



That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might

be filled with all the fulness of God.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

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

# THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

# THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EASTER

Submitted By Bro. Robert Miller, Portland

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible . . . and that fadeth not away. . ."

The first Easter was, is and ever will be the climax of the most dramatic act of divine love for lost humanity the world shall ever know. The greatest impact fallible man has ever and can ever experience from God, His Creator, is when the mind and heart of man yields to His mighty **Holy Spirit** of power and love!

It is this divine Holy Spirit's force that is responsible for the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. (Exclusively for all mankind who will listen to and rest their hope, once and for all, in His life-giving, eternal word.) Christ also once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened (made alive) by the Spirit. 1 Peter 3:18.

Here we can see that Easter (Christ's resurrection) is hinged on the vital work of the Holy Spirit. Even His vicarious death and precious shed blood on Calvary's cross, the receipt for humanity's sin debt if they will receive it by faith, would be void if the chains of death had not been broken. ". . . if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept."

Can we grasp this glorious truth, a two-fold meaning: since Christ arose we not only can have the blessedness of sins forgiven and peace with God by faith, but He, the first-fruit (the first to rise from the dead to enter into immortality of **body**) will by **His Spirit** change His redeemed children's corruptible body "like unto His glorious body", whether awake or asleep! This soon-expected and most thrilling event of all time—the glorious resurrection of His true church, the first resurrection,

is the blessed hope you and I can joyously entertain now, if we love Christ's appearing.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power. . ." All praise and thanks be to God for His resurrected Christ, who declared, I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever **liveth and believeth** in me shall never die. **Believeth Thou** this? He also said, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, **they** are spirit, and **they** are life."

From the above scriptures we examine with an open, prayerful mind and heart, perhaps we can understand the mighty work and ministry of the Spirit of Christ, "whom God hath given to them that obey Him." His command is that all men should repent, believe the gospel, and be baptized. The Holy Spirit is the **greatest gift** God can give to His children! Not until after Christ arose and ascended unto His Father could this divine Comforter and Guide be received into the cleansed heart of a newborn babe in Christ. If we read Luke 11:13, we can see how willing God is to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.

In this confused and troubled world of ours, when knowledge is increasing at such a rapid pace (fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy) and higher education is emphasized so much, we see little recognition and adherence to the basic, fundamental truths pertaining to the salvation of man's soul set forth in the Bible. "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Because of Easter, death can be welcome, a time of final victory, and triumph for the regenerated, faithