

I will extol thee, my God,
O king; and I will bless thy
name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless
thee; and I will praise thy
name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and
greatly to be praised; and

his greatness is unsearch-
able.

One generation shall
praise thy works to an-
other, and shall declare thy
mighty acts.

I will speak of the glori-
ous honour of thy majesty,
and of thy wondrous works.

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

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FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS

Theo Beer, Elder Brother From Milford

Again we are approaching Thanksgiving Day, when the people of our country observe a special day of giving thanks. Let us count our blessings, which spring from Him as its source.

Let us give thanks always for His mercies, for our sins pardoned and buried in the sea of oblivion, for His wonderful grace that is bestowed on all who will believe, for the comfort and guidance of His precious Holy Spirit, which dwells in the hearts and bosoms of all reconciled souls, and for a better life after this short life is over.

Let us review our own lives and refresh ourselves again of all His benefits to us. How patiently He led us on the way, how manifold were His gifts, both spiritual and

temporal, bestowed on us His children.

In days of old the priests and the Levites expressed the praise and thanks for the people of God. Today, however in the new dispensation of grace, it is the privilege of every child of God to kneel in the presence of the Father and to thank and praise Him for His gifts of love to us all.

Daniel loved to kneel in the presence of His God, three times a day to praise and give Him thanks. King David's heart overflowed with thanks, and in Psalm 103 he spoke: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases, who redeemeth thy life from destruc-

tion, who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies.

In Christ's earthly ministry He taught that man ought always to pray, and in everything to give thanks. On the basis of these examples from God's word, we as children of God are instructed to make prayer and praise a happy and blessed habit of our daily lives ... So let us conclude with the words of the Psalmist:

O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name:

Make known His deeds among the people.

Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him:

Talk ye of all His wondrous works.

HOME

The following was given to the editor sometime ago. In this poem, Sis. Hazel Terrill relates her happiness to be in the fold, to have come home, and her care for others.)

It will soon be a year that the Lord led me back home, here in Christ Jesus' church;
Praise be to God for the Holy Spirit's guidance and His will, my choice.

What joy, unspeakable and full of glory to be in the house of the Lord,

Where the Holy Bible is read and a message from the everlasting word is heard.

Communion with the Holy Spirit fills each heart with rest;
Each soul in unity with Christ Jesus is blessed.

Glorious praises to God our Heavenly Father, our Lord we sing,
With thanksgiving our supplications unto Him we bring.

On bended knee we bow in humble and complete submission
To Gods perfect and chastening will and admonition.

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, trusting, believing,
Fervent prayers ascend, His love and mercy revealing.

Let us obey His word and work for our Master while the day of grace is here,
Winning precious souls to Jesus, as His coming is so very near.

Go forth in Jesus' altogether lovely name, thanking and praising Him;
The harvest of souls for eternal life He shall bring in.

Make Christ Jesus your choice, surrender to God's will your life today;
Come home to Jesus, the truth, the life and the way; come home without delay.

Holdfast Sask. Canada ... My sincere thanks to all who so thoughtfully remembered me with cards, letters, gifts and prayers during my hospitalization, and since my return home ... may God bless you all." Mary Nesbitt.

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The plans for the **Home for the Handicapped** should be completed by mid-November. It is designed to accommodate 50 persons, with provisions made for possible expansion should it become necessary. Plans are to begin construction in early 1970 providing sufficient funds are received by Jan. 15. The 3rd pledge call is to be in effect from Oct. 15 to Jan. 15. May God's rich blessing be upon everyone that has supported this project. We covet your continued cooperation and interest in this worthy undertaking.

Elmer J. Bucher, Asst. Secretary

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ELGIN, IOWA**Mrs. George Butikofer**

Oct. 8 . . . We can see that summer has been replaced by the autumn season. Our hillside slopes are resplendent with gorgeous colors, ranging all the way from gold, russet and copper to deep reds. The maple trees are dressed in their colors and are magnificent. I am however sad and lonely this autumn evening. My brother Arthur has passed away to the Great Beyond, and we miss him so very much. Knowing that he was a Christian is such a comfort, for now he has gone to be with our heavenly Father and will not anymore endure bodily afflictions, but heavenly bliss forever and ever.

Bro. Arthur Schneider passed away Oct. 7 at St. Mary's Hospital at Rochester, Minn, after an illness of four years. He was born in Clayton County and lived there until the family moved to Fayette County in 1917. He was 64 years, being born on the 7th day of Aug. 1905. He attended country school and Elgin High School, graduating in 1924. General farming and special-tied turkey growing were his life's projects materialy; His special talents lay in electrical and building abilities. When anything needed to be done in these directions, he knew just how it should proceed. During his illness the importance of repentance and baptism became a reality to him, and he was accordingly baptized at our church. One of his virtues was patience, often illustrated. He is survived by his mother, Sis. Elizabeth, and four brothers and four sisters. They are Eleanor (Mrs. Geo. Butikofer), Allen, Marie, Ruth (Mrs. Ervin Metzger), LaVerne, Jacob (all of Elgin), Robert of Postville, and Betty (Mrs. Chester Curtis) of Minneapolis. Bro. Paul Butikofer officiated at the funeral, which was held Friday, Oct. 10.

A very blessed Sunday was experienced. Karla Moore, daughter of Sis. Elizabeth and the late Bro. Werner Moore gave her testimony of having repented and of having found peace with her Heavenly Father, on Saturday evening, and then Sunday she was baptized. Bros. Leo Moser and Paul Banwart were here and assisted our Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer. May Sis. Karla always feel the nearness of our dear Saviour and Lord, who is ready to help us to do that which is right.

It was nice to see Bro. Floyd Frieden again. He has returned from Viet Nam and will now complete his military duties at Ft. Sam.

We thank Bros. Bob Grimm and Dave Weigand for their visit to our congregation and for expounding the scriptures to us. The holy word is truly as manna to our souls.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA**Marcella Dapper — Jan Elsasser**

Bro. Ben Amman is able to assemble with us after a long absence due to illness.

Our annual Sunday School Picnic was held at Irvine Park. The majority of the children were able to attend and a good time was had by all.

We of the Maywood congregatin extend our sympathy to both the Princeville congregation and the Silas Leuthold family.

THO'T: Salvation is so simple that people overlook it, so free they don't believe it, yet so true they are never disappointed!

PHOENIX, ARIZONA**Carolyn Dotterer**

We are glad to have Sis. Rita Siebenthal with us. She moved from Goodfield. May God bless her in her new home. Her address is 1737 East Garfield, Phoenix.

Tom and Patsy Messner Em-minger became parents, when their first child, Dustin Thomas, was born. Tom is in the army, stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

Hospitalized were Bro. Earl Sanders, Mrs. Jerry (Louise) Roth, and Steve Roth, son of Bro. Harry and Rachel Roth. We're glad they are again able to be with us.

We enjoyed a blessed week-end when Bro. Carl Kinsinger came to Phoenix to assist Bro. Roy Farney with the provings and baptisms of Tom Freed, son of Bro. and Sis. Allen Freed, and Bill Sanders, son of Bro. and Sis. Earl Sanders. May God richly bless Bro. Tom and Bro. Bill in their new lives in Christ.

"According to Thy gracious word, we will remember Thee." We were truly spiritually refreshed when we were able to partake of communion with each other. May we ever keep the Lord's death in remembrance and ever strive to walk closer to Him.

PORTLAND, OREGON**Connie Steffen**

"O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to

the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." In remembering our blessings, perhaps we could try to help those about us who may not have as much to be thankful for.

Our friend Dean Eisenmann returned from Viet Nam and arrived in time to travel East with Terry Nussbaum, who has been assigned to Germany; Terry was at Ft. Lewis, Washington. We will miss not having these boys with us, as they have been faithful in attendance and a real joy to us. May God be with them.

We had the privilege of having Mr. Saguno and Tonado Odao spend a Sunday with us. We were happy they made the trip of 70 miles from Albany to be with us. They live near Tokyo and are presently in Oregon on business. We appreciate the greetings they gave. It's a pleasure to "hear from" our dear ones wherever they may be in the world and to know God's arm is as strong (against Satan) and His love is as great (to us) in one country as another.

Everyone in the Oregon churches is quite well. Our older members all attend regularly and comment that they are still well enough to come to church. How fortunate we can be to have pillars like them.

The following article seems to go along quite well with "church rules" that was in August's Silver Lining.

Don't stay away from church because:

You are poor—there is no admission charge.

It rains—you work in the rain. **It is cold**—it's always warm and friendly at church.

You have very small children—what if you didn't any longer have them?

You don't like the preacher—remember he's human like you.

Your job makes you so tired—you could lose your job.

Your clothes aren't good enough—we don't conduct a fashion show.

You have plenty of time yet—ARE YOU SURE?

FRANCESVILLE, IND.

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich
Thankful

At this Thanksgiving season, we want to give a special thanks for our elderly people, whom we dearly

love. **They lift us up.** "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years . . ."

Uncle Henry Leman will be fourscore and ten on Dec. 2. He is the oldest in our church, but his smile and double handshake is still the same. Just today his 18-month-old great-grandchild ran to him, climbed on his lap and played with his cane. Dear Aunt Cordie is just like her good companion, with a smile of peace and contentment.

We pray for Bro. Sam Geyer's tribulations, and we really look up to Sis. Tillie, whose loving care keeps her close to God. Bro. Sam and Sis. Kathryn Gudeman unlocks our church doors weekly, and they always have their heart-doors unlocked too. Fred Gutwein is our helping brother and still has the talent of God to lead in singing, when needed. Sis. Katie is his good companion, and loving mother to all their family.

John Pelsy so willingly comes to church with his wife, Lydia. She is a welcome sister at our JOY Meetings. Richard and Zura Streitmatter are a brother and sister who hardly ever miss Sunday or mid-week services. Love flows from their heart to yours, and almost overruns. Ludwig and Louise Welker are members whom we are always glad to see, and so patiently endure. Uncle Chris and Aunt Barbara Wuethrich are thankful they can again enjoy home life together, with God as their guest and comforter. John and Lizzie Wenger are unable to assemble with us, but our prayers are often with them. Joseph and Lena Yaggie are two of our elder members who need each others help, but they let their love shine.

Sis. Sara Anliker used to come quite a distance, to faithfully give her labors at our J.O.Y. Meetings; now she and Bro. Ben are living in Francesville, where the "Welcome" mat sure was out for them. Sis. Anna Banwart has held the most newborn babes in her loving arms. She has started 802 babies out to be loving people. We all want to now smother her with love and kindness in her sunset years. Her sister Ella is always a sunbeam in her home. Sis. Cora Boehning has never missed one of our J.O.Y. meetings with a good deed. Her latest project is making "lap robes" out of men's old ties. She really lives up to our motto, Jesus

first, Others next, Yourself last.

George Boehning has such a good wife. Yes, Sis. Emma kept her vow to care for him in sickness, and may the Lord give them loving patience. Our prayers are often with them. Sis. Octavia Erb has a warm heart, opening her home for quilters to come in. We need these good people whose lives reflect God's love in all they do. We feel Sis. Anna Getz is part ours, as she was our secretary for 9 years, and she never came to the office without a smile. God had to be in her heart. Sis. Christina Gutwein is our only sister that has to be in a Home, but "Love" has stayed in her heart—when you visit her, she takes your hand and keeps kissing it. God continues to give grace and strength to William Kahler, and it is wonderful to say he is our brother in our precious faith. Sis. Ella Pelsy still has a song in her heart. We look to her to lead us in singing our J.O.Y. songs. Angela Von Tobel is a sister-in-faith, and we like to greet her as a grandma in faith. She does the kindest things in the kindest ways. These are our oldest "Single Jewels," and we know they are also "God's Jewels." Sis. Perseda Aeschliman, Julia Boehning, Esther Gudeman, Ella Yaggie, Martha and Louise Pelsy. God has crowns of jewels awaiting.

We think of them in this way, they live for each other, and all live for Christ.

THANKFUL.

VALPARAISO. INDIANA

Alma Morris

We can see God's handiwork everywhere. The leaves are many beautiful colors and the rolling hills, as far up as you can see and as far down, are like a beautiful patchwork quilt, only we know they are not made with human hands. It will never be the same leaves again; so is our life, we know not when we will fall.

The clock of life is wound but once
And no one has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own;
Live, love, toil with a will.
Place no faith in tomorrow, for
The clock may then be still.

Bro. Arnold Gerst of Chicago gave us an inspiring sermon, on

how we take the prayer Jesus taught disciples to pray for granted. How often we say it without really saying it with a meaning: Bro. Merle Bucher from La Crosse worshiped with us on the 26th of October.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Nettie Jacobs are back with us, after being on an extended vacation with their daughter in the East, who is moving to the state of Washington.

Sis. Mildred Ames has been in the hospital, but is able to be home again.

Bro. Harry and Sis. Lena Bucher spent Oct. 19 in Forrest, at the reunion of soldiers of World War I. Now they, with Sisters Irene Haggemaker, Irene Nuest, Sandy Dehaven and Jeannie Morris are in Spain. We wish them a safe return.

Our Bible school was well attended. We hope it will grow more and more.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Elizabeth K. Kaisner

Thanksgiving season is with us again, so let us be thankful for everything, both for body and soul, and for the freedom of speech and worship.

Father, we thank Thee:

For peace within our favored land,
For plenty from Thy bounteous hand,

For means to give to those in need,
For grace to help in thought and deed,

For faith to walk, our hands in thine,

For truth to know thy law divine,
For strength to work with voice and pen,

For love to serve our fellowmen,

For light the goal ahead to see,

For life to use alone for thee,

Father, we thank thee. AMEN.

Mich and Coleen Culp have a baby son, Shaun Edward, born Oct. 15. Mich is stationed with the Marines in southern California. They are from Remington, and attend church with us.

Some from Maywood went to Altadena on Wed. evening, Oct. 29 for services, Bro. Noah Schrock stopping here on his way home from Japan. We enjoyed his visit with us. He also shared with us some of his experiences of his trip with Bro. Ben Maibach.

We have had our annual election for trustees and Sunday School teachers. Trustees are Bros. Ben Ammann, Ernest Dapper and

Leonard Locher; teachers are Ern-Dapper, Julie Ann Dapper and Jan Elsasser.

What is home without a BIBLE?
 'Tis a home where daily bread
 For the body is provided,
 But the soul is never fed.

ALTO, MICHIGAN Loretta Steffen

We gained a dear new brother in faith, Duane Schrenk. He was baptized upon his faith and testimony by Elder Bro. Joe Waibel. Duane left the following day for Germany.

Our dear sister Lena Roth was able to attend morning services, after being shut-in since July.

Our hearts go out to those in Bay City and Junction who are left to mourn and weep, after tragedy struck their families. The reason we mourn never really struck me until our baby Sammy died. I was crying, & my 3-yr.-old sister asked, if Sammy was happy in heaven then why did I cry. I readily admitted, because I wanted to be there too. "Oh that I were with Jesus! oh that I could take wings, where the angel chorus sweet Allelujah sings! Our tears which here are falling will bring mirth like a sea; We long to hear thee calling to take us home to thee!" When we really think about it, we are each born to die. May we trust in Jesus and be found ready when our summons comes.

Dear Lord, Help me to see where I might be of value to you, in sharing of the bounty which thou hast given me, or in sharing a kind word, thought or deed which Thou hast planted in me . . .

It seems that every parent has a struggle to teach their children right from wrong, and the godfearing parent trembles when their children want to go out and meet the world. I read an unusual story the other day that might help us all put things in the right perspective: One day as a mother was scraping and peeling the vegetables for a salad, her daughter came to ask her permission to go to a center of amusement. On the defense, the daughter admitted it was a questionable place, but all other girls were going and they did not think it would actually hurt. As the girl talked, suddenly she saw her mother pick up a handful of discarded vegetable scraps and

throw them into the salad. In a startled voice she cried, "Mother, you are putting the garbage in the salad!" "Yes," her mother replied, "I know; but I thought that if you did not mind garbage in your mind and heart, you certainly would not mind a little in your stomach!" Thoughtfully the girl moved the offending material from the salad, and with a brief "Thank You" to her mother, she went to tell her friends she wouldn't be going with them.

"Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding."

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Ella Wagler — Rosella Obermann

Love—A child learns to love by being loved. **Love is Creative . . .** Love greatly enriches the lives of both the receiver and the giver. Are you enriching your life and of others by continually expressing Love to them?

Love could be shown to our beloved Sis. Sara Gerst, who is still in the hospital recovering from a broken hip, by showering her with get-well cards. She has been there about 9 or 10 weeks. Her address: Mrs. Sara Gerst, c/o Memorial Hospital, Burlington Iowa 52601.

Our prayers are also extended to Sis. Lillian Massner, wife of Bro. Adolph Massner, and Sis. Ann Massner, wife of Bro. Allen who were hospitalized with sickness.

A precious bundle of love; a daughter was born to Bro. Uriel and Sis. Judy Gehring. She was named Rachel Rose. She is welcomed home by a brother, Brad and a sister, Mary Beth.

May we thank the Lord for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us, our precious children, homes, our health, families, loved ones and above all our precious faith and heavenly calling from sin and darkness—into this marvelous light.

Love lifted me; Love lifted me. When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Christy Koch

"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." On Thanksgiving Day, what a wonderful and blessed way to give thanks, blending our hearts and voices together in songs of praise unto our God.

Bro. Wendell Gudeman, Francesville, was with us on Oct. 9. He expounded on the book of James and told us that living faith is proved by our works and evidenced by our conduct. Bro. Edwin Bahler from Remington told us how we can either dedicate our lives to worldly pleasures, fame, and riches, or else to faith. The choice is up to us—the Bible however says, **Rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.** Bro. Dale Eisenman from Chicago gave a message on faith. He told us our problems in the world will not be solved by knowledge, but that the only way to be content is to have faith.

On Oct. 30, Bro. Dave Weigand, Champaign, told us that Jesus will never fail us, even though things in this world often fail. How we hope and trust that Sis. Virginia Manz and her family can be comforted by this never-failing Saviour. We were all saddened by the tragic accident which took the life of Sis. Virginia's mother and her two uncles. Sis. Virginia worked in the Normal area and assembled with us many times.

Our student group spent the last week end in October at the University of Illinois in Champaign. What a blessed time we had, fellowshiping with other college students of like mind and faith from Illinois and Indiana.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Bro. Jim Ringger—Bradford and Bro. Harold Schmidgall—Gridley and others from Princeville . . . Some came on Sat. night, so we had a nice week-end together.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Mildred Clauss are grandparents, as their daughter and husband have a baby boy, Shawn Edward. They live out in California, where he is in the Service. He will be out before very long . . . are always thankful when the boys get back safe.

Bro. Eldon Getz, Sis. Eliza's son, arrived home from Germany about one week ago. He is going to help Bro. Earl Kilgus on the farm.

My brother, Andy, who lives at Fowler Ind., is in a Bluffton Hospital for observation.

My sister, Sarah . . . a trip to Madrid, Spain, . . . my brother Paul and I went along, a 9-day trip. Our plane from Chicago had 233 passengers on way over and 253 on way back. There was another plane

that left from New York. Around 500 attended from all over the world. We took several tours and saw . . . the Royal Palace, similar to our White House, which has 2700 rooms . . . We had lovely weather all the while we were gone. We were very thankful we stayed well. Madrid is a very nice clean city, even tho' it has over 3 million people, in general well dressed. Most of their stores are very small. In Spain, sometimes they have zero weather but it is not very often they have snow. One can't be thankful enough to go and come under God's protecting hand.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Philip Wingeier

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

Church services will be held again this winter in the Women's Club Building at the corner of Palm Avenue and Park Court, beginning Dec. 21. The time of services is 1 p.m. E.S.T. We extend a hearty invitation to all who travel to the warm climate to stop and worship with us.

Sis. Ferne and myself will be located at 2727 Parma Street, Sarasota Florida.

URBANA, ILLINOIS

Nada Baumgartner

Sue Zimmerman

"Trying to walk in the steps of the Saviour
Trying to follow our Saviour and King
Shaping our lives by His blessed example,
Happy, how happy the songs that we bring."

Truly, we who are His own can say it is "Beautiful to walk in the steps of the Saviour." Our ministering brothers remind us, we must let God take our hand and lead us, if we wish to reach that heavenly rest. We must forsake our will and follow His bidding.

We were blest by fellowship when a large group from Purdue, Indiana University, Illinois State University and Illinois Central College spent a week-end with us. It's such a blessing to meet from near and far and find the same Christian love.

We thank Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest, Herman Kellenberger, Elgin; Jim Hoerr, Peoria, Dave Kieser, Princeville; and Edwin Hohulin, Goodfield; for the many blessings brought us through the word. Bro. Dave Keiser reminded us, "Sometimes it is necessary that God wash the eyes of His children with tears, so that they can see more clearly to go on."

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. John Oberlander

Mrs. Ken Getz

Funeral services were held for Frank Krug, 73, on Oct. 31. Those surviving are his wife, Lily Blumenstock Krug; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Leland (Adeline) Smalley; three brothers, Ernest, Albert and George; and one sister, Mrs. Fred (Mary) Gorsage.

A son, Douglas, was born to Bro. William and Sis. Marilyn Rocke Huette. He was welcomed home by one brother and three sisters. William and Sis. Karen Faubel Kaufman are the parents of a daughter, Cindy. She has two sisters and one brother.

Bro. Paul Schambach, who has been confined to his home for two years, celebrated his 75th birthday. Let's all wish him a belated birthday few words of cheer. His address is: 219 W. Wagler Street, Morton Ill 61550.

Sis Verna (Mrs. Warner) Bauman, RR 1, Morton Ill., and Sis. Verna (Mrs. Chris) Getz, 320 E. Monroe St., Morton Ill. are convalescing at home and would appreciate hearing from their many friends. Those who have been in the hospital and are now home are: Mary Seidel Gunther, Karen Belsley Zeigler, Eric Rassi (son of Robert and Janet Rassi), Sis. Edith Zimmerman Getz and Sis. Mary Stieglitz Roecker.

The Morton Choraliers received many blessings during their bus trip to the Dessie Scott Home and the Lexington church. Bro. Lester Huber and his family are devoting many hours to the Lord's work there. May our prayers grant them the strength to carry forth God's will.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Wendell Anliker

"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." We will soon be setting aside a day to give thanks unto our Lord and Saviour, as our

forefathers did some years ago for the many blessings showered upon us. We should not only give thanks on Thanksgiving Day, but every-day of our lives, not only for the material things, but thank God for the precious gift of eternal life.

Starting basic training were: Bro. Leon Gerber, Bluffton; Friends Harold Plattner, Sabetha; Curt Nep, Roanoke and Ralph Endress, Princeville. John Schmidt (from Elgin) arrived from Ft. Jackson S. Carolina to start medical training.

We welcome Charles and Betty (Wuethrich) Lyons from Francesville. Charles is here for a 4-week Basic Medical Officer Training course. We were sorry to see Stan and Jane Steiner, Cissna Park leave us, after being here for 7 months. Also leaving us was Bro. Glen Heinold, La Crosse; Stan and Glen will be going to Viet Nam after a short leave at home. We trust the Lord will be with them at all times.

We were richly blessed the week-end of the 25th when ministering Bro. Clarence and Sis. Laura Kachelmuss were in our midst. Clarence brought out many wonderful teachings and reminded us of our high and Heavenly calling. We hope and pray that many more might come to the knowledge of the truth before it is forever too late.

We rejoice with the angel's in heaven for another soul that repenteth. Mark Moser, Bluffton, has answered God's tender calling to come, taste and see the glories that He has laid up for those that love and serve Him.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;" These fitting words from Ecclesiastes were read when funeral services were conducted for our aged friend, William Streitmatter, who passed away very unexpectedly Oct. 8. He had gone to his son, Bro. Burton, was watching as he was harvesting the corn, and died of an apparent heart attack. Although he had been more or less in failing health for the past year, it came as a shock to all. He had enjoyed excellent health all his life and still drove his car, bringing

his wife, Sis. Frieda to church. He is of a quiet nature and was always interested in watching the planting, ripening and harvesting, and always ready to help. He and Frieda still resided on the farm. At the time of his death he was 85. Bros. Joe Stoller, Arthur Baurer and our other local ministers conducted services Oct. 10. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Sis. Frieda (Feucht); two sons; Bro. Harold and Bro. Burton; one brother, Louis. May God extend His sympathetic hand over the bereaved family.

We were happy to have Bro. Joshua Broquard spend a Sunday morning with us. Since Bro. Silas is suffering from a knee affliction, he has not been coming upstairs. Joshua announced the engagement of Bro. Steve Aberle and Sis. Mary Bahr of Sabetha. Mary is employed in Peoria for the past several years, but we were privileged to have her worship with us. May the Lord bless this couple and may they find much joy and happiness in walking together.

Ralph Endress, son of Bro. Levi and Sis. Mildred, has been inducted into the armed services and is stationed at Fort Sam Houston. We are thankful he is where others of our faith are stationed.

Our friend, Liesel Rapp has a heart ailment and is receiving care and treatment in the hospital. She is now able to feed herself, and we sincerely hope she will continue to improve nicely and will be able to go home before long.

Doris Bipp of Zurich, Switzerland, visited our congregation. I was happy to meet her, as her father, who worked in the travel bureau in the train station at Zurich helped me so much when I visited in Switzerland 19 years ago. I had also met her grandmother and some aunts, who were very hospitable. We hope Doris will like it well enough to stay in our country for awhile.

Bro. Walter and Sis. Doris Christ welcomed a daughter, Melinda, into their home Oct. 26. Her three brothers, Fred, Ronnie and Kurt welcomed her.

We are glad that Sis. Clara Gerber is able to be about and has been worshipping with us. She has joined other afflicted ones who are unable to climb the stairs to the assembly room: Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold, Sis. Hulda

Martin, Sis. Ida Huber, Sis. Josephine Endress and Frieda Kieser. We look forward soon to be in our new edifice and all can assemble together in the sanctuary.

Work is eagerly being carried on in the new church, and it is hoped we can assemble there in the very near future. How good it makes one feel when each is anxious to do his part and work together to prepare a house of worship. Many years ago when the Pilgrims came to this country, they had no such nice place of worship. The first thing they did when they got off the ship was to kneel down under the open sky and thank God. They went through many hardships that first winter and many perished, but their faith did not diminish, but grew stronger, trusting the Lord would be with them. He had brought them to a new land, where they had freedom of worship. They continued to be thankful, finding a desire to set aside one day to especially give thanks. We too observe Thanksgiving Day, but we too give thanks everyday. We have so many reasons to give thanks. Once more the fields have ripened to the harvest, and the fruitful earth has fulfilled the promise of spring. A bountiful harvest has been gathered in; God has provided with material blessings. How wonderful if now we would have a bountiful harvest of souls turning to the risen Lord.

Thank You Note: Words cannot express my gratitude for the many kind deeds, prayers, visits, cards and gifts received during my stay in the hospital and since returning home. Thank you, and God bless you all. Sis. Clara Marie Gerber

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Season's Blest

Earth lies in stillness, a time to rest;

Fruitful seasons have many blest
Autumn scenes in heavenly hues
From God alone for all to view;
Soon winter days and fallow field
Replace a land of abundant yield.
Yet bounteous beauty herein lies
Beneath the blue-grey winter
skies.

The starry snow-flakes fall from
heaven;

In myriad fashion they are given.
Soft drift like blankets now cover
our land,

Placed there by God's Almighty
hand.

Written by—Louise Finck

A son, Mathew William, was born Oct. 6 to William and Sis. Joyce Waibel. Bro. Carl and Sis. Ev Hoerr are the parents of Joel Philip, born Oct. 15.

We enjoyed the visits of ministering Bros. Elmer Hartter, David Wiegand and Edwin Ringger. Bro. Wendell Gudeman and a group of brethren and friends from Francesville were assembled with us the first Sunday of November. Wendell mentioned in the services, how it is so good for the young, old and middle-aged to converse with one another and also admonish in the spirit of love when necessary. The Hymn Sing was held at the Fellowship Hall in the evening, and we enjoyed several selections of beautifully sung hymns from three different groups from Francesville. Among many visitors from several churches in this area, it was nice to see Bro. John and Sis. Ann Wagler from Haiti in our midst, too. It is such a precious privilege to have this blessed Christian fellowship.

Our friend, Nelson Gray is a hospital patient.

Bro. Will and Sis. Mayme Erkert plan to leave this week for Ft Lauderdale for the winter.

My mother, Sis. Mina Tanner received so many lovely cards and expressions of love for her 87th birthday. She wishes to thank everyone, and may God bless you all.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Fannie Schieber — Pauline Roth

We have had quite a little moisture. This has slowed up the harvest some, but everyday that the weather permits, the farmers are putting in long days of work. One weekend we had five inches of rain. In a small community about seven miles west of us, they had a tornado which did considerable damage. There were several injuries but no lives lost. So again we have much to be thankful for.

Our visiting ministers were Bros.; Le Roy Huber (Eureka), Josh Broquard, (Fairbury), and Dale Eisenmann of Chicago. We thank them for their teachings. We know it is an effort for them to travel some distance on a Sunday morning, especially when they have small children, returning home late Sunday evening, then

arising Monday morning to a new week of work and rush. We always enjoy their visits, and hope all will be blessed for their efforts.

The engagement of Sis. Bonnie Grusy to Bro. Steve Gerst has been announced. Bonnie is the daughter of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie Grusy of Danvers; Steve is the son of Bro. and Sis. Richard Gersts of Oakville.

Sis. Cora Schumacher, wife of Bro. Joe, had the misfortune of falling in her home and fracturing a bone in her upper arm. She was in the hospital several weeks, but is at her home now. Vern Williamson has returned home from the hospital. He is the son of Sis. Doris and Bob Williamson of Goodfield. Vern is walking with crutches now, and it will be sometime before he will be able to return to school. We hope Cora and Vern will both continue to improve each day and can soon assemble with us.

Alto and La Crosse Bible Classes and their teachers spent a weekend with the young folks of our church. They enjoyed a wiener roast Sat. evening, and Sunday afternoon supper was served in the church dining room. We enjoyed their company and hope they will visit us again.

Junkso Hotsuumi, from Shioda, Japan, has arrived for an extended visit in Bro. Alvin and Sis. Irene Schrock's home. We welcome Junko in our church and community, and hope she will enjoy her visit in America.

HONOLULU, HAWAII

Keith and Sharon Kellenberger

Art and Eileen Beery and son Michael met here in Honolulu to enjoy six days of R&R. It was Art's first chance to meet his 4½-month-old son. Art and Eileen were stationed at Ft. Sam when Bill Metzger was there, so on Saturday afternoon we all drove out through pineapple and sugar cane country to Schofield Barracks to pick up Bill and spent the evening at our apartment. Art, Eileen, and Michael also joined us and Dave Grosshans for services Sunday morning and a scenic drive in the afternoon. Bill had to pull a duty on post and couldn't be with us Sunday.

We felt very fortunate to have Bros. Noah Schrock and Ben Maibach stop in Honolulu on their trip home from Japan. Monday evening after a mountain drive, we

received Scriptural teachings from each of them in our apartment. One thought we both remember is this: "We Christians can't help it that our Ship of Faith is in the water of the world, but we can help it if that water gets in our Ship." Noah left Tuesday morning for the mainland, but Ben stayed till Wed. afternoon. On Tuesday afternoon, Art, Eileen and Michael joined us. They and Ben took a cruise of Pearl Harbor and toured the USS Arizona Memorial. Afterward we all went to Schofield Barracks for a short visit with Bill Metzger (Lester). Then we and Ben spent a pleasant evening and enjoyed a delicious meal with the Chang family. Ben has been friends with their family for many years now.

Last night we spent the evening with Bro. Art and Sis. Til (Rassi) Legel (Roanoke), Sis. Marie Kieiser, and Caroline Moses. They had just completed a tour of the Orient. Today they left to visit the outer islands. The Lord willing, we hope to see them again in four days, when they have a few hours lay-over in Honolulu before flying home to Illinois.

Bill Metzger has located an apartment, and if all works as planned, his wife Charlotte (Wagonbach) and daughter Stephanie will be joining him in mid November. The apartment is in Waialua, a small town on the opposite side of the island from Honolulu.

Aloha!

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

On Sunday Oct. 12 it was open house to all at the home of Bro. and Sis. (Tillie) Gerber, as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Relatives, friends and guests alike came, in numbers, to bring their good wishes to the couple. Many who had come chose to join in the singing of the several beautiful hymns that were sung in the evening, followed with a closing prayer. Bro. Ernest Gerber, in a few brief remarks, thanked all for their part in this memorable occasion, especially for the many beautiful cards and gifts. All were then invited to a delightful luncheon.

Sis. Margaret Warner, a sister of Tillie's who had come from Portland where she resides, returned to her home later in the week. She had been here on a visit for three weeks. We were also happy to have Bro. Dale Weigand, Peoria, share

his time with us. He was on an insurance errand for his company the home office at Hartford.

Announcement of the coming marriage of Sis. Karen Virkler to Bro. Roger Honegger was made here on Sunday Oct. 26. The wedding is scheduled to take place sometime in December. We offer our best wishes to them.

Sis. Julia Bourque is a patient at Mercy Hospital, Springfield, Mass. where she has undergone surgery. She said she hoped to be out soon. Bro. Arnold Hany, who has been in and out of the hospital for various indispositions, is at his home now recuperating. Our good wishes are with those who are so indisposed.

Oct. 24 a daughter, Gail Ellen, was born to Bro. Eugene and Sis. Ellen Kupferschmid. Grandparents: Bro. Werner and Sis. Clara Kupferschmid and Bro. John and Sis. Ruth (Zahner).

There are several dear friends who have heeded the call of the Lord, and this we find good news to report. To embrace this wonderful faith, which has been tested and tried down through the years and stood up for generations is encouraging. Two friends, Dan Stok and his wife Diane were united to the church body, after giving a good testimony of their experience of their conversion. Other names will appear at a later date in this column.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Betty Banwart

A new baby girl, Jill Marie, was born to Bro. and Sis. Larry and Marvella Wickman on Oct. 12. May the Lord bless them and help us all who are entrusted with such precious gifts as children, to do our part to raise them.

Kurt, son of Bernard and Alice Metzger was hospitalized for a tonsillectomy. Naomi Zaugg is improved and was moved from the hospital to the rest home in West Bend. We are thankful Sam Metzger is home and able to assemble with us. Sis. Mary Traub is in the hospital, but she is feeling better.

Our cup was indeed filled to running over with wonderful teachings of love, when we were blessed with many visitors, including three ministers. Bros. Edwin Ringger, Gridley, Harold Grahm and Floyd Schmidgall of Morris, were with us Sunday. At this time of year, the words of the hymn 236 in Zion's Harp come to mind much oftener,

as we see the bountiful earthly harvest the Lord has provided. May we make use of it in a manner pleasing to our Lord.

It gives joy to have two of our friends, Ruth Fehr and Norman Zaugg announced to have received peace. May the Lord bless all souls that seek His guidance.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

We received blessings in abundance when visiting Bros. Merle Kaisner, Art Baurer and Carl Kipper brought to us the old, old story of Jesus and His love. I often think when hearing different ministers from time to time, how it compares with food prepared in various ways, making it taste different. Thus it is with the word; when it is brought by different brothers, it sometimes makes more of an impression in one way or another.

We wish the Lord's rich blessing upon Charles and Pat (Suevers) Lehman, who were united in marriage on Nov. 1. Charles is the son of Sis. Dorothy and our departed Bro. Irvin.

Little Ernest Dean, week-old son of Harold and June Lehman, passed away Nov. 5. Also surviving are three brothers, David, Johnny and Ronald at home, and the grandmothers, Sis. Irene Lehman of here and Sis. Baumgardner of Bluffton.

We of the Wolcott church extend our sincere sympathy to the Schlatter families and the Junction congregation in their great loss. It brings to memory the tragedy that befell us nine years ago, when Bro. Will Furrer and Sis. Tillie Stoller were taken in a similar manner.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Janette Blough Florence Hartzler

"Haste and seek your soul's salvation, heed the word of God today . . ." We are glad to report another soul has turned to the Lord in repentance, Roger Gasser, son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Bertha Gasser. Our dear friends, Joyce Beery, Paulette Calame, Linda and Keith Dotterer have found peace and are now waiting to be taken into the fold.

We are sorry to report that Sis. Elda Gasser and Bro. Daniel Hartzler are confined to a hospital; David Gasser is home and able to attend church, following foot surgery; Bro. Herman and Sis. Rosa Ingold are now at the Wayne County Home for the winter. We give

these dear ones a bit of courage: "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him . . . Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us."

Bro. Ed and Sis. Marilyn Trent are parents of a baby girl, Heidi. Her four brothers Keven, Greg, Jeff and Paul welcome their first sister, too. Bro. George and Sis. Minnie Rigenbach have three new grandchildren, born to their daughters . . . a son to Bro. Merle and Sis. Bonnie Hartzler, named Mark Andrew, welcomed home by Betty and Danny . . . a son to Bro. Everett and Sis. Marjorie Stoller, Scot Everett. At home to welcome him are David, Eric, and Steve. Bro. Dan and Sis. Betty Baltic have a new daughter, Denise LaRae. She has one sister at home, Stephanie. We wish many blessings to these families and their new babies.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Steiner are residing in N. Carolina, following their marriage on Oct. 2. She is the former Kathy Laviner from that state, and Michael is the son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora Steiner.

Funeral services for Ann Rupp were held on Oct. 29, with Bro. Elmer Zollinger officiating. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Martha Mirman and Sis. Louise Rake, and nieces and nephews.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the Schlatter and Manz families in the Junction congregation, and also to the relatives here. We were reminded of the 14th Chapter of St. John, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions . . ."

Sis. Lillian Bauman wishes to say she has moved into an apartment in Rittman at 426 Terrace Drive. She enjoys hearing from her friends.

Sis. Ella and Sis. Elizabeth Widmer want to thank all relatives, members, friends for many kind and thoughtful deeds shown to them. "Thank you, and may God richly bless you. We are glad to be back for church services after being absent for some time".

The brethren and friends of the Rittman area wish to sincerely thank everyone concerned for the contribution made to help cover the loss they suffered due to the July 5 flood. The Master said, **What you do to the least of my brethren you do it unto me.**

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Freda and Rhoda Minger

Suffering overcomes the minds inertia, Develops the thinking powers, and drives the soul to action. Bro. Frank Beyer has been admitted in St. Johns hospital in Santa Monica for surgery and is still in the intensive care unit. We pray that God will comfort him and his dear wife, Elizabeth. They are spending the winter with their daughter, Bee.

On Oct. 5 we held our annual meeting, and Bro. Harvey Kaisner was elected to fill the vacancy of Bro. Emery Minger. The Sunday School teachers are Bro. Virgil Graf for the Bible class; Bro. Harvey Kaisner, the Jr. Bible class, and Sisters Betty Baker and Judie Bittner the smaller groups.

We were thankful to God that He protected our elders on their return trip from Japan. Bro. Noah Schrock visited our area and held the midweek services; we received many blessings from the teachings read from St. Luke. Our prayer now is that we can obey the word of God. Bro. Dapper also came from Maywood. We thank them for their visit and invite them back.

We are again having our monthly dinners and singing, and also entertained the Maywood church on Nov. 2. We always enjoy the song worship with our youth and its an inspiration to us. We feel thankful to God for such blessing, and pray He will keep us close together and keep the warmth of love in our hearts.

Sis. Clara Lorenz is moving to the high desert; her new address is 9166 G. Ave., Box 1161 Hesperia Calif. 92345.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

Bro. Arthur Meylan of Kawkawlin passed away of injuries, when the gasoline tanker he was driving collided with a car. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Anna; 3 daughters; Mrs. Daniel (Jean) Cole, Mrs. Lawrence (Annette) Cavanaugh, and Laurie Lee; three sons, James, Wayne and Edward; one sister, Mrs. Theodore Bertuliet; four brothers, Fred, Warner, Bros. Henry and Herman. Bros. Ben and Richard Schlatter and Sis. Ruth Manz lost their lives in an auto accident on their way home from Bro. Art's funeral. They were former Bay City area residents. They have, at Bay City, one sister, Sis.

Helen Meylan and three brothers, Bros. Elias, Robert and David Schlatter. We wish the Lord's comfort and grace to the families left behind.

We are very happy and humbled to have two more young people turn to their Lord in repentance, Sandra Schlatter and Rodney Wieland. We wish all of our new converts our Lord's grace and guidance. We know if they do this, they can be very happy.

We all had such a wonderful humbling week end with the proving and baptism of Ronald Schlatter, son of Bro. David and Sis. Margaret Schlatter. Bro. Leo Moser of Lester was with us, along with many of Ron's relatives and friends. It was so very humbling to see so many of Ron's friends go to meet him after baptism; we hope that many will give their lives to the Lord.

Delores Munsel has been in the hospital; she had surgery, but is again at home with her family.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Pauline Laidig — Helen Zimmer

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:"

Mankind is moved at this season of the year to be thankful for a bountiful harvest, and we indeed have been richly blest . . . but oh, how many things we have to be thankful for each day! Let us never hold our thanksgiving to just one day or season.

We are happy and thankful to have quite a few children in our Sunday School. For some time we have felt a real need for more space to do justice to them in the short time there is to plant such precious and important teachings in their hearts. We are grateful that, through the cooperation of the congregation, we can now anticipate a new addition to our present church building, which will contain Sunday School rooms and a fellowship hall. A short but impressive ground-breaking service was held on Sunday, Oct. 26. We are hoping the project will be completed in the spring.

The Junior High and Bible Sunday School classes spent a very enjoyable evening as guests of the Ft Wayne Sunday School. We appreciate very much that our children had the privilege of this type of fellowship. Bro. Harold Zeltwanger accompanied them, and spoke to the

young folks (at the Leo Fellowship Center).

A number from our congregation accompanied Bro. Verdon Feldman to Cissna Park. It is a privilege to enjoy the blessed fellowship of the brethren in other churches.

Few of us who are able to come and go at will can realize how long and lonely the days of shut-ins can be, but we can try to help brighten the hours with visits. One Sunday evening, we divided into three groups and spent a while visiting, singing and having a short service with Sisters Pauline Clauss, Pauline Nicholas and Bro. Dan Germann. We, as well as they, are blest by these visits. Pauline Nicholas has since been hospitalized. We hope her stay will not need to be long. We are happy to report that Sis. Anne Leman is able to be up some each day and can spend some time with Bro. Will, who seems a little weaker. We pray the Lord will help each one to bear his cross in faith and patience, that He will comfort and bless them, and grant healing if it is His will.

BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

A Thanksgiving Hymn

God of the fruit, the grain, the flowers,

Who plannest all things for our good,

By sun and rain, through summer hours,

Did fashion for us bounteous food;

We meet today to give Thee praise
For all Thy blessings on our land.

Beneficent are all Thy ways,

Though oft we do not understand.

Give us the faith and hope to say,
Thy will be done Thanksgiving Day.

Thou wilt lead Thine own this year,
And to the merciful be kind,

And guide this nation, to us dear,
Strengthening heart, uplifting mind.

Show us the right and lead the way,

For all the land Thanksgiving Day.

Another one of our friends, James Meyer (Sis. Pearl) has served his time in Army duty and returned safely, after serving in Vietnam. The last six months he was stationed at Ft Leonard Wood, where he was able to take flying lessons and earn his pilot license.

His brother Keith was home on 14-day leave from Ft Bragg, N.C.

The engagement of Sis. Marilyn Rokey (Bro. Joe and Sis. Lila) to Bro. Jay Kellenberger, Sabetha was announced. Jay is in basic training at Ft Sam. We wish them much happiness in their future life together.

Dallas Ray was born Oct. 28 to Bro. Leland and Sis. Mary Plattner. They have another son, Andy, ready for a playmate. Grandparents are Bert and Sis. Julia Plattner and Bro. and Sis. Ervin Metzger, Elgin, Iowa.

Bro. Frank Hertzler is getting around with the aid of crutches, as one leg is in a walking cast, due to a broken ankle bone. Bro. Louis Meyer Sr. is a hospital patient.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Hulda Strahm, after spending the past months with their daughter Sis. Reva and Bro. Leon Walbel, Wolcott, decided to have a household sale and make their future home with them. We miss them, but do wish the best for them.

Bro. Henry Ruegger from Bern, Switzerland flew into Kansas City on business. He then made a stop here to visit his uncle, Ernest Gerber, and sons. Ernest was 90 last Sept. and still able to stay alone and do his own housekeeping. Henry also visited the Bros. Louis and Leonard Baumgartner families.

Bro. Louis Baumgartner informs me Bros. Paul Bauman and Henry Frolich (whom he visited in Switzerland) wish to have their greetings extended through the Silver Lining to their brethren and friends they learned to know during their year in the states.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

We have been blessed with the fall beauty of God's world, as the autumn colors seem more brilliant than the last few years.

We were inspired by the timely messages of Elder Bros. Geo. Yergler, Herman Kellenberger, and George Gramm. May they be blessed for their labors.

Bradley Eisenmann was hospitalized for minor surgery.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

**Louise Steffen
Katie Kachelmuss**

We give Thee thanks, Oh Lamb of God,

That on the cross beam Thou hast brought

For us salvation, peace and grace

With Thee in heaven's resting place!

We give Thee thanks!

We are fast approaching the day set aside for Thanksgiving; we do have many reasons to be thankful everyday; may we all make use of this day by thanking God for His many gifts of love.

It was a cloudy, gloomy day outdoors, but indoors it was quite different—coming to church a little early and watching who entered the doors, we were pleased to see Bro. Sam Kilgus of Remington, and then Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka, and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest enter, with some of their families, and quite a few visitors from other churches. After meeting and greeting some of them we went into the assembly room—one of the brothers chose to sing:

Ye of my blessed pilgrimage
Dear and beloved companions,
Who have the precious privilege
The Holy Ghost's communion,
God's blessings on you I acclaim,
And greet you in the Saviour's name!

The brothers brought us many good teachings. We read in Nehemiah about the building of the wall, how they worked everyone with one of his hands wrought in the work and with the other hand held a weapon for protection against their enemies; in our days we have the protection of our government in serving our God . . . and we should all be workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

The brothers on the World Relief Committee met here . . . They all left for home with the exception of Bro. Noah Schrock, who stayed and was with us for our mid-week service. He read in I Corinthians 2, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." Noah gave us a short resume of his visit to Japan. We thank him for his visit with us.

A precious soul was added to the Flock. Minnie Goll gave her testimony and was baptized. May God call many more to come unto Him while the door of grace is still open.

Births—A daughter to Bro. Ernest and Sis. Carol Kellenberger. Sara Lynn born Oct. 9; Bro. and

Sis. Ernest and Tillie Kellenberger of Morris are grandparents, and Mrs. Julia Schubert of Elgin is grandmother. A daughter to Bro. Frank and Sis. Lois Schock, Rebecca Louise, born Oct. 15; Sis. Emma Moser is the grandmother.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

**Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher**

Bro. Eli Somerhalder, Burlington, was our guest.

Those in the hospital were Bro. Richard Rocke (He was a surgical patient in Eureka Hospital); Jane Anliker (a medical patient, but hopes to go home soon). She is the daughter of Bro. Walter and Sis. Wilhelmina.

Birth, a daughter, Tami Sue was born Nov. 4 to Bro. and Sis. Lewis and Arletta Martin.

Wedding announcement was made of Bro. Steve Gerst and Sis. Bonnie Grusy. He has assembled with us so much in the past, as he worked in the Bloomington area. He is from Oakville.

As the Thanksgiving season is approaching, may we all be more aware of the many blessings that have been ours, and therefore be more **Thankful** as we count our many blessings. If we would try to name them one by one, I'm sure we would fail to find them all.

What does Christianity Mean?

In the home — kindness; In business — honesty; In society — courtesy; In work — thoroughness; To the unfortunate — pity; To the strong — trust and goodwill; To the weak — help; To the penitent — forgiveness; To sin, resistance; To all men — love; To God — worship and service.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

We stepped out the back door on this autumn morning. Sparkling frost covered the grass and the last rose buds of the season. A brilliantly colored maple tree in our backyard came into view, and as we walked along the side of the house we saw the deep red of the dogwood and changing colors of the sweet gum. In the front yard stands a tall handsome maple in all its beauty. This tree was brought in from the woods by my mother and father years ago, when it was only a few feet high, and was tenderly cared for by them. We chose the open road to walk along, rather than the sidewalk lined with

houses. We saw the arching blue sky, felt the blessed winds, heard the jubilant songs of birds. We felt the splendor of the morning and found ourselves singing "The Morning Hymn." At the door of the school we were greeted by a little girl who excitedly asked, "Will you go to church with us tonight?" When we explained that it was impossible, her countenance fell, but soon brightened again when she said, "Then may I sing the hymn which we will sing tonight?"

The day progressed with countless little expressions of love, and as we returned home we observed a small child tumbling down, as a large dog jumped playfully on him. The sister ran to him and anxiously asked, "Are you hurt," as she dried his tears . . . A child's act of love.

The following day came the news that our administrator had suffered a fatal heart attack. The loss was perhaps greater than we knew. He had left such a rich legacy—not of material possessions, but he had given so much of himself. He was a true friend as well as a counselor to his students and teachers. Often when confronted with problems, he expressed great concern and offered many prayers that the right decision might be reached.

What kind of legacy will we leave when God calls us home? Will it be land, stocks and bonds, or will it be one of intrinsic value? Will we have made richer the lives of those we touched with Christian love and understanding?

Will we be instrumental in building Christian precepts? These precepts live on in the hearts of men.

LATTY, OHIO

Dolores Grant — Iva Stoller

What a blessed day we all experienced on Oct. 12, when Bro. Arthur Gudeman, La Crosse, came to minister to us. He left with us much food for thought.

I am happy to report that two more souls have turned to repentance; our sons, Phil and Paul Grant. We are grateful that God is still calling souls, as we are so often warned, we know not when the door of grace will be closed. We know not when the death angel will call, as we have been so reminded of our three loved ones from Junction, our neighboring church. We

sorrow with them. Their loss is our loss.

... O yes, He cares; I know He cares;
His heart is touched with their grief.
When the days are weary, the long nights dreary,
I know my Saviour cares.

We have one hospital patient, Bro. Jesse Gerber, who had surgery and still remains a patient in the hospital... one birth to report: a son, born Nov. 2 to Bro. Walter and Sis. Renee Sinn. He was named Timothy George, and has two brothers and a sister to welcome him.

We extend our welcome to Dave Shape from Rockford, Ohio, who wishes to make this the church of his choice.

Sis. Mary Gerber has asked that we remind all Latty subscribers to the Silver Lining that it is now time to pay their dues **before** Jan. 1. Make payment to Bro. Jesse or Sis. Mary.

Tho't: Church members are like coals in a fire; when they cling together they keep the flame aglow; when they separate, they die out.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Alma and Gus Baum

The winter season approaches—sunsets come early—the fragrance of crumbled leaves linger—wood-burning fires give the air a special sweetness, and we know soon the snow will be silently, beautifully falling.

Our thoughts go back to the first Thanksgiving day, many many years ago. Let us always remember, everyday is a day of Thanksgiving.

Bros. Paul Banwart and Duane Metzger, West Bend, spent a Sunday with us... were reminded they, as being an example of the aged and the youth, proclaiming God's word. Our thanks to them for coming.

On behalf of the Minneapolis congregation, we extend heartfelt sympathy to the Junction families, whose loved ones were taken in the automobile accident.

"Hearty thanks to all the churches that contributed towards the losses in the Rittman area from the flood. Arthur Gasser."

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Herman Schaefer

Mrs. Carl Joos

Bro. and Sis. Leonard Wulf are the parents of a little girl, born Oct. 21. She has been named Patricia Sue, and has six brothers and four sisters to welcome her. A little girl, Michelle Lynn was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Joos Jr. on Oct. 21. This is their first child.

Penney Sue Fehr, young daughter of Bro. and Sis. LeRoy Fehr and Sis. Marilyn Joos, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Gottlieb Joos were hospitalized. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Ronald Meiss, son of Bro. and Sis. Harold Meiss, left for the service. His wife Kay plans to join him soon. We wish God's protection.

Bro. and Sis. Leo Dogotch announced the engagement of their daughter, Sis. Pamela to Bro. Steve Schaefer, son of Bro. and Sis. John Schaefer. We wish the Lords' blessings.

Funeral services were held for Gust Mohrman, who died at the age of 78. He is survived by his wife, six sons and seven daughters. Bro. Paul Fehr officiated. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family.

Bro. LeRoy Messner, Winthrop, visited us. We thank him for his visit.

Pilgrim Vision

We have reaped in fields of barley,
Fields of corn and oats and wheat;
Luscious fruits from trees we've gathered,
Ripened neath the summer's heat.

Oh how little had the pilgrims,
On that bleak New England sod;
Yet they knelt and sang His praises
As they rendered thanks to God.

Once again we come rejoicing;
Once again we sing Thy praise.
Thanks, dear Lord, for all Thy blessings...

Thanks for golden harvest days.

TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki

It's become the early part of winter in Japan, and the bushes and trees are all colorful around here; persimmons are ripe and very good for eating. When you look at Mt. Fuji, it is covered with snow for the winter season.

Bros. Noah Schrock and Ben Maibach visited in our country, and had wonderful fellowship with us in faith and dear ones. We had a

member meeting here in Tokyo church on Oct. 26, and many of the members came from Shioda and Tamahata and attended that meeting.

Japanese economic situations is getting bigger and bigger every year, but living standard is much higher than economic development. People are awful busy for materials things than the spiritual. Young folks are leaving from the right morals and down to be slaves of the devil. The students are fighting instead of studying. Anyhow, the world is becoming worse and worse everyday. The people of the world are lost as like in time of Noah. We Christians should wake up and work harder, and must feel the responsibility toward such poor souls of today, let them turn to the Lord before the end of the time. The Lord's day is coming very very near. "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." We glad to have your prayer and spiritual support in continuously.

AKRON, OHIO

Kathy Graf

Bro. Arthur Graf, who is in charge of building our new church, has told me that he hopes that the new church will be finished by Christmas and that we should be in by then or soon after. Very soon now they will be starting the ceilings and the lighting. The benches should be in by the first of December. The heating has already been installed.

Sis. Eva Emery sends this following note: Bro. Dan and Sis. Eva Emery have lived to see 56 years of married life. We thank God for the many blessings through joy and sorrow. We have our first great-grandchild. (Their anniversary was November 2.)

Bro. Ernest Graf, who was hospitalized, is now well and able to assemble with us again.

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Fred Marty and Bro. Ben Stavenil on Oct. 2, and Bro. Henry Sabo on Oct. 19. All three brothers served us well and we enjoyed their visit. May God bless them.

Bro. Alexander and Sis. Cathy

Bako were blessed with a daughter, Susan Elizabeth. She has three sisters to welcome her home: Rose, Esther and Erika.

Dean and Joanne Rininger were also blessed with a daughter, Lynn Marie. She has two brothers to welcome her home: Mark and Eric. The maternal grandparents are Joe and Sis. Anna Hanla.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

On Sunday Oct. 19 the engagement of Sis. Gayle Aschliman and Bro. Clinton Bucher of La Crosse was announced. Parents of the couple are Bro. Robert and Sis. Ida Aschliman and Bro. Vernon and Sis. Melva Bucher. We certainly wish the Lord's richest blessings on them.

Bro. Stanley and Sis. Delilah (Aschliman) Biberstein were blessed with a baby boy named Dean Allen, on Oct. 20. Jason Kent was born on Nov. 3 to Kent and Sheila (Moser) Sprunger. Congratulations to the parents.

Bro. Barry Isch has returned home from his year's service in Vietnam and is now residing with his parents, Bro. Ervin and Sis. Anna. We welcome him back home and thank God for his safety.

On Oct. 15, a dear friend was taken into the fold. Wanda Fiechter, daughter of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Doris, gave her testimony of God's love and mercy. We wish her a large measure of God's grace along her Christian road.

May God with His touch of healing restore our loved ones to good health. Elder Bro. Samuel Aeschliman, Sis. Marjorie (Wm.) Ringger, and Sis. Fannie Baumgartner are in hospitals. Those recuperating at home are Sis. Ida Aschliman, Sis. Esther (Olen) Geisel, Sis. Lydia (John) Kaehr, Jeffrey Geisel (son of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Luella), and Jaci Ringger, daughter of Bro. Dave and Sis. Maxine.

Our community was indeed saddened when the Lord saw fit to take our dear friend, Dee A. Yergler from us after a car accident on Oct. 11. Dee is survived by his parents, Bro. Truman and Sis. Marcella Tonner Yergler; two brothers, Kim and Jeff; and a sister, Sis. Sue (Tom) Neuenschwander; his grandparents, Elder Bro. John and Sis. Ella. Services were conducted on Tuesday, Oct. 14, with Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Robert Meyer in charge. "Not Now, but in

the Coming Years, Sometime, Sometime, We'll Understand".

Funeral services for our dear Sis. Katherine Liebig were held on Thurs. Oct. 23 with Bros. Orville Ringger and Robert Meyer officiating. Her survivors include two sisters, Sis. Ida and Sis. Elizabeth. Three sisters and one brother preceded her in death. We are thankful her pain in this life could be exchanged for eternal peace.

On Wed Oct. 29, a dear brother, Cornelius Steffen was called to his reward. Survivors are four sons, Raymond, Norman, George and Willis; three daughters, Mrs. George (Kate) Nicholson, Mrs. Herman (Lillian) Arnold, and Mrs. Robert (Ann) Stauffer; four brothers, Bro. Amos, Tobias, Bro. Herman, and Eli; three sisters, Sis. Leah (Calvin) Rauch, Sis. Mary Steffen, and Sis. Hulda Steffen. Bros. Orville Ringger and Wendell Gerber held the services.

May this poem be of comfort to the bereaved:

And together we stand at life's crossroads
And view what we think is the end,
But God has a much bigger vision
And He tells us it's only a bend—
For the road goes on and is smoother,
And the "pause in the song" is a "rest,"
And the part that's unsung and unfinished
Is the sweetest and richest and best—
So rest and relax and grow stronger;
Let go and let God share your load.
Your work is not finished or ended;
You've just come to "a bend in the road."

The Lord has again been good to us, by permitting several visiting ministers to bring the gospel to us. On Sunday, Oct. 12, Elder Bros. John Bahler from Rockville and Rudolph Graf of Akron brought much encouragement to God's children and a warning to the friends. Bros. Michael Weyeneth and Roy Sauder from Peoria were with us the following Sunday, being inspired to preach the truth to us. On Oct. 26, Bro. John Diggleman of Union City brought us the inspired word. May we always be enthusiastic soldiers of the Lord. Bro. Ed Alt accompanied the Cissna Park Sunday School class to Bluffton and ministered unto us in the

afternoon services. We are always thankful for the opportunity to hear from visiting ministers and welcome them anytime.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Martha Kieser

Delores Duckworth

Our visitors were Bro. Josh Broquard of Fairbury and Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville. They spent ½ day with us.

The other half of the central Illinois churches came for Christian Endeavor. Bro. Ed Ringger of Gridley gave the message of inspiration. It was certainly a blessing to hear those young voices blend together to sing praises to God.

After spending several weeks in the hospital, Bro. Ed Ehle submitted to surgery for a ruptured disc in his back. He has sufficiently recovered to be home with his family, for which we thank God. A group of Ed's neighbors gathered at his farm to do his corn harvesting.

Six-months-old Deonna Faith came to bless the home of Bro. Don and Sis. Delores Duckworth, and three-year-old Denise. Bro. George and Sis. Esther Kieser are Deonna's grandparents.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

We were privileged to take a trip through the New England States and enjoy the beauty of the foliage, the mountains and the ocean. The brown, gold, crimson, scarlet and green are all made by hands unseen. We visited Plymouth Rock, where the Pilgrims had knelt in prayer, and there brought their thank offering. We visited several of our churches in the East; we could feel the brotherly love of the same spirit. Many we had not known, but in the Lord we knew them. Let us appreciate our many blessings and never forget to give God all the honor and praise.

We were pleasantly surprised on one of our midweek services, when Bro. David Weigand walked into our congregation. In his message it was clarified how by the yoke the burden is made light. Other visiting ministers were Bro. Walter Koehl (we were reminded to stay on the straight and narrow path); Bro. Vernon Feldman from Bremen (told us to take time each day in our homes for family worship); Bro. Ed Frank of La Crosse (told

us we have a jealous God and He wants the whole heart).

It is wonderful to have our Friend Dean Eisenman, son of Bro. and Sis. Ray Eisenman home, after his tour of duty. While overseas, Dean was stationed in Vietnam. He is very thankful to be home.

Graveside rites were held Oct. 13 for Lisa Joan Waldbeser, stillborn daughter of Bro. Frederick and Sis. Joan Waldbeser.

We are mindful of the less fortunate and the deeply bereaved.

Sis. Margaret Kupferschmid had surgery and is getting along nicely. Sis. Freida Kuntz has been on the sick list, but is improving.

Sis. Kathryn Merkle, age 82, passed away Nov. 9 at Iroquois Hospital, after an illness of several months. Survivors include: two brothers, Charley and Ben. Three sisters; Sis. Sophia Gudeman, Sis. Marie Weiss, and Minnie Weck, besides a number of nephews and nieces. Funeral services will be held Nov. 11; burial in the church cemetery. We will miss her in our midst.

My thanks come easily
When my fortunes rise
And my will is king
And all the world seems my estate.

My thanks come easily such times
but wait!
Today let me reflect
Upon those thanks I owe
But which I find express less
fluently.

Today, let me remember to give
thanks
Not only for the sunlight,
But for those darker hours
That teach me fortitude . . .

Let me not forget, today,
To whisper thanks for these,
The contempt that teaches pity,
The tear that teaches joy
The pain that teaches mercy,
And the loneliness that teaches
love.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

Sis. Rosemary Meiss and Bro. John Hartman were united in marriage by our elder, Bro. Josh Broquard. Rosemary is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Eli Meiss, and John is the son of Bro. and Sis. Vernon Hartman. The presence of the Lord was felt. The message had entreated the Lord for His pres-

ence, just as Jesus was present at the wedding of Cana of Galilee. The message also depicted some of the similarities with the great wedding feast with the Lamb of God—there was a beginning had to be made, there was much preparation, and there were many invited guests. Just as God's blessing was felt that day, may it continue upon them.

A precious baby girl, Vicky Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Luttrell on Oct. 9. Vicky is very much welcomed and loved by her sister, Lisa Ann, who is 4½ yrs. old. Mrs. Luttrell is the former Shirley Zimmerman, daughter of Sis. Amelia Zimmerman.

Bro. Arthur and Sis. Suzanne Bahler were blessed with a baby, named Neil Robert, born Oct. 13. He has a brother Roy, and two sisters, Marie and Sara. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. George Broquard and Sis. Ida Bahler. Neil was born the same day as his cousin, Lorelei, a new daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wayne Broquard.

Sis. Mary Unsicker, 75, passed away at Fairview Haven, where she had been residing a long time. Since she had no sisters or brothers and never married, there are only cousins surviving.

Mrs. William Wagner received her Master's degree in special education from ISU and is again teaching. She is the former Karen Moser, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Eli Moser. Her husband is coordinator of music in unit 5 schools, Normal.

We were happy to have had Bro. Noah Schrock minister to us.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Carolyn Zimmerman

Juanita Schneider

"When people yearn with all their hearts
For treasures or joys that seem far away,
They close their eyes to countless joys
That crowd them every day."

This thanksgiving let's strive to be more thankful for the little things God has granted each of us to possess.

The Lord has provided when we were privileged to vote for 4 new Sunday School teachers. This duty has fallen on Bros. Wayne Drayer, Wayne Broquard, Bob Kiefer, and Les Roth. May God richly bless these brothers with patience and

understanding as they sow this precious seed to our youth. May they take courage in these words—**Teach a child in the way that he should go and he will not depart from it.**

The engagement of Bro. Roger Honegger to Sis. Karen Virkler of Rockville has been announced. May God bless their union.

Bro. Wayne and Sis. Roberta Broquard have a new daughter, Lorelei, a sister to Tess Elaine. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. George Broquard, Fairbury, and Cal and Sis. Dorothy Bachtold. The first child for Lloyd and Joyce Honegger is a little girl; she has been named Bethany Jo. Grandparents are Bro. William and Sis. Esther Honegger and Peter and Emma Schaeffer, Fairbury.

Our ministers held graveside services for the infant son of Steve and Rita Metz, stationed in California. Rita is the daughter of Leonard and Mary Ann Rieger. Only God can ease the sadness for parents and grandparents at this time.

Bro. Frank Honegger spent several days in the hospital, following an auto accident. Bro. Roger Honegger, son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Clara, lost the tip of his finger in a farm accident. Sisters Leona Wallace and Carol Metz were patients at the hospital. All are home again.

The 1st World War army reunion was held at our church, bringing many veterans and amazing stories. Ministering Bro. Harry Bucher, Valparaiso, was among them; we enjoyed our day very much.

Visiting us to proclaim God's good word were Bros. Andrew Virkler, Bay City, and Henry Beer, Milford. The old, old stories seem ever new and we enjoy each visit.

Terry Nussbaum, son of Bro. Dean and Sis. Betty is home for 3½ weeks before departing to Frankfort, Germany to complete his army duty.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Ida E. Sinn

We are having what we call Indian Summer. When we look at the trees with their leaves of many bright colors, we know that only God could create such beauty.

The Thanksgiving season is upon us. As there is a trend to give thanks for earthly gifts, may we never forget to thank God for gifts of much greater value, love, grace, blessings galore. May we be thank-

ful for seasonal blessings, but never forget to thank God for all His blessings.

Our sympathy goes out to Sis. Marie Zaugg in the death of her sister, Katherine Hawkins of Grover City, Calif. Katherine leaves 3 other sisters here in Ft. Scott.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

Bringing us inspiring messages were the following: Bro. Vernon Leman, Eureka; Bro. Fredrick Knapp, Congerville; and Bro. William Funk, Garden Grove, Iowa. May God grant them grace and courage to continue spreading the gospel message.

Our monthly Singspiration was held Oct. 20. Special numbers were given by a quartet consisting of Bros. David Hodel, Roanoke; Clark Stoller, Gridley; Earl Ringger, Champaign; and Friend Gary Ringger, Gridley. The wee folk of the Kindergarten class delighted the audience with their songs presented in the innocent manner which only the little ones can. May God bless them all.

Our congregation was happy to have Bro. William Witzig back for a few days leave.

Bro. Cleve Klopfenstein will report for service to our country Nov. 11. He is the son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Kathryn Klopfenstein, Chicago. Cleve has been attending school in Bloomington, presently is doing student teaching near Chicago. He has been worshipping with us in Gridley. We will miss him, as we do all the young brothers who have to leave for service duties. May God ever protect them.

Bro. Lyle and Sis. Linda Wettstein are the parents of a son. Grandparents are, Bro. Ben and Sis. Anna Wettstein, Gridley, and Sis. Klein, Peoria.

We are glad to have Bro. Eugene Funk back with us, as he has been absent from church services for quite some time due to injuries received, when a horse pushed him against a barn. Bro. Joe, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Alice Funk is a surgical patient in the hospital in St. Louis. Sisters Kathryn and Elizabeth Funk remain patients in the Fairbury Hospital. My co-reporter, Sis. Lydia has been a patient in Methodist Hospital in Peoria for three weeks, having undergone surgery on her back.

A son was born to Friend Gerald

and Sis. Ada Christensen Oct. 24 and has been named Drake Alan. Angela is the other child of the couple. Grandparents are Sis. Anna Klopfenstein, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Christensen. Bro. David and Sis. Gloria Wettstein of Streater are the parents of a son, Douglas Lynn. Grandparents are Bro. David and Sis. Mary Kaeb, Fairbury, and Bro. Ben and Sis. Anna Wettstein, Gridley.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Sis. Alice Raaf has been transferred from the hospital to the Golden Age Lodge, Burlington, Kansas.

Do we appreciate our visiting ministers enough or do we just take it for granted? Our teenager mentioned about visiting ministers—she didn't realize it wasn't ordinary until visiting with some friends, and they didn't know what a "visiting minister" was. Upon returning from church several weeks ago, I mentioned how I had enjoyed Bro. Carl Hartman's service... and up pipes our nine-year-old son in agreement... These children observe a lot more than we realize.

We thank Bros. Sam Huber and Al Langhoffer for coming to help Bro. Loren, who is alone in the ministry now.

To think on:

The thirst for righteousness

To challenge the lesson the parables teach seems impious, but to ignore it seems "proper". It certainly clashes with our standards. It is strange how the parables are respected while their lesson is rejected.

The rich young ruler didn't kill, steal, or commit adultery. Instead of commending him for his moral conduct, Jesus told him that if he wanted to be perfect, he must sell all that he possessed and give to the poor.

In the sequel to the parable about the prodigal son, Jesus told about the elder brother who resented the reception given to the prodigal when he returned home. Although the elder bro. is the villain, he personifies the virtues we praise. He was the energetic, dependable, moral, and financially responsible person.

A pharisee and a publican, both went up to the temple to pray. The Pharisee with great decorum thanked God for his moral achieve-

ments. He was not like some men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as the publican. He fasted twice a week and gave a tithe of all that he possessed. The tax collector, on the other hand, smited on his breast and prayed aloud, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

To Jesus, the important thing is not where a person stands on the moral scale...

He may be at the bottom of the ladder, but if he cries out as did the publican, there is only one direction in which he can go and that is up.

The nearer a person gets to the top, the greater is his temptation to self-consciously consider himself good enough to permit him to relax a bit. While he, like the hare, takes a nap, the tortoise lumbers by and crosses the finish line. Many a highly endowed man has been surpassed by an inferior person who plods on. Fortunately, there are some men like the Apostle Paul who are never satisfied with their position or achievements, but struggle on with a unity of purpose toward the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Master blessed those who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

Bro. Wendell Gerber, Bluffton, ministered to us. He reminded us that we get out of the word just about what we want. Let's not shut any part of God's word out.

Our congregation was greatly saddened when an automobile accident claimed the lives of three of our dear brethren on Oct. 28, Ministering Bro. Ben Schlatter, 52; Bro. Richard Schlatter, 50; and Sis. Ruth Manz, 55, sons and daughter of George and Emma (Wahl) Schlatter. Sis. Juliet, wife of Bro. Richard, was critically injured and is at Maumee Valley Hospital, Toledo. They were on their way home from attending the funeral of Bro. Arthur Meylan at Bay City. Near Toledo a farm truck drove out from a side road, and a large truck in attempting to miss the farm truck went left of center, hitting the Schlatter car head-on. Words cannot express our deep grief when we looked upon the three closed caskets in the front of our church, the first funerals in our new church. We know that the dear families will suffer most, but our

whole congregation is grief-stricken. We know that God knows best, and we know He never makes a mistake. What a comfort it is that our dear ones made preparation to meet their God.

Ben came to the Junction community from Bay City when he was seventeen years old, to make his home with Bro. Elias and Sis. Minnie Dotterer. He had served in the ministry since 1951, helped in song leading, was a trustee and did so many things for the church. Since he lived so near the church, it seemed he was available and was so willing to do his part. He is survived by his dear wife, Sis. Esther (Dotterer); six daughters, Sis. Betty, Sis. Lois, and Benita, Karen, Sharon and Christine; and six sons, Bro. Sam, and Ralph, Raymond, Lowell, Philip and Carlton, all at home.

Richard and Juliet moved here with three of their children from the Bay City community in 1951; many vacancies in our little church must be filled. Richard was Sunday School teacher, song leader, janitor, church treasurer and secretary to the Trustees. He is survived by his dear wife, Sis. Juliet (Dotterer); four daughters, Sisters Kathy, Janet, Dorothy and Margery; and five sons, Bro. Bill, and Tim, Edward, Mark and Dennis, all at home.

Ruth came to this community from Bay City, when she married Bro. Emmanuel in 1942. She was such a faithful helper in the kitchen at church, and one could often see her busily washing dishes. Her alto voice will certainly be missed. She is survived by her dear husband, Bro. Emmanuel; two sons, Bro. Roland, Ft. Wayne, and Paul, at home; and three daughters, Sis. Verginia, and Viola and Helen at home. Verginia has moved home from Normal. May God bless her and give much patience in caring for the family.

We pray for the dear families, and we know that God will take care of them in their lonely hours. We pray especially for our dear Sis. Juliet, that if it could be God's will, that she could regain her health and could return to her family and care for them. She is steadily improving, for which we are thankful.

Elder Bro. Joe Waibel, Bay City, conducted the services, assisted by Elder Bros. George Sinn, Latty; Rudolph Graf, Akron; Theo. Beer,

Milford; and David Bertsch, Leo. We extend our thanks to all those who helped so kindly in many ways, and especially do we want to thank the Latty congregation for taking over the serving of the funeral dinner. May God bless each for the many efforts put forth.

Mary Manz is able to assemble with us, after being absent for many months due to a broken hip. Mary Suttor is improving, but her arm is still in a cast.

Bro. Jesse Schrock, Congerville, and Bro. Homer Reineck, Toledo, ministered to us. It seemed timely that the last chapters in the Old Testament and the New Testament were read. It was pointed out that Satan often tries to draw people away from God through adversity, as in the time of Job, but this only seems to draw God's people nearer to God.

Jake Manz (Bro. Adam and Sis. Kate) is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, with the Ohio Air National Guard. We wish him God's blessings. May we always remember our service boys in our prayers.

Bro. Hartzell Kaisner, Detroit, spent a week-end with us. He told us we must not question too much. We all suffer in sorrow and we all rejoice in joy. How true this is!

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz — Della Witschey

Miss Della Witschey was able to return to her home the last of October, after being a patient in the local hospital for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Widmer of Sterling, O., visited with relatives and attended services at the Monroe Church on Sunday.

J. Howard Riggenschbach was brought to this hospital on Oct. 24 and had to be taken back to Morgantown on Oct. 29. His condition is not good. W. E. Riggenschbach continues to improve very slowly in the hospital here. Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade visited on October 24-26 with relatives in Akron and Girard. Mrs. Lena Frayer remains a very ill patient in the local hospital. Mrs. Delbert Indermuhle was a patient in the local hospital for several days in October.

Mrs. Elza Ritz, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Gus Weltz spent Oct. 23 with their brother, Frank Barth and family in Parkersburg, W. Va. Mr. and Mrs. Barth left on Nov. 5 for Florida, where they will spend the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Joe

Emch of Girard visited with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron visited with relatives on Oct. 29.

Gene Riggenschbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Riggenschbach of Sardis was a surgical patient in the local hospital.

Mrs. Rebecca Shepherd Tharp, 80, passed away on Nov. 2, following a long illness. She leaves three daughters, one son, two brothers.

Mrs. R. D. Williams and daughters, Mrs. Don Brandle and Mrs. Richard Wells of Akron spent Oct. 22 with the Barth families.

PULASKI, IOWA

Mrs. Dave Wiegand

Thanksgiving Day! The day set aside by our nation to thank the Lord for the bountiful harvest. We should thank Him each day anew for all His blessings on our efforts, for without them all would surely be in vain.

Our sympathy is extended to our dear friends, Donald and Lydia Jean Banwart Payne. Their 11-year-old son, Dwayne, passed away very suddenly and unexpectedly on Oct. 19 at Glenwood Hospital for the retarded, where he was a patient. The wonder why these things must be, but the Lord has a reason and someday we'll understand. All that He does is well done.

We call them retarded because they are slow.

Unfortunate, too? A thousand times, no!

Their trust is in the One from whom all favor springs.

To be sure, with not one would we want to change places

And yet, just a glance at their sweet happy faces

Should prove beyond doubt, that they really know

They are God's children — the retarded and slow.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Bro. Velmer Meyer is quite ill in the Sabetha Community Hospital. A large group of neighbors, friends and relatives met one day to harvest his grain. They used fourteen combines and some twenty trucks and were able to move a good amount of grain. It is heart-warming to have such brotherly love shown unto one.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Marilyn Rokey, daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Lila

of Bern to Bro. Jay Kellenberger, son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Marian. Jay is in service at Ft. Sam Houston. Also announced was the engagement of Sis. Mary Bahr, daughter of Bro. Willard and Sis. Eloise to Bro. Stephen Aberle, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Mary.

A daughter was born to Bro. Roger and Sis. Ilene Hartter on Oct. 19. She was named Karen Rose. She has one sister, Connie Marie.

Sharon Feucht and Carl Strahm were married in the home of her parents, Bro. and Sis. August Feucht of Larchwood, Iowa on Oct. 11. A reception was held at the Fellowship Hall here on Nov. 1. We extend to her a hearty welcome to our community. They are at home at 124 N. 14th St., Sabetha.

We extend our sympathy to Clifford and Sis. Barbara Edelman on the death of his father, Jacob Edelman, who passed away Oct. 26. Funeral services were held Oct. 29. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

Card of Thanks: I want to sincerely thank everyone who remembered me with cards, gifts, prayers and visits while I was in the hospital and since my return home. God bless you for your deeds of love and kindness. Roger Hartter.

SARDIS, OHIO

Doris Miller

As the Lord has again granted us a beautiful fall season, we have also been richly blessed with many visitors who came to worship and fellowship with us. Those who came to minister included Bro. Ernest Graf, Akron; Bro. Lawrence Emch, Girard; Bro. Fred Marty, Rittman; Bro. Robert Stoll, Girard; Bro. Kenneth Sauder, Mansfield.

Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf served us with Holy communion.

Those of our community who have been hospitalized were Earl Riegenbach, Lewis Riegenbach, and Sis. Martha Indermuhle. Martha wishes to extend a special word of thanks to all who remembered her while she was in the hospital and convalescing at home. We look forward to having her able to assemble with us again.

New arrivals in our small congregation are David Paul, son of Bro. John and Sis. Paula Figel, and a son born to Dwayne and Betty (Riegenbach) Hardbarger.

The engagement of Diane Figel,

daughter of John and Sis. Rosella Figel to Dave Ritchie was made known. Diane is attending Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

Our entire congregation joins in extending deepest sympathy to our loved ones in the Junction congregation. May the Lord grant them grace sufficient to carry on the work of faith that has been started there.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter — Mrs. Bill Heimer

Ministering brothers were Bro. Carl Hartman, Sabetha; Bro. Bob Pohl, Burlington; and Bro. Sam Huber, Gridley. We always appreciate the messages they bring, as we also do our own ministers who labor faithfully to bring us God's word.

Sis. Rosella Kolthoff had surgery on her foot; Sisters Loida Hodel and Rosemary Hoerr were medical patients. We are glad to report that they have all returned home and are getting along quite well.

Dawn, the 2-year-old daughter of Bro. Norman and Sis. Sally Haerr spent two days in the hospital with a respiratory condition. Teddy, son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Emma Dee had surgery for a hernia. He is in the hospital, but getting along all right.

A daughter, Erin Lyn was born to Myron and Debbie Barkley on Sept. 13. Her maternal grandmother is Sis. Naomi Heimer and great-grandmother is Sis. Elizabeth Sutter.

Bro. Bill Cottrell has employment at Bloomington, Ill. We are sorry to have him leave us, but wish him the Lord's blessing in his work.

Mrs. Judy Huber received word from her husband Vernon, who has been in Viet Nam, that he has been in the hospital with a kidney condition. He was transferred to a hospital in Guam and has improved enough to go back to Viet Nam again in the near future.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer

Mary Jane Leuthold

Sis. Ida Carius passed away Oct. 24, after a very short two-week illness. How sudden a completely unaware sickness can overtake one's body, and we are found lying on our death couch. Services were held Oct. 27. Her husband William, a daughter Mrs. Ann Becker, a son William, and many sisters and

brothers are left to mourn their deep loss.

Among those on our sick list are: Sis. Tillie Koch, who underwent surgery and is home recuperating; Pete Winzeler, who is now confined to the hospital; and Marie Schurter, who is ill at her home. Bro. Will Beutel also entered the St. Francis hospital, Peoria, to undergo surgery on his hips. It is expected he will be confined in the hospital for at least six weeks. I am sure any mail would be appreciated.

Our friend Kenney Rocke, son of Bro. Orville and Sis. Doris has announced his engagement to Carol Hodges of Delavan. We extend our best wishes to the future couple.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Tucson Sewing Circle

954 South Magnolia

This has been a good month for the Tucson church. Our sewing circle and our church has been blessed with a new family from the neighborhood with 3 children. May the Lord be with them and cause them to enjoy our fellowship.

We are happy to have Ruth Griffith back with us, with her daughter Peggy. She is the daughter of Bro. Jay and Sis. Dorothy Bertsch. Her husband is with the Air Force and has been called to duty in Thailand. A farewell dinner was held in the fellowship room of the church; it was a sad but blessed evening. We wish him God's protective care till he returns. We enjoy our monthly pot-luck dinner, served in the fellowship room in the church. All birthdays of the month are included. All those wishing to spend sometime with us this winter may address their inquiries to the Sewing Circle, Apostolic Christian Church, 954 South Magnolia Ave. We will help what we can, as we have a housing shortage here.

Need to choose is still with us today in 1969: Godly love and kindness or critical hate; charity and giving or selfishness; love of the brethren and a Christian home with God's word or the tavern and its lewd companionship; Natural beauty in youth, natural and reverent in age or to dye our hair, paint our face, expose our bodies; Happy accomplishment for our family and the church or laziness and critical depression; A strong and helping arm on the body of

Christ or a withered arm which the church must care for in a cast.

Noah Herman

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Mrs. Gary Anliker

Give thanks for what?
The things you had forgot;
The fire on the hearth, the cheerful
kettle's hum,
Dear faded books — perhaps a
friend has come
To share your day — someone has
sent a flower,
Or else to one in need you gave an
hour.
Give thanks for what?
the things you have forgot.

We are sorry that Bro. Harvey Heiniger was injured in a farm accident. May God grant him a speedy recovery.

Bro. Robert Pohl, our visiting minister from Burlington, read and meditated upon St John Chapter 14. He reminded us of God's wonderful way of salvation; of God's power and of His might, that He is able to cleanse and purify the sinful nature, and has the power to keep it unto life eternal. May many yet be called while the door of grace is still open.

Room for the lame, the halt, the blind;

Friend, there's room for thee;
'Twas Christ made room for such
poor souls
By dying on the tree.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli—Carol Messner

"O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for His mercy endureth for ever."

I'm thankful that He made me whole

And chose to live within my soul.
I'm thankful for His guiding light
That makes my footsteps sure and bright.

I'm thankful for the privilege of
Expressing all His warmth and love.

And I pray that you are thankful,
too,

For blessings God has given you.

Ministering Bro. Cleo Rickenberger (Pulaski) came to share the gospel with us. He told the congregation, "God gives us grace; the faith we must provide." John the Baptist questioned the identity of Jesus. Will we keep faith in Him? Be ever watchful lest the evil one

enter and cause us to fail. Ministering Bro. Noah Miller of Minneapolis accompanied Bro. Rickenberger. It brought back pleasant memories to have them gather with us for Sunday evening services.

Steven, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice Howk, was discharged from the service. We are glad to have him and his wife, Linda, and son, Brian worship with us.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL, ILL.

Lyle and Lois Stoller

Those who so faithfully served us were Bros. Jesse Schrock and Frederick Knapp, Congerville; our elder, Bro. Josh Broquard, Fairbury; and Bro. Russell Rapp, Morton. May God richly bless them for so unselfishly lending themselves to bring our congregation God's most precious word and encouraging us to faithfully walk the path of life.

On the way to the Christian Endeavor at Bradford, two cars of our group were involved in a five-car accident—Ed and Sis. Barbara Meiss and family and the car driven by Sheryl Nussbaum with the girls of our choir. We are thankful that it was a minor mishap and no one was injured.

Gail Hari, daughter of Bro. Everett and Sis. Beverly Hari, received injuries in a tricycle accident. She is in the hospital and is slowly showing improvement. May God grant her good health so she may soon again join her family circle.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler

John Reardon, son of George and Sis. Marie, was home on leave, after finishing basic training in Calif.

We will miss Bro. Leonard and Sis. Audrey Hitz and their family, who have moved to New Jersey. Leonard was transferred by Ford Motor Company. May they feel that anywhere with Jesus they can safely go, when He points the way.

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" We are thankful that Bros. Ben Maibach and Noah Schrock returned safely from their blessed trip to Japan. As it is becoming more difficult for Noah to make the long trip to Japan, the duties of shepherding the three Japanese churches have been turned over to Ben. They are encourag-

ing the Japanese brethren to assume as much responsibility as they can; however, as one of the Japanese ministers stated, they are not yet strong enough to stand on their own.

The brothers visited all three churches and served Holy Communion at Tamahata. This was quite impressive, as there were twelve souls present as was in the first Lord's supper. It was encouraging to the brothers to find three souls who desire baptism. These dear struggling souls need all the encouragement and prayerful support we can give.

Sis. Susanne Sabados has been hospitalized; she had surgery. Pat Allen, son-in-law of Bro. Ben and Sis. Lois Belsley, was hospitalized and treated for rheumatic fever. He is now convalescing at home. We wish them both a speedy and full recovery.

"When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee." As Thanksgiving season is here, it causes us to dwell upon the many blessings we are privileged to enjoy. We, who not only enjoy the fruits of this earth, but also the freedom of worship, have so much for which to be thankful. We are reminded of the pilgrims who "... went. to church that day in Plymouth town, to thank God for His goodness. For they had known hunger, pain and want; gone thinly clad through iron winter; ... And now they had won through. And so they prayed their word of thanks, and stood up unafraid, and faced the future with undaunted soul."

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Mrs. Craig Gutwein

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters; peace be with you always. Alfred Bahler was down from Wolcott on the 5th of October. Many blessings came forth. Our dear brothers and sisters from Milford joined us for worship on the 12th. Bro. Walter Steffen gave us a blessed message from our Lord and Saviour.

On Oct. 19 Bro. Ed Bahler was down from Remington. He brought to our attention that we need to do much more work for God. The sermon was so full of spiritual food that I don't know if my feeble mind was able to gather in all. A nice group was blessed by hearing this sermon.

Bro. Leroy Hartman was the

visiting minister from Peoria on the 26th. We would like to thank Bro. Hartman and all of you brothers and sisters for your warm and loving support.

It was Nov. 2 when Bluffton came. Bro. Carl Kipfer led us in worship, as we read John 16. Bro. Carl and Bro. Bob Meyer have made several trips to Indianapolis. They have been attending meetings concerning the church we hope to build, God willing. Our first meeting was mainly getting organized. We did decide on the area of town we would like to build on. Bro. John Mayer looked for land available in this area. Our second meeting, we voted and picked one site in this area. Bro. Howard Rapp suggested looking a little father north before we made a definite decision. Everyone agreed with this suggestion. Our next meeting will be held in two weeks, and we will then see what Bro. Howard found.

LEO, INDIANA Mrs. Elias Souder

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name." This was one of the marked passages in the Bible of my dear husband, who has gone to be with Jesus. He left us a wonderful treasure, when we found his Bible marked with many passages. It is the word of life and will speak to us forever.

Dedication services for our new addition to our church were Oct. 12, Bro. Ben Maibach officiating. Bro. Henry Manz was here and helped with church services. Henry Souder from Bremen was here, with many others. May God bless their and our efforts. Bro. George Sinn of Latty assisted Bro. David Bertsch in Communion services the following Sunday.

Lloyd Klopfenstein spent several days at the hospital, but is better again, working at the store and driving the school bus.

Announcement has been made of the coming marriage of Bro. Steve Bollier and Sis. Carolyn Miller.

Bro. Joe Kaisner from Forrest visited our congregation Nov. 9.

A Thank You—For the loving hand of fellowship and friendship extended to us through the sorrow, the moving from earthy residence of our dear dad, Bro. Elias Souder. Sorrow's roses bring a sweet perfume, and rare. The editor.

CROGHAN—NAUMBURG

Carol Virkler

Mrs. David Shamback

We are very thankful for the visit of Bro. Ben Fehr of Roanoke. We were vividly taught that if we truly have the love of God within us our light will shine brightly in this dark world even at times when we don't realize we are being observed.

Bro. Noah Bauman from Rittman ministered to us so lovingly. How wonderful to be uplifted with the spiritual word. We were richly blessed.

Hospitalized are Bro. Philip Farnely and Sis. Elva Schulz. Those returned home are Sis. Ella Zahn, Clifford Lehman and Nat Virkler. May each find grace to bear their affliction.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Robert and Janice Sutter

Ministering Bro. Al Schneider and his wife from Rockville visited us. We were thankful for their visit and for the wonderful words of life that were given to us.

Bros. Bob Yergler and his son, Bro. John attended the funeral of Friend Dee Yergler of Bluffton. Deepest sympathy is extended to friends and relatives of this dear young soul.

Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why
The dark threads are as needful
In the weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

Four things in any land must dwell,
If it endures and prospers well.
One is manhood true and good;
One is noble womanhood;
One is child life, clean and bright;
And one an altar kept alight.

Births: Oct. 16, a baby boy named Mathew Daniel was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis C. and Jacquilin Felix of 41 Salter St., Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Mrs. Felix is the daughter of Mrs. Marjorie and the late Oscar W. Emch of Girard. This is their first child. I can well remember Jackie, when she was just a small girl and she saw someone come into church with a small baby, she would try to get first to hold it.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Milford of

Oakmont, Pa., a son—Brad Allen, Oct. 6. He has a brother and sister to welcome him. The mother (Mrs. Patty) Milford is a granddaughter of Sis. Louisa Lance of Canfield.

Friend Harry Deislinger of Warren, Ohio, is a patient in the Youngstown Hospital, North Side, Youngstown for general check-up and treatment. We wish him God's blessing and a speedy recovery. Friend Edward Deislinger is able to return to work, after being ill for several weeks. We miss him in church during his illness. Both Harry and Edward are brothers of Sis. Ella Deislinger.

We are happy to have Sis. Marion Klotzle well enough to be in church again after eye surgery. Marion gave me a note as follows: I wish to thank all those who so kindly remembered me with cards of prayers and get-well wishes, flowers and gifts, during my illness. Your love and kindness was deeply appreciated. May God bless you in His special way." Marion Klotzle.

Our hearts are always gladdened when we have guests who worship with us. Since our last news we had guests from several different places. Sis. Margaret (Maibach) Bauman of Rittman with several of her family visited us Nov. 2. I remember Margaret as far back as 1906, when our family moved from West Virginia to Sterling, Ohio. The same pleasant smile is still present. It is always an inspiration to have the Ezra Beer family, Milford as guests, and this was our pleasure Sunday Nov. 2. Many were the God-inspired teachings we received from our Elder Brother Rudolph Graf Nov. 2, which made this day a blessed one for all of us.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Elna Grimm

How sweet to know that one more soul went home tonight unafraid to die or live, to sleep or waken. Yes, our friend, Bill Hart has become a brother in this precious faith—confessing peace with God and man. Bill testified before many brethren that he long sought for peace and satisfaction for his soul, and that he felt it was through an act of God that he was led to teach in Eureka High, where he later saw in a small segment of his students, a light . . . a certain something which he longed to claim for himself. This group of

students just happens to be the boys and girls who repented a couple of years ago. We praise God that they were given the grace to "be a light". Bill also said that he felt a deep love for the brethren in our church and that he felt loved, in turn, by them. He gave his testimony on Sat. eve., Nov. 8, and was baptized on Sun. Nov. 9.

The baby daughter of Bro. and Sis. Alfred and Marie Kieser, reported last month, has been named Sara Elizabeth. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fehr of Fairbury and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kieser of Morton. A baby boy was born to Friends Dave and Jan Wiegand of Goodfield on Aug. 17. They have named him Cory Lynn. Bro. and Sis. Simon and Mary Ellen Wiegand of R.R. Deer Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Yoder of Danvers are the grandparents. This is the couples' first child. Friends Loren and Elise Joos of Deer Creek had their first child, a baby girl on Aug. 29. She has been named Julie Ann. Julie's grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Bill and Clem Joos of R. R. Deer Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brunner of Tremont.

Those hospitalized have been Sis. Luann Knapp, wife of Bro. Mike Knapp Jr. of RR Eureka, and Sis. Peggy Heinold, wife of Bro. Donald Heinold of Eureka. They are both reported as improving satisfactorily.

Bros. Walter Anliker, of Eureka, and Bob Walder of Congerville were with us the evening of the proving of Bill Hart. How very nice it is to find a quiet hour, now and then, to sit in the House of God and hear the "Wonderful Words of Life".

Life can be happy and gay as a song,
Or life can be dreary and endlessly long,
Depending upon the state of the soul—
Because oh so much lies beyond our control
But if we remember, as always we should
That "all things work together for good",
Things never grow really too hard to endure,
But we become, often, more perfectly sure
Of where we should stand when trials assail,

And if we but trust, we never can fail;
So let us remember, when days become long,
To lift up our faces and sing a glad song.

