



But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

For it is written, As I

live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

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

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# THE CLARION CALL OF THIS HOUR

Bro. Lester Huber, Francesville

In the stress and strain of life, the hustling pace of keeping up with modern schedule, life has become like a giant machine of mechanical functions—one geared to the other, so that one cannot stop for the pull of the one before and the one following after.

Nevertheless, the Clarion Call of God still rings out to the restless sea of humanity, "Repent ye". This so often misunderstood term has and is God's "Clarion Call" to the nations.

Since the fulfillment of the prophet Isaiah's word ". . . the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel", it has weathered the defying attacks of critics small and great in all generations, as something incredible and beyond all scientific reasoning, something inconceivable to the laws of nature.

But when the fulness of time was come, Mary carried the mysterious life in her bosom—even though she knew of its origin, and understood, believing the revelation of the Lord, Luke 1:46-56, was

faced many times with the accusing faces of the public and foremost, her beloved husband to be.

As the sign was fulfilled according to Isaiah, so also the sinless life was lived as Jesus Himself said, **Who convinceth me of sin?** Thus a solution was prepared for fallen man's sin problem, which had its beginning in Adam. The following cross and crucifixion presented God's ultimatum as Jesus cried on the cross "It is finished"!

And now God commandeth all men everywhere to repent, Acts 17:30, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, Acts 20:21 . . . Beginning with John the Baptist, who declared, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," Matthew 3:2, 8—and our Lord Jesus Himself, Matthew 4:17, following with the apostles . . . And to say more, let us observe the words of our Lord Jesus after His resurrection, just before He ascended into glory. He had this to say to His disciples, as He opened their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer,

and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things."

Today, when so much time is spent on philosophy and understanding among humanity, how to conform to each others ideologies, when the general topic of discussion is, in what we believe or what we do not believe, God's **Clarion Call** goes on neglected, ignored, and misunderstood. Power and realities of Christianity has been so absorbed by a mechanical machine of religion that has no life or reality. The Holy Ghost conviction of sin and repentance has no reception, much less mortification and eradication of sin in life. This seems as an unknown language.

But humanity's problem from the beginning of time remains the same; it is sin that separates us from God, Isaiah 59:1,2. May God, who maketh His angels spirits and His ministers flames of fire (Hebrews 1:7), keep our hearts aflame with the **Clarion Call** of repentance toward fallen humanity.

## THE BEULAH RAILWAY

Bro. John Hartzler submitted the following poem he found in some of his father's possessions, his father being Bro. Noah Hartzler, who passed away a number of years ago.

God a great railway to heaven has planned;

He staked out the line with His dear, loving hand.

Away back in Eden the grant was first given;

On Calvary's cross the last spike was driven.

The road was surveyed with a special design,

For making it a practical holiness line.

The grade was thrown up with the greatest of care,

Directly through Canaan, a country most fair.

Of fasting and praying the ballast was made;

The ties are as solid as when they were laid.

The gauge is quite narrow, with rails from above.

Salvation's the engine; 'tis driven by love.

The crossings are guarded, not a curve on the track.

Trains never take sidings, nor ever turn back.

The streams are all spanned by bridges of faith;

The last one we cross is the river of Death.

Vestibule coaches, God's chariots they are;

**Holiness to the Lord** is inscribed on each car.

Trains stop at all stations where signal is given,

And run to the Grand Central Depot in Heaven.

Conviction's the station where sinners get in,

Soon reaching repentance, confessing their sin,

And faith is the office where tickets are sold

And baggage checked through to the City of Gold.

. . . Trusting in Jesus and reading His Word,

The all-cleansing fountain is seen in the blood.

By faith we step in, and its waves o'er us flow;

We rise from the pool and are whiter than snow.

What transports of rapture now sweep o'er the plain,

The music of Paradise filling the train.

Oh ecstasy ravishing, sweet fountain of bliss!

Scenery celestial! Is Heaven like this?

Jesus, the heavenly bridegroom, is near,

Making perfect in love and casting out fear.

Our hearts are made younger as onward we glide;

Our strength is renewed; our needs are supplied.  
All glory to Jesus! Hallelujah! Praise God!  
Travel is luxury on the old Beulah Road,  
God's railway celestial encircling the globe.  
The good of all ages have traveled this road.

Elijah and Enoch by official request  
Ran in on a special without stopping at Death.  
No accident has this railway yet known.  
The Dispatcher is He who sits on the throne.  
Trains only move at Jehovah's command;  
He holds the throttle with omnipotent hand.  
The Holy Spirit is the headlight so clear,  
Revealing the track to the wise engineer.

The angels are brakemen, so kind and urbane,  
Adding much to the comfort of all on the train.  
Dying love is a town in the Valley of Fear;  
The backslider's repair shops are located here.  
Are your vows broken? have you been untrue?  
Step into these shops and be burnished anew.  
Dear sinners, take passage for Heaven today—  
Make haste, there is danger and death in delay.

The Spirit is calling, and so is the Bride;  
Your train is now coming, and you must decide.  
The road you are traveling will land you well  
In anguish and torment, with demons to dwell;  
The fare is expensive—just think of the cost  
When Heaven and Jesus and all may be lost!  
So many are taking the "try route" to Heaven,  
When God's great Beeline is the only route given.

His word is the guide, and its teachings are plain;  
You'll surely be lost if you take the wrong train.  
Then be not deceived in making your choice,

But follow the word and the Spirit's small voice.  
Take the train they advise, and then stay on board,  
And you will ride home to eternal reward.  
I've a ticket for home; Hallelujah! Praise God!  
My baggage is checked; I am now on the road.  
I've said to the world and its honors good-bye.  
My soul's on the wing; I'm enroute to the sky.

### REUNION OF SERVICEMEN THAT ATTENDED LAMAR, MISSOURI CHURCH

The second reunion of servicemen that attended Lamar church will be held on Saturday, August 2, and Sunday, August 3. We will meet Saturday at Legion Hall in Lamar. Hall will be open at 1:00 p.m. for registration and fellowship. Business meeting at 3:30 P. M., followed by supper and spending the evening together. Church service will begin on Sunday at Lamar church at 10:30 A.M. An evening meal will be provided. If you can plan this trip in advance, please notify Marie Marti, Lamar Missouri 64759 of your intentions, so overnight accommodations can be arranged. We hope to see you.

The Committee.

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### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

We had prayed "Thy Will Be Done"—Now we want To Do Thy Will and pray for our dear Bro. Wendell Gudeman, who is now the elder of our church. Those who so lovingly came to us were the Elders John Bahler, Joe Waibel and Herman Kellenberger. They told us that the co-operation between our ministers, Bro. Wendell and Bro. Elmer Bucher, is as much as any two brothers could have and do. Bro. Elmer gives so much of his

time in the interest of the "Home for the Handicapped", which means so much, so we certainly want to give our two ministers our full support. We also continue to pray for our dear Bro. Lester Huber, his wife and family.

We still have nice memories of our Easter Program, and want to share a little of its "Joy" with you. Our announcer was David Metzger . . . will tell you some of the things he said, after the opening prayer by Bro. Ronald Vogt and Bible reading by Bro. Richard Wuethrich. "God bless you" . . . What more wonderful greeting can we give each other, not only at this holy season, but all through the year? We could sit and enjoy all the little ones in their tender years, giving us the Easter story in word and song. Then the teenage choir really gave a blessing to our hearts. The announcer in closing then added again, "God bless you all." Our visiting Bro. Alvin Nuest then gave us a blessed closing prayer.

Sis. Nola Wuethrich had to be hospitalized, but her family had a real happy feeling to have her home again.

Sis. Phyllis Wuethrich's mother could go to her Heavenly Home, where Phyllis and all her family hope to meet her again some day.

Bro. George and Sis. Elaine Erb and family are missed by our church, since they moved to Ft. Wayne, but we know our loss is their gain. George's mother, Sis. Octavia, carried on with the good work that George did while he was with us, taking a great interest in the less fortunate people. She has her home open to anyone to come and help make comforters; they are now working on their 500th one.

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Closing all want to say:

I'm going to work and watch and pray;  
I'm going to serve Him every day.

Whenever you turn Sis. Octavia's door knob, it says "Welcome".

#### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Wendell Anliker—Merle Rocke

The birds are enthusiastically singing outside the apartment on this beautiful Sunday morning. There are eleven of us here right now, quietly writing letters, napping, or merely sitting, thinking, dreaming—of home, of loved ones, and of God. The tape recorder with "The Prairie Choristers" provides a gentle background. These are precious moments for us. Its wonderful to get away from the atmosphere of the barracks for awhile . . . And when we are called away from Ft Sam to other stations of duty, the precious memories of experiences here are so often a comfort and encouragement.

We humbly ask you to continue to remember those who are stationed in lonely places. They need our prayers and letters of encouragement.

Bro. Hartzell Kaisner, we thank you for putting forth the effort to journey from Detroit to bring us God's word . . . God's blessings be your reward.

We miss Dale Stickling (Lester) who was here at Lackland AFB for Air National Guard training and has now returned home.

Although we don't like to see more young men enter the service, not knowing what lies before them, we are happy to have these join us here: Bro. Jerry Drayer, Bluffton; Dave Bach, Forrest; Jim Wagenbach, Tremont; Tom Martin, Peoria; Bill Zaagg, West Bend; and Mark Hoffman, Rockville.

It is encouraging for us that Bill Schmidgall, Gridley, Illinois (in training here), has recognized the need for God's guidance and is seeking his Lord in repentance. We wish him the peace and comfort which always come to one who sincerely prays, "**Thine** and not **my** will be done, Lord."

Reminder: Our address: 504 Elmhurst, Apt. 4, San Antonio Texas 78209. Our phone: (512) 824-9803. Please notify us if you know of anyone entering the Army. You are always welcome to send packages or mail to the apart-

ment for anyone stationed here at Ft Sam.

The news of Bro. Ed Stoller's tragic death in Korea was a shock for us—especially for those of us who went through training with him here. Our prayers go forth on behalf of his loved ones at home.

Bro. and Sis. Dale and Carol Strassheim and I have enjoyed many blessings while stationed here the past seven months. We now must depart, Dale to Thailand, and I to Viet Nam. I have enjoyed assisting Bro. Wendell with his duties here at the apartment. Our thanks to him for his love and devotion.

As the war continues, as lawlessness, crime, and ungodliness increase, it is not difficult to become discouraged. Let us not lose faith and courage, but rather dwell on thoughts of love and things above . . . For we are instructed: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if **there be** any virtue, and if **there be** any praise, think on these things."

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

#### SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Velta Laukhuf — Mae Shrock

On Sunday, April 6, our visiting minister was Bro. Irvin Stoller of Latty. All present received a blessing from Bro. Irvin's explanation of the good and holy word of God. Sunday, April 13 was the last Sunday of the winter season. Bro. Ben Maibach had the sermon, and Bro. Phil Wingeier added a few words. There were 16 in attendance.

Of the many families that have gathered here on the west coast of Florida in the past number of years, four families have spent over 20 years here. They are Bro. Chris and Sis. Lena Sauder of Peoria. Bro. Leon and Lydia Virkler of Croghan. Bro. George and Sis. Fanny Sauder of Eureka, and Bro. Richard and Sis. Velta Laukhuf of Latty.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Velta Laukhuf have sold their home on Bay St., after residing there for the past 13 winters. Through these many years they have entertained and enjoyed the fellowship with loved ones from the various

churches throughout this United States. They have many fond memories they will cherish for many years to come. Velta has been the Silver Lining reporter for many years. Starting the next season, Sis. Mae Shrock will be your new reporter.

#### TAMAHATA, JAPAN Willis Ehnle

Bro. Akira Utsuki was our guest minister from Tokyo on Sunday, April 27.

Snow-covered Mt. Fuji, about 40 miles away, is clearly visible from our Tamahata church on a clear day. This is not the case from our Shioda Church, where nearby mountains block the view of Mt. Fuji, in spite of the fact that Shioda is about 12 miles nearer to Fuji than is Tamahata.

Following Easter, as we considered the teachings of our Lord just prior to His ascension, we were impressed with the two teachings He emphasized, "Feed my lambs . . . Feed my sheep", and "ye shall be witnesses unto me". To fulfill these two teachings requires the prayers and cooperation of all the brothers and sisters.

There continues to be a lively interest at Tamahata. Thanks for your prayers.

#### VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Alma and Jean Morris

They a perishable crown,  
we an immortal

We know the performance of one player affects the entire team. Sometimes one man can bring home big points. The entire team rejoices. Meanwhile, back in the opposing dugout, the sinking feeling of depression creeps into the hearts of the players and looks out through their eyes. Occasionally the batter is not so skillful. He may, amid exulting praises hit into a double play. Oh what a disaster!

We Christians, too, are part of a team. Our captain is Christ. The diamond on which we play is life. The opposing team is sin, its captain the devil. The performance of each Christian either helps or hinders his entire team.

Consider John the Baptist. His work helped to forward Christ's team and to win many into the support of our Lord. The Apostle Peter, along with the other apostles, helped to bring many home by acts of mercy and healing.

The team grew; its influence spread into many nations. The addition of Paul was great boon. He, as well as many other saints down through the ages, hit to score points. Their last inning required them to hit a sacrifice. Even though the inning was over for them, the team was advanced through their efforts and a new man put on base in scoring position. Such great players brought joy into the hearts of their fellow Christians, into the heart of their captain, Christ.

The Christian team has suffered because of errors committed. Judas smacked into a play and put himself out. Ananias put out himself and his wife too, when they conspired together to cheat the team and its owner.

Even though our names may not be big names in the line-up, each of us must do his part. Even if one is just the "bat-boy", one still has one's duty. Each must willingly do his part or all will suffer. How will we perform when the umpire looks at us and says, "Batter up!"

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. John (Ellen) Troxel in the loss of her son, Gene.

The Sunday School entertained us with an Easter program on Easter. Songs were sung, and poems were recited by big and little alike.

We are pleased to mention that the engagement of Cindy Ames to Ken Susdorf has been announced by her parents, Dillar and Sis. Mildred Ames. A June 28 wedding is planned.

#### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

**Laverne Roth — Millicent Frieden**  
Funeral services were held March 21 for Sis. Eva Maquire, age 87, formerly of this community, who passed away quietly in her sleep at the home of her son Gordon in Wichita, where she had been staying the past few years. Sis. Eva is survived by her son, Gordon, of Wichita; a brother, Ed Hanhart of Torrance, Calif.; and two sisters, Mrs. Lillian Kindall, Portland, and Mrs. Elizabeth Hari, Wichita.

Bro. Eli Somerhalder, one of our ministering brothers, was united in Holy Matrimony to Sis. Emma Klaus in Eureka, April 13. A number from here attended. We wish them many blessings, and welcome Sis. Emma to our congregation and community.

Bro. Joe Diel, aged 86, passed away April 15 at the Kiowa District Hospital. Bro. Joe had been in failing health for some time. Funeral services were held April 17.

Surviving are his wife, Sis. Emma; two sons, Earl and Wilmer of Burlington; three daughters, Mrs. Lucille Owen, Kiowa Kan., Mrs. Verna Wilson, Fullerton, Calif. and Sis. Frances Domnick, Morris; four brothers, Bros. Isaac and George of Burlington, Adam of Oklahoma City, and Bro. John of Kiowa; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Hardy, Tusson, and Mrs. Lena Riggensbach of Kiowa.

Sis. Nettie Schurter, formerly of our congregation and for a number of years having lived in Elgin Ill., is now a resident in the Cherokee Manor Rest Home, Cherokee, Okla. Sis. Nettie is the mother of Vernon Schurter.

Hospital patients were Sis. Matilda Schupbach, for major surgery, and Peter Farney, medical.

Our hymn-singing, held the first Sunday of each month, was in the church Sunday School room, with Bro. and Sis. Joe Frieden as hosts. A cash gift was presented to Bro. and Sis. Eli Somerhalder.

#### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

**Wanda Kraft — Marie Zaugg**

The following was submitted by one of our Ft Scott brothers: As Sunday May 11 we are to pay tribute to mothers, it brings to my memory what my God-fearing mother taught me in my youth, to love the Lord, and what He expects of children as they grow to man and womanhood. What is impressed on children in their youth will remain. My mother had me memorize a verse when I was 6 years old, and I can still recite it . . . The following verse:

Would you on this earthly journey  
Feel such care and kind regard?  
Come to Christ the loving  
Shepherd;  
Consecrate to him your heart.  
Lead me to thy pleasant pasture  
To thy living fount, O Lord,  
And through joy and sorrow  
To thy great and blest reward.

Bro. Fred Marti of Lamar has undergone surgery in our Ft Scott Hospital. May God hear the many prayers offered in his behalf and grant him a speedy recovery.

We rejoice that we can report another new convert in our assem-

bly, Donnie Banwart, son of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Katherine Banwart.

#### LESTER, IOWA

**Emelie M. Knobloch**

It was revealed to us through the Scripture the real meaning of Good Friday and Easter, when we concentrate on the fact of 3 hours of darkness in the middle of the day, and Christ's resurrection on Easter morn, with the bringing forth of a new life. It seems a great wonder, buds, the leaves and flowers, which reveals the transformation of new life.

Communion services were held May 4. Bro. Roy Sauder assisted Bro. Leo Moser in these services. We were reminded of the death of Christ and the Lord's Supper, with the breaking of bread, as His body and the cup as His blood. He says, **Do this in remembrance of me until I come.** . . it is written, "take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD." Let us examine ourselves, and so let us eat and drink, to keep our godly house in order.

Bro. Roy expounded on what we must do to be saved and followers of Christ. We must repent, make confession of our wrong, and make restitution to the loved ones we wronged. We receive the wonderful feeling of peace with God and man, bury the dead sinful man in the water of baptism, and arise to a newness of life, in the resurrection of Christ. While we are striving for the eternal reward, keep in mind the parable of the ten virgins, and how we were reminded, not only to have oil in the lamps, but a reserve, as we **know not the day or the hour the Son of man cometh.** So may we be prepared so He may say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant".

We wish to thank Bros. Noah Schrock and Roy Sauder for their services rendered and expounding on the Gospel.

Many loved ones spent the Easter holidays with their families, and again have resumed their studies.

Among the ill: Little Albert Wulf had surgery; Samuel Moser had surgery. Lois Leuthold was a hospital patient. Sis. Lydia Nester was hospitalized for several days. Bro. Eugene Metzger and Don Moser were involved in car accidents. Bro. Eugene required no hospitalization, but Don was, for

several days. All the ill are now recuperating. May God grant them blessings for a complete recovery.

**Births:** Word was received from Ft. Sam of the birth of a girl Mar. 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Metzger, Stephanie Ann. To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roeman a girl was born April 11, Nettie Sue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Popkes moved to Alexandria Minnesota.

Seaman Gary Feucht was home on leave and returned to Norfolk Va. David Moser is home on leave between his move from Memphis to Beeville, Texas.

Bro. Arthur Knobloch and Sis. Elgeva Knobloch had their engagement made known. Their marriage is planned for May 11.

### WOLCOTT, INDIANA Arles Kropf

Our congregation is in great sorrow over the loss of our beloved Elder Bro. Irvin Lehman. We realize that it was the Lord's doings and will that He took him from us at such an early age, although as Bro. Kellenberger stated at the funeral, we are never quite ready for things like this.

Bro. Irvin served his Lord and the church faithfully for many years. He was chosen for the ministry in 1948 and was ordained elder in 1958, serving the Wolcott and Remington congregations. During the past year, due to his health, he asked to be relieved of the duties in the Remington church.

We know his cross was heavy at times, but again he would say that he had this faith, that when it became so heavy he could no longer carry it, the Lord would pick it up. He had also mentioned that Psalm 27 gave him courage many times, when it seemed there was no help.

We are confident that he has now reached his goal, could lay his armor down, and is resting in peace. May his words of admonition ever ring in our ears, as well as all his love for us, and may we each one strive harder to make ourselves ready to again meet and greet him on Yonder Shore.

Irvin Lehman was born at Wolcott on Oct. 22, 1909 and departed this life on May 1, at the age of 59. He was married to Dorothy Wagler in 1935. Surviving are his widow; 2 sons, Bro. Gene of Wolcott and Charles at home; 3 daughters, Wanda Johnson, Dianne Hopkins, and Donna Snyder; two

brothers, Bro. Karl and Eugene of Chicago. Bro. Herman Kellenberger conducted services on May 4; he was laid to rest in the Wolcott Cemetery.

We have a number of sick folks. Bro. John Anker, Friend Levi Reel, and Sis. Sophie Farney are all hospitalized. We pray that the Great Physician may heal, where it might be His will.

A baby boy, Kelley Shawn was born to Allen and Linda Oberlander. Bro. Albert and Sis. Virginia are the paternal grandparents.

We thank Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest for his efforts in bringing us many good teachings on a recent Sunday.

### WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

As again the time of year approaches when our children, who have completed their high school education, make plans for their life's occupation, we hope and pray their Maker will be remembered and included. The high school graduates from our congregation include: Carol Banwart, Lois Fisher, Cheryl Bruellman, Cheryl Gerber, Bonnie Gerber, Nancy Freiden, Sis. Sharon Metzger, Ruth Fehr, Irene Wirtz, Mary Anliker, Mary Mogler, Rose Banwart, Mike Wirtz, and Joel Kellenberger.

Janelle Luann was the name given to Bro. and Sis. Galen and Mary Jo Metzger's new baby girl, born April 26. May the Lord bless them.

Sis. Lydia Jurgens has been transferred to the rest home in West Bend. Bro. and Sis. Duane and Elizabeth Metzger received an encouraging report from the doctors in Iowa City, where they have recently taken their little daughter, Sarah Jean. Satisfactory improvement is evident altho' slow, for Naomi Zaugg who was hospitalized; Bro. Arnold Ludwig, who fell and broke his collar bone; and Sis. Katie Dogotch, who broke an arm resulting from a fall.

A note of appreciation is added for the untiring hours of service our trustees, present and past, have rendered for the upkeep and maintenance of our church. Altho' often this effort is overlooked by us here below, and can not be realized until experienced, the Lord does see and reward according to our labors, whatever they may be. This should encourage us all.

### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts — Anna Marie Baer

We received many blessings from visitors. A goodly number assembled for Good Friday services. It does one's heart good that so many of our friends found it worthwhile to review with us the Lord's suffering on the cross. We heard, "God has done so very much for us and expects so little of us." Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville and Bro. Dan Koch of Tremont assisted our Elder Bro. Silas Leuthold in serving Holy Communion. It was truly a blessed evening and such an appropriate time to partake of the Lord's Supper. It always seems to bring us a little closer to the Lord and to each other, and is a great benefit to all.

Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix and Bro. Raymond Roth of Burlington spent a Monday evening with us and left inspiring words. We were reminded how the children of Israel had to remain in their house the night of the Passover, and be ready to leave quickly when the summons came. . . So should we all stay in the church, so we will be ready to meet our Lord when He calls. One thought that had remained with me was a sentence derived from the word GOSPEL—God's Own Son Provides Eternal Life. This can be very beneficial and strengthening.

One Sunday we assembled and were happy to see we had visitors. Bro. Orval Ringger of Bluffton, Bro. Edmund Kloter of Fairbury, and Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern were guest ministers. We all enjoyed a blessed day. A pleading call went out to the many friends, to repent and enjoy the blessings of the believer. No material gain is of any great worth, no matter how hard we strive to attain some goal, but eternal life has such value. Once a soldier was told that, when his knees were trembling so that he could hardly stand, he should kneel on them. Is that not good advice for us all?

Bro. Floran Stoller is able to assemble with us again, after receiving therapy treatments in the hospital. Sis. Twylla Streitmatter underwent an emergency appendectomy and is recovering nicely. Bro. Will Ehnlé has not been well and has been confined to his home the past several weeks. Members of his family paid short visits in observance of his 79th birthday anniversary. Bro. Chris Elsasser is con-

fined to the hospital, recovering from a coronary attack. Sis. Ida Huber is still not able to worship with us and must spend much time in bed. Days and nights can seem long to the shut-in; an occasional card or note can be much appreciated, to know you are thinking of them.

One of our beloved sisters-in-faith, Mina Klumpp, passed from this life quite unexpectedly on the evening of April 25. She had not been well all winter, but had been coming to church recently and seemed to be gaining strength. The Lord felt she was a ripe fruit and called her home to be forever with Him. She will be sorely missed by her dear family, neighbors and the entire congregation. Survivors are her son, Bro. Raymond; daughters, Emma Stahl, Sisters Martha Streitmatter, Lucy Schmidgal, and Esther Martin; a brother, Eugene Rapp; a sister, in Germany. Her husband, Bro. Karl preceded her in death April 9, 1965. Local ministers conducted services April 28, and she was laid to rest beside her husband in the church cemetery.

A son, Brian Michael, was born to Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth Wieland May 1.

We have just experienced a most wonderful week-end, with three young and tender souls being gathered into the fold. Bro. Russell Rapp of Morton came to assist Bro. Silas in hearing the testimonies of Chuck Schafer, son of Bro. Fred and Sis. Esther; George Baer, son of Otto and Eleanor; and Kathleen Herrmann, daughter of Bro. Eugene and Sis. Betty. Sat. evening, May 3, those present were refreshed while listening to the interesting testimonies of these dear souls. All could feel that the Lord was truly in our midst. Baptismal services were held Sunday and witnessed by many loved ones. It is truly uplifting when dear ones can be added to the fold; how we wish our dear friends could realize how very simple and easy the way of salvation is.

#### For Princeville

I would like to collect for the Silver Lining during the month of June, so all who have not contributed so far this year, and wish to, may do so. You may give it to your reporter, and I will take care of it for you.

### ON THE OTHER SIDE OF DEATH

Man's born to die and his sojourn  
on earth

Is a short span of years beginning  
with birth,

And like pilgrims we wander until  
death takes our hand

And we start on our journey to  
God's promised land,

A place where we'll find no suffer-  
ing nor tears,

Where TIME is not counted by  
days, months or years. . .

And in this fair city that God has  
prepared

Are unending joys to be happily  
shared

With all of our loved ones who pa-  
tiently wait

On Death's Other Side to open  
"THE GATE"!

**My Children—A Mother's Prayer**

Oh Father, my God, Thy word has  
told me, I'm a child of the King.

Then with hands uplifted a petition  
I bring.

My heart seemed heavy today,  
When I came before Thee to pray.

As a sword piercing the heart  
I plead for a cause, of which I am  
a part.

This morning, of my children one  
by one I thought;

Then with tears of pleading, I  
fought.

Lord Jesus, with me plead their  
cause and stand.

Surely I say, "Satan that evil one,  
he their eyes has filled with  
sand."

Thus the glory of Thy Holy Son  
This peace within their lives has  
not been won.

Just one look into Jesus' glorious  
face

Beholds there oceans of love and  
grace.

Within the silent, dark of night  
When sleep is lost in flight,

The lamp of life still burns so  
bright. "Who on earth can make  
them see."

I hear a whisper, "They only need  
to ask for me."

Lord, bid the stony heart pierced  
through,

That new lives glad and glorious  
might be given to you.

Let not my motives be selfish or  
uncontrolling;

Only let Thy plan of salvation to  
them be unfolding.

When life on earth, flesh and blood  
is through,

These, the fruit of bodies are given  
to you.

Everyone has loved ones, far and  
near,

That Satan, like chains of dark-  
ness, his fetters has caused to  
wear.

We'll plead the power of the Lion  
of the tribe of Judea, God's Son.

Victory's coming; hold high the  
banner of Jesus until it's won.

Marie Eberle

### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Fannie Schieber — Pauline Roth

Bro. Ben Schlatter from the  
Junction church was our visiting  
minister one Sunday afternoon.  
Bro. Josh Broquard spent a Wed-  
nesday evening with us. We thank  
them both for their visit.

Services are being held at Nor-  
mal now. Three couples who came  
to our church are attending ser-  
vices there. We miss them in our  
church, and hope they will come  
and visit us whenever they can.  
They are: Bro. and Sis. Stan Vogel  
and family, Bro. and Sis. John  
Gudeman and family, Bro. and Sis.  
Lyle Stoller and family. We wish  
the best for them, and hope the  
new church will prosper and grow.

Sis. Elizabeth Hartter has spent  
sometime at the Mennonite Hospi-  
tal in Bloomington. She is at her  
daughter's home, Mr. and Mrs. Sam  
Zimmerman of Bloomington, now.  
Sis. Matilda Sauder is at the Eureka  
Hospital. We hope they will con-  
tinue to improve, and can soon be  
in their homes again.

Bro. Allen Schrock is back at his  
job, after surgery. This is a busy  
time for them, as they are planting  
their seed-corn fields now.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Bena Steffen  
returned to the Mayo Clinic for  
check-ups. We are happy to report,  
they are doing fine. Dave Zimmer-  
man and his wife, Sis. Cordellia are  
at Mayo's for tests. We hope things  
won't be too serious, and that they  
can soon return home. Health is one  
of our most precious gifts from our  
Heavenly Father. I'm afraid we  
don't appreciate it enough.

The college students have re-  
turned to their classes, after Easter  
vacation. It is always nice to  
see them in church and visit with  
them.

Our Friend, Hatsune Uchida  
from Japan, who is staying at Bro.  
Joe and Sis. Esther Schrock's  
home, is making satisfactory re-  
covery, after having her toe in-  
jured in a lawn mower accident.

**BURLINGTON, IOWA**  
**Mrs. Paul Wagler**  
**Mr. Wm. Oberman**

Let me be a little kinder; let me be a little blinder to the faults of those about me; let me praise a little more.

Let me be, when I am weary just a little bit more cheery, **Think a little more of others**, and a little less of me.

Let me be a little braver when temptations bids me waver. Let me strive a little harder to be all that I should be.

Let me be a little meeker with the brother that is weaker. **Let me think** more of my neighbor, and a little less of me.

Our monthly hymn singing was well attended, and many blessings were shared by all. We want to welcome everyone to it; it is held the 1st Sunday evening of the month.

Note of Thanks: I wish to thank everyone that remembered me with cards, gifts, flowers and prayers during my illness. May God bless you. Sis. Martha Perdelwitz.

We were very happy to have Martha in church with us again, after a long absence.

**PEORIA, ILLINOIS**  
**Emily Tanner**

**Mrs. Michael Weyeneth**

We're thankful the Lord has provided for us again with a brother to proclaim God's holy word. Bro. Charles Hemmer was chosen by our congregation for this duty. May the Lord bless him and his dear family. His wife is the former Marian Woerner. May they ever feel our prayerful support when he takes on this duty. Some weeks ago, Bro. Leroy Hartman requested that he be relieved of his duties in the ministry, due to his health. We appreciate all his services and labors of love, and hope the Lord will continue to strengthen him.

It is always uplifting to hear the testimonies of the dear souls who have repented, and again renews our thankfulness to God for his great mercy and love toward us. We welcome Sis. Judy and Bro. Ron Sinn, Bro. Tom Rieker and Bro. Joe Thomas as our dear ones in faith. Ron's parents, Bro. and

Sis. A. R. (Gus) and Ruth Sinn from Ft. Scott were with us for this blessed week end. Tom's parents are Fred and Sis. Norma Rieker, and Joe's parents are Joe and Helen Thomas. Bro. Ed Hohulin assisted our Elder Roy Sauder with the provings on Friday evening. Bro. David Bertsch, who attended the World Relief meeting, which was held on Saturday of the same week end, spent Sunday with us, and assisted Bro. Roy and Bro. Ed in the baptismal services. It was indeed a very blessed week end, with brethren and friends of the various families present in our assembly.

The committee for World Relief met at the Fellowship Hall April 19, and in the evening slides were shown of the various projects.

Bro. Alfred and Sis. Mabel (Grimm) Hoerr celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary May 3.

Bro. Ezra and Sis. Mary Hohulin made known to our congregation the marriage engagement of their daughter, Sis. Alice to Bro. David Koehl, son of Bro. George and Sis. Joan Koehl.

Bro. Marion and Sis. Ella Plattner announced the engagement of their daughter, Kay, to Gary Monagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Monagle of Peoria.

Bro. Daniel and Sis. Miriam Messerli announced the engagement of their daughter, Diana Lynn to Darrell Gene Taylor, son of Mrs. Rena Taylor of Peoria.

Bro. Douglas and Sis. Gloria (Hodel) Leman are the parents of Darin David, who was born April 9.

On April 24, Bro. George and Sis. Ruth (Hohulin) Huthmann chose a sweet little baby girl, who was born March 13, to come live with them and their daughter Kathy. They named her Susan Lynn.

At our April Hymn Sing, we enjoyed a men's group from Princeville; and at our May Hymn Sing a quartet from LaCrosse. We thank all our visitors for the Christian fellowship which we enjoy with one another.

Hospital patients are Bro. Chris Schafer, Chuck McDermott, Bro. Carl Hoerr and his mother, Sis. Rose Hoerr. Sis. Verna Schurter is home from the hospital and convalescing.

As we approach Memorial Day, we think of those servicemen who were willing to sacrifice even their very lives. We're especially thank-

ful for our freedom of religion. As I was writing, the thought occurred to me that we can't do anything for those who have already given their lives, but don't you know, we surely could at least send a letter to some boy who is in the service now—away from his family and friends—and perhaps make his day a little brighter.

Note of thanks: Mr. Charles (Chuck) and Sis. Alvena McDermott wish to express their thanks and appreciation to everyone who contributed to the bake sale, gifts, and prayers.

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

Dear Friends Philip Weber and his wife, Janice journeyed to Chicago, where they were baptized on Sunday, April 20. We welcome them back as brother and sister in faith, and pray God's grace and blessings will rest on them forever.

We are fortunate to have Bro. Howard Rapp of Morton worship with us for several weeks, while he attends an instructive course in New York City for his firm. His wife, Sis. Delores also worshipped with us on two Sundays while visiting. We wish them God's guidance and blessing and every success in a new venture soon to be undertaken.

We also had visitors, from Roanoke and Rockville, during April.

**ALTO, MICHIGAN**  
**Loretta Steffen**

While driving down a large highway in Grand Rapids (which incidently is not far from Alto church), we approached a car with a young man driving. There was a sticker in the rear window, so I urged my husband to pull up close enough that we could read the sign. "My God is not dead! Sorry to hear about yours" was the announcement. This deeply impressed me, and I wish to say the same to any of you dear readers who have not found Jesus and experienced His wondrous saving power . . . "I only can invite you to come, and taste and see," as the hymn writer said. Christ's words recorded in John 4:22 say, "Ye worship ye know not what; we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews." (true believers—Romans 2:28, 29).

Visiting ministers were Bros. Henry Wackerle and Carl Kipfer. They left us many good teachings



to store in our hearts. Bro. Carl touched us deeply when he spoke by the inspiration of God and said he hopes the Lord will not tarry too long. There are so many still wandering in sin, but if He tarries there will be so many more!

Our dear friend Duane Schrenk, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Delilah, left for the service. We commit him to the Lord, and wish for him the protection of body and soul.

We welcome Bro. Phil and Sis. Ferne Wingeier back into our midst after their winter in Florida. How often when the ministers speak, I find the Lord is speaking directly to me through them. Bro. Phil admonished us Sunday, that we should not say we are weary or tired when Sunday is over, or that it has been a hard day . . . But rather, we should rejoice and be glad, joyfully serving the Lord and being thankful that he has afforded us another day to worship Him.

It is half a year now since our beloved, aged sister, Bertha Schwarz went to her final resting place. After her death this poem she had written was found tucked away in her Bible.

God gave me life and a soul to save;  
O help me, God, to remember this.  
Your only begotten Son you gave  
To die for me; and you dear Friend  
remember this,  
And pray that your soul will also  
rest.

O remember then, dear Friend, I  
pray,  
All the happy hours we lived  
together.  
Love make life worthwhile; it  
lights the way!  
When we are weary, we need each  
other.  
And pray that our souls shall rest.

When I have gone from this vale of  
tears  
Where sorrows and sadness abound  
And I have ended my few short  
years  
With You, dear Friends, no more  
I am found.

Then lay over my heart some  
roses red,  
Red as the blood in the heart when  
dead,  
As a symbol of love,  
And perhaps shed a tear on my cold  
grave.  
Then go your way rejoicing, dear,  
That now my soul is at rest.

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA Delutha Moser—Carolyn Gerber

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Birth: A daughter, Renea Christine to Friends Dallas and Sue Moser.

Shut-ins: Sisters, Dinah Kipfer, Lydia Kaehr; Bros. Henry Stoller, Herman Drayer and Amos Reinhard . . . John Kaehr, Richard Reinhard.

Wedding: On April 27, Sis. Connie Meyer and Bro. Mick Cupp were united in holy matrimony by Elder Sam Aeschliman. **God, the best maker of all marriages, combine your hearts in one, your realms in one.**

Funeral: Services were held for Bro. Cornelius Bertsch, age 77. Surviving in addition to the wife are three sons, Robert, Lewis and Arthur; two daughters, Sis. Louise (Carroll) Gerber and Mrs. Harold Compton . . . three brothers, Ed, Andrew and John; four sisters, Misses Rosa, Mina, and Freida Bertsch and Mrs. Edward Jenson. Elders Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler officiated the service.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Eli Somerhalder, George Yergler, George Sinn, Walter Steffen and Elmer Hartter.

Luke 22:19, 20: "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." Communion was held with Elders George Sinn and George Yergler serving our congregation, along with Elders Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler.

**We Make a Living by What We  
get, But We Make a Life by What  
We Give**

If nobody smiled, and nobody  
cared,  
And nobody helped us along;  
If every fellow looked out for  
himself,  
And the good things all went to  
the strong;  
If nobody cared just a little for you,  
And nobody thought about us,  
And we stood all alone in the battle  
of life,  
What a dreary old world this would  
be.

Life is sweet because of the friends  
we love,  
And the things that in common we  
share;  
And we want to live on, not because  
of ourselves,  
But because of the people who care.  
It's giving and doing for somebody  
else,  
On that all of life's splendor  
depends;  
And the joy in this world, when  
you've summed it all up,  
Is found in the love of our friends.  
Submitted by a brother-in-faith

### LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA Billie Jo Harville

As we look about us, we can sure see God's creation and love for us. At this time of the year, farmers in the South are busy getting their fields ready for the sowing of the grain. We all know if a good job is not done, there will not be very much to harvest. So it is in a Christian's life, if we as followers of him don't work while time permits, how will our harvest be.

Sunday, April 27, the Peoria choir visited our church; we were sure blessed with a wonderful afternoon of singing praises unto God. Supper was served in the church basement. Afterward, we bid them farewell, and gave them a hardy welcome to come again.

The ladies at our church surprised Sis. Mauvlyn Harville with a shower to help her get settled back down after the loss of her home. We pray God will bless anyone who helped in any way.

Sis. Mavis Naylor was a surgical patient at a Birmingham hospital. We are glad she is back at home, and hope she will continue to improve each day.

### MANSFIELD, OHIO Aaron A. Sauder

Joy floods my soul, for Jesus has  
saved me,  
Freed me from sin that long had  
enslaved me;  
His precious blood He gave to  
redeem.  
Now I belong to Him.  
Now I belong to Jesus;  
Jesus belongs to Me,  
Not for the years of time alone,  
But for eternity.

Sis. Shirley Graszl (Mrs. Richard) can echo these words of the poet as her very own. We were happy to listen to Shirley's testimony on Saturday evening April

12, when she told of God's love to her. Following baptismal services Sunday afternoon, Elder Bros. Rudolph Graf and Noah Bauman conducted Communion services for us.

Just today, May 6, we have received word that Sis. Ida Them Schaaf, at the age of 82, has been called "Home." Sis. Ida has not been able to attend church services for a number of years, but always welcomed whoever visited her. Several months ago she suffered a broken hip, and had now been confined to a nursing home. We extend our sympathy to her daughter, four sons, two brothers and one sister, as well as her grandchildren. Funeral services are to be conducted Thursday.

Sis. Katherine Houston was so pleased to be permitted to return to her home, after a stay of several weeks in the hospital, but she has again been admitted as a patient. Sis. Ola Froelich is again hospitalized . . . and Randy Sauder (little son of Bro. Dick and Sis. Carolyn) is in the hospital for a tonsillectomy. We would pray for the presence and healing of our Great God for each one.

We appreciated the visit of Bro. Andrew Virkler of Bay City on April 20, when he ministered to us during both morning and afternoon services. Our thanks to him and to all who have visited us recently.

The following poem was written by one of our young Sunday School children. We feel the poem is always appropriate.

### THE EASTER STORY

Jesus had never committed a sin;  
He grew up as a carpenter boy.  
Doing God's will was His goal  
And filling people with joy.

John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin  
Was preaching by the Jordan one day.

The Great Messiah is coming, he said.

I have come to prepare the way.

Jesus wanted to be baptized,  
And from Heaven came a dove.  
This is My Son in whom I'm well pleased.

God was showing Jesus His love.

While Jesus was weak from hunger,  
The devil found Him alone.  
If He'd fall down and worship him,  
A whole kingdom Jesus would own.

Jesus didn't want this kingdom;  
Of course, He answered NO.  
The devil was so disgusted  
He finally let Jesus go.

Jesus healed the sick and lame;  
He made the blind to see.  
If they had true faith in Him,  
He'd hear their desperate plea.

Jesus was loved by everyone,  
Except the priests and rabbis.  
They were jealous and wanted to kill him,  
So they started terrible lies.

Meanwhile at the Last Supper,  
This is what Jesus then said:  
Take, eat, this is My body,  
As He broke and blessed the bread.

Peter was to deny Him  
And Judas would betray.  
What you're to do, do quickly,  
And so Judas went away.

Jesus went to the garden to pray  
When His disciples saw torches aglow.

Judas betrayed Him with a kiss.  
Jesus knew it was time to go.

Peter denied Jesus three times;  
Then heard the cock crow twice.  
Peter wept with shame at his sin;  
He had paid an awful price.

The soldiers took Jesus to Pilate  
And Pilate was confused,  
Not knowing what to do with Jesus,  
He would let Herod choose.

Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate;  
Pilate let the crowd decide.  
Barabbas! We want Barabbas!  
Let Jesus be crucified.

Jesus was bleeding badly,  
Wearing a robe and a crown on His head.  
Weary as He was, He carried His cross,  
And to Calvary He was led.

Then out of the awful darkness,  
The thief began to cry . . .  
Lord remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.  
The thief knew they soon would die.

Jesus' heart was deeply touched;  
Of course He would forgive.  
(Soon they'd be in Paradise,  
And forever would he live.)

The hours on the cross were numbered;  
Mary must have cried.  
Jesus said, "It is finished".  
He gave up His Spirit and died.

Three women came to the tomb,  
Early on the morning of Sunday.  
Imagine how surprised they were  
When they found the stone rolled away.

Jesus had arisen,  
The angel told them so.  
He didn't tell them where He was,  
Only to get up and go.

Forty days Jesus was here,  
Telling the disciples to preach far away.

Jesus ascended into Heaven,  
And He's there this very day.  
Pam Holmes

### PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Carol Schieler — Shirley Anliker

Christian fellowship is one of the least expensive and most accessible of pleasures; it requires no outlay, and not very serious expenditure of time or trouble. It is quite easy to make friends if one wants to. There is surely no greater pleasure in this world than to feel the Christian friendship that we enjoy from time to time. We enjoyed the fellowship of the students from the University of Illinois, as they gathered with us for Wednesday evening services. We were happy to have Bro. Dave Wiegand (and family) with us to bring us our evening meditation, along with Bro. Orville Ringger from Bluffton.

Love was sent from Heaven on April 12, when a daughter, Karen Sue, was born to Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeanne Stoller. She is their first child.

Some of the students travelled to Normal and spent a blessed week-end of fellowship with students from Indiana, Illinois and Iowa.

### REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Russell and Peggie Wasner have a baby girl, April 6. Elmer and Nettie are the paternal grandparents. Bro. Al and Sis. Evelyn Knochel are grandparents the first time, their daughter, Bonnie's baby boy.

Bro. Gus Knochel and Ruben Scharlach have been quite poorly of late. Both are in the hospital. Ruben was home a few days.

Whether our life is just beginning or at its close, we need the help and grace of God to strive to live for Him who loves and cares for us. He will provide for all our needs if we trust and believe.

Bros. Henry Kilgus, Forrest, and Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, were with us the week end April 27 and rejoiced with us, as Herbert and Mary Jo Schieler were added to the Fold. May God yet reveal Himself to many in our midst, that they too can submit to the grace and mercy of God, before the door of salvation is closed. How it fills our hearts with fear when we realize the Lord may not have patience with mankind much longer!

We look forward to the day in the near future when my nephew and wife, Ralph and Helen Waibel will be proved. May He give them and us new faith and courage for each day.

Forgiveness—Let us never forget that loving forgiveness, important tool that the Christian has in his kit of virtues—I've found a little remedy to ease the life we live, and make each day a happier one. It is the **forgive**—He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.

It takes a mother's love to make a house a home . . . a place to be remembered, no matter where we roam . . . It takes a mother's patience to bring a child up right . . . And her courage and her cheerfulness to make a dark day bright . . . It takes a mother's thoughtfulness to mend the hearts deep **hurts** . . . And her skill and her endurance to mend little socks and shirts . . . It takes a mother's kindness to forgive us when we err . . . To sympathize in trouble and bow her head in prayer. It takes a mother's wisdom to recognize our needs . . . and to give us reassurance by her loving words and deeds . . . It takes a mother's endless faith, her confidence and trust . . . To guide us through the pitfalls of selfishness and lust . . . And that is why in all this world there could not be another Who could fulfill God's purpose as completely as a mother.

Our church as a whole was shocked and saddened by the departure of Bro. Irvin Lehman. He served as our elder for a number of years. May the family and all of us find comfort in knowing he fought a good fight and his course is finished in faith. We appreciated the presence of Bro. Don Sauder of Roanoke in our congregation, so that all our ministers could attend the funeral. Trust is that his passing will help others to see how fleeting life is and how we need the Saviour every hour, so that with-

out a moment's notice we will be ready to meet Him, for eternity.

Ed Frey was taken to a Peoria hospital for surgery. He has been at the Eureka A. C. Home. Hope and prayer is he can be helped and relieved of his severe pain.

#### Vandalizing Burglars

Fowler — A northeastern county church was ransacked and vandalized in two thefts reported to the Benton County sheriffs department.

Missing in a break-in at the Apostolic Christian Church were a microphone, speaker and amplifier Sheriff Lawrence Wiemken said.

Church trustees said damage to the interior of the church was \$200, which included smashed money boxes, damage to a wall when the recorder cabinet was torn out and damage to a balcony gate.

When a skeptic asked a Christian, "How do you know there is a living God?" the Christian replied, "Because I talked with Him this morning."

#### DETROIT, MICHIGAN

##### Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler

We were happy to have with us two visiting ministers, both of Bay City. Bro. Roy Wieland and his family spent the week end of April 27 visiting his relatives. In his message, we were gently reprimanded by the question of how often do we really ask God to provide for us our daily sustenance. It is easy to become self-sufficient and independent when we are so bountifully blessed with the material things of this life, even though we thank God for the same.

Bro. Andy Virkler, in his ministry, expressed the importance of our being of one mind and faith in Christ Jesus. We were also reminded of how God chose to confound the wise with the foolish things of this world. We are fortunate to be able to hear the word of God preached in its simple truth.

Sis. Mary Sabados has returned home from the hospital after having surgery. Sis. Christine Dimitrie was hospitalized for a series of tests, and has also returned home. Both were able to attend church services with us again, for which we are happy. We wish both God's continuing health and strength.

Moving? Drop a card ahead. Tell both old and new address. Give plenty of time.

#### ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

This is one of those times when we don't have much joy to report, but we know that "Joy here alternates with woe". May God give us strength to bear our cross with patience and look forward to better days ahead.

Bro. Clarence and Sis. Mildred Dietrich were in an auto accident. Mildred was the most seriously injured, and is still in traction at Sherman Hospital, Elgin, on account of a shoulder injury, but is getting along well.

Sis. Nettie Schurter, one of aged members, has left our Church Circle and is now at Memorial Manor, Cherokee, Oklahoma 73728. We wish her God's blessings and help in her new home.

Sis. Sadie Metzger, another of our aged sisters, has gone on to the **City Where the Roses Never Fade**. At this time of the year we experience this. The spring flowers are so pretty, but here they bloom for a season; soon their beauty is decayed. May God bless her son and family, with whom she made her home, for the kindness shown to her in the declining years of her life.

Hospitalized were Bro. Charles Graf, Sisters Martha Zierke and Rose Haumiller. Charles and Martha have been able to leave the hospital, but Rose is still at Sherman Hospital.

Sis. Hattie Rein was taken ill while shopping one day, and is still at Sherman Hospital, but she is getting along well now. We pray for God's presence for all the sick and the suffering, wherever they are.

Bro. Jonathan and Sis. Ida Steffen have a grandson, Roy Wiegand, in Viet Nam serving as a medic, and he sent home an article taken from a magazine, which so well describes the duties of a medic, telling how every rifle platoon carries with them food, water, ammunition and everything it needs, but the riflemen are not machines and cannot be taken care of with spare parts. For this reason, they take along a most important individual—the combat medic. He has been trained and knows how to put his training to use. Known as "Doc" in just about every unit, in a fire fight he crawls from soldier to soldier, treating wounds, administering first aid . . . And he is one

of the best morale boosters around. "Thanks, Doc." tells the whole story . . . So it proves that our boys are not cowards, as some would think. May God bless them one and all.

### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

#### Joyce Huber

Sis. Nancy Roth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Roth, is engaged to Bro. Glen Pfeifer, son of Bro. and Sis. Ernest Pfeifer of La-Crosse, Nancy is teaching language arts in Junior High School since returning from 2½ years teaching in Japan. We trust Nancy and Glen to find Ecclesiastes 4:9 to be fulfilled for them: "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour."

The 7th child of Bro. and Sis. Merle Kaisner, who is named LeAnn Sue, arrived to join brothers and sisters: Wanda Kupferschmid, Becky Kupferschmid, Robert, Jerry, Don, and Gwen. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Joe Kaisner and Bro. and Sis. Louis Zimmerman.

My mother, Sis. Lydia Huber, who is paralyzed on the left side and unable to speak sentences from the stroke, entered the hospital for surgery. We trust the Lord to undertake in her recovery.

Hospitalized, but again recuperating have been Sis. Mary Koehl, Bro. Bud Kelson, Sis. Martha Widmer, Sis. Emma Schmidgall.

It has been announced that Bro. Reuben Huber will be our new Sunday School superintendent.

We are thankful for visiting elders and ministers: Bro. Noah Schrock, Bro. Sam Anliker, Bro. Jim Hoerr, and Bro. Walter Anliker.

Notice of Solidiers' Reunion: A reunion will be held for all servicemen who were discharged from the U.S. Armed services, with ETS since Jan. 1, 1967, at Fairbury over Labor Day week end. Supper is planned for 4:00 p.m. on Sat., Aug. 30 at Lincoln Auditorium. Anyone wishing more information should contact Bro. and Sis. Harvey Steffen, 522 S. 5th, Fairbury, Ill. 61739.

### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

#### Cathryn Wettstein Salome Schumacher

Birth—a son to Bro. and Sis. David and Mary Ginzel, born April 9. This is their second son, also second child.

April 13, the wedding of Sis.

Emma Klaus and Bro. Eli Somerhalder, from Burlington, Okla., was solemnized by Bro. Roy Farney from Phoenix. Bro. John Somerhalder from Phoenix was our speaker on this morning. Many ministers were in our midst this day. They are welcome to come again to visit us. May God bless you all!

Bro. Dan Wiegand has been in and out of the hospital in Eureka. Sis. Marie Klaus has also been in and out of the hospital here. Sis. Arlene Tanner has been a patient in the Methodist hospital in Peoria for several weeks.

A communion service was held at the A.C. Home for the members there, also others who were unable to take it at Roanoke and Eureka church when it was held. Bro. Gene Bertschi assisted Bro. Leroy Huber.

April 26 in the evening, a large group of brothers and sisters gathered in the house of worship to hear the testimonies of three dear souls. They were Shirley Getz—daughter of Bro. and Sis. Emery and Mabel, Jane Stoller—daughter of Sis. Clara (Stoller) Huber, Richard Eastman—husband of Sis. Nelma. The following day they were all baptized and taken into the fold, and now may God bless them further on this new pathway of life.

The teachers are busy in making plans for Vacation Bible School, as soon as regular school is out. There is much work to get this accomplished, so may God bless each one for their efforts and time.

My Father, this I ask of Thee,  
Knowing that Thou wilt grant the plea—

For this, and only this, I pray,  
Strength for today—just for today.

#### Know Each Other Better

As was suggested, perhaps the chairman of our church trustees would be a good theme to "Know Each Other Better" . . . Bro. Vernon Blunier is such. He is the son of the late Bro. and Sis. Sam and Dena (Wuethrich) Blunier. He is married to Sis. Verda Hodel, and they have four sons and a daughter. Lola, the daughter is one of our latest converts.

They live on a farm about a mile from church. His oldest son has returned from his duty of serving his country, and now he and his father—(Vernon) farm in partnership. Yet with all the work on a

farm, Bro. Vernon is never too busy to be concerned for the church property and to have an open ear for suggestions that arise. He shares all problems with the other four trustees, who are Bros. Leroy Stoller, Lester Martin, Carl Knepp, and Harry Rocke. A trustee serves a term of five years, so each year one leaves and one comes in.

Bro. Vernon says that a wife's help is not to be overlooked in this business of being a trustee and chairman. Whenever a funeral is held at the church, the chairman's wife has much to do in making plans and arrangements for the dinner that is usually served after services.

He also says that when things of great importance come up—first get the facts, then take time to consider the end results, before taking a position.

He also was a Sunday School teacher for thirteen years.

His final thoughts were, that any trustee should try to do the best he can in a quiet humble way, and of course asking God for help that His will be done and with a prayer for His blessings from above.

So may we all appreciate the many things our trustees have done and still do, as we know all things are done with charity and no pay whatever. May their reward be richly paid some day.

### RITTMAN, OHIO

#### Florence Hartzler Mrs. Ben Blough

"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." These words of "courage" are extended to Art Berry as his Army duty takes him to Viet Nam. His wife, Eileen and parents, Howard & Sis. Lucille enjoyed having him home for a few weeks. Wanda Ullman is living with her folks while her husband, Merv, is also in Viet Nam. We pray the Lord will protect all our boys and bring them safely home.

Bro. Eli and Sis. Emma (Klaus) Somerhalder spent a few days here visiting with relatives. We were glad for the spiritual blessings enjoyed by all, through the message from Bro. Eli. We thank him for his many good teachings.

Steve Rhodes escaped serious injury when he was hit by a car in front of his home. How happy and

thankful were his parents for the Lord's protecting this dear little fellow.

It's good to report Sis. Rhea Beery is home from the hospital. We pray the Lord will continue to give her strength each day.

We are sorry again to report Bro. Herman Ingold has been returned to the hospital. We are sad to see these dear old people suffering, but they can only think of the crown they will exchange someday for this cross that we bear in this earth.

Zane and Betty Bachman are living in Rittman, following their wedding on March 15. Betty's folks are Bro. Roy and Sis. Mabel Maibach. Also married recently were Fred and Nancy Shiffer. Fred's parents are Berdean and Fredona. They will be living in Germany while Fred finishes his tour with the Army. We wish many blessings to these newly-married couples.

Graveside services were held for Marsha Jo, infant daughter of Ron and Joan Christian. One sister, Pamela also survives. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

For Mother's Day: Up to me sweet childhood looketh, heart and mind and soul awake; teach me of thy ways, O Father, for sweet childhood's precious sake. In their hearts, soft and tender, guide my hand good seed to sow, that its blossoming may praise thee where-soever they may go. Father, order all my footsteps; so direct my daily way, that in following me the children may not, stumbling, go astray. Draw us hand in hand to Jesus, he who children ne'er forgot: **Let the little ones come to me, and do thou forbid them not.** Written by a Mother.

### BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

Our Bible class was host to the Lamar, Ft Scott and Sabetha classes. For the morning worship hour, everyone gathered together to hear the message brought to us by Bro. Harvey Heiniger, Oakville. After lunch, Bro. Harvey spoke to the youth in Sunday School. We wish to thank Bro. Harvey for helping make this a most enjoyable day. May the Lord add His blessing. Sis. Leola, Mike and Sis. Mayme Gerst were also welcome visitors.

Julie Lyn was born April 10 to James and Willa (Metzger) Stein-

er. Julie has a sister to welcome her.

Elwin Strahm (Bro. Alvin-Sis. Mildred) with the National Guard at Ft Carson has served his six-year enlistment and is discharged. James Moser (Bro. Reuben-Sis. Stella) also has a discharge from the Army Reserves. James has been with the Reserves nearly seven years.

Sis. Lena Lehmann, age 93 years, passed away April 27 at the A.C. Home, where she was a resident for six years. Funeral services were held April 30, and she was laid to rest in the church cemetery beside her husband, Bro. Fred Lehmann. Eight children survive: three sons, John, Roy and Reuben; five daughters, Emma Young, Elizabeth Young, Lydia Casteel, Martha Grant and Esther Coleman. The following poem was read at the service:

#### To The Summit

Grieve not dear children for your mother today.

I can now see the place where I first learned to pray.

I've been climbing a mountain  
And at times it seems I was carrying a ton.

I've been enchanted by love, beauty and mirth,  
And saddened by fear, sorrow and death;

Along the way sunshine, flowers and dew

All sang me a tune, said "God loves you".

The path has been beautiful all of the way,

And God's help has been mine day after day,

So keep looking up dear children, there's beauty there.

Gain courage when life seems to wear.

I've been blessed with wonderful family and friends

As lifetime ebbs, the fellowship ends.

Today I've reached the summit at long last.

I looked up; God held my hand fast.

It's springtime here, so lovely and warm,

No longer need I be sad or forlorn;

It was even more beautiful than on the way.

Look up! I'll meet you at the summit one day.

### BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Delores Duckworth  
Martha Kieser

Communion services were held on a Weds. evening this year, with Elder Bros. Josh Broquard and Leroy Huber assisting our local elder, Bro. Silas Leuthold. What an edifying and uplifting way to spend an evening. Also visiting this month were Bros. Francis Rother and Joe Zimmerman of Morton. We thank these brothers for their labors of love.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Ray and Sis. Eunice Klumpp and family in the death of Ray's mother, Sis. Minnie Klumpp of Princeville.

Bro. Dean and Sis. Charlotte Stahl welcomed Deanne Kay, their second daughter. Also happy with their new baby sister are Roseanne, Wendell and Weston.

Sis. Netta Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma, who attends school in Normal, was injured in a fall from a second story porch. She has since been released from the hospital and is on the "mend", for which we are thankful.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Audrey Ehnle are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Pat, to Sam Plattner, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Geraldine of Goodfield. We extend to them our sincere good wishes.

Mary Ann Ehnle, daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Verla was hospitalized a few days for tests and a tonsillectomy.

As Mother's Day is here again, we who were privileged to be raised by Christian mothers pay a special tribute to them. We pray we can raise our children in a way that they, too, can learn to know their God.

### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

#### "Mother"

Mother, you have left this earth,  
And your face we no longer see!

But knowing you have found  
sweet rest

Does to our hearts bring glee—

God's plan for you has been  
fulfilled;

Your trials and cares are no more,  
And may it ever be our lot

To meet again on yonder shore.

Pain and suffering shall be gone  
from your face;

Sorrow and grief shall never be found.

Many lonely hours and heart-aches erased—,  
Only joy and peace shall abound!

So, mother, we do think of you  
As your face we no longer see;  
And may we prepare for that  
meeting again,  
That to our hearts shall bring glee.  
(M. E.)

"Why do we have holidays"? We were reminded in a recent sermon that the reason can be summed up in three words, "LEST WE FORGET"! How could one forget two days we remember in May, MOTHER'S DAY and MEMORIAL DAY!

I like the following account I read of three men discussing the recent Biblical translations—The third man's favorite translation was his mother's, for she translated the Bible into life, and was the most convincing translation he had ever seen—What a beautiful tribute for a Christian mother!—

Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Jack Bollier of Leo and Walter Rager of Toledo.

Bro. Bill Levy remains a patient at Parkview Hospital, and Bro. Ed Gudeman (Parkview) and Sis. Katie Stoller (St. Joe) are medical patients. Our thoughts and our prayers are uttered for these dear ones, as we sorely miss them in those vacant spots in our assembly.

Matthew A. was born November 2, 1968, and came to live with Bro. Stan and Sis. Connie Clauss on April 11. He was welcomed by Marialyn, Jennifer L., and Nathan S.

Our belated Easter Program was held on Sunday evening, April 27, and I'm sure the "Thoughts of Calvary and its meaning for us" was just as precious!

Vacation Bible School is being planned for the children the week of June 9 from 9-11:30, and the following week for adults at 7:30 in the evening.

#### GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

Visitors since last news as follows: Akron, Columbiana, Mansfield, Rittman, Salem and Sardis. Sunday April 20 was a day wherein we were especially blest, as Bro. Elmer and Sis. Clara Zollinger and Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise Graf were with us, and the God-inspired

messages were well received.

Sunday May 4, Elder Bro. Rudolph and Sis. Betty Graf spent the day with us. The entire day was of such a nature that anyone having a desire to be nourished spiritually could well be satisfied. We were also privileged to partake of Holy Communion. Our elder brother reminded us of many very important things that are a part of the life of a follower of our loving Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Sis. Sedona Habeger is now at her home convalescing, after having eye surgery. Sis. Esther Saylor is also home again, after having surgery. Bro. Lorentz Emch fell from a step ladder and received several bad bruises, causing severe pain. He was confined to his home for several weeks. We can feel that he was fortunate there were no broken bones. He is again able to be around, and we are glad he can worship with us. Bro. Ray C. Riehl is in the Youngstown Hospital North Side. He fell from a ladder in his garage, where he sustained a concussion. We wish all grace to bear affliction and also a speedy recovery.

The family of Sis. Sadie Schladen wish to express their sincere thanks to all for the cards and letters that were sent to their mother when she had her 96th birthday in January.

#### JUNCTION, OHIO

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

We have been abundantly blessed with visiting ministers. Bros. Joe Ramsier, Rittman; Noah Schrock, Oakville; Henry Sabo, Mansfield; Noah Bauman, Rittman; George Sinn and Loren Stoller, Latty. Our cups were almost overflowing, and we do thank all the dear brothers for their kind teachings. Spiritual food can be compared to the natural food. It tastes so good at the time, if only we could retain the taste, but the nourishment, nevertheless, is there. No doubt the Lord provides it this way, so we are really hungry for the word, and don't tire of it, and always require spiritual nourishment on the way. Psalm 107 was read... "Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" This verse is so important it appears four times in this chapter. How fortunate are we that we can always turn to Him and He answers and delivers us.

So many things are being fulfilled. It was pointed out it is pointing toward the budding of the trees and the time is near at hand. We were reminded that there was no room for the Lord in the inn, and there never has been much room for Him since in this evil and materialistic world.

One of the reporters recently was in Knoxville, Tenn. to see the dogwood trees. I never realized spring was such a beautiful time. The trees on the hillsides are so many shades of green, no artist could ever paint such a beautiful sight. While on the bus one evening touring one of the Dogwood Trails I heard a woman say, "How could anyone see this and say there is no God?" Yes, how could they? We know no man can create such beauty.

The brothers have completed installation of the new fence at the church.

We have had many visitors at church and have enjoyed the fellowship. Twice we have had Sunday evening supper at the church, and how we do appreciate our new church and its many conveniences. The sisters are really enjoying our handy kitchen.

On June 9 it will be a year since we moved into the new building. We have had seven baptisms, no deaths, no marriages, no births, but Tina Mansfield and Debbie Grubb, both three years old, came to live with Bro. and Sis. Carolyn Manz in the past year. We have been richly blessed!

Let's remember the faith of our fathers and hold fast to the traditions they've taught us. May God bless our dear parents who brought us up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

#### BREMEN, INDIANA

Pauline Laidig — Helen Zimmer

#### Our Trustees

How thankful we are for dedicated brothers, even though some are still young in faith. One who stands out in our minds is Bro. John Schuch. Even though he has attended church services faithfully for years, he was just taken into the fold in September of 1967. One cannot help but be impressed by the quiet, sincere way in which he goes about, not only in performing his duties as a trustee, but in doing so many little extra things that add to the efficiency of equipment or

to the appearance of our House of Worship. He is always willing to help wherever he can.

John was born in Kansas, and later lived in Oklahoma a few years, before moving to Indiana with his family. He is a veteran of World War II. After working for some years in South Bend, John has retired, and now lives in Bremen. We are indeed happy to have him in our congregation.

Our two other faithful trustees are Bro. Carl Zeltwanger and his son, Bro. Don. Carl, and his wife, Sis. Minnie spent many years in the farming area of our community. They have retired and live in Bremen, although during the busy times of the year Carl still spends many hours in the fields. Don and his wife, Sis. Marceil, also live in Bremen, where Don owns and operates the Bremen Farm Center. We are very grateful for the services they render to our congregation.

On Easter, our hearts were filled with joy as the Sunday School children spoke and sang of the resurrection of our Lord.

We were again made joyful as we learned that our dear friend, Diane Zimmer, has turned to the Lord. Diane, who is the daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Helen Zimmer, is a student at I.U. May the dear Lord be very near her as she walks this new pathway of life.

We were privileged to have Bro. Eli and Sis. Emma Somerhalder in our midst, and appreciated very much the message Bro. Eli brought to us. We especially enjoyed their visit, as many of us knew Emma when she worked in South Bend and attended here. Our best wishes go with them.

This month our Sunday School had the pleasure of entertaining a group of young folks from Gridley (Ill.) and Milford on Saturday evening. They all spent a pleasant day in Milford on Sunday. We are happy they had this opportunity to make new acquaintances or to become better acquainted with one another.

Sis. Pauline Nicholas has been dismissed from the hospital. She appreciates visitors, as the hours are long and lonely since she lives alone. However, some of the sisters are very faithful in looking after her.

We are happy to report that Sis. Lydia Heuberger is to be released

from the hospital in the very near future. She is looking forward to reasonably good health, and the ability to again be able to work in her profession.

### Memories of Mother

Memories of mother, the sweetest of all,  
Over and over through life we recall.

Down through the ages her love stands the test,  
Hoping and praying her child may be blest.

Even though we should fall to the depths of despair,  
Right there we'll find her, still pleading in prayer.

Out of love and a deep respect for mothers, Sis. Leah Zimmer graciously opened her home to the mothers and daughters of our congregation for a tea and time of fellowship.

### INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

#### Howard and Louise Getz

On April 20, Elder Bro. Sam Aeschliman and Bro. Bob Meyer (Bluffton) were present to share Holy Communion with the Indianapolis membership. Attendance was good, and we surely appreciated the loving lessons we heard. Bro. Sam again encouraged us to obtain a church building as soon as possible, to make the fellowship more solid and to interest more families in moving to Indianapolis. We invite any in the area to come and worship with us now at the Krannert YMCA.

Other visits which we enjoyed were made by Bros. Harold Zeltwanger and Verdon Feldman (Bremen) and Carl Kipfer (Bluffton). We were reminded of the importance of our Christian witness in the world and our willingness and duty to stand firm in our beliefs. With so much unrest and hate in the world today, the Christian tenets of peace and goodwill are even more necessary.

One child's idea of **Who is a mother?**: "She knows what is important. That is why God asked them to be a mother." We mothers need to give time and effort to impress on our children the importance of responsible Christian citizenship. Let us always pray for God's help and guidance in their childhood training.

### LATTY, OHIO Delores Grant

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Janice Laukhuf, daughters of Bro. Merrill and Sis. Martha, to Bro. Herbert Bach-told of Forrest.

We are thankful for the ministering brothers who have visited our congregation. They are: Bro. Nathan Steffen, Elgin; Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville; Bro. Sam Aeschliman, Bluffton; and Bro. Theo. Beer, Milford. Bros. Sam and Theo. assisted Bro. George Sinn in serving Holy Communion. A blessed day was experienced by all.

Sis. Diane Klopfenstein, who has had an extended illness, is hospitalized. We wish her a complete recovery.

The beauty of springtime reminds us anew of God's creation. Spring also brings busy days in our farming community.

We are thankful for the excellent job of those who painted the interior of our church building. Special thanks to Willard and Gene Laukhuf, sons of Sis. Betty Laukhuf.

A special greeting to all the mothers on Mother's Day.

**We Love You!**

### MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

#### Marcelle Dapper — Jan Elsasser Honor Thy Father and Mother

As we approach Mother's Day and Father's Day, we should again appreciate all that our parents have done for us. As stated in one of the ten commandments, we should **Honor Thy Father and Mother** and be thankful for their guidance, teachings and protection over us.

We were privileged to have in our midst Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna Grimm and family from Taylor. They were here for a week, attending a business convention. They assembled with us on Sunday, April 13. One impressive teaching we received is found in Matthew 19:24. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." Bro. Roy reminded us how we should not be as the rich man in clinging to the things of this world, but as the camel in unloading our burdens of sin, so that we may enter the Gates of Heaven.

On Thursday, April 17, Bro. Bob and Sis. Elna Grimm of Goodfield flew down from San Francisco for the day to join the Roy Grimms.

They were also on a business trip. We had combination services at Altadena Thursday evening. Another wonderful thought left for us was how we should not let our faith be diluted. He told of a man who had purchased a lightning rod for his house for protection. However, the man told him this really diluted his faith, as He felt if it be the Lord's will for lightning to strike his house, he should have the faith to accept it. From this teaching we should be careful and prayerful not to let anything creep in that would dilute our faith. Bro. Bob also expressed how happy they were to again assemble with those of like faith.

Our Sis. Nettie Locher has again returned to the hospital. We certainly admire Sis. Nettie for her faith in bearing her cross as she does.

We extend our sympathy to the Wolcott congregation in the loss of their Elder Bro. Ervin Lehman. Word was also received that Michael Erhart of Mansfield, nephew of Fred Erhart, Sis. Eva Fuhrer, and Sis. Julia Dapper, of our congregation, was killed in Viet Nam the end of April. We pray that God will comfort these families in their sorrow.

**THO'T:** We are not fully ready to live, until we are prepared to die!

#### MORTON, ILLINOIS

**Joan Getz — Mrs. Ken Getz**

The Morton congregation enjoyed the blessings of the Lord's Supper, April 13. Bros. Roy Sauder and Dan Koch assisted.

Bro. Ernie Herman, son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma (Endres) Herman and Sis. Shirley Kachelmuss, daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Laura (Leman) Kachelmuss announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Bro. Frank and Sis. Mary (Hauter) Hofmann celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. May the Lord be with them in the coming years as He has been in the past.

**Births:** A daughter, Jane Marie, to Bro. Gilbert and Sis. Elizabeth Bauman on April 5. She was welcomed by a sister and two brothers. Twin sons, Mark Allen and Matthew James, to Bro. Robert and Sis. Barbara (Rowell) Moser on April 25. Two brothers greeted them on their arrival home.

The death angel called Bro.

George Schmidgall home at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Florence (Klein) Schmidgall and the following children: Mrs. Paul (Virginia) Michael, Mrs. William (Sis. Eleanor) Uhlman, Sylvia Schmidgall, Raymond, Milford, Bro. Bruce, Paul and George Schmidgall.

Mrs. Jacob (Lydia) Woertz passed on, after having been a patient at Restmor Nursing Home since February. She is survived by her husband, two sisters, Mrs. Carl (Emma) Rapp and Marie Hermann, and three brothers, John, Otto and Samuel Hermann.

Those in the hospital are: Henry Aberle, Sis. Rose (Altorfer) Getz, Henry Stieglitz and Allen Wenninger.

Those convalescing at home are: Twyla Menold, Salome Carius, Edward Aberle, Sis. Eliza Rother, Bro. Jack Stieglitz, Mrs. Robert (Geraldine) Hangartner, Sam Grimm, Steve Aupperle, Ben Kaufman and Sis. Lena Ackerman.

We hope and pray their health may soon return.

#### SABETHA, KANSAS

**Mrs. Joe Steiner**

Our Bible class was host to the Bible classes of the Gridley, Lamont and Bern churches April 12 and 13. After a meal Saturday evening at the Fellowship Hall, the evening was spent in singing and getting acquainted. Bro. Sam Huber of Gridley led the group in a Bible discussion. A potluck was held at the Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon. Two weeks later our Bible class was invited to Bern, along with the classes from Ft. Scott and Lamar.

We were privileged to have Bro. Sam Huber proclaim the word on Sunday the 13th. We thank him for his labors of love.

Bro. Alpha and Sis. Irene Aberle announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn to Byron Martin, son of Sis. Laura Martin of Gridley, Illinois. They are planning a late summer wedding. Carolyn is employed as a registered nurse at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

James and Willa Steiner of Florissant, Mo. are the parents of their second daughter, Julie Lyn, born April 10. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Wilhelm Metzger of Bern, and Bro. and Sis. Joe Steiner of Sabetha.

We rejoice with Bro. Fred and Sis. Charlotte Aberle, as they were

welcomed into our precious brotherhood last Sunday. It is indeed a blessing when our friends can still hear the word and apply it to themselves, that they too may claim their blessed heritage. We wish many more could follow.

Bro. Aaron Moser was hospitalized this month for 13 days. He is again at home and recovering nicely.

#### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA Delores Messerli.—Carol Messner

There is a place of quiet rest,  
Near to the heart of God,  
A place where sin cannot molest,  
Near to the heart of God.

Bro. Leo Moser quoted this verse and told us, "This is that place" (our church), as he started the Sunday morning service.

We were truly blessed by Holy Communion with Elder Brethren Leo Moser and Paul Fehr holding the services. Bro. Noah Miller and the Minneapolis congregation also shared in the breaking of bread with us. Supper followed at church for all. From I Cor. 11 . . . "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself . . ."

A person who cannot say "I'm sorry" has a low opinion of himself. He is afraid an admission of error might belittle him in the eyes of his friends and family, and this he cannot stand. What these types do not realize is that admitting error does not suggest weakness or stupidity, but is evidence of fairness, strength, and humility . . . This worthy thought was read to our congregation by Bro. Harold Messner.

Newlyweds, Kenneth and Lupy Howk, are at home in Glencoe. He is the son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice.

Stan Messner, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Bernadine, left for his naval basic training at San Diego. We pray the Lord will watch over him.

From Proverbs 15 . . . "A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent . . . A wise son maketh a glad father . . ."

How could a fellow go astray,  
Who with his dad had stood  
Within the secret place of prayer  
Before a holy God!



And this my constant prayer shall be,  
That until life is done,  
My conduct here shall honor him  
Who proudly calls me Son.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz  
Miss Della Witschey

The annual Sunday service will be held at the country church on June 29, and the usual schedule will be followed. Lunch will be served at noon; at this time the names of the visiting ministers are not known.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hodel of Roanoke visited with the Barth families here on April 18. They were enroute home from Florida, where they spent some time with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Edna Berger Renner passed away very suddenly on April 16. She leaves her husband, Alvin C. Renner; one daughter; two brothers and five sisters. Her first husband, Harry Berger passed away in 1952.

Frank Durig passed away on April 13, after an illness of several years. He leaves his widow, Luella Fankhouser Durig, three daughters. Services were held on April 16.

Henry L. Dennis, husband of Elda Durig Dennis died on April 21, following a few hours' illness. He leaves his widow and two daughters.

Ida Barth Steel, daughter of the late Albert and Maria Barth passed away on April 23, after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband, one son and three daughters. Interment took place at Craig's Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Harry Mullett received painful burns on a foot, but is recovering nicely.

Word was received here on May 5 of the sudden death of Martin Emch in Girard, on that date. He has many relatives in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Durig celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in their home on April 27. She is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Riggenbach.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg visited with relatives here on April 26.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Gus Weltz attended the services at the Monroe Church on April 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Witschey of

Doylestown, O., visited with relatives here on May 4 and 5.

F. M. Tuttle, an aged and highly respected citizen of this area has been hospitalized for several days.

#### TUCSON, ARIZONA

Noah Herman

We have enjoyed a blessed winter in Tucson, with so many friends and members from various places. We appreciate their interest and enjoy their fellowship. Our first communion service was held in our new church. Our elder brother, Roy Farney served. It is truly a blessing when the sons and daughters of God can break the bread and drink of the sacred cup together. Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Richard Schupbach of Phoenix, Roy Grimm of Quincy, and John Somerhalder of Phoenix.

#### MILFORD, INDIANA

Marguerite Hoerr

We had a very dense fog one morning, and the school bus on which Tracy Beer was riding was hit broadside by a semi, on one of our state highways. Tracy is the six-year-old son of Bro. Harlan and Phyllis Beer. He received only minor injuries, as did the rest of the school children aboard the bus. His parents feel extremely thankful, as all of us do, because the evening before the accident, Tracy and his mother were involved in a two-car crash in which neither of them received injuries.

Sis. Rose Haab departed this life on March 22. Her illness was of a nine-month duration, and she had patiently endured pain during a good share of this time. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Loren Stoller and Elmer Bucher.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Elmer and nine children; five daughters, Sisters Dorothy (Mrs. Walter) Steffen, Phyllis (Mrs. Bob) Wuethrich—Renssalaer, Ann (Mrs. Ray) Sinn—Haviland, Ohio, Irma (Mrs. Milard) Stoller—Paudling, Ohio and Nettie of Chicago. Four sons, Bro. Paul of Quincy, Illinois and Bro. Ray, Steve and Don of Syracuse. Her parents, Bro. Andy and Sis. Bertha Beer; two brothers and one sister: Bro. Don Beer of Milford, Walter of Bremen and Sis. Mary (Mrs. Urban) Bauer of Cissna Park.

Rose was a patient, kind and loving person, and her absence has been felt keenly all during her long

illness, and now much more sharply by her departure from us.

The following poem, written by Bro. Elmer Bucher, describes how we all felt about her.

#### Rose

As lovely as the name she bore  
As gentle as the dew  
With kindness human hearts adore  
This was the Rose we knew.

The hall of fame was not her choice  
Much higher was her goal  
She heard the tender Shepherd's voice  
And He redeemed her soul.

Her name is in the Book of Life  
God wrote it down up there  
And freed her from all toil and strife  
She's resting in his care.

You should not grieve too much,  
dear ones  
E'en though you loved her so  
She suffered much till set of sun  
It was her wish to go.

Her toil is o'er her race is run  
She'll no more walk this way  
But if you'll do as she has done  
You'll meet again some day.

Don and Martha Haab are the parents of their first child, a little girl named Rose Lee. Little Rose won't remember it, but she was seen by her grandmother just before she went to be with the Lord. We can wish nothing better for this precious baby than that she can pattern her life after the grandmother for whom she was named. May God bless the lives of her and her parents.

Our sincere wishes for a happy life together go to Sis. Helen Sorg and Bro. Arthur (Ted) Baumgartner, who were united in marriage on April 30 by Bro. Theo. Beer. Helen and Ted will be making their home in Milford. May God richly bless their marriage.

On April 27 we were privileged to have as visitors the Sunday School Bible Classes and their teachers from Gridley, Illinois and Bremen, Ind. We enjoyed their visit and are grateful to them for coming.

#### BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

The family of George Knochel wish to sincerely thank, for all sympathy and gifts offered in

George's passing away. The good Lord bless and keep us faithful.

Sis. Ellen and the family of Bro. Carl Wackerle wish to extend their thanks for the gift offerings and the cards, letters and prayers of sympathy that were extended at his passing.

These of our loved ones that have passed on are greatly missed, but we have the faith and hope that they are gone to a better place to rest.

Friend Carlton Wieland has returned from Viet Nam and is with us once again. He is now hopefully finished in the serving of his country. Carlton is the son of Bro. Erwin and Sis. Nina Wieland. We are all happy to have him with us safe and sound.

### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL, ILLINOIS

#### Lyle and Lois Stoller

For several years there has been a desire to have a church established in the Bloomington-Normal area. After much prayerful consideration, this has been accomplished. We, the brothers and sisters of this congregation, ask for your prayers, that our congregation may be firmly grounded upon the teachings of Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

With the help and grace of our Lord, the way has been opened for us to assemble at the First Menonite Church, 918 S. University, Normal, Illinois (one block south of the I.S.U. Campus). The church is available to us after 12:00 p.m. Not wishing to have anything different than our other congregations, we will have two services each Sunday afternoon, 12:30 and 2:00. Song service will begin fifteen minutes earlier, and there will be lunch and a fellowship hour between the two services. These times are only temporary, until the way opens to have our own facilities.

We have approximately 45 Sunday School students, which are divided into five classes. The teachers are: Bros. Everett Hari, superintendent, Ben Metz, and Sisters Gloria Volk, Marilyn Hany and Rose Huette.

Bro. Alden Nussbaum is our church treasurer. He may also be contacted by any brethren or ministers who may be in our area on business, or who may be visiting our area and wish to assemble with us. His address is: 3012 E. Oakland Ave., Bloomington, Illinois 61701. Telephone: Area Code 309-

828-0672. Bro. and Sis. Lyle and Lois Stoller are to be The Silver Lining news correspondents.

Our first services were held April 13, with Bro. Edwin Hohulin as our minister. Other visiting ministers have been Bros. Josh Broquard (our elder), Henry Kilgus, Jesse Schrock and Robert Meyer.

The week end of May 3 and 4, the I.S.U. students were hosts to students from Iowa, Illinois and Indiana. We wish to thank all our visitors and especially those who ministered God's holy word unto us. We extend a hearty welcome to all to come and visit us.

### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

#### Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We owe many thanks to our elder brothers, who labored in our congregation. The memorandum was read. Other visiting ministering brothers were Maurice Frank from Chicago, Bob Grimm, Goodfield.

Sis. Katherine Maul was hospitalized a few days as a medical patient. Sis. Katie Steiner is in the hospital for tests and observation. Albert Kaufman had major surgery on his hip, is getting along quite well. We were happy to have Sis. Lena Feller assemble with us once again, after a long illness. We visited Sis. Mary and Bro. Sam Hari. They haven't been able to attend church for several years, as she is an invalid, and Bro. Sam patiently cares for her. She said "Even if I can't come to church our thoughts are there anyway." She enjoys company when she is able.

#### What is a Father?

A father is wise, understanding and kind;

He seems to know always just what is on your mind.

He's willing to listen, suggest and defend;

Someone to look up to, a pal and friend.

A father is patient, forgiving mistakes,

Generous too with the money he makes,

Reassuring and strong with lots of faith,

Or a word of advice as his children grow older.

A father, a wonderful great sort of man,

I know, because just such a father I had.

### FORREST, ILLINOIS

#### Carolyn Zimmerman Juanita Schneider

"Others may do a greater work  
But YOU have your part to do,  
And no one in all God's heritage  
Can do it so well as YOU!"

We rejoice with our loved one, Virginia (Weigand) Hilti, who gave her testimony of a true repentance on Wednesday evening, May 7, and is looking forward to be welcomed to the Fold the following Sunday, with baptismal services. Bro. Josh Broquard assisted our ministers.

Our hearts were turned to sadness with the passing of our Sis. Lydia Maier, whom God called to her deserved rest after an extended illness and 9 weeks at the hospital. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Sam; two daughters, Thelma at home and Marjorie Kuntz, Forrest; one son, Vernon, Forrest. Bro. Josh Broquard, Fairbury, held the services.

Sis's. Tillie Reiger, Velda Hutte, Nancy Honegger were all hospital patients and have returned to their homes. Bro. Harvey Leman has been a hospital patient for several weeks with a kidney ailment; he was recently transferred to Carle Hospital, Champaign, where he underwent surgery and is reported doing well.

David, son of Bro. Edward Bach, has reported for service on April 10; he is stationed at Ft Sam, Texas.

We enjoyed the visits of ministering Bros. Jim Ramseyer, Bay City; Simon Wagenbach, Tremont; and Merrill Laukhuf, Latty, and their families. May God continue to share in this love and add His blessings.

We of the Forrest congregation would at this time take the opportunity to extend our sincere sympathy to the Irvin Lehman family and the Wolcott congregation in the loss of their beloved elder, Bro. Irvin. May the good Lord grant every soul an abundant measure of grace and consolation.

### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

#### Elna Grimm

Each year on Mother's Day we hear people express their love and appreciation for mothers, which is as it should be . . . for surely we do love our mothers and appreciate them. Today, however, I would like to turn the tables, and hear the expression of a mother.

I'd rather be a mother  
Than a princess or a king;  
I'd rather hold a baby close  
Or hear a child sing.

I love the happy feeling  
Of a child's hand in mine,  
For just to know he loves me  
Is a gift divine.

A child needs so many things  
From day to busy day,  
That sometimes I grow weary  
And cross, I'm sad to say.

But as I stoop to dry the tears  
From one sad little face,  
The smile that I get in turn  
Just gives me added grace.

And when I feel those chubby arms  
About my neck entwined,  
I feel that part of heaven  
To me has been assigned.

Then as my little children grow,  
Concerns grow with them, too,  
But with the grace of God, they  
learn . . .  
And this is precious, too.

It's just the simple pleasures  
That bring the greatest joys,  
Like "Thanks, Mom", or "I love  
you".  
From lips of girls and boys.

I like their happy voices  
As they play with one another.  
Of all the things there are to be . . .  
I'd rather be a mother.

Sis. Corrine Roth was in the hospital for surgery the latter part of April. She is now at home, and doing well. Jody Ann, 20-month-old daughter of Friends Lyle and Lynn Hunzicker has been hospitalized because of pneumonia. She is improving, and we hope she will soon return home.

Our visiting ministers in April were Bros. Eli Somerhalder of Burlington, George Lambert of Wichita, and Ben Schlatter of Junction.

We voted for two new Sunday School teachers and one new trustee to replace those retiring this year. Voted in for Sunday School were Bros. Jim Hohulin and Wesley Knapp. Our new trustee is Bro. Elmer Bauman.

A new baby girl was born to Friends Clyde and Charlene Knobloch of Mendota, Ill. on April 26. She has been named Leigh Ann, is their 3rd child and 1st daughter. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Chris and Vi Hohulin of Goodfield,

and Bro. and Sis. Emil and Freida Knobloch of Lester.

A baby boy was born to Bro. and Sis. Harold and Carol Hohulin on April 29. They have named him Timothy Alan. He has 3 brothers and 3 sisters to welcome him home. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ben and Esther Hohulin of Goodfield and Bro. and Sis. Ed and Doris Gingrich of Bradford.

Bro. and Sis. Harold and Gerry Plattner wish to announce the engagement of their son, Sam to Patricia Ehnle of Bradford. Patricia's parents are Bro. and Sis. Ben and Audrey Ehnle.

### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

#### Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

In memory of our beloved son, brother and uncle, Raymond Witzig, who was killed in Vietnam May 6, 1968. (Editor's note: Our friend, Raymond, repented before he died.)

**Teach Us How To Live**  
God of love— Forgive! Forgive!  
Teach us how to truly live; . . .

And let us know  
You love us, too,  
And someday may man realize  
That all the earth, the seas and  
skies  
Belong to God who made us all,  
The rich, the poor,  
the great, the small.  
And in the Father's holy sight,  
No man is yellow, black or white,  
And peace on earth  
cannot be found  
Until we meet on Common Ground,  
And man becomes a brother.  
Who worships God  
and loves each other.

We are having beautiful weather, with it bringing out all the green foliage and blossoms . . . a beautiful time of year.

Friend Mike Gramm, son of Bro. Herb and Sis. Jane Gramm gave his testimony of his repentance and was baptized on Sun. May 4. We rejoice with Mike that he felt the need to repent and live for the Lord. Bro. Ed Hohulin assisted Bro. George Gramm with this important work.

On the same evening, Communion was served. Assisting Bro. George Gramm was Bro. Ed Hohulin and Bro. Gene Bertschi, reminding us anew that Christ shed his blood for us and all mankind.

After Communion, we elected Bro. Harold Schmitgall as our new minister. We pray that God will

give him much grace, help and courage in this duty.

Friend Carl Schlipf has been released from the hospital, after suffering a heart attack. We are happy for him and his family, that he can be back home with them.

Sis. Grace Kiefer remains in critical condition in Mennonite Hospital. May God be at her side.

Sis. Elizabeth Funk has improved from her hip fracture; she is back home from the hospital. She is walking with the aid of a walker.

Bro. Bruce and Sis. Leila Witzig have moved from Bloomington to Peoria, 1206 Columbia Terrace, to make their home there. Bro. Bruce has employment at Caterpillar Tractor Co., and Sis. Leila as an L.P.N. Nurse at St. Francis Hospital.

General families of our congregation are now attending church in Bloomington. They are Bro. Carlton and Sis. Betty Klopfenstein and family, Bob and Sis. Marilyn Hany and family. Bro. Gary and Sis. Gloria Volke and family, Bro. Earl and Sis. Edith Meiss and family, Sis. Barbara and Edwin Meiss and family, Bro. Duane Witzig and family, Karen (Witzig) Brummitt and family, and Bro. Virgil and Sis. Shirley Funk and family. We truly miss them all.

We had our monthly singspiration on the third Sunday in April. Our guest singers were the Eureka Men's Octet. We enjoyed the beautiful songs and hope they will be our guests again.

Friend Bill Schmidgall has turned to the Lord in repentance. We all rejoice with him, and may the Lord be near him and grant him much grace.

### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

#### Josephine Schaefer Mary Jane Leuthold

Bro. Mel and Sis. Marlene Kaiser welcomed little Timothy Lee into their home. He was born April 29. His sisters and brothers also are glad for their new little brother.

On April 20, we were privileged to eat and drink the Lord's supper. How humble and unworthy this makes us feel to eat and drink in remembrance of our dear Lord. Bros. Silas Leuthold and Russell Rapp assisted our elder. Again refreshed and renewed, let us go forth in striving for perfectness.

Bros. Cleo Rinkenberger, Pulaski, and Dale Eisenmann, Chicago

were sent to us, and how humbly and sternly did they bring forth God's precious words. It was brought forth that **man** is changing God's teachings and saying they are no longer necessary. How terrible it will be for any man that taketh away or adds to God's book. Also, we who are children of God will be condemned if we do not follow the teachings given to us in the Bible or try to insert our own ideas of God's commandments. Thanks be also for our ministers and elders that neither add or let out **any** instructions found in the Bible. Thank you for your inspirational visits.

Jim Wagenbach, son of Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise was called to service. We carry a prayer on our hearts for the many lonely and trying hours you will experience.

One day at a time with its failures and fears,  
With its hurts and mistakes, with its weakness and tears,  
With its portion of pain and its burden of care,  
One day at a time we must meet and bear.

One day at a time to be patient and strong,  
To be calm under trial and sweet under wrong.  
Then its toiling shall pass and its sorrow shall cease;  
It shall darken and die, and the night shall bring peace.

One day at a time, but the day is so long,  
And the heart is not brave and the soul is not strong.  
Oh thou pitiful Christ, be Thou near all the way;  
Give courage and patience and strength for the day.

Swift cometh His answer so clear and so sweet,  
Yea, I will be with thee, thy trouble to meet;  
I will not forget thee, nor fail thee, nor grieve.  
I will not forsake thee; I will never leave .

Not yesterday's load we are called on to bear,  
Nor the morrow's uncertain and shadowy care.  
Why should we look forward or back with dismay?  
Our needs as our mercies are but for the day.

One day at a time, and the day is His day.

He hath numbered its hours, though they haste or delay.

His grace is sufficient; we walk not alone.

As the day so the strength that He giveth His own.

**CROGHAN—NAUMBURG,  
NEW YORK**  
Carol Virkler

Mrs. David Schamback

Funeral services were held April 12 at the Virkler Funeral Home for Sis. Minnie Ebersol. Surviving are sons Donald of Manlius and Bro. Leon of Lowville.

Hospitalized are Bro. Leon Ebersol, Sis. Lucy Hany, Sis. Dorothy Herzig and Pearl Colgrove. Those who have returned home are Ministering Bro. Ralph Beyer, Sis. Irene Farney, Bro. Dave Schamback, Clarence Farney and Pernal (Bro. Howard) Virkler. Sis. Daborah Hoppel has been shut-in at her home. Jack Virkler, son of Bro. Asa, in now in a rehabilitation hospital in Haverstraw, New York. We trust that each will find strength to bear their cross.

Lawrence Purvines, son of Larry and Sis. Louise, has been promoted to Sp/4 and is presently serving in Korea.

On April 26, Wendy Hirschey, daughter of Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice, was married to Richard Mohrman of Williston Park.

Births: Phillip and Louise Beyer of Naumburg are parents of a daughter, Melynda Sue. They have another daughter, Kerrie June. Grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Edna Beyer and Bro. Arthur and Sis. Mary Jan Hirschey. Emerson and Betty Schneider of Croghan are parents of a daughter, Lori Anne. They have a son, Noel and a daughter, Dawn. Grandparents are Bro. William & Sis. Hazel Schneider and Mrs. Leona Widrick. Alton and Geneva Virkler are the parents of a daughter, Carla Kay. She is welcomed by a sister, Sheri and a brother, Dale. Grandparents are Bro. Arthur and Sis. Pernal Virkler and Norman and Alice Lehman. Great-grandmother is Sis. Barbara Bachman of Naumburg.

**GRIDLEY, KANSAS**  
Mrs. Rudy Bahr  
Mrs. Eldon Metzger

This is the time for "spring cleaning", and I'd like to share this clipped article on "A wastepaper

basket" with you.

"A wastepaper basket is an essential part of life's equipment." Discarding things is a necessity. The person who tries to save everything gets lost in a jungle of junk. The difference between a wise man and a fool is that the former sorts out the right things to say, discarding the wrong things, whereas the fool does not discriminate. He gives expression to whatever comes to his mind. Some thoughts ought to be thrown into the mental wastebasket. It is important to discover that a man is judged by what he does not say, as well as by what he does.

Paul spoke about putting away childish things. The mature person has thrown into the basket of forgetfulness many juvenile things. Crying on the least provocation, tattling on a companion, insisting upon having one's own way are all childish qualities which should be discarded. To be childlike is a virtue, but to be childish is a characteristic of immaturity. When adults cling to the irresponsibility of childhood, we often feel like saying, "Act your age." That is another way of pointing to the wastebasket into which childish conduct should be discarded.

We need constantly to test our conduct. Are we growing up in the faith? Are we mature as citizens? If not, let's use the wastebasket!

A small group of members held short services after church Sunday afternoon for Bro. Joe Somerhalder, who is confined to his home, his leg still being in a cast. "Our sincere thanks to all who have helped during Bro. Joe's convalescence . . . for all the cards, gifts, flowers, especially the prayers and to those who are willing to visit him and hold special services while he's unable to attend church. May each be rewarded in this life—much more in eternity. Your least ones in faith. Joe and Edna Somerhalder.

Philip Metzger, one-year-old son of Bro. and Sis. Eldon and Dorene Metzger (grandson of Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten Strahm), has been seriously ill in the hospital. He had been bothered with an ear infection for some time, and it developed into meningitis. He is improving.

**TAYLOR, MISSOURI**  
Mrs. Eli Sutter—Mrs. Bill Heimer  
This is a most beautiful time of

year, with the flowering trees in full bloom. Among the prettiest are the flowering crab, red bud and loveliest of all the dogwood in red, pink and white. It is worth the time to take a drive to see them. Quincy has so many beautiful ones.

Our sympathy goes out to Bro. Paul and Sis. Kathy Haab in the death of his mother, Sis. Rose Haab of Milford.

Bruce Huber, son of Vernon and Judy Huber, had surgery on his ears. He got along very well.

Two dear ones were announced for proving and baptism in the near future. They are Elwood, son of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley, and Marcia, daughter of Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marjorie Sutter. May the Lord bless them in this most important step.

Our visiting minister was Bro. Bob Pohl and family of Burlington. We appreciate the words he brought to us.

We are thankful that we have again been spared the tragedy of a flood. With so much snow up north this winter, we were told we could expect a crest as high or higher than in 1965, which was 24.8 ft. Many precautions were taken all along the river, and with no heavy rains, the crest of 20.4 ft. was reached on May 2.

### LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

I will lift up my eyes unto the hills, from where cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121 has been a long-time treasured one for me. When I stood in awe-some wonder and beheld the grandeur and beauty of the Grand Canyon, the height, the depth gave me strength. There is no doubt but that our God is the only true God, and nothing is too great for Him to do. These things shall all pass away, but God always was, is, and always shall be. We are the most fortunate of all fortunate people. Let nothing, however great or small, keep us from walking close by his side.

We were truly blessed with four visiting ministers. The Bros. Verlin and Norman Stoller ministered to our needs two Sunday afternoon services, and Norman assisted us in visiting our Rest Homes. Bros. Noah Bauman, of Rittman and Ben Maibach held Saturday evening services here April 26, and Bro. Ben ministered to our needs Sun-

day. These really were seasons of refreshment.

The baby girl born to Roberta and Dennis Klopfenstein was named Kelly Ann. Lloyd and Pearl Klopfenstein, Dorothy and Robert Norr are the grandparents. She has a little brother, Troy.

Our brother, Fred Wiggs has hurt his leg, which has added to his affliction. He is in bed now, and not feeling so good. Bro. Edw. Bertsch remains at the Park View Long-term Unit in about the same condition. Bro. Joel Souder has been able to attend part-time church services.

Our two servicemen: James Winzeler is out on the high seas; John Klopfenstein is still at San Antonio Texas.

The National Missionary Committee Board met on Sat. April 26 at the Fellowship Center. Our local missionary board meets once a month. The report was given from the Open Door Childrens Home. Things seem to be bright, and a letter of thanks for the help that was received was sent here. The Sunday School children are giving a number of live animals, which have been requested from them. Some students are writing and asking what animals they prefer.

### ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA Marilyn Graf

Bro. John H. Paternoster passed away March 17. Services were held by Bro. Carl Kinsinger and Bro. John Klotzle on March 20. Bro. John was our oldest member (see February 1969 Silver Lining), and had been failing in health for some years. He is survived by four sons—Ivan, Earl, Irvin, and Harry, and two daughters, Iona and Ruth.

We were pleased to have visits from several ministering brethren in the past months. Bro. and Sis. Bob Stoll were with us for several days. We were privileged to have Bro. and Sis. Roy Grimm of Taylor and Bro. and Sis. Bob Grimm of Goodfield minister to us on a Thursday evening. We thank you for your visits and invite you to return.

Bill and Patty Schwarz are the parents of a son, James Edward, born April 9. They also have another son, Bobby. Bro. Bill and Sis. Naomi Schwarz are the paternal grandparents.

Bro. Emery and Sis. Rhoda Minger are the parents of their first child, Lita Marie, born on

April 16. Bro. Bill and Sis. Freda Minger and Bro. Erwin and Sis. Nina Weiland of Bay City are the grandparents. Sis. Nina & Sis. Frieda Knochel of Bay City spent ten days here, getting acquainted with their new granddaughter and great-granddaughter.

### MORRIS, MINNESOTA Mrs. Herman Schaefer Mrs. Carl Joos

Elder Bro. George Gramm of Gridley assisted our Elder Bro. Paul Fehr with Holy Communion. It was a very blessed day. We thank Bro. Gramm for his visit. Mark 14:22-24: "And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many."

Bro. Noah Gerber, West Bend, was also a visiting minister this month. We thank all who visited us.

At our brother meeting, Bro. Frank Messner was elected as our new trustee.

Our hospital patients were James Schmidgall, son of Bro. and Sis. Gilbert Schmidgall; Sis. Chrystol Luthi; Beverly Sauder, daughter of Virgil Sauders; Sis. Velma Dominick; and Bro. Joe Moser Sr. We wish to include these verses for our sick:

I needed the quiet, so He drew me aside,  
Into the shadows where we could confide,  
Away from the bustle where all the day long  
I hurried and worried when active and strong.

I needed the quiet, tho' at first I rebelled,  
But gently, so gently, my cross He upheld  
And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things.  
Tho' weakened in body, my spirit took wings  
To heights never dreamed of when active and gay.  
He loved me so greatly; He drew me away.

I needed the quiet. No prison my bed,

But a beautiful valley of blessings instead—

A place to grow richer in Jesus to hide.

I needed the quiet, so He drew me aside.

### PULASKI, IOWA

**Mrs. Dave Wiegand**

We had a blessed day on April 13. Bros. Noah Schrock, Leo Moser, and Wayne Gerber spent the day with us. They read us the deliberations of the conference. Let us strive to do as they have told us, as it is for our own welfare.

On this day, we decided it was the time for another brother of our congregation to be called upon to proclaim the word. These duties were placed upon Bro. William Funk. We pray he will ever wait upon the Spirit and feel near to our Lord in his new duties.

Sis. Minnie Getz was in the hospital for a few days, but is home again and once again able to assemble with us.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

**Carolyn Dotterer—Lois Heiniger**

Our friend, Cedrick Messner, son of Bro. Louis and Sis. Judy, left for the army May 7. We pray that the peace and joy he has found through repentance may sustain him.

We congratulate our friends who are graduating from high school this year. They are: Judy Baumgartner, Kenneth Dotterer, Alana Freed, Susan Knochel, Jon Kokanovich, and Bill Sanders.

Graduating from junior colleges are: Kori Wirtz, Carl Richardson, and Bro. Dan Roth. May God bless them as they begin a new stage in their lives.

We welcome Sis. Edith Schrenk and her daughter, Sis. Frances Schrenk to our congregation. Formerly of Chicago, their new address is 3815 No. 27th Avenue, Phoenix Arizona 85017.

Our congregation will miss our friends who are returning home to their families this summer. May the Lord watch over: Lori Wirtz, Sis. Ann Mangold, Sis. Lois Heiniger, Carl Richardson, and Bro. Dan Roth, and be with them until we meet again.

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Lois Elsasser wish to thank their relatives and friends who remembered them on their 40th wedding anniversary with cards, letters, flowers and gifts.

### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

**Norene Herbst — Mary Hoffman**

David and Barbara Knapp Rankin are the parents of a son, Matthew David, born April 6. Bro. Maurice and Sis. Helen Knapp, who are known by many of you, are the maternal grandparents.

On Sunday, April 13, our friend Eli Bucher was baptized at the hospital in Bloomington, where he had been a patient for several weeks. Bro. Eugene Bertschi performed the baptismal services. Several brothers from our congregation accompanied him, to witness the baptism. Bro. Eli passed away May 1, at the age of 82 years. He is survived by his wife, Theda; five daughters, Mrs. Virginia Garber, Mrs. Hannah Punke, Mrs. Mary Bachman, Miss Theda and Mrs. Patricia Wettstein; one brother, Chris; and one sister, Mrs. Ida Chalfant. His son, Bernard lost his life in a plane crash in Viet Nam several months ago.

Graveside services were held April 10 at the Roanoke City Cemetery for Mary Aeschliman Switzer Day, with Bro. Joe Zimmerman officiating. She had been in a nursing home at Bunker Hill, Ill., where she passed away at the age of 92 years. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Esther Dunn; two sisters, Sis. Emma Garber of Algonia, Ia. and Sis. Perceda of Francesville; four brothers, Andrew—Grand Forks Minn. Louis, John and Joe, all of Indiana. All her immediate family were able to attend the service with the exception of Emma, Andrew and Louis.

Word was received by the Ben Beer family of the death of their brother, Robert H. Norman of Sacramento, Calif. He was in the hospital two weeks. He is survived by his wife, Nita Fauber Norman; two daughters, Mrs. Karen Alejo, and Debbie; four brothers, Ray, Benjamin, Elmer—Roanoke; Melvin, Othello, Wash.; four sisters, Sis. Elsie—Chicago, Sis. Florence Hangartner and Sis. Dorothy—Roanoke, and Esther Vinyard—Long Beach, Calif.

Sis. Anna Leman is again able to assemble with us, after spending many weeks in the hospital.

Melvin Fischer, the oldest son of Bro. Frederick and Sis. Wilma Fischer, was inducted into the armed services May 5.

Our visiting ministers sharing the word with us were Bro. Eli

Somerhalder and Bro. Walter Anliker.

Sis. Lena Martin is hospitalized at the Forest Park Home in Peoria.

### ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

**Carlton J. Lanz**

In the observance of what we commemorated, the intense sufferings and cruel death of the Son of God, the Lord and Saviour, we on Sunday partook of Communion, or what the Apostle Paul called The Lord's Supper. This is so called because the Lord Jesus Christ instituted the rite when He took His last meal with His disciples—the night before His crucifixion. This holy ritual from that time on to this day has been revered by Christians. Elders John Bahler and Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, served the church.

The marriage of Sis. Barbara Fluckiger to Bro. Dave Hangartner of Wichita took place Sunday May 4. It was solemnized at the church by Bro. John Bahler. Many of both Barbara's and Dave's friends were present. We shall miss her, since her plans are to make her home at Wichita. May God bless their union and their home.

Births: A daughter, Jennifer Lynn, April 15, to Bro. Eric and Sis. Sharon Kloter. Her maternal grandparents are Bro. Urban and Sis. Charlotte Luginbuhl. A daughter, Jill Ellen, April 21, to Bro. Keith and Sis. Mary Kloter. Her maternal grandparents, Bro. Ervin and Sis. Viola Luginbuhl. Both little girls have the same paternal grandparents, Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Helen Kloter. The infants are the first to both couples.

Funeral services of Sis. Martha Schneider, who died Tuesday, May 6, were on Friday at the church. She was 74. Martha was a good mother and provided well for her home, her family and grandchildren, of which she had several. She repented early in her life, and we believe that she preserved this precious faith to her end. Besides her husband, Bro. William (Bill), she leaves a daughter, Sis. Lois Schultz; two sons, Elmer and Bro. Roy Schneider, a sister, Mrs. Leon Virkler at Croghan. Bro. John Bahler, and Bro. Simon Wagenbach who came here with several others, had the services. Burial was in Ellington Center Cemetery.

There is rejoicing in the church when a soul, in darkness, sees their separation from God, and is awa-

kened and becomes willing to let their heart be a place where the Spirit of God can dwell. Such was the experience of a dear young soul, who had been affiliated with a denomination other than ours, and had come to learn of this—our faith. She presented a fine, yet humble testimony. Many tears of joy were seen as Sis. Pamela (Pam) Wheeler was being greeted and accepted into the church body.

#### FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Robert and Janice Sutter

We welcome into our congregation Bro. John and Sis. Peggy Yergler. Bro. John Bahler and Bro. John Yergler conducted the proving (Sat. evening) and baptism Sunday. It is a real blessing to be reminded of the promises and vows that we as believers make with our God. It stirs within us a spirit of rededication.

As we review our life from our conversion, we see that the covenant has really been almost, if not all, one-sided. The Lord forgives us our faults and shortcomings and revives us daily, but in return all that we can ask for is mercy. He doesn't need us, but we desperately need Him. We cannot help Him or follow His commandments unless He first helps us. Our life has no shape or purpose unless we rely on and abide by His will.

It is encouraging to behold the enlightening of ones who have ceased to search the world for the peace & comfort that their soul so fervently craves, and have turned within and above to find the only lasting and worthwhile relationship.

We wish them the Lord's support and wisdom, so they may know the ways of our deadly foe, so that he will never confound them.

#### OAKVILLE, IOWA Martha Steiner

With a renewed spirit of dedication and fervent prayers for the continued grace of God, we press forward in our life of faith. How can we feel otherwise, after partaking in Holy Communion with our brothers and sisters in faith. It is such a precious gift to feel the same love and warmth flowing from heart to heart.

We are grateful to Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer from Elgin, Iowa, for his visit and for lending himself in assisting our Elder Brother

Noah Schrock with this blessed sacrament. We also enjoyed the visit of Bro. Merle Bucher from La-Crosse this past month.

Friend Jim and Sis. Linda Gerst are the happy parents of their fifth son, Robert Floyd, born April 20. The maternal grandparents, Bro. Floyd and Sis. Louise Rowell, now have eleven grandsons and no granddaughters!

Janelle Luanne, born to Bro. Galen and Sis. Mary Jo Metzger in Ames, on Apr. 26, is their 1st child. She is also the first grandchild of Bro. Joe and Sis. Lois Wiegand, and the first great-grandchild for Sis. Edna Wiegand and for Bro. Noah and Sis. Hattie Schrock, all of the Oakville congregation.

Sis. Elizabeth (Enz) Aberle departed this life on April 9, at the age of 80 years. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Louis; one daughter, Mrs. Viola Hardin. Her sister, Julia Ellenson, is also our sister in faith.

Little two-year-old John Paul Gerst was taken from his loving parents on April 19, by our all-knowing, all-seeing God who knows the end from the beginning. We cannot know why, but we do know that he is in a better place. Little J.P. was hit by a moving car when he ran out behind it. The bereaved parents are John and Joan (Heiniger) Gerst; grandparents are Joe and May Heiniger and Dave Gerst Sr., all residents of this area.

About 70 brethren and friends gathered for services in Ames on Mother's Day. Bro. Albert Wuthrich from Pulaski ministered unto us, with the assistance of Bro. Earl Banwart from West Bend, who has two sons living in the area. We also appreciated Bro. Wuthrich's visit to our last meeting in Iowa City.

It was decided that services will be held the second Sunday in June at the usual time and place in Ames: 1:30 p.m. on June 8 at the First Christian Church on the corner of Sixth and Clark. Previously, services were discontinued in the summertime; however, it was felt that enough students and residents would be interested in making the meetings worthwhile. At the June meeting, those present will determine whether meetings will be held in July and August. The West Bend ministering brothers will be in charge of the June service.

Note of thanks: Sis. Elizabeth Scheitlin (wife of ministering Bro. Gust) wishes to thank everyone for

the many cards and gifts which were sent in remembrance of her 75th birthday. They were all very much appreciated.

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## WONDERFUL THE LIFE

Henry Souder Jr.

The glorious Light of God is a subject of unending and unrivalled interest. The beautiful mystery invites discovery, joys yet to find.

"And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:" Again and again in Scripture the picture of height is shown . . . Abraham and Isaac . . . David on Mount Moriah . . . the beautiful 1000-year reign . . . the awe-inspiring vision of John. What a wonderful picture of Jesus is given here in Matthew. The bright, brilliant light that beautifully lightens the earth in Revelation 22 is here dwelling in the flesh. Now, how the glory shines.

"And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying," . . . Ages going before which we soon lose count of—forever, He was and was in perfect joy and satisfaction. With God there is and shall be no shadow of turning. We peer through an imperfect body, through the shadows and see a glorious perfect, steady. The words proceed from His mouth, a fountain of glorious wisdom . . .

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven." Blessed is a state filled with the highest exultation. Its joys of happiness endure. Sitting at the feet of the Master, we learn. The cross is the vanquishing place of worldly wisdom. The world never lifted beyond a wierd confine; but when we are poor, then we become rich.

"Blessed are they that mourn:

for they shall be comforted." Lot of times, tears are not seen . . . sometimes they are. This mourning always brings better things. We sorrowed in repentance, and look what He gave. We have a battle now. The flesh has emotions and commotions, and we mourn and seek the cross. When we abide, He whispers peace.

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." After the last chapter of the great judgment has been closed, there will be a great roar. Giant flames engulf, and departure of the condemned into night, the outer, transpires. This is the end of death's visit. Heirs of glory receive a beautiful inheritance, right here on this earth. It pays to gently reach for this promise. The earth is the site of the home of the redeemed.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." We repent, and receive peace. It is a gift. God puts a glorious robe on us, clothed in His righteousness alone. Jesus taught that we ought to wash one another's feet. We have ceased from sinning, yet we need more. The dust clings. Ahead is perfect perfection. We "wait for the hope of righteousness". All this is going to find filling, to the full. What a wonderful feeling that will be. Each regret, each missing, each sorrow past.

"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." This is quite a scale; the weight we put on is our own. Someone has taken ad-

vantage of us, or has hurt us and is in the wrong. We could be harsh but our hearts are full of love and pity. Someone is in need: is hungry or cold. Someone needs to know of the word and a better world than before was ever dreamed. We take pity. Oh the happiness of the merciful, who some day obtain that mercy!

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." It pays to find His cleanliness. We shall not be sorry for any mite of pleasure and pride we have not loved. He who has eyes as flames of fire searches His churches. What wonder will unfold when His promise is paid. We shall want to and shall look on Him, forever. If friends are loved here, if sweetness lingers in memory, what must await, seeing Him? Praise will well-up willingly and happily . . . And what dreams wait when He talks!

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." In this time many good things are, because someone worked. A good dinner don't just happen. A nice house means somebody took effort. Peace takes work. The one who creates peace must toil. He must put in man-hours of prayer and patience. Peace has a price; it must be made. Sometimes beforehand, we should be makers of peace. If we quietly and often listen in His word, He will show us how. All of us have a part. How beautiful are the boards slipping into place, the building of His church.

Children of God, oh glorious calling!