainly must give heartfelt thanks unto the Lord for providing us with the privilege of going to church, over here in this foreign land, separated from our loved ones by so many miles and a great ocean. What a blessing we receive by being able to gather together in church and worship and praise the Lord.

On the 8 and 9 of Feb., Bros. Eldon Getz and Harlan Metzger were able to spend the week end with the Emil Muller family at Nuehutzen. We had the privilege to visit with some folks from Hungary. It is real interesting to be able to visit with someone from a Communist block country.

The week end of Feb. 23, Hank and Lynn Young, Herb Steffen, Tom Menold, Dave Moser, Bro. Eldon Getz, and Bro. Harlan Metzger were able to spend the weekend with the Heinz Maurer family at Nuehutzen. The fellowship we receive by gathering together is such a big help for us in the service.

Dave Moser, who is stationed in Landstuhl, has received orders for Viet Nam. May the Lord watch over and protect him as he sojourns in that battle-torn country. Bro. Dennis Koehl is scheduled to leave Duetschland, as he has now fulfilled his call of duty.

REMINGTON, INDIANA**Anna M. Waibel and Sisters**

Bro. Kellenberger and Bro. Broguard were here and read the conference letter. Happy to note: Herbert and Mary Jo Schieler were announced to be proved in the near future. We are very thankful for our 11 converts and trust more can come.

We were in Florida about 5½ weeks with my brother, Arnold at Lakeland, who lost his wife last

year. We try to help him. We visited Cape Kennedy. One can't grasp the immensity of it all. No wonder the Bible says, **Knowledge will increase.** How the human mind can figure these things of our great universe down to the split second . . . surely lets us see how great our God is!

We are quite a distance from all the churches, but were privileged to go to Sarasota twice and to Ft. Lauderdale once. We met friends and strangers.

Walking with God implies submission. It means agreement: "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Walking together speaks of fellowship. It means we are going in the same direction, because we have a common goal and destination. It speaks of confidence and a sharing of problems, secrets, and aspirations. It means a separation from the crowd and its wild activities. Indeed the only place we can clearly hear what the Lord has to say is when we are away from the roar of earth's confusion. Are we walking daily with our Saviour?

Enjoyed were a number of folks from Cissna and Forrest, including Bro. Henry Kilgus.

All our sick folks are home from the hospital and slowly improving, except Ed. Frey. He is still in much pain. Trust is he will find relief for body and soul. Bro. Sam Kilgus, Sis. Arlene Kilgus and Sis. Marjorie Pittman were all in for surgery.

Marvin Brakers (Ben and Clara's son) have a baby girl, Karel Kristine, born Feb. 22. Little Kevin awaits his homecoming.

Sis. Marie (Harold) Schieler received word from Bay City, that her uncle, George Knochel, passed away. He was well known here. His folks lived here, and he and his brothers used to help my parents when we were small. Our sympathy goes out to all concerned, especially Sis. Frieda; she took care of him all these years.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT**Carlton J. Lanz**

Feb. 7, a daughter, Tammy Jo, was born to Robert (Bobby) and Sis. Lorraine Dombek. Grandparents of the infant are Sis. Matilda (Schneider) and Louis Ott, and John and Hazel Dombek.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Bro. Dave Hangartner of Kansas to Sis. Barbara Fluckinger. Barbara's parents, re-

siding here at Rockville, are Bro. Albert and Sis. Minnie Fluckinger. We wish them well.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA**Mrs. W. A. Jacobs****Mrs. H. G. Bucher**

The LaCrosse Sunday School class, teachers and many others visited us March 2. After the services, the Sunday School class and teachers sang hymns. After the singing, we had a luncheon for all, at 3:00 o'clock. Truly we had a blessed day. We wish them all God's blessings, and may they visit us soon again.

As little five-year-old Susan came running into the bedroom, she slipped on a loose throw rug, and hit her head. It was a painful blow, and Susan began to cry. I comforted her as I applied a cold cloth to the lump which had already appeared on her head. Soon the tears stopped flowing, and Susan ran off to play.

That night we finished our bedtime routine and, after a story, we were ready for prayers. Always after "Now I lay me down to sleep" Susan has a special prayer, each night something different in which she thanks God for. This particular night when I asked, "What do you want to thank God for tonight?" I was surprised at Susan's answer. "For the lump on my head", she replied immediately. Why do you want to thank Him for that? I asked, surprised. "Because he can make it well". With that she gave me a kiss, rolled over, and closed her eyes. . . But I sat there thinking: Yes God, how often we forget to thank you for the rough, hard times. . . But its through them that

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we often learn the greatest lessons of your healing love. Thank you, God, for the bumps."

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner
Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

"Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Mt. 4:17

We are so thankful for the three dear friends who obeyed the command of our Lord Jesus. Irene (Mrs. Fred) Aeschleman and Dale and Barbara Hunziker were announced for proving and baptism. Dale is the son of Bro. Al and Sis. Helen Hunziker, and Barbara is the daughter of Herbert and Naomi (Reeb) Perrine.

Bro. John and Sis. Judy Woerner are the parents of Rene Lynn, born Feb. 9. Bro. John was home from Vietnam a month on R. and R. for the birth of their second daughter. It was sure good to see him again.

Alfred H. Rapp Jr. died Feb. 24. He had been in the hospital one week. His parents are Bro. Alfred E. and Sis. Johana Kujlstatler Rapp. Surviving are his wife, Helen; his parents; two daughters, Joan Lea and Marilea Rapp, both at home; and one brother, Herbert C. Rapp of Decatur.

Bro. Henry Schaefer died Feb. 25 at his home. He was the oldest brother in our congregation, 90 years, and had been attending our assembly regularly every Sunday. He married Caroline Joos; she died in 1958. The death of his son, Bro. Chris Schaefer was reported last month. Surviving are; six sons, Emil, Bros. Ernest, John, Otto, Anton and Herman Schaefer; three daughters, Sisters Hilda (Mrs. Conrad) Baer, Lydia (Mrs. Joe) Herman and Martha Schaefer, who lived at home with her father; 22 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren. Three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Sis. Lydia Grimm died Feb. 26 at St Francis Hospital, where she had been a patient six days. She was the daughter of Andrew and Mary Schmidgall Rieger, and was married to Edward Grimm in 1902. He died in 1932. Surviving are seven daughters, Miss Mary C. Grimm, Mrs. Conrad (Viola) Sundbury, Miss Minnie I. Grimm and Mrs. Albert (Mildred) Blunk—all of Peoria, Mrs. Ann Peters—San Francisco, Calif., Mrs. James (Laverne) Bøe—Falls Church Va., Mrs. Roger (Jayne) Farr—Napa,

Calif.; two sons, Andrew E. Grimm, Morton, Herbert C. Grimm—Peoria; two sisters, Mrs. Theodore Heinsman—East Peoria, Mrs. Emma Bjerklie—Gilby, N. D.; one brother, Andrew Rieger of Oklahoma and 14 grandchildren.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

In the last two months our Lord has seen fit to take so many of our loved ones out of our small dwindling congregation:

Friend John Freidinger has left behind his wife, Sis. Lilly Freidinger, two daughters and his grandchildren.

Friend Elias Zimmerman has left behind his wife Sis. Emma (Wieland) Zimmerman, twelve children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sis. Eunice (Wackerle) Meylan has left behind: her husband, Bro. Henry Meylan; nine children; grandchildren, and her mother, Sis. Emma (Maibach) Wackerle.

Friend Bertha Freidinger has left behind: her husband, William (Butch) Freidinger, two children, and grandchildren.

Sis. Lily Meister has left behind her brother, Friend, Edward Meister.

Bro. George Knochel has left behind: her husband, William (Butch) Freidinger, two children, and grandchildren.

It seems as though our dear Lord is beginning to gather in His own.

Dear ones, if you are not ready to meet your Lord, do not wait. It seems as though the time is getting shorter, and things seem to be closing in on us day by day.

Let us look at ourselves now, today, before it is forever too late, take an honest inventory of ourselves, and see if we qualify for that eternal Home; if not, let us prepare now.

Bro. Dean and Sis. Connie Paschak have a new baby daughter, Dena Kay. Friends Randy and Gerry Hodder have a new baby son, Randall Jesse Jr. Jon and Sis. Darlein Cluff have a baby son, Brian.

BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

Sharon Kaye was born Feb. 18 to Bro. Stephen and Sis. Lois Hartter. Grandparents are Bro. Lester and Sis. Ella Hartter.

Bro. Alvin Strahm was re-elected

trustee for another three-year term. Bro. Melvin Rokey and Morris Edelman (Treas.) are our other trustees.

Bro. John Rokey was our guest minister. A pot-luck supper and an evening of song and fellowship was later enjoyed at the Sabetha Fellowship Center. Bro. John grew up here, and we still think of him as one of "our boys". Sis. Ruth was also a welcome guest.

Hospitalized have been: Duane, five-year-old son of Leroy and Helen Meyer (pneumonia). Sis. Julia (Wilhelm) Metzger (surgery). Bro. Lou Baumgartner and Friend Ernest Gerber are still hospital patients at this time. May they soon be able to enjoy a fair measure of health.

Bro. Alpha Jr. and Sis. Mamie Strahm plan to spend Sunday, March 9, at Ft. Sam.

Bro. Gene Marti spoke to us on a Sunday afternoon. After services he helped Bro. Lester Hartter read the memorandum. We thank Bro. Gene . . . always happy to have him with us.

Earl Meyer, Sis. Pearl's son, flew home from Korea to spend a 21-day leave with relatives and friends. He then was to report back to Korea. Keith Meyer, Ft. Leonard Wood was able to be home a few short hours during Earl's furlough. Leave-time goes much too fast for these service boys.

Sis. Amanda Meyer and Bro. Roy Meyer wish to have their thanks extended for all prayers, cards and letters received during their hospital stay.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Delutha Moser — Carolyn Gerber

"If we put God first in our lives, we need never fear the worst that may happen to us."

Seven dear friends were added to the precious fold: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Heyerly, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Graber, Mr. and Mrs. Aden Straham and James Schwartz. Elder Theo. Beer assisted Elders John Yergler and Sam Aeschliman in this important work. **Blessed are those who hear the Master's knock and open their hearts to Him.**

Wedding: Sis. Marydean Schladenhauffen and Bro. Michael Meade were united in marriage by Elder Sam Aeschliman on Feb. 16. May your joys be as bright as the morning, your years of happiness

as numerous as the stars in the heavens, and your sorrows but shadows that fade in the sunlight of love.

Birth: A son, Byron Lee to Bro. and Sis. Gary Tonner.

Funerals: On Feb. 24, services were held for Sis. Julia Gerber, age 72. Surviving are the husband, Bro. Lewis; three sons, Harry, Frederick and Wilmer; two daughters, Marie (Joe) Kipfer and Devonna (Harry) Longenberger. Three brothers, Sam Maller, Levi Maller and Joe Maller. Services were held for Sis. Tillie Hannie, age 71. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Schlagenhaut, Mrs. Ward Sowalter; five brothers, Fred Reinhart, Emil Reinhart, Sam Reinhart and Reuben Reinhart; three sisters, Mrs. Sam Hirschy, Mrs. Lydia Liechty and Mrs. David Kipfer.

Shut-in: Bro. Neal Edgington.

The fourth annual meeting of sewing groups was held at the fellowship center for representatives of Indiana, Ohio and Michigan congregations on January 11. A progress report, along with new ideas and ways of contributing to the sewing projects was given. A display of many items from the different groups was very interesting. Bro. Herman Norr of Leo, who conducted the business meeting, also discussed the building project and relief work being done in three children's homes in Kentucky. Bay City offered to have the next meeting to be held on November 8. Submitted by Sis. Sadie (Fred) Moser.

EASTER SEASON

By a Ministering Brother
From Bluffton

We should be refreshed in spirit during this Easter season, because we are privileged to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This would be a very dreadful and depressing time of the year if we were void of the faith that he arose for us, giving a hope that spurs us forward to greater spiritual achievements.

While the masses of men and women today lead lives of quiet desperation, I pray that we who have been redeemed will in contrast live lives of thankfulness and appreciation. Apathy in our lives will eventually lead us down the same road as the masses. Can we call it quiet desperation amid campus demonstrations, riots in our metropolitan areas, disrespect for

our government, graft and slanderous rhetoric from men in high places, and finally a breakdown of morals and character in our schools, homes and churches?

According to what we hear and read, it appears at times that almost everyone is involved in this chaotic condition. Looking at it more closely reveals a rather small minority creating most of the noise and exciting sensual desires among many others.

Our Lord experienced this when he was brought before Pilate. Pilate would have released him, but the mob cried the more. **CRUCIFY HIM, CRUCIFY HIM.**

How much does the resurrection of Jesus mean to you? Do you feel today as you did during your repentance and conversion? Do you feel now as pure and clean as the day you were baptized? Do you still feel at times as those who walked with Him after he arose, when they said one to another, "Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?"

We were stirred in our hearts by a love that far outshines anything else. Let's not be guilty of seeing this love die out. If we do let it fade away, we will experience this quiet desperation that is engulfing the world. Knowing we should be alive in the spirit and feeling the guilt of omission.

It has been proven that wrong ideas strongly held will prevail over right ideas weakly held. So let us assert ourselves and uphold those things that are godly. We cannot coast in our Christian lives. If we coast, we will eventually maneuver into a downhill course, only to stop when the momentum we had gained by God's grace loses its power. There must be a dedicated urgency in our hearts continually, if we are to attain our goal.

Jesus set a perfect example after his resurrection, by continuing to work for the Father in Heaven. He did not let up or slack off. He did not say, I've paid the price at Calvary: now the rest of you can carry on the battle. He instead spoke words of comfort and assurance: **PEACE BE UNTO YOU.** Words of reproof: **O FOOLS, AND SLOW OF HEART TO BELIEVE ALL THAT THE PROPHETS HAVE SPOKEN.** Concern for sinners: **AND THAT REPENTANCE AND REMISSION OF SINS SHOULD BE PREACHED IN HIS NAME**

AMONG ALL NATIONS. A warning to obey: **GO YE THEREFORE AND TEACH ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST.** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And finally He said: **LO I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD.**

Let us from this day forth seek higher goals in our Christian lives, so we too can say some day as Jesus said, I leave the world and go to the Father.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Pauline Laidig — Helen Zimmer

Sunday Feb. 9, Bro. Earl Zeltwanger conducted services at Indianapolis. A number from our congregation accompanied him and enjoyed a day of Christian fellowship with those who assemble there to hear the word of God.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sis. Mary and Bro. Freeman Conrad and family, in the loss of Sis. Marv's father, Henry H. Koehler of Rittman, who passed away Feb. 16.

Bro. Will Leman is still confined to his home, and his condition remains about the same. We miss Bro. Will and Sis. Anne in our congregation, and pray that the Lord will be ever near them during these shut-in hours.

Elections at our annual business meeting were as follows: Church Committee—Lou Gerber; Trustee—John Schuch (3-yr.-term); Ass't. song leader—Ron Johnson; Ushers—Vernon Leman, Bob Kaehr; Visitation chairman—Dan Schini; World Relief Treasurer—Tom Steele; Bld'g. Committee—Eugene Zimmer, El Schumacher, Don Zeltwanger and J. N. Feldman.

Sis. Rosena Hueni is in the hospital for tests. May God bless and strengthen her.

"The fairest rose in the garden of Life is the fellowship of friends." On March 2 we were happy to have with us the Leo (Jr. and Adult) Bible Classes. A short program and group singing by our young folks was enjoyed during the day. We trust that these friendships formed in their youth will remain with them throughout the years to follow.

We welcome back into our midst Sis. Bernice and Bro. Joe Bauman,

who were on a vacation trip to Arizona and California.

Once more to winter-worn spirits
nature has given spring,
Once more in mountain and
meadow, birds have started to
sing.
Trees flaunt traces of reborn
green;
Spring brooks sparkle their banks
between,
For the warmth of a high-hung
sun; resurrection has begun.

Once more Easter anthems
gladden the morning air,
Once more joy in hope renewed
is evidenced everywhere.
Glad hearts quicken life's pulsing
flow;
Faces are lit with an inner glow,
For once more we can say,
Christ is risen today!

FT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Wendell Anliker — Merle Rocke

Beginning their two years in the service were Bro. Dave Kaeb, Fairbury; Stanley Steiner, Cissna Park; Melvin Hartter, Goodfield; John Kauffman, Morton; Terry Nussbaum, Forrest; and Chuck Leuthold, Lester. Dale Stickling, Lester, in Air Force training at Lackland AFB—just outside San Antonio, was also able to spend a week end with us. We welcome each one.

We found it necessary to bid two dear brothers a fond farewell, as they were called away from us. Bro. Gary Roth left for a 14-day leave before going to Korea, and Bro. Steve Roth left for Ft. Carson, Colo. We certainly wish them the Lord's richest blessings.

Our brothers who journeyed to bring us God's precious word were Bro. Al Langhofer (his wife, Sis. Judy; and children, Mary, Melinda and Bobby) from Wichita, and Bro. Roy Sauder, Peoria, (and his wife, Sis. Gertrude). We thank the Lord for sending them into our midst.

We were very pleased to have Bro. Duane and Sis. Elizabeth (Rocke) Metzger visit us while on their honeymoon. Bro. Dale Strassheim's mother, Sis. Mayme Gerst, and his sister, Sis. Judy Gehring, stayed several days with Dale and his wife, Sis. Carol. We thank them all for coming to see us.

It is a touching experience for us, as we see dear brothers and friends leave Ft. Sam for other stations throughout the world,

where they will experience many lonely, trying hours. Those of us permitted to stay at Ft. Sam are blessed indeed. Please never cease to remember in prayer all who are deprived of our wonderful fellowship. May we all find sufficient grace to follow where He leads—one day at a time—yielding our will to His. He knows our needs. His way is best.

HONOLULU, HAWAII

Keith and Sharon Kellenberger

It showered today, but soon the sun was shining again, and we saw a beautiful rainbow. It reminded us of God's promise to mankind that a flood would never destroy the earth again . . . And that promise made us think of another one that means so very much—the covenant which we made with our Father when we were baptized. As long as we remain true and faithful to Him, He will be faithful and true to us. How thankful we are for the Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort and guide us!

My parents, Bro. Harold and Sis. Emma Blunier of Roanoke are now home again. We truly enjoyed their stay with us. The time went by so fast—too fast!

We again welcome any servicemen on R and R and their wives or parents to contact us if they plan to come here. Our address is listed with the service addresses in this issue. Please be sure to include our apartment number, because there are over 350 families living in our building. Our phone number is 871-726 (Hawaii has no area codes).

Aloha!

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Joan Getz — Mrs. Ken Getz

Our congregation has recently been blessed by the addition of two dear souls to the fold: Sisters Elaine (Stoller) Schmidgall, daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Lorene (Miller) Stoller of Gridley, Ill., and Linda Warren, daughter of Kenneth and Leah (Rassi) Warren.

Guest ministers were Bros. Nathan Steffen, Gerald Sutter, Edward Hohulin and Dave Wiegand.

Sis. Annette Stieglitz and Bro. Lawrence Tanner were united in marriage, Feb. 23. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

Those of our congregation who have recently been hospitalized are: Sis. Frances (Meiss) Sauder, Sis. Lavina (Meiss) Kilgus, Jake and Lydia (Hermann) Woertz, Bro.

Charles Rein, Bro. Henry Rapp and Chris Wiedman.

Sis. Anna Heinold and Bro. Chris S. Ackerman have been confined to their homes, but are now improving. Sis. Ella (Kinsinger) Muselman had a fall, and will be laid up for awhile. We hope all these dear ones will soon be receiving God's blessing of good health.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 24 for Naomi Rapp. She was the daughter of the late Bro. Barthol and Sis. Julia (Welk) Rapp, and is survived by Sis. Hannah Rapp, Mary Jones, Albert and Joseph Rapp.

Funeral services were held for Bro. Benjamin Pflederer on March 6. He is survived by his wife, Lydia (Rapp) Pflederer, and the following children: Sis. Priscilla, Sis. Nathalia, Lorana Pflederer, Kathryn (Mrs. Harold) Swearingen, Alice (Mrs. John) Hirstein, Sis. Alma (Mrs. Walter) Wittmer, Lena Eloise (Mrs. Don) Carey and Bro. Sam Pflederer.

Announcement was made of the forthcoming marriage of Sis. Mary Kay Anliker, daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Wilhelmina (Klaus) Anliker, and Bro. Gary Rumbold, son of Sis. Beulah (Martin) and the late Richard Rumbold.

EASTERTIME A Morton Sister

Once again the time has come
When we do celebrate
The death of our dear Jesus Christ
And how He met his fate!
But as this day draws near again,
How many really feel—
The pains that He endured for us;
They almost seem not real!
That He could suffer on the cross,
That we might all be free,
To change our lives and walk with
God,

It's there for you and me!
We only need to lose our pride
And humbly ask for grace,
And oh—you will be so surprised
How each day you can face!
The little things that seemed so

big,
Will then be lighter still,
As long as you are faithful,
And do strive to do His will.
Oh I could go on longer yet,
To tell of this great thing,
But stop and think this Eastertime,
And let your heart still sing
Of all the joys surrounding us
Which all has come to be,
Cause Christ so many years ago
Did die upon the tree!

WOLCOTT, INDIANA**Arles Kropf**

We rejoice with our dear friend, Jerry Kyburz, who has found peace and was announced for baptism.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 22 for our oldest member, Bro. Andrew Farney, who reached the age of 91. He had been able to attend church until only a few weeks ago. As was mentioned in the services his smile and presence will indeed be missed in our assembly. He is survived by three daughters; Sis. Josephine—who cared for him, Sis. Grace Stoller, and Pearl Brummett; one son, Sidney of Tuscon; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and several brothers and sisters. Bros. Joshua Broquard and Irvin Lehman conducted the services.

At a recent meeting, Bro. Glenn Blume was selected as our new trustee. Bro. Glenn Furrer is cemetery trustee.

We are sorry to lose from our congregation: Bro. Larry and Sis. Jane Nuest and children, who have moved to Francesville; Bro. Don and Sis. Rita Furrer and children, to La Crosse; Alvin and Phyllis Furrer are now attending the Francesville church. We indeed miss them all in our assembly, but wish them rich blessings, wherever they gather.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS**Fannie Schieber — Pauline Roth**

Communion services were held on Wed. evening, Feb. 26. Bros. Josh Broquard of Fairbury, Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, and Silas Leuthold of Princeville were in charge of the service. As we approach the Easter season, we remember anew all that our Lord suffered and did for us.

We have had several from our community in the hospital. Gail Williamson, daughter of Robert and Sis. Doris was in the Eureka Hospital. Sis. Matilda Sauder, wife of Bro. Dan, was also in the Eureka Hospital. We are happy to report both Gail and Matilda are home again. Sis. Lillian Schrock is in the Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington. She had eye surgery.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Bena Steffen are both home again from the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. They would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who remembered them with cards, gifts, acts of kindness, and prayers offered in their behalf. They appreciate it all,

and we hope, they will both continue to improve each day. We are happy they can assemble with us again on Sunday.

The ladies have been busy cleaning at the church, which is another sign of spring. They signed up for different rooms at church, and when the time was convenient for them, they cleaned that room. Over a period of a few weeks the whole church was house cleaned.

Bro. Don and Sis. Carolyn Ott have a new son, born March 3. He has been named John Clayton. Debbie, Mike, Susie, and Jim welcome their new little brother home. Clayton and Sis. Margaret Ott of Danvers and Mrs. Gertrude Alsene of Bloomington are the grandparents.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS**Josephine Schaefer
Mary Jane Leuthold**

My heart is filled with joy, and with sorrow. One is making a beginning towards that heavenly home, and another has been taken out of this life and has entered into that endless eternity.

Our dear sister, Rose Beutel was called to her rest Tuesday morning, in the dawning hours of a new day. Those of us who knew her have many fond and happy memories of our elder sister. Bro. Will, ten children and many grandchildren are left to mourn her passing. Bros. Alvin and Dave and Friends Fred and Phil Beutel, Sisters Mary Eisenmann, Ruth Beutel, Helen Zimmerman, Nancy Koch and Barbara Moser and Friend Annette Schambach are her beloved children now left here to see her no more until that great morning. Will their family circle be unbroken? Services are to be held Friday morning.

We rejoice as do the angels in Heaven for Friend Steve Sauder, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Glenna, because he is turning his heart to the righteous way. We wish for him much grace and a sincere, unmoveable faith grounded deep on that Solid Rock, our Lord and Saviour.

Friends Becky Koch, daughter of Bro. Gene and Sis. Anne, and Rick Roots were married Feb. 7. We wish for them much happiness.

We were deeply inspired with the sincere message related by our visiting Bro. Francis Rother of Morton. We thank him for his visit, and may he return soon again.

THANK YOU NOTE—I want to thank everyone that remembered

me in their prayers, and also with cards and gifts while I was in the hospital and convalescing at home. Thanks to God I am now able to attend church again. God bless you all.—Levi Sauder.

Trials To Rest**R. B.**

Our sister in the hospital lay not knowing what might come from day to day.

We found her sometimes happy and other times sad but would we always be feeling glad?

If her cross we were called to bear, would we take it lightly without a care?

I doubt if we could have borne her pain

not knowing why, to us, it came. She bore all, as it was His will, trusting hopefully in his grace still. Now in her resting place she's asleep.

She seems to say, Children do not weep.

Look to Jesus, watch and pray; turn to Him and in his love stay. We fondly cherish the memories we hold,

and should find courage to onward go.

She did a good example leave; let's strive to endure, his ways to cleave,

So when we meet again in the skies,

"well done", my children will be her cries.

FT. WAYNE, INDIANA**Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber****"Mother"**

Mother, Sis. Rosina Beutel of Tremont, closed her eyes to this life at 4:10 A.M. on March 4 at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria, where she had been a patient 3½ weeks . . . And as one of sons stated, "That hurt look was now gone from her face"! Surely we can be comforted in knowing that "Mother" has gone to her long-awaited rest; her trials and afflictions are no more; but how it grieved us when one we loved was taken from the family circle!

Expressed by one brother-in-faith, Hers was a life of trials, but "she won!" Surely, no matter how much we miss her, we are thankful that her earthly sufferings and trials at last are o'er.

Much comfort was found in the following poem sent to us:

Safe At Home

We grieve for our friends departed,
That their walk on earth is o'er;
We miss the daily presence
That gladdens our hearts no
more.

But while we sorrow and suffer,
And grope through a darkened
night,
They are safe in the land of
promise,
The land of God's love and light.

No more for them is the heartache;
They have changed the tear for
a smile.

All the sorrow and pain are over
That burdened them many a
mile.

Can we grieve when their cares
are lifted,
Grieve when their burdens are
gone,
Grieve when their hearts are
lightened,
When they sing in the golden
dawn?

Safe in the beautiful country,
Safe in the light of His love.
Safe in the beauties eternal,
Safe in the pure home above.

God grant us the same happy
homeland,
When we change the cross for a
crown;
Grant that we meet in His presence
When our earthly robes are laid
down.

Even in those last days and
hours we know and could hear her
prayers and concerns for us, her
children and her beloved helpmate
of 42 years. May those prayers yet
still be answered.

Funeral services were held on
Fri. morning March 7, at the Tre-
mont Church by the local ministers.
We could find comfort in the words
spoken through God's servants.

NEVER can we fully express
our deep appreciation and sincere
thanks for the MANY expressions
of kindness and love to us during
our time of sorrow. "Thanks" is
all we can say; and may God add
the rest!—Her beloved husband
and children.

Have you ever thought about the
reasons why some of our beauti-
ful hymns were written? In 1874,
the wife of a Chicago lawyer and

her four children were on board a
large French steamer, when it col-
lided with a sailing vessel in mid-
ocean, and sank in about a half
hour. Their prayer was to be saved
if possible, or if such was His will,
that they be made willing to die.
The children went down with the
ship, but Mrs. Spafford was res-
cued. "Saved Alone" was the mes-
sage cabled to her husband, which
he framed and hung in his office.
Several years later he wrote a
hymn to commemorate the death
of his children; the first lines
make reference to the great grief:

"When peace like a river, attendeth
my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught
me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul."

The above report of the writing
of the hymn, "It Is Well With My
Soul", was given at our Feb. month-
ly singing by Bro. Verlin Stoller.
Latty brethren were in charge of
the singing; we enjoyed the special
numbers by a mens' quartet and
the meditations by Bro. Irvin Stoll-
er, followed with a closing prayer
by Bro. Loren Stoller.

Bro. John and Sis. Marty Pence
became first-time parents, when
John David was born Feb. 20.
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs.
Herman Pence of Bluffton and Bro.
Levi and Sis. Lillian Pfister of our
congregation. Ronda Lee arrived
Feb. 27 to gladden the home of
James and Merris Reimschisel, on
the 9th birthday of her oldest
brother. She was welcomed home
by David, William, Twins Denise
and Dennis, and Donald. Grandpar-
ents are Bro. David and Sis. Mar-
jorie Reimschisel of our congrega-
tion and Mr. and Mrs. William Roe-
back of Ft. Wayne.

We are happy to welcome Bro.
George and Sis. Elaine Erb and
their children, Kent, Gary and
Cheryl, to our congregation. They
moved recently from Francesville.
Their new address is 1017 Moeller
Rd., New Haven Ind. 46774.

Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington
was our visiting minister. We
thank him for his messages.

Sis. Thelma Kipfer wishes to
thank all those who remembered
her mother, Mrs. Minnie Kick,
with cards and gifts on her 90th
birthday, March 3. "May God bless
you all for this deed of kindness"!

GIRARD, OHIO**Jesse C. Emch**

I think many who are called upon
to write for the Silver Lining feel
at a loss to find fitting words to be
read by so many. I will refer to
something that the late Elder Bro.
Ernest Graf Sr. said with regard to
being careful with every word we
speak. As I recall, he used the ex-
ample of where we are in the pres-
ence of someone who may be re-
ferring to unpleasant weather con-
ditions or possibly other matters,
and they use profanity in their ex-
pression. He said if we sanction the
same we become . . . guilty . . . So
then we need to be on guard
against the evil enemy at all times.

Deaths: Friend Fred J. Mauser,
age 59, died Feb. 15, of a heart at-
tack. He leaves to mourn his pass-
ing; his wife, the former Jane R.
Hindman; a sister, Mrs. Henry
(Louise) Hoefer; and several nieces
and nephews. He was a son of the
late Bro. Fred and Sis. Minnie Mau-
ser of Youngstown. Friend Robert
J. Klotzle, age 57, passed away
Feb. 16 at the Youngstown Hos-
pital, North Side, of a heart attack.
His funeral was held at the James
Funeral Home, Newton Falls, Ohio.
He leaves to mourn his death: his
wife, the former Pearl Griffon; a
daughter, Mrs. Nerys Lightner;
a son, Robert Jr.; three sisters.
Mrs. Carl (Sis. Frieda) Gasser of
Girard, Mrs. Leah Jamison of Costa
Mesa Calif., and Sis. Marion Klotz-
le of Girard; and two grandchil-
dren.

We read in Psalm 90, verse 10;
"The days of our years are three-
score years and ten; and if by rea-
son of strength they be fourscore
years, yet is there strength labour
and sorrow; for it is soon cut off,
and we fly away." Death finally
came to our dear sister, Sadie A
Schladen Feb. 13, at the age of 96.
She was a daughter of the late Bro.
Jacob and Sis. Minnie Bollinger of
Girard. Funeral services were held
at the church, Feb. 16. Elder Bro.
Rudolph Graf officiated, assisted
by Bro. Robert Stoll. She leaves
three sons, George, Paul and
David; two daughters, Mrs. Gene
(Mary) Lauer, Mrs. Lawrence
(Myrtle) Carson; one sister, Mrs.
Stanley (Sis. Inez) Brown of
Girard; eight grandchildren and
ten great grandchildren. Preceding
her in death were a son Carl, 1964,
and her husband, Bro. Samuel,
1965. There is an outstanding fact
we have to relate: At the tender

age of sixteen, she was awakened unto the need of repentance, was converted and became a member of the body of Jesus Christ the Lord . . . So we see that by reason of strength and grace from God, Sis. Sadie lived 80 years in His service. Since the death of her husband, she made her home with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lauer, and what a wonderful home she had. Now she has gone to a better home. We will all miss her welcome smile and greeting.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA Howard and Louise Getz

Our ministers were Bro. Earl Zeltwanger (Bremen), Norman Stoller (Ft. Wayne), and Bros. Bob Meyers, Wendell Gerber, and Carl Kipfer (Bluffton). One of the brothers reminded us that our Sundays in church should not be only a place of refuge from the world and its temptations, but a well-spring of strength to carry us through the following week.

Bro. Howard and Sis. Delores Rapp of Morton have purchased a home in Indianapolis and will be moving in June. Bro. Howard will be spending the next three months in New York, in the last part of his training program, with the firm by whom he will be employed. We will be so thankful for another family in our congregation.

On April 13 we will not have services at Indianapolis. Church will be held as usual on all other Sundays.

TAMAHATA, JAPAN Willis R. Ehnle

After church services last Sunday afternoon I was visiting with a group of high school students, when one of them asked the question, "If you dislike someone very much, does it indicate that your heart has not yet been made clean?" I replied that if you dislike someone to the extent that you cannot forgive him, it does indicate that your heart is not clean, for Jesus said, ". . . if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matthew 6:15.

Last Sunday afternoon at our Shioda Church we were having a discussion on I Corinthians 11, in regard to it being proper and respectful for a man to have his head uncovered when he prays or speaks of spiritual things, and for a woman to have her head covered at

such a time. I didn't hear it, but my wife Lois told me afterwards that Sis. Asakawa, an elderly sister, made this statement after the meeting had adjourned, and I was preparing to go to Tamahata: "I have been wearing my head covering folded over (to make it smaller), but if the angels are watching (to see if I am wearing it as a symbol of submission), I shall be more careful."

Bro. Toshio Uchida has begun helping in the ministry at the Shioda Church. Please remember him in prayer.

LATTY, OHIO

Dolores Grant — Marguerite Stoller

We have quite a number who have been hospitalized: Six-year-old Janice Plummer, daughter of Bro. Rex and Sis. Ann, had the misfortune of running a pencil lead in her eye, doing extensive damage. She is home from the hospital, but will return for eye surgery. Janice had this remark to say: "I can still walk and talk!" What an example for us to follow, when we begin to complain. We should count our blessings. We pray that her sight can be saved. Soon after she came home from the hospital, she fell and again had to return to have 5 stitches in her head.

Llanna Stoller, 5-year-old daughter of Bro. Gale and Sis. Janet was hospitalized for a tonsillectomy.

Dwight Stoller, son of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Dorothy was admitted for toe surgery. Their son, Lonnie, was admitted the next day for an emergency appendectomy.

Tom Laukhuf, son of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Marge was admitted for surgery.

Mrs. Ralph (Ruth) Stoller was admitted for tests.

Sis. Rosa Laukhuf has also been ill for several weeks with bronchitis, and was hospitalized for tests.

We are thankful all are home and recovering.

We have two births to report. A son, born Feb. 4 to Sis. Ann and Bro. Ray Sinn. He has 2 sisters and 3 brothers to welcome him home. They named him Steven Carl. A son was born to Sis. Gloria and Bro. Kent Miller on Feb. 28. He has 2 sisters and one brother. He was named Darren Kent.

Harvey Stoller, son of Bro. Dave and Sis. Irene, has left to serve his country. We have no address as yet,

but do know he is in Texas. We wish him God's blessings.

PULASKI, IOWA Mrs. Dave Wiegand

We have missed our two dear aged sisters, Minnie Getz and Lydia Wuthrich, at church the last two Sundays. Sis. Minnie has had quite a bout with the flu, and Sis. Lydia has stayed home to take care of her. There is a lot of flu here. There have been many children absent from school.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA Alma Baum — Gus Baum

"In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down and withereth."

The frailty of human life was shown us again, when we were told about the accident in which our dear Sis. Rita Barth was killed. She will be greatly missed in our little circle; even though we were shared only a few weeks in which to learn to know her, a feeling of sincere love had found a place in our hearts. Our deepest sympathy goes out to all her loved ones, especially to her husband, Bro. Duane, and the children she leaves; Mike who is five, and the triplets, Jim, Jeff, and John, four years old. May the comfort of the precious promise, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" light the way in this grief-stricken home.

Bro. Bert Butikofer, Elgin Iowa, was our guest minister. We thank him for his efforts.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA Mrs. Herman Schaefer

Mrs. Carl Joos

There were three hospital patients; they were Bro. Ben Griener, Bro. Fred Tohm and Linda Griener. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Easter

The Lord of heaven and earth was dead;

The hope of His disciples fled.

They watched Him drink the bitter cup;

Not would they now with Jesus sup . . .

Or walk with Him and hear Him bless

All those who came in their distress;

So gloomily they went their way; It was indeed a dark, sad day.

But three days later, oh what cheer,
They saw once more their Saviour dear—
Now they remembered much that He
Had told to them repeatedly.

Sin's debt was paid as God had willed;
The law by Jesus was fulfilled.
With faith rekindled by the Lord,
They mightily proclaimed His word.

May also we, who know God's grace,
Tell people that He took our place,
Tell them that Jesus has fulfilled
The law, just as the Father willed.

LESTER, IOWA Emelie Knobloch

In the quiet of this eve, may I with God's mercy write, our dear mother was called home to meet her Maker, following a heart attack Feb. 1. as I read—nothing uncertain as life . . . or in the Good Word, the flower bloometh in the morn . . . We left her when we went to work as usual, and least did we realize this would be our farewell; and several hours later find her cold in death. We can have faith that what God does is well done, and she is now at rest, relieved from all cares and woes.

Sis. Julia Koch Knobloch was born August 26, 1893 at Doon Ia. She married Dietrich Knobloch Aug. 2, 1913. She found her Saviour soon after her marriage, and was faithful until death. She lived on a farm until Feb. 1957, when she moved to a new home across from our church. Survivors are seven sons. Ernst, Bros. Wilbert, Albert and Earl of this community; Dietrich Jr. of Arlington South Dak.; Benjamin of Elgin Ill.; Adolph of Algona Ia.; Julia (Mrs. Albert) Plattner; Sister Emma, Peoria; Elizabeth (Mrs. Edris Barker) Lewistown, Illinois.; Lydia (Mrs. Adolph Moser, Wilma (Mrs. Marvin Hoogeveen) of here; Sisters Paulina, Violet, Emelie at home. She is also survived by two brothers, Ernst and Johann Benedict Koch, 33 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren. Services were held Feb. 4 by our local ministers.

The family, with deepest gratitude, wish to express their sincere thanks to all those who helped us bear the loss of our dear mother,

grandmother and sister. Your expressions of sympathy, assistance, memorials, flowers and cards were greatly appreciated. May God bless everyone.

Home is so lonely since
Mother's not there;
Dark is her room and
Vacant her chair.
Angels have taken her
out of our care;
Still we recall our
dear mother's sweet prayer.

Her loving eyes were oft
dimmed with sad tears,
Guiding our feet thru long
weary years,
Planning our future while
reading God's word,
Faithful and true admonitions
we heard.

We loved you, but God
loved you more,
For he called you to that
bright happy Shore.

Sis. Karoline Doorneweerd, Bro. Ernst J Knobloch, Little Matthew Knobloch were hospitalized for observation and treatment. Mrs. Otto Knobloch, Little Albert Wulf, Bro. Wilbert Knobloch all had major surgery. They are all at home recuperating. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Feucht received word of the sudden death of her brother, John Schifferer in Elgin Ill.

Jane Leuthold and Betty ter Wee were married Feb. 7. A reception was held, and they will be on a farm near Ellsworth Minn.

Marlene Roeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Roeman has announced her engagement to Frank Tullar, and a March wedding is planned. They plan to make their home in Oklahoma.

Bro. Jacob Metzger and Sis. Donna Dell Moser were united in holy matrimony Jan. 12. We wish them God's richest blessings in their life together.

Bro. Wilbert Knobloch and Sis. Karoline Doorneweerd wish to express their sincere thank you to everyone who shared gifts, cards, visits or other deeds of kindness during their hospitalization and recuperation.

Charles Leuthold, son of Bro. and Sis. Arthur Leuthold, and Harold Stickling, son of Bro. and Sis. Herman Stickling have left for the tour of duty. May God be near the

loved ones who are serving the nation, and if it be His will, soon restore peace, so loved ones can be home again.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Carol Schieler — Shirley Anliker

"Safe in the Arms of Jesus" . . . what more precious assurance can be ours, recently spoken by one of our ministering brothers, that even though many of us have different occupations and walks of life, yet when we assemble around God's word we can feel that same love. Love was shown by Ministering Bros. Earl and Sam Kilgus of Remington, Verlin Stoller of Ft. Wayne, and Ed Frank of La Crosse.

We are happy to have with us Bro. Bill Baumgartner, who transferred from Vincennes this semester. He is from the Bluffton congregation.

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6:4 Realizing this most important step in life and added to the fold this past month were Bro. Jim Schwartz from Bluffton and Bro. Bill Frank from La Crosse.

After enjoying several weeks of mild weather, it makes one anxious for the beauty of springtime, when we can see God's love in every living thing.

As many thoughts will be going out to Calvary's hill at this Easter season, may we all remember that Christ gave His life and shed His blood for all mankind. May the joy and love of this season dwell in our hearts, not only at Easter-time, but throughout the entire year.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Mrs. Paul Wagler
Mrs. Wm. Oberman

Bro. Dan Cook from the Tremont congregation ministered to us on Feb. 16. We enjoyed the many blessings and teachings that he delivered.

On Feb. 22, we heard the testimony of Sis. Janelle Scott, then on Sunday Feb. 23, we witnessed her baptism into the fellowship of Christ.

We are very happy to report that the Lord is still calling souls to repentance. Janell's husband Don has turned unto the Lord, and also Gary and Edith Anliker. Gary and

Edith live at Iowa City, but attend services here.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Bro. Dewayne Barth and his family over the sudden loss of his wife, Sis. Rita. Many relatives and friends from this congregation share their loss. May we always be ready when the Lord calls us.

There has been much sickness this month, with the flu going around. Hospitalized were Sis. Sara (Julia) Gerst; and Paige, daughter of Bro. Allen and Sis. Ann Massner.

OAKVILLE, IOWA Martha Steiner

Bro. Paul Butikofer from Elgin, Iowa was our guest minister at the February meeting in Iowa City.

Our congregation was saddened to hear of the death of our Sis. Rita Barth, wife of Bro. Duane, in a traffic accident. The couple and their four boys, five-year-old Mike, and four-year-old triplets, Jeffery, James and John, were returning to their home in Cottage Grove, Minnesota, where they had recently moved. Sis. Rita was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McDowell, Wapello, and daughter-in-law of Bro. John and Sis. Ursel (Grimm) Barth, Morning Sun. Bro. Noah Miller, Minneapolis, assisted Bro. Noah Schrock in the services as Sis. Rita was laid to rest.

For sometime the Oakville church has felt the need of another brother to serve in the ministry, preaching God's word. After indicating by vote that this was indeed the time to proceed, the congregation elected to confer this responsibility upon Bro. John Steiner. He will need our prayers, just as we all need the prayers of one another.

A group of brethren had the opportunity to contribute their efforts toward a worth-while cause. They gave the following account:

It was a rewarding experience to be building on the new 42 x 80 two-floor building at the Dessie Scott Children's Home in Pine Ridge, Kentucky. We had our meals with the 49 children and the staff. . .

These formerly destitute children are being cared for unselfishly by God-fearing people. After being among them a week, we had the feeling the home was run like a big family, rather than an institution.

Prayer was offered aloud before meals, and the Bible was read and commented on each morning before breakfast.

Their meals are very economical in nature, and the plates are cleaned up. They raise and home-butcher their own meats. The children are well-ordered, and willingly go about with chores and errands, which reflects their appreciation toward the ones who care.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Marilyn Graf

We have been privileged to have several visiting ministers in our midst. Bro. John Somerhalder of Phoenix was present with us Jan. 12. Bro. and Sis. Leland Hirschey of Naumburg were able to gather with us on a Thursday evening. Bro. Noah and Sis. Hattie Schrock were with us on Feb. 2. The Maywood congregation gathered with us as Bro. Noah and Bro. Carl Kinsinger read the memorandum. A church dinner followed. Bro. John and Sis. Julia Bahler from Rockville have been in our midst for several weeks. Bro. Corbin and Sis. Virginia Bahler met them here several weeks later. We wish to thank all those who give of themselves to minister unto us.

Jan Beyer has announced her engagement to Roger Shannon. Jan is originally from Gridley, Kansas and has lived in California for several years while attending school. We wish them God's blessings in this important undertaking.

David Ferch has moved here from Iowa. He is making his home with his sister and brother-in-law, Sis. Wilma and Bro. John Pulfer. He plans to attend college here, beginning with the summer quarter. We welcome him into our midst.

Sis. Clara Vintch fell and injured her hip. She was unable to gather with us for several weeks, but are happy to see that she again is able to attend services.

Bro. Joe Reber of Graham, Washington passed away March 8. Joe and Harriet and their son, Ben, had lived in this area for nearly two years and worshipped with us. They had moved to Washington last May. We extend our condolences to Harriet and the family. Bro. Carl Kinsinger flew to Washington to hold the final services.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Delores Duckworth Martha Kieser

It seems that spring is just around the corner here. We haven't had snow on the ground for quite

some time—it's been a very mild winter.

We were very thankful for the visit of Bro. Walter Rehklau from Toledo.

Sis. Anna Rumbold and Robert Ehnle are both home from the hospital and getting along real well. The flu has been real thick around here.

Bro. Elwin and Sis. Loretta Rumbold became the parents of little Gregg Elwin, on Feb. 7. Home to welcome him were Margie, Connie, Mike, Mark, and David. Jody Lynn was born to Harold and Imogene Tanner on Feb. 25; Amy Jo was happy to welcome her into their home.

We deeply sympathize with our ministering Bro. Jim and Sis. Lyola Ringger in the death of Sis. Gladys Foor from Gridley, Jim's sister.

Several have gone to Kentucky to help at the orphanage.

Card of Thanks: I would like to thank my children, family, relatives and friends who remembered me with prayers, letters, cards, gifts, flowers and visits, while I was in the hospital and since my return home. Sis. Anna Rumbold.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We are grateful for our many visitors and the fellowship we share. We thank them for the love and their effort, and welcome everyone back. May God bless everyone of us is our prayer.

Bro. Ben Walder, age 80, passed away Feb. 16 at Iroquois Hospital at Wateka, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Kathryn; one daughter, Sis. Harriet; one sister, Tillie Wittmer. Funeral services were held Feb. 19, Bros. Russell Rapp and Joshua Broquard officiating. Bro. Ben had labored in the vineyard of the Lord, proclaiming God's precious word until ill health forced him to retire. He will be greatly missed, as he bore his cross patiently. Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Kate and Harriet, who so loyally cared for him through the years. Sis. Kate and Sis. Harriet, wish to express their thanks for all the love shown to them.

We are always mindful of our many sick and shut-ins; may our dear Lord comfort them in their lonely hours. Sis. Anna Kaufman is assembling with us again, after a long absence, due to a fall. Sis.

Helen Knapp was hospitalized a few days, is home now, and improving nicely. Sis. Ollie Feller had surgery, and we are happy she can assemble with us again. Sis. Louisa Drayer had major surgery and is much improved.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler

We heard the word of God expounded by Bro. James Ramseyer of Bay City on Sunday, Feb. 9. May we strive anew to be doers of the word. We thank Bro. Jim and his family for visiting us.

It is wonderful to have Bro. Larry Belsley home again, after his tour of duty in the Army. While overseas Larry was stationed in Korea, where conditions are not very pleasant. He spent his R&R leave in Japan, visiting the churches there. Bro. Larry expressed in his prayer the other evening at church how we take so for granted the little things in life, such as the beds we sleep on. It is hard for us who have so much to try to imagine doing without. We need to be reminded to be more thankful for our material blessings.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Bro. George Knochel (who passed away Sunday, March 2). Three of his children, Bro. Dan and Sisters Arlene Belsley and Dorothy Knochel are of our Detroit congregation.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen — Katie Kachelmuss

Our guest ministers were Bros. Donald Sauder, Roanoke; Perry Zimmerman, Forrest; Verlin Stoller, Ft Wayne; Walter Steffen, Milford; Leo Moser, Lester; and Joshua Broquard, Fairbury, who assisted in presenting the Memorandum. May we benefit from the well-meant teachings and advice.

Though children may have faith within

And live no more in former sin,
Yet have they need of teaching;
They come into the highest school
Where Christ, Himself, doth teach
and rule

And guideth by His teaching.

Mrs. Gordon (Marilyn Stettner) Bryant is home with her loved ones, after having been hospitalized for surgery.

Sis. Rose Schmidgall is feeling better, after quite a long siege, and wishes to say **thanks** to all who re-

membered her with cards, prayers and other tokens of love. May God bless you all.

As we are again approaching the joyful Easter Season, we look forward to hearing the Sunday School children praise God with their songs and to hear them speak. It brings to our minds an Easter Program of long ago, when our Grandmother and Mother, who had quite a number of grandchildren attending Sunday School, and always enjoyed the programs so much, returned home and told us how nice the children sang and spoke. She said that one of the little Kellenberger boys spoke a piece that impressed her; it was this:

Must Jesus bear the cross alone
And all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for everyone,
And there's a cross for me.

This little verse stayed with her the rest of her life, and she often mentioned it to us. **Out of the mouth of babes God has perfected praise.**

Sis. Frieda Schock has accompanied her husband, Fred, to the Mayo Clinic for tests which may mean surgery.

May God heal the sick and afflicted according to His good will, and be with those who must look on when their loved ones are suffering pain and distress.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

When Christ arose from the dead, the human race experienced the dawning of a new and better day. Easter is the most marvelous and miraculous season, because only God can give life. We see new life given all around us now. Jesus Christ triumphed at Easter and gave new life and hope to His disciples, who were saddened from the crucifixion. We are His disciples if we continue in His word, and new life and hope "dawns" on us at Easter.

We were happy to have Bro. Wayne Gerber of Lester as a guest minister.

Sis. Fannie Maurer had returned home from the hospital, recovering rather rapidly from a stroke. She fell, breaking her arm, requiring a cast from her fingers to her elbow. We trust her recovery to continue. Sis. Lorene Roth was a surgical patient at the hospital, but returned home and recovered rapidly.

Andy and Sis. Sarah Steffen were blessed with being able to have their Golden Wedding Anniversary. It was Feb. 16, while Sis. Sarah was still in the hospital. However, she has since improved and returned home.

Bro. Chris and Sis. Esther Kaeb were both hospitalized. After leaving the hospital, they went to Fairview Haven to recuperate. While there, they were able to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Bro. Chris later fell and broke his leg, causing him to return to the hospital, where he is quite ill.

Sis. Glenna Lober, along with three other 4th grade teachers, was in an accident on the way for Teacher's Institute. Sis. Glenna received bruises and cuts, but was released from the hospital within a few days.

Farewells were given by Bro. David Kaeb, as he was called into the service.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

**Carolyn Zimmerman
Juanita Schneider**

Onward, Upward, Homeward!
Joyfully I flee
From this world of burdens
With my Lord to be.

Onward to the glory,
Upward to the prize,
Homeward to the mansions
Far above the skies!

God has called our beloved Bro. Louis Koehl to his Eternal Rest, after having been ill only a few weeks. We will miss his presence in our congregation, and pray God will instill His comfort to his bereaved wife, Sis. Sarah; three sons, Ralph, Forrest, Clyde—Fairbury, Dean—Louisville, Ky.; six daughters, Carol Steidinger, Sis. Dorothy Rieger—Forrest, Sis.'s Virginia Huette, Hazel Huette—Fairbury, Ethel Meiss—Gridley, and Betty Klopfenstein—Normal; 26 grandchildren, one brother, and one sister. Bros. Edwin Ringger and George Gramm, Gridley, held the services.

Bro. Edmond Kloter, Fairbury, was also our guest minister. Thank you brothers; we enjoy every visit.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Carol Metz welcomed a new baby son to their home Feb. 21. He has been named Brad Richard, and has one sister—Kimberly. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Orle Aeschleman, Roan-

oke, and Bro. and Sis. Joe Metz, Forrest.

Sis's. Roberta Broquard and Martha Koehl were hospital medical patients; both have returned home and are recuperating nicely. Sis. Lydia Maier is a patient at the hospital; may the Divine Healer comfort her. Brian Ricketts, infant son of Bro. Nick and Sis. Jeanne, is a surgical patient at Champaign.

Terry Nussbaum, son of Bro. Dean and Sis. Betty, reported for service Feb. 17. He is presently stationed at Ft Sam Houston. We must constantly commit not only these boys, but their parents into God's hands, for grace towards such courage and faith.

Pray one for another—Our many prayers have been answered, and our beloved ministering Bro. Joe Kaisner is able to assemble again with us.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Elna Grimm

Oh, beautiful wonder of spring-time! Sweet miraculous budding forth of new life. How fitting that we should celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour at this particular time. Each year we watch, with faith unshaken, never doubting for a moment that the barren trees will don their lovely dress of green . . . knowing surely that the grass will grow again, and the flowers will bloom. The atheist believes that all the dead and dormant things of winter will live and breathe again, for this is spring-time! No one questions these astounding transformations . . . We "simply believe" that they are, and that they shall continue to be so long as the seasons of time shall come and go. Why then do some dare to question the resurrection of our Lord? Does it not seem strange, that men will believe the miracle of springtime, and yet disregard the miracle of spiritual rebirth? . . . Oh for the faith of a child! Faith to simply "believe".

Bro. Jesse Hunzicker has recovered from major surgery and is again assembling with us. If you will recall, he was just recently added to the fold, after having confessed his desire to "believe".

Bro. Frederick Knapp of Congerville and Bro. Dave Weigand of Champaign have been our visiting ministers.

Sis. Lydia L. (Mida) Knapp died Sat. Mar. 8 at the Eureka Hospital, where she had been a patient since

Feb. 2. She is survived by her husband, Michael Knapp Sr.; four sons, George A. of Goodfield, Michael Jr. and Frank C.—both of Eureka, and Harold D. of Danvers; one foster son, Ted McCarty of Harrington Park N.J.; three daughters, Mrs. Lavina Schmeckpepper of Steger, Mrs. Evelyn Walker of Peoria, and Mrs. Mida Fehr of Roanoke; two brothers, Eli and August of Goodfield; one sister, Mrs. Peninna Miller of Deer Creek; 23 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. One daughter preceded her in death. Her funeral is Mon. March 10. We extend our deep sympathy to the entire family, but how sweet to trust that she is now in the Saviour's hands.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

To me is given boundless mercy, a gift that I did not deserve; Such wondrous love, it is so wondrous that such for me should be reserved; From whence came this, what is it for? **Unbounded mercy, nothing more.** These beautiful words were sung at the baptismal waters with such deep emphasis and meaning; surely they are resounding in heaven above.

Yes! we had two blessed week ends, hearing the testimonies and witnessing the baptisms of eleven more young people. They are, Eloise and Clark, daughter and son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Lucille Stoller; Carol, daughter of Bro. Reuben and Sis. Emily Stoller; Carol, daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Nadine Ringger, and Brenda, daughter of Bro. Edwin and Sis. Pat Ringger. Then the following week end. Lloyd, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Marie Stoller; Jimmy Meiss, son of Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Ethel Meiss; Bill, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Dorothy Witzig; Joyce, daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Dorothy Witzig; Rosalyn, daughter of Bro. Leo and the late Sis. Clara Funk, and Ada Christensen, daughter of Sis. Anna and the late Bro. Elmer Klopfenstein. May God's grace and blessings be with them all.

Assisting Bro. Gramm in this work were Bros. Eugene Bertschi from Roanoke and Ed Hohulin from Goodfield, with the first group. With the last group, Bros. Herman Kellenberger, from Elgin and Joshua Broquard from Fairbury.

Our congregation was saddened by the passing of a dear young mother, and a new Sis-in-faith. Sis.

Gladys (Ringger) Foor was called to her eternal home, after an illness of five months. Gladys repented and was baptized just three weeks and two days before her passing. She is survived by her husband and three children; her parents, Bro. Henry and Sis. Emma Ringger, Gridley; a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Skaggs, Calif.; and three brothers, Bro. James Ringger, Bradford Ill.; Jake, Gridley and Henry Jr. of California.

The Gridley congregation extends their heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Henry and Sis. Emma Ringger and family, and to Wes Foor and children . . . to Sis. Betty Klopfenstein and family and Sis. Ethel Meiss and family in the death of their father, Bro. Louis Koehl, who passed away at Fairbury.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Helen Zimmerman and family in the death of her mother, Sis. Rose-na Beutel.

We have a number in and out of the hospital. Sis. Joanne Aupperle has returned home and is again able to attend services, after undergoing surgery, as also is Marion Funk, who also had surgery. My co-correspondent, Sis. Lydia attended services a half a day Sunday, after being absent for a month, due to illness. Sis. Winifred Schlipf was a hospital patient for several days; and Sis. Annie Gramm is a surgical patient. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Dennis is the third son born to Mr. and Mrs. Brummit, Jan. 26 in Bloomington, Ill.; Mrs. Brummit is the former Karen Witzig.

We are so glad to report the return of Bro. Dale Schlipf from Korea. It is good to have him in our midst again.

Coming from his home in Alabama was Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein and three children, to hear the testimony, and witness the baptism of his sister, Ada Christensen, and the rest of the group.

Our friend, Mike Gramm, is waiting to be announced to give his testimony for baptism.

Bro. Elmer Bucher from Francesville was guest minister in our congregation, leaving with us many inspiring thoughts. He was accompanied by a group who sang in the monthly Singspiration in the evening. While my sister, Lydia and I were not able to attend, we were very fortunate to have Bro. Loren & Sis. Mildred Schlipf bring their records to our home, so

we could hear the beautiful hymns these talented groups sang. Surely this is also a God-given gift.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr
Mrs. Eldon Metzger

We are happy to have the Lamont congregation assemble with us while they are remodeling their church.

Friends Mildred Rodgers and Sam E. Kraft were hospitalized for several days. Bro. Joe and Sis. Edna Somerhalder moved to a home they purchased in Gridley. Bro. Joe went for a checkup, and his broken leg shows no knitting.

She stretched forth her hands unto the poor . . . while taking a six-day pattern alteration and fitting training session from the Univ. extension specialist, we engaged in some eye-opening conversations for me. "Poor" does not just mean poverty-stricken or lack of money. One lady is a home-maker (a trained person who goes into homes temporarily to keep the home running when the mother is ill, etc., makes visits to elderly persons to help them out). She was employed by the welfare department. She mentioned one young girl was college educated; she felt what business did she have going there with no college education . . . but the girl just sat and didn't care. In so many cases, it seems like these people need someone to care—THEY ARE INDEED POOR. Another young girl, an ex-convict, didn't know how to care for her baby—the father was in prison. When this lady showed her how to do things, she gradually learned her background: A second generation welfare family; mother died when she was small . . . she lived in backhill country with the grandparents, where they did the washing in big, heated kettle outdoors and got along OK in the local grade school, but when bused to the high school, she bawked at the peculiar wear she had and finally ran away to Indianapolis, where her father turned her loose. She is now doing real well, as either an LPN or nurse's aid, and has a pleasant two-year-old daughter (the welfare dept. told the homemaker they thought this girl's case was hopeless).

Our instructor told us what some of the other ladies are doing in different counties. One place, a group of ladies are teaching women

to sew in a church basement. One particular young woman she mentioned they were working hard with . . . I believe she was 24 years old and was about to have her baby taken from her . . . the ladies persuaded the authorities to wait, as they felt having the baby gone would take her last hope away. Her husband is an alcoholic, in and out of jail. The dress materials were "sleazy" they worked with, but many of the women looked better than they ever had before. . . . Sewing and cooking skills seem to be good ways to reach a helping hand out. I thought of the many sisters-in-faith who are excellent cooks and seamstresses.

If we but open our eyes and look, we can find someone "poor" to help, without going to a foreign mission field, perhaps your "skill" of just encouragement and caring one hour or afternoon a week. We have so much the Lord has given us—how can we ever be thankful enough to him. Did we have a choice what home we were born in? They seem like "statistics" until you talk to someone who sees and works with these. THEY ARE HUMAN BEINGS, and we must treat them as human beings. How would we feel in their shoes? The homemaker mentioned that the welfare dept. pays for medical expenses and medicines more than she herself could afford, BUT she said, "You should see the poor housing they must live in."

I wonder if we are looking the other way, not wanting to get ourselves involved or associated with someone in need, when we go right by the "poor" in our own communities. When everyone else is hard-up and doing without, people have a common bond, and if they know how they can work together. (Have you thought of how we learn our skills, attitudes from our parents and teachers generation after generation?) But imagine how poor people could feel in our affluent society, with each one going their own ways, buzzing here and there in fancy cars, expensive clothes, fine homes, and churches, and no time to care or notice or share with anyone not in our group.

I went to the sewing class as a 4-H clothing leader to help our girls better, and returned with a grateful heart and appreciation for what the Lord has done for me . . . and a pricked conscience I felt I needed to share with our readers.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

We again appreciated the ministering of Bro. Ben Fehr of Roanoke on his recent visit. We would welcome all the brethren to visit our small community.

Mrs. Charlotte Aberle was a patient at the K.U. Medical Center in Kansas City, where she was seriously ill. She has returned to her home, where she is now recuperating. I am happy to report that both she and her husband, Fred have turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish them the Lord's blessings and guidance throughout their new walk of life.

Our annual business meeting was held last Sunday. Bro. Alpha Aberle was selected as trustee. We also heard the report on our Fellowship Center. We selected three brethren, who with their wives are to be the committee in charge of operations. They are Bro. Ben and Sis. Liseten Aberle, Bro. Velmer and Sis. Vila Meyer, Bro. Ben and Sis. Janice Wysong.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter — Mrs. Bill Heimer

We were glad to have Bro. Bob Pohl spend a Sunday with us. He was accompanied by his family.

Mrs. Vernon (Judy) Huber is again a hospital patient, where she underwent major surgery for the removal of her gall bladder. She had not fully recovered from her last spell of sickness, so the surgery was especially difficult for her. We hope and pray she will soon regain her health.

Karen Yacklev spent her quarter break from KSTC, Kirksville Mo., with her parents—Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

I wish to die in my dear Jesus,
In peace and with great joy con-
soled,

And through His wounds I shall
inherit

The robe of white. He will unfold.
In Jesus I will trust alway;
In Him I live and pass away.

These words, which were sung at the funeral of our beloved sister Katharine Bertka, well expressed her life—"In Him I live and pass away." Although illness prevented Sis. Katie from assembling with us many times these past few years, she was with us for worship services just one week before her

death. She was past 88 years old when the Lord called her Home on Feb. 25, but her capacity of loving and her living testimony of being a staunch child of God never diminished. As she showed her love toward each one, so old and young returned her affection. We will all miss her and the gentle words which she spoke. We extend our sincere sympathy to her sons, Sebastian, Anton, Joseph, John, Frank and Henry; and we pray the Lord will especially bless Frank, who made his home with his mother and so lovingly cared for her during these past years.

Sis. Ida Them Schaaf is a hospital patient, as the result of a broken hip suffered in a fall several weeks ago; Sis. Janet Beer (Mrs. Alvin) is a medical patient; and Sis. Elizabeth Kraus is confined to the hospital, following eye surgery. We pray the Lord to be with our sick and bless them with His healing power.

We would also ask our Lord to guide and protect Duane Dotterer, who began a four-year period of service in the Navy on Feb. 25. Duane is the son of Bro. LaVern and Sis. Christine (Beery) Dotterer.

Did you think of me in Gethsemane
As alone You tarried there?

Did you think of me as on bended
knee

You poured out your heart in
prayer?

Did You think of me in your agony
As great drops of blood You sweat?

Did you think of me in Gethsemane
As justice and mercy met?

Did You think of me on Calvary's
tree

As Your riven side did flow?

Did You think of me as you raised
the plea,

Father, forgive them, for they do
not know?

Oh yes for me, He died for me!

And how shall I ever show

My debt of love to the One above
Who washed me white as snow?

"Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". . .

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz

Miss Della Witschey

Our weather here during the last of February and the first week in March has been very good, altho

we are promised snow and rain. We do not have any moisture in the ground, with no snow and so very little rain for several weeks.

The flu epidemic has eased, and many of the sick people are able to get out again. Water Emch remains a patient in the local hospital. Mrs. Clarence Durig remains quite ill in a Wheeling hospital. Mrs. Fred Burton had been a patient in the local hospital for several weeks, but has been able to return home and care for her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Witschey of Doylestown, O., visited here with relatives. Miss Pamela Emch of Lima, O., visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Emch.

Virgil Hassig was married recently; they will continue to live in his home on Limestone Ridge.

Mrs. Harry Mullett and daughters Ruth and Harriett spent Sunday, March 2 with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Timmos in Warwood, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron have returned to their home, after spending several weeks in Punta Gorda, Florida. Mrs. Freda Durig of Girard visited with them for several days in early January.

We were sorry to hear of the sudden death of Fred Reusser in Rittman, on March 5. Several from the Monroe Church attended the funeral on March 7.

By the time this reaches all the readers of the Silver Lining, it will be near the Easter season, and I would like to make this wish to everyone who will read this letter: As church bells ring across the land This Holy Easter Day, May your heart be filled with faith and peace, in a joyful Easter way.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Ed Aeschleman

The New York City area and adjoining New Jersey suffered such a severe snowstorm early in February that we could not have services one Sunday. The following Sunday, everyone agreed that the true joy of Sundays comes through gathering together to worship God. When this is denied us just for one Sunday, it helps to remind us what a great privilege it is to be able to worship according to the dictates of our hearts, and gather with restriction. It also helps us to realize how fortunate we are that we do not live in that time foretold, when the word of God will not be found though they seek for it from east to

west and north to south. Our prayer is that all mankind everywhere would accept the gift of salvation while the opportunity exists today.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli — Carol Messner

"And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God. . ." Have we been obedient to God's word in our Christian walk of life? Or will we be one of those who leave this earth empty-handed? God's word brings fear into the heart of man. We should daily read God's word—the Bible. This is God speaking to us. Love helps to unravel His precious word.

Elder Bros. Leo Moser and Paul Fehr and wives were with us. Ministering Bro. Noah Miller and others from the Minneapolis congregation gathered to hear the memorandum read and explained. A potluck supper followed, at the church.

Sis. Viola (Don) Messner is hospitalized for treatment. May the many prayers for her quick recovery be answered. Sis. Celina Schmidt, her mother, is helping in the home during Sis. Viola's illness.

There have been many absent because of the flu. Our Ministering Bro. Elmer Schmidt was among these. When one person is missing, it leaves an empty place in church. All the faces of friends and brethren alike are precious, one and all, to each of us.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Norene Herbst — Mary Hoffman

Bro. Ralph and Sis. Thelma Hodel have announced the engagement of their daughter Sharon to Larry Neukomm, who is serving in the Navy and is stationed at Portsmouth, Va. Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Neukomm of Onarga, Ill.

Bro. Gary Roth has been home on furlough and is to leave March 15 for Ft. Lewis, Wash., from where he expects to be sent to Korea.

Jimmy Leman (son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Myra Leman) has been able to return to school, after spending some time in the Methodist hospital. Sis. Anna Leman (Mrs. Fred) was able to return home from the Methodist hospital March 8 after a stay of seven weeks. Her sister, Sis. Esther Weyeneth plans to make her home with her, having moved in last week.

Bro. Ed Hodel has been dismissed from the Eureka Hospital and is now a resident at the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka. Sis. Anabelle Blunier (Mrs. Edward) has returned from Mayo's Clinic at Rochester, Minn., where she had been hospitalized for surgery.

Birth: a son, to Bro. Marvin and Sis. Ila Pfister. He has been named Michael Joseph. They have one other son and two daughters.

Our friend, Eli Bucher has been quite ill, and is in intensive care at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bloomington. He has found grace to repent and has found peace with God at the ripe age of 82 years.

On Feb. 12, Bro. George Gramm assisted Bro. Eugene Bertschi in reading the Memorandum.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Mrs. Lucille Heiniger

Bro. Ezra Meiss passed away Feb. 12. He leaves to mourn his loss his dear wife, Anna; 7 children, Roland, LaVerne, Ralph, Willis, Wilma, Vera and Hazel; and a number of grandchildren. Funeral services were held Feb. 15, with Bro. Ed Frank in charge. Bro. Ezra was a living example of a true child of God. He will be missed by all who knew him.

William (Bill) Frank, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Lea gave his testimony, was baptized and received into the fold. We wish him God's blessings and guidance, as he begins his new life in the Lord.

Marjorie, daughter of Ralph and Jeanette Yergler, and William Jones of Valparaiso were married. Open house was held at the Yergler home Feb. 23. May God bless them as they begin their life together.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott and Dan Koch of Tremont.

Graveside services were held for the infant daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Sherry Fritz. Bro. Merle Bucher was in charge of the service.

Bro. Don and Sis. Rita Furrer and family of Wolcott have moved in the Wheatfield area and are making LaCrosse their church. We welcome them into our congregation. Rita was formerly a LaCrosse girl, so we are glad to have her back.

Bro. John and I recently celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. He wrote the following poem for all who reach this goal.

OUR TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

We've paddled life's stream throughout the years.
At times 'twas in song; at times 'twas in tears.
They've passed "Oh so quickly", when we look in arrears.
Here we are; we've already passed twenty-five years!

At times 'twas smooth sailing, not a cloud in the sky;
Then in storm-swollen tide, the waves dashing high,
We'd seek refuge on shore, what sweet moments rare,
Precious hours to spend in the "Haven of Prayer".

There are many fine sailors, some with earlier starts;
What keeps them afloat is the love in their hearts.
Should this love then become insufficient and thin,
"Divine Love" reaches down and helps us to win.

We honor them highly with anniversaries of gold;
Of their experience and examples we've often been told,
And though it should mean an age nigh fourscore,
If it's God's will, we start out on twenty-five more.

URBANA, ILLINOIS

Susan Zimmerman — Jan Herman

Bro. Ed Hohulin brought the word to us who had gathered for the first assembly in our new church dwelling on Feb. 9. We are grateful to now be considered an established congregation. The invitation to join us in our worship services is warmly extended to you all.

Our thanks to these brothers who have allowed themselves to be used in the ministry here: Feb. 16,

August Bolliger (Tremont); Feb. 19, Bob Grimm (Goodfield); Feb. 23, Joe Schrock (Congerville); Feb. 26, Roy Sauder and Ed Hohulin; March 2, Joe Stoller and Dave Kieser (Princeville).

The "last days" are upon us according to Scripture, and Satan is trying to deceive even the very elect of God's Household. We are grateful for the warnings and kindly admonition. Bros. Roy Sauder and Ed Hohulin discussed the memorandum the evening of Feb. 26, and all of us assembled were given inspiration to go forth with greater zeal, more love and to be more

watchful and prayerful.

Baptismal services were held for two of our students on March 2, at their respective home congregations. Linda Warren (Morton) and Bill Witzig (Gridley) are our new sister and brother in faith. May they remain true 'til death.

God has granted grace for repentance and conversion to another soul in our gathering. Mike Gramm (Gridley) has cast his lot with God's children. We rejoice with Mike.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

We thank ministering Bros. John Rokey, Raymond Banwart, and Elmer Bucher for their visits and for their labors of love and encouragement. Our hearts were stirred by the sincerity with which they revealed God's word to us. "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." . . . "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Put your heart at rest. He has blessings unending waiting for us, if we live to please Him.

We are truly grateful to Elder Bro. Sam Anliker and Elder Bro. Noah Schrock, who brought to us the conclusions of the Conference. We know they have the welfare of the church in mind. May these exhortations instill in each of us a longing and a desire to remain close to God.

On a recent Saturday evening, the church community met at Bro. and Sis. Charles Marti's to extend our love and wish God's blessings to Jack Thiebaud and Betty Bright, who were united in marriage Feb. 8. May they enjoy many happy and blessed years together.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Laverne Roth — Millicent Frieden

Visiting ministers the week end of Feb. 22 were our elder, Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix, and Bros. Silas Leuthold of Princeville and George Lambert of Wichita. On Sat. evening, Janice Springer, Janice Frieden, and Mrs. Caroline Kraft presented their testimonies, followed by the reading of the memorandum. On Sunday afternoon the three converts were baptized. We pray they will always be willing to walk the straight and narrow path that leads to heaven's door. That evening we partook of Holy Communion. What a blessed day . . . our cup surely runneth over.

Bro. and Sis. George Diel were

honored with a reception for relatives and friends on their 50th wedding anniversary, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 16.

Hospital patients were Bros. Sam Schrock and Eli Somerhalder, and Sisters Martha Roth and Marie Tucker. Other shut-ins are Bros. Joe Diel, John Diel, John Schupbach, and Sisters Ollie Frieden and Marie Riedel. A number in this area have been ill with colds and flu.

A hymn-singing was held in the home of Bro. and Sis. Marvin Ott, with many attending.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Carol Virkler

Mrs. David Schamback

Sis. Elva Schulz has returned home from the hospital and is doing very well. It is wonderful when, amid afflictions, we can find grace from God to carry on. Also returning home was Sis. Anna Hirschey.

Sis. Sarah (Bro. Hiram) Farney is hospitalized for tests. Still hospitalized are Sis. Minnie Ebersol and Sis. Mary Rohr. Ours prayers are with each one.

We have experienced very nice weather here during February—no snowstorms, which is unusual. Many of our farmers have began the process of tapping trees to make maple syrup.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Billie Jo Harville

This is the time of the year when people all over the world are pausing to acknowledge the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In a sense to Christian people, every Sunday is a reminder of the resurrection of Christ. Here is a poem written by my son Danny when he was in the 4th grade of elementary school:

One day they hung Jesus on a cross,
For then he had to suffer for all of our loss.
They nailed His hands way up high
So the people could look at Him,
as they pass by.
They put him in a tomb, but he didn't stay,
He rose again on Easter day.

So we should be thankful, not only on Sunday, but every day that we can worship a living Saviour.

Sis. Mavis Naylor spent several days in the Hartselle Hospital. She is at home now, but is going to go

back in a few days for surgery, so everyone remember her in prayer, that she will soon again be well and able to care for her family.

Funeral services were held for Ollie Helton, father of Sis. Opel Frost. We pray that God will strengthen her in her time of sorrow.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Carolyn Dotterer — Lois Heiniger

The memorandum was read to us on Feb. 16 by Elder Bros. Roy Farney, Silas Leuthold, and Joe Waibel. May we ever grow in love and unity, that we can safely reach our heavenly goal.

We thank Bro. and Sis. Joe Waibel, of Bay City, and Bro. and Sis. Silas Leuthold, of Princeville for their visits, and pray that God will bless our ministering brothers for their efforts.

Sis. Edith Freed is again able to assemble with us, following recent surgery.

We pray for God's richest blessings upon Tom and Patsy Messner Emminger, who were married on March 1. Patsy is the daughter of Bro. Richard and the late Sis. Lillian Messner.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Marguerite Hoerr

Little Chris Troup, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Ann, has been admitted to the South Bend Memorial Hospital for a three-week period. Chris will be in traction, due to a hip defect. We know this will be a trying period for both Chris and her parents, and our prayers go with them.

Sis. Hulda Graff has been confined to her home for a number of weeks, due to ill health. She is feeling improved. We are happy to report that Sis. Rose Haab, after a backset, is feeling better again. Both of these sisters are sorely missed as we assemble each Sunday, and we hope to see them both among us soon again.

Our church home has been getting an early spring-cleaning and redecorating. Most of this work has been done by volunteers, and it really is a wonderful experience to see how much can be accomplished when there is cooperation. Carpenter work was done by brothers and friends—painting of almost all the rooms, including our assembly room, was done by the women. Now with carpeting and new tables for our kitchen on the way, everything

will soon be complete, to be enjoyed by everyone. Our hard-working trustees in charge of the work are: Bros. Ezra Beer, Pete Doll and Virgil Zimmerman. Bro. Phil Beer was overseer of the carpenter work, and Sisters Mary Ann Beer and Becky Doll of the painting.

It's so good to have Sis. Rosa Waldbeser assemble with us again. Rosa was a resident of a Warsaw Nursing Home while she recovered from a broken bone.

Bro. Nelson and Sis. Shelby Beer asked that the following be included in this month's report: The Ft. Sam Reunion for those with ETS between July 1 1963 and Jan. 1 1967, will be Aug. 2, with Milford and Bremen as hosts. More information will be sent at a later date.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Connie Steffen

March, with its spring flowers has arrived. The sun has been making the snow-covered mountains look like huge gems sparkling in a giant crown, with little wild flowers blooming at the mountains bases. The birds are looking for places to build their nests, and the little birdhouse in our tree will soon have a "rented sign".

We welcome Sis. Irene Baer to our congregation. We are happy she has decided to make her home here. Her address is: 3999 S. W. Dogwood Lane, Portland Ore 97225.

Bro. Joseph Reber was suddenly called to his eternal home, after suffering a heart attack Mar. 4. Our hearts go out to his family. Bro. Joe was always so happy in his life for the Lord, and we will miss him. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Harriet, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 6 grandchildren, 4 brothers and 5 sisters. Interment was at Tacoma. Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger officiated and reminded the hearers of life's **uncertainty** and death's **certainty**. Bro. Carl mentioned God's promises to the believer, but we can hold to the hopes of these promises **only** if we repent and are His.

Bro. Carl was with us Sunday and served Communion. In the evening, after a church supper, we were privileged to hear Bro. Carl read the memorandum. It is a real privilege to be one tiny part of a body of believers, and how grateful we should be to have examples to follow, as our elder brothers are. Let us thank God for them.

We were happy to have Bro. Adolph Messner from Burlington Iowa with us. We really enjoy visitors.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. Larry Farney
Mrs. Harvey Smith

There were several hospital patients. Mark Reimschisel, son of Bro. Max and Sis. Judy was in the hospital with bi-lateral pneumonia. Phillip Bowers, son of Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian, received an appendectomy. Sammy Wheeler, son of Sis. Karlene had pneumonia and infection of the ears and throat. All of the boys are well and in church with us again, for which we thank God.

The engagement of Sis. Barbara Fluckiger to Bro. Dave Hangartner was announced by Elder Bro. Sam Anliker. Sis. Barbara and her parents, Bro. Albert and Sis. Minnie are of the Rockville congregation. Bro. Dave, of our Wichita congregation, is the son of Christian Hangartner of Pekin, Illinois. We look forward to having Barbara join our congregation.

AKRON, OHIO

Florence Graf

Bro. Dan Emery and Bro. Philip Webber are residing at the Mennonite Home in Rittman. We miss their presence in our congregation.

David Graf, son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise Graf, was announced as having found peace with the Lord and is awaiting baptism.

Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Esther Graf are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Dianne Ruth, to James McDowell. We wish the young couple much happiness as they plan their future.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Florence Hartzler

Mrs. Ben Blough

"I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me."—Proverbs 8:17. We rejoice with the families of our new members that have been added to the fold of Christ. A very blessed weekend was ours again, when we could hear the testimonies of our dear friends, and then on Sunday could witness the baptism of these dear ones. They are now brothers of our Lord, and are now known as Bro. Dean Hartzler, Bro. Duane Indermuhle, Bro. Marvin Ramsier.

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am

thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee . . ." Our dear Bro. Fred Reusser recently underwent surgery, was home and getting along very well . . . Today we heard the Lord had taken him home. How quickly his life had left him. He leaves to mourn his wife, Sis. Mildred; daughters, Sis. Marilyn Ice, Sis. Wilda Fetty, and Martha Maag; sons, Vernon, Dean, Paul, Dennis and David. Three brothers and one sister also survive, along with a number of grandchildren and other relatives. Funeral services, Fri. March 7.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Two other funerals were held. Sis. Elizabeth Hilty passed away at the age of 82. She had served her Lord and Master for over 50 years. Surviving are one brother, Bro. Noah Hilty, and one sister, Mrs. Sarah Webb. Services for Henry Koehler were held on Feb. 24. Surviving are daughters, Esther Grossenbacher, Sis. Mary Conrad, and Martha Koehler.

As the old die, so the new are born. The Lord blessed the family of Bro. Mike and Sis. Norene Miller with a baby boy. Their new son is named Michael Ryan, and is welcomed home by three sisters, twins Jan and Jill, and Marcene. First-time parents in Jan. were Tom and Mary Lou Saurers, with the birth of a daughter, Dawn Marie. These are precious little tokens, given to these families to cherish from our dear Lord above.

"But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings . . ."—Most of those who were hospitalized are now home again, Sis. Jean Bauman, Dick Hartzler, and Alvin Marty. Bro. Herman Ingold is again a patient. His wife, Sis. Rose was with him at a nursing home, but is now at their home while Bro. Herman is hospitalized.

Note: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many loved ones who remembered me with cards, gifts, letters and especially the prayers during my stay at the hospital and convalescence at home. I'm thankful that God has permitted me to return to the church services again."—Sis. Elda Gasser.

The engagement of Stan Hartzler and Gloria Hanzie was made

known. Stan is the son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Clara Hartzler; Gloria's parents are Virgil and Florence Hanzie.

Art Riggerbach, son of Bro. Will and Sis. Martha, and Lynn Brubaker, daughter of Kenneth Brubakers, have also announced their engagement.

After a brief vacation, Sunday School has started again. "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." We, as scholars, should take heed to the instructions of our teachers and "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Marcelle Dapper — Jan Elsasser

The visit of Bro. Dave and Sis. Irene Stoller of Latty brought back many precious memories. Bro. Dave and Sis. Irene lived here over 20 years ago. It was certainly a blessing to have them gather with us again for a short time. We pray that God will bless them for their efforts in fellowshiping with us.

Since the week of Feb. 16, Bro. John and Sis. Julia Bahler from Rockville have been visiting his brother, Bro. Simon Bahler and family. During their months' visit, Bro. John has so willingly offered many heavenly teachings. A very impressive message was the importance of walking in the Spirit. "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." The works of the flesh are adultery, fornication, idolatry, hatred, wrath, strife, envyings, etc. . . BUT the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, etc. We can never be too careful or prayerful in our spiritual walk of life.

The week of March 3, Bro. Corbin and Sis. Virginia Bahler joined their parents. We were richly blessed through words of inspiration ministered by Bro. Corbin. ". . . what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

We thank the Bahlers for their visit. May God's blessing be showered upon them.

Our friend, Kenny Muehlhauser was admitted to the hospital for surgery, for correction of varicose veins in the legs. Kenny is the husband of Lavina (Dapper) Muehlhauser. May the Lord grant unto him a speedy recovery.

Even though in our small congregation we do not have any servicemen addresses to report, our prayers go out to all obediently serving our government.

We extend our sympathy to the Joe Reber family in the death of their father and husband. The Rebers lived in Southern California for a while. We pray that God will comfort the family in their lonely hours.

THO'T: The world crowns success;
God crowns faithfulness!

LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

Our remodeling program is nearing completion. The Sunday School rooms and dining room are completed and the nursery and rest rooms will be.

We have had a number of blessed Sundays. Bro. Merle Laukhuf of Latty congregation ministered to our needs. Another Sunday some brothers, with their wives, visited our church. They were interested in our new Sunday School rooms.

David Klopfenstein from the Latty congregation showed his interesting pictures at our Fellowship Center on Sat. evening.

We are all happy Cynthia Bertsch is home from the hospital and recuperating. Bro. Joel Souder has spent a couple of weeks at the Park View Hospital. He has been improving but must still remain there.

James Winzeler spent his leave with his parents, the Raymond Winzellers.

ELGIN, IOWA Mrs. George Butikofer

The spring song of the cardinal emanating from the edge of a nearby forest is reminding us that the springtime season is very close, and that is a pleasant thought for us all.