LESTER, IOWA Emelie M. Knobloch

We have certainly been reminded of our Brotherhood conference. We were thankful to have Bros. Noah Schrock, Paul Butikofer, Paul Fehr, and Simon Wagonbach with us. These are a few of the teachings brought to our thought. In Ezekiel, the coming of the Prince was promised. In Hebrews 13 "Let brotherly love continue . . . Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves, for they watch for your souls . . ."

Bro. Paul Fehr and Bro. Paul Butikofer were here when the memorandum was read. We wish to thank the loved ones who devoted their time and effort at this conference, and for the ones who share the warnings and teachings. After hosting the conference here last year, we can truly understand all the labors and efforts put forth. Loved ones, let us take these warnings in brotherly love, it is only for our own good, as we cannot be thankful enough when we think of our Eternal Reward.

The season of Thanksgiving . . . let us be thankful throughout the year. We here have not had such a bountiful harvest in years.

Among the ill: Ben Feucht and Bro. Wm. Nester have an injured finger. Jeanette Feucht broke her arm. Bro. Ronald Kellenberger was involved in a car accident. We can be thankful no serious injuries were encountered. Sis. Lydia Nester hasn't been too well. May God be her comfort in her trying hours. Otto Knobloch fell, in a crib, He was hospitalized, but never suffered serious injuries.

Note of Thanks: I wish to extend my thanks to all who remembered me with cards and gifts during my stay in the hospital. May God bless you. Jacob N. Metzger.

Births: Bro. and Sis. Wm. Knobloch a daughter, Renee Rose, Oct. 8. Her mother, Sis. Hattie Schrock stayed with them while Bro. Noah was in Japan.

Sharon Feucht, daughter of Bro. and Sis. August Feucht and J. Carl Strahm were united in marriage Oct. 11 by Bro. Leo Moser, in the bride's home. A reception was held

at the Community Building at Rock Rapids. They will make their home at Sabetha, where he is employed. May God bless them in their walk in life.

Thank you, God, for everything—
the big things and the small,
For every good gift comes from God—the giver of them all—
And all too often we accept, without any thanks or praise . . .
Oh make us more aware, dear God, of little daily graces.
That come to us with sweet surprise from never-dreamed-of places—
Then, thank you for the "Miracles" we are much too blind to see,
And give us new awareness of our many gifts from Thee . . .

MANSFIELD, OHIO Aaron A. Sauder

We have had a number from our congregation spend some time in the hospital. Bro. Bob Sauder is still a patient after several weeks there. Others who have been released are Sis. Tillie Oesch (Karl), Sis. Marjorie Beer Hollinger (Paul), and Isaac Riggensbach.

A baby daughter was born on Oct. 23 to Bro. Jim and Sis. Clara (Sabo) Zimmer. The name chosen by her parents as well as her big brother and four sisters for the new little girl is Melinda Ann.

Only one day for Thanksgiving?
Forbid, dear Lord, it should be.
May moment-by-moment Thanksgiving
Express my thanks to Thee.

Thanks for the Babe in the Manger
And for the path He trod:
For the skull-shaped mount called Calvary
Where He paid my debt to God.

Thanks for the Spirit's presence
Giving peace and grace to sustain;
For the joy of knowing that Jesus
Is coming to earth again.

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."

MILFORD, INDIANA Marguerite Hoerr

The 45th anniversary of the wedding of Bro. Sam and Sis. Aldine Reimchisel was honored by their children with an open house. Friends from far and near collected to show the Reimchisels their love

and to give them their good wishes. May God grant them many more happy years together.

Timothy William is the name given by Bro. Bill and Sis. Annie Troup to their first son. Timothy has two big sisters, Angie and Chris, to help take care of him. May God bless this happy family and their new addition.

Sis. Leona Price, maternal grandmother of little Tim Troup has been hospitalized as the result of a slight heart attack. We are happy to report she is home again and doing nicely. May God grant her a complete recovery. We look forward to having her worship with us soon.

Sis. Anna Rassi wishes to thank all her good friends for their kind wishes and prayers during her surgery and convalescence. We're thankful to see her with us again. God is good to us when he allows the recovery of our loved ones.

Bro. Andy Beer has not been able to come back to church as yet, but he is progressing nicely since his heart attack. May God grant him the patience needed during this recovery. He is allowed company and enjoys visiting with his friends and family.

Bro. Charles Goode went to be with the Lord on Oct. 15 at the age of 81 years. He was a loved brother of our Milford church, and his life truly exemplified to us the example of a close walk with the Lord. May God, who is kind and loving comfort his wife, our Sis. Mary and his daughter, Sis. Melba Hunsberger and all the rest of his devoted family. His quiet ways and kindly smile are missed by all of us. His quietness and true Christian ways were a living example after which we would love to pattern our own lives.

Our sincere congratulations to Sis. Linda Beer and Bro. Stanley Wuthrich, as they announce their engagement and plan their approaching marriage. Linda is the daughter of Bro. Howard and Sis. Eleanor, and Stanley is the son of Walter and Martha. May God bless your plans and give you true happiness.

Bro. Bert Krauter has had eye surgery and is now convalescing in the home of his niece and nephew, the Herschel Rocks of New Paris. We look forward to having him assemble with us again soon.

Sis. Anna Stieglitz announces the birth of another grandson, little

Jon Hooley, who was born to her daughter Ruth and husband John. She is looking forward to meeting this new addition to her family in the near future.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha K. Steiner

The engagement of Bro. Steve Gerst to Sis. Bonnie Grusy of Congerville was announced. Their parents are Bro. and Sis. Richard Gerst and Bro. and Sis. Elmer Grusy. Since returning home from the army, Steve had obtained employment in Bloomington, Illinois, and will maintain residence there. We wish both of them many blessings in their upcoming life together.

Bro. Arnold Gerst of Chicago visited and ministered unto us. We always enjoy having him with us when he comes to visit his parents.

We want to thank our many dear friends and relatives in Rockville, Burlington, and Oakville for the many beautiful cards and gifts we received for our 40th anniversary. Bro. Ed and Sis. Anna (Bahler) Lanz.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Veronica Bucher — Deb Wuethrich

"... Those that seek me early shall find me." We rejoice with Lois Kipfer, who is seeking her soul's salvation. It gives us such joy to hear of new converts if we have had the experience, for we know what true joy they will find.

God's word was richly brought to us as the Leo congregation had our third meeting. Bro. Marvin Stieglitz was kind enough to be with us and give the evening meditation.

Our Purdue Group spent a week-end last month with those from the University of Illinois in Champaign. We enjoyed a wonderful evening. Saturday, of fellowship and singing before listening to encouraging words from Bro. Ed Hohulin from Goodfield. It was such a joy again on Sunday to be with so many of like-mind and faith and to hear such inspiring words through Bro. Dave Wiegand from Champaign and Bro. Dave Kieser from Princeville.

Bro. Joe Schrock was with us for services Oct. 29, and we were richly blessed as he meditated on God's word. Joe brought out how the promises of God made so many years ago are being fulfilled now.

We want to wish God's richest fast till that most glorious day comes!

We want to wish God's richest blessings to Bro. Clint Bucher and Sis. Gayle Aschliman, whose engagement was announced on Oct. 19. Clint, son of Bro. and Sis. Vernon Bucher of La Crosse, is a student here at Purdue. Gayle, from the Bluffton congregation, is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Robert Aschliman.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Norene Herbst — Mary Hoffman

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Joyce Aeschleman and Bro. Herb Blunier. Parents are Bro. Joe Aeschlemans and Bro. Walt Bluniers.

Sis. Mollie Beer is home from Eureka Hospital. We are glad that God has granted her a measure of health.

Our friend, Curtis Knepp, was inducted into the services.

Bro. Don and Sis. Peg Heinold are the parents of a baby girl, Michelle Renae. She has one brother, Brent. Bro. Darrel and Sis. Glenna (Blunier) Lober are parents of a baby boy, David Lee. He has one brother, Randy.

Our friend, Deanne Aeschleman, daughter of Lloyd and Sis. Cynthia, was united in marriage to Thomas J. Anderson of Bloomington. May God bless their life together.

We welcome Sis. Jane Schumacher, wife of Bro. Gerald, as a member of our congregation. On Oct. 22 she gave her testimony of repentance and was baptized.

Bro. Bob and Sis. Doris Meiss have been assembling with us, as they are living in Washburn, where Bro. Bob is teaching school. We welcome them to our congregation.

Several of our congregation have been unable to worship with us for many months, being confined to the hospital or nursing homes. Sis. Anna Pfister, Sis. Persida Rocke and Sis. Eunice Steffen are among those who are confined to the Eureka Nursing Home. Sis. Leah Moser is a resident at the Roanoke Manor, but has been able to assemble with us from time to time.

Bro. Joe F. Leman has been confined to the Eureka Hospital since last May. He does not seem to suffer, although he has been quite ill from time to time. Bro. Joe Leman Sr., a resident at Rest-Mor Nursing Home in Morton, has been in fail-

ing health the last few months and has expressed his longing for Home.

Bro. Lyle Moser and Bro. Ben P. Martin have both spent some time in the hospital for observation. Sis. Lois (Fehr) DesCarpentrie has returned home from the hospital, where she had undergone major surgery. We are always glad when health can be restored to those in sickness.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Madeline Fehr are the parents of a new son, Tracy Lee.

We wish to thank Bros. Elmer Bucher and Marvin Schmidgall for their services in the ministry and for their visit. Elmer was with us Oct. 19 and Marvin Oct. 26.

Funeral services were held Oct. 14 at the Remmert Funeral Home for our friend, Fred Steffen. He passed away at Danville, Ill., where he had resided the last 21 years. He died at the age of 81 years. He is survived by three brothers, Joe (El Paso), Dan (Low Point), and Dave (Roanoke), and two sisters, Sis. Hulda Beer and Emma Schumacher both of Roanoke. Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death. Bro. Joe C. Zimmermann conducted the service.

Fred Legel, 69, son of our late Bro. Philip and Sis. Mary Beer Legel, passed away Oct. 22 at the St. Francis hospital in Peoria, where he had been a patient one week. Surviving are: his wife, Helen Trowbridge Legel; three sons, Darrell, Ronald (both of Washington), and Dennis of Marquette Heights; two daughters, Mrs. Eugene (Marlene) Thomas of Boulder, Colo., and Mrs. Robert (Sharon) Killion of Washington; six brothers, William of Aurora, John, Arthur and Lewis, all of Roanoke, Philip of Metamora and Alvin of Northbrook; four sisters, Anna and Emma Legel of Roanoke, Ida Mae Sauder of Tremont and Marie Sullivan of Little Rock, Ark.

Charles Sauder, 47, died Nov. 4, at his home in Eureka. He was the son of our late Bro. Sam and Sybil Risser Sauder. He married Wilma Aeschleman, who survives besides a son, Michael Charles of Murray, Ky., and three brothers, William (Peoria), Chester (Washington), and Lee (Roanoke).

Our friend Robert Rebbec, son of Robert and Marjorie Rebbec, has been hospitalized in Vietnam for a month due to malaria. He is back in duty.

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WATER IS SO GOOD

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Water is wonderful. Clear and pure, it can come in cool stream. To the thirsty soul, the crystal coolness brings delightful quenching . . . its precious drink is so good.

One day the sun had come high in the sky. Step by step, they had come. "Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied of his journey, sat thus on the well; and it was about the sixth hour." God does not give thoughts that are hard to understand. His words are down-to-earth and real. Results come.

A soul meets Jesus. "There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink." The path, the place, the work, she knew. Here came Light. It is wonderful where Jesus comes. A sweetness not of this world glows in glorious peace. He can lead, and then give His peace.

It is quiet when Jesus speaks. No prophet calling down fire from heaven. He speaks heart to heart. He chose the quiet at the well, and a quiet moment . . . "(For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)"

He meets us where we understand. He helps us to understand. We may have some question. He listens. We talk to Him. Listen how tenderly He listens and leads . . .

"Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans."

There's eternity hidden in knowing Him. "Jesus answered and said unto her, if thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; . . ." The shouts of funland are pale beside His wonderful Life. Everlasting . . . ever-satisfying. The search of short-lived pleasure would forever run. It was a plain, old well where she met Jesus. Just beside the passing road He was waiting. It can be anyone's road. But what awaits to know Him!

" . . . thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." Life, what is it? What does He mean? He tells us there is Life. We haven't lived till its glory opens our eyes. Life is active, awake, always loving, joyfully radiant. There's a spring, a wonderful drink, a fountain of youth. It delights in ways never known to the heart. It opens our eyes to a new world. It makes us alive to real things that never pass away . . .

So many things are wonderful about Jesus. His patience . . . His meeting us . . . His care . . . His

listening. "The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?" The broad-beaten path, thoughts grooved from the yesterdays, restless, to and fro, chases nowhere. It has sentence of cells of outer darkness.

We sometimes limit God by our little views. "Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?" The kingdom of heaven is gloriously alive. We must be born again to know Him. Yes, He is greater. He is God, and holds the treasures, breathes the life that makes us awake to spiritual glory.

"Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; . . ." Clearly Jesus speaks of something altogether delightful and eternal. He made us. When He created us, He made us in God's likeness. We have something in our self which can only be happy with Him. " . . . but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." Eternal life, the Gift that lives forever and ever. What a wonderful joy!