If at anytime we want some early church history, we turn to Sis. Lena Schupbach for information. She was born in Ohio ninety years ago. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schupbach, brothers Fred, Will and Albert, and she came to Iowa in 1887. Her sister, Mrs. Marie Butikofer and she are all who remain of this family. Being her parents were born in Switzerland, she is always interested in Swiss items and speaks the language very fluently. She takes a keen interest in the welfare of her

neices and nephews. Her neice, Ruth, and she live together in a home situated on the edge of Elgin. Gardening is her special hobby. Lena's health usually permits her attending church; fact is, God has blessed her with unusually good health for her age. She has noted many changes in the mode of living. May God ever be near her for comfort and strength.

Bro. Paul Butikofer was hospitalized for a few days because of an internal infection but is now home, feeling quite well. We are glad that God blessed the treatment he received at the hospital.

JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki

It is really wonderful that Jesus cleansed our sinners heart and soul, as just as like snow white. As it is said that February is the coldest months of the year; it's pretty hard snow outside of the church office right now, and it's already piled about 4 inches up the high.

Jim Plattner from Forrest visited here on 22 Feb. He repented before going to Viet Nam.

We really thanked to God because our Tokyo church; we have pretty good Sunday morning attendance and a few young people converted before Him.

We surely appreciated for your wonderful prayer and support our churches in Japan, and also we should ask your warm love, patience, and deeply considerations in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thank you all; we need more your prayer and spiritual support continuously.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts — Anna Marie Baer
"Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." We were truly filled with the water of the Spirit, when Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern paid us a surprise visit. We were most grateful for his comforting and inspiring words.

Bro. Lyle and Sis. Betty (Tanner) Stahl are the parents of a son, born Feb. 4. Doug happily welcomed his little brother, Rodney. Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeanette (Rumbold) Graham welcomed a son on Feb. 13. Brent was welcomed by Bruce, Darlene, Doreen and Deann.

There have been quite a number of sick folks. Now that the days are sunny and warmer, we are hoping that everyone will be feeling better and all be able to worship with us again. Sis. Elizabeth Stoller is able to be out, after a seige of the flu. Sis. Julia Miller, who has been sick, is able to worship with us again. Sis. Mina Klumpp is convalescing slowly in her home, after a stay in the hospital, suffering from pneumonia and pleurisy. Sis. Bessie Martin is confined to her home, suffering infection in her leg. She is improved, but must stay off it for a while. Will and Sis. Frieda Streitmatter are battling a second round with the flu. May the Divine Comforter and Healer be their source of comfort and strength. He hears the sighs of those in distress, and is so ready to help.

We are so thankful to have Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold safely home, after their visit in Arizona.

For Princeville: Often I am asked when the Silver Lining is due. For those who have not paid so far this year, I wish to take up a general collection during the month of June. Your reporter will take care of it for you.

THE PRECIOUS GIFTS

How little it costs if the gift is a thought
To make happy some heart every day,
Just one kind word or tender smile
As we go on our way.

Perhaps a glance will suffice to clear

The clouds from a neighbor's face,
And the press of a hand in sympathy,
A sorrowful tear efface.

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Loretta Steffen

Forget past trials and your sorrow.
There was, but is no yesterday,
And there may be no tomorrow.

Sis. Bertha Wingeier underwent surgery, and Sammy Oesch, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Melva was hospitalized after crushing his elbow in a fall. Both were released and are doing fine.

Two new babies were born, both "firsts". Bro. Bill and Sis. Judy Gerst were blessed with a sweet little girl which they have named Juanita Marie. Ken and Karen

Oesch have a precious new bundle from heaven. Bro. Ernie and Sis. Ellen are the paternal grandparents.

God Created Love
 God created everything—
 The golden daffodils,
 The serenade of birds that sing,
 The green and rolling hills . . .
 He made the rainbow in the sky—
 The meadow and the lanes,
 He made each lovely butterfly,
 The mountains and the plains . . .
 God created twilight's glow—
 The redwoods—straight and tall,
 He made the sparkle in the snow,
 He made the waterfall . . .
 He made the summer breeze so mild—
 The moon and stars above,
 But when He made a little child,
 Then God created love.

TUSCON, ARIZONA

Noah Herman

It was surely a time of rejoicing for us in Tucson with the many visitors who came to add to the blessings of our new church and enjoy the sunshine. Our visiting ministers were Bros. John Bahler, Albert Kaisner, John Rokey, Silas Leuthold, Joe Waibel and Clarence Yackley.

We deeply appreciate their labors of love; may the Lord bless them for their words of consolation and hope. Our regular winter visitors are going home one by one. We extend our thanks to them and to those of Phoenix who helped to make our opening months a success.

May the Lord reward every gesture of help and support that we have enjoyed from all our churches.

This house is not for us alone.
 It belongs to God and Him first;
 It belongs to every weary traveler
 Who comes this way athirst.

This house is not for us alone.
 It belongs to future days
 When boys and girls yet unborn
 Will come to sing God's praise.

This house is not for us alone.
 It stands as a witness of truth;
 It stands for faith and freedom and hope,
 The guardian of all our youth.

This house is not for us alone.
 It belongs to all mankind,
 For none can measure the good it will do,

The comfort, the peace of mind.
 This house is not for us alone,
 Though we its keepers are.
 'Tis ours to share with all the world.
 May its hallowed light shine far.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein
 Salome Schumacher

Sis. Esther Klaus is a patient in Eureka Hospital. She fell and hurt her leg, after slipping on an icy spot on the sidewalk near the church. Sis. Edna Anliker was a hospital patient in Eureka for several days.

Engagement announcement: Sis. Mary Kay Anliker, daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Wilhelmina, and Bro. Gary Rumboldt of Morton. He is the son of Sis. Buelah Rumboldt.

Bro. Lloyd Schumacher and Bro. Lewis Martin were elected for Sunday School teachers; also Sis. Evelyn Zimmerman was chosen. They will start in the fall.

March 5, on Wed. evening, Minnie Martin was proved and baptized. Bro. Eugene Bertschi and Bro. Leroy Huber performed the duties. May our new sister-in-faith be blessed further on in her new walk of life.

The clock of life is wound but once,
 And no man has the power
 To tell just when the hands will stop,
 At late or early hour.
 Now is the only time you own;
 Live, love, toil with a will—
 Place no faith in tomorrow;
 The clock may then be still.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Robert and Janice Sutter

We have certainly been blessed to have Bro. Al Fisher and his wife from Chicago in our midst. Bro. Al has given us many inspiring messages.

The death of Sis. Julia Gerber of Bluffton came as a sudden shock to the entire congregation. Only that day she had been talking to many of the other members and greeting them with her familiar smile. Sudden death like this makes one realize how necessary it is to live every day for the Lord, for one never knows when he will be the next one called. We pray the Lord will help her dear husband, Bro. Lewis, and comfort him in his grief.

New converts in our congregation are Friends John and Peggy Yergler, and Betty Black. With the help of the Lord, these dear souls may turn aside from the sins of life and will be able to walk the narrow path of life.

My life is but the weaving
 Between my God and me;
 I only choose the colors,
 He weaveth steadily.
 Sometimes he weaveth sorrow,
 And I in foolish pride,
 Forget He sees the upper,
 And I the underside.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

Bro. and Sis. Arnold and Alice Metzger had a reception for their son and his new wife, Bro. and Sis. Duane and Elizabeth (Rocke), who were married at Oakville recently. On Sun., Mar. 2, Bro. Marvin Fehr and Sis. Charlotte Banwart were united in marriage by Bro. Paul Banwart, followed by a reception. May the Lord add His blessings to the lives of these two couples in their important undertakings.

We enjoyed the teachings brought forth by our only visiting minister for the month, Bro. Carl Feucht of Lester.

Bro. and Sis. Dwaine and Lucille Schmidt were the parents of a new baby boy, Neal Alan, on Feb. 27. He has two sisters and one brother to welcome him home.

Hospital patients were: Sis. Ella (Lawrence) Schnieder; Blake, son of James and Becky Banwart; and Keith, son of Sidney and Bonnie Anliker. All are improved.

Sis. Lydia Jergens had the misfortune of falling and breaking her arm. She is in a rest home in Emmetsburg.

Poem written by a member of our congregation.

EASTER

Christ did suffer
 On the cross,
 And Mary knew
 The loss
 Of son.

But wait! He rose!
 The stone rolled away
 By an angel at
 Break of day.
 Who told of the way
 He'd gone—
 Jesus had His
 Victory won!

So can you rise
In victory too;
With all your life
Made bright and new.

And from a heart so
Bare and cold
New life, like flowers,
Will unfold.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Ben Manz — Mrs. Alvin Manz

Bro. Eugene Fetter of Toledo and Bro. Merle Laukhuf of Latty were with us for services. We surely appreciated their visits and the message from God's word.

Bros. George Sinn and Loren Stoller of Latty were with us for the testimony of our dear friend, Virginia Manz, daughter of Bro. Emmanuel and Sis. Ruth Manz. Virginia was baptized and taken into the church the following day. We are glad for her, and wish her much grace.

Word has been received of the death of Will Hale, brother of Ma-burn and Sis. Julia Hale.

As human, He hungered — as
divine, He fed the multitude.

As human, He thirsted — as
divine, He is a well of water
springing up unto everlasting
life.

As human, He was tired — as
divine, He gives rest to the
weary. As human, He wept—as
divine He wipes away all tears.

As human, He was tempted — as
divine, He succors those who are
tempted.

As human, He had no place to lay
His head — as divine, He owns
and possesses all things.

As human, He was servant of all,
washing the disciples feet and
preparing a breakfast of fish
and bread — as divine, he is
King of kings and Lord of lords.

As human, He suffered — as
divine, He relieves suffering.

As human, He died — as divine,
He came forth from the tomb
triumphant!

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A warm love there is. Flames are constant, in even glow. It is pure, jeweled, beautiful. Its rays cause the weary sinner to pause. Sweetness attracts. Matchless beauty.

Jesus in His words shows how to do this. He plainly shows what we should not do. In this freedom, there is revealed life and light. A golden glow is heaven's lovely morning.

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment." Someone murdered. Judgment held. The prisoner, Guilty. The sentence hovering, Death. "But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment." Notice how Jesus puts this. Killing and anger come under the same word, judgment.

Dangerous states are a slide—from beginning they could grow to death, with everlasting punishment. God looks on this as very serious. Love is the bond of perfectness. Without it, the apostle Paul is inspired to write, we are nothing. Anger tampers with the life of the Christian. Those provokings, lesser and greater, we need to get crucified in our Lord's death.

". . . and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council." Further, further down. The mouth speaks. Love has diminished. Words need weighing. There is loss of esteem. "Raca" certainly is spoken in the riled, ill temper of prolonged anger. There is confused thoughts, and the blade of the tongued "Raca" falls. Some-

where between anger and the word "fool" there can be a scornful, derogatory speaking, American words understood, reflecting serious damage in the heart.

". . . but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;" Tragic. Killer word. Someone once saved could be held of punishment forever and ever. No reprieve. Our brother and sister are very important in God's sight. If we think a wrong way and do accordingly, we are on dangerous ground. This is the way God feels about it, and the way He deals about it. Yet as long as God has given us this day, there is golden opportunity. "Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."

We are to be clean in all our money dealings and workaday happenings. We are to be blameless in our neighborly relations. All our steps are to find the sweet breathings of freedom. "Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison."

There is an arresting, a fining, a punishment with God's approval. We are expected to live His standard. If not, then our Jesus says there must be payment. What we rightfully owe has no legal loopholes in God's sight. "Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing."

Marriage has brought much happiness. There is tragic sorrow when a home is broken up. Desolate, dark, dreary emptiness rests in room of silence. Adultery, hidden or known, brings wounds and woes.

"But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." The irons of sin's chain drag heavy. There is no habit but has its beginning inwardly. The battle is won or lost in the heart. It grows, if unarrested, to blight the soul and danger of suffering everlasting condemnation.

"And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell."

The Surgeon of the soul must sometimes be stern. He gives each responsibility to care for his own heart. The world is full of sin. The world is full of snares, traps set to stumble the soul. The cross is the victory. Cut away. Cast away. If the battle lost, it is the soul, then vile and unclean.

"And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell." The world is polluted. Its talk, its show . . . its columns, its actions, so much is unclean. Good, healthy living means good hygiene. Wholesome breathing in God's word means purity for the soul. . . And everlasting happiness, joys that fill and lift the soul in perfect bliss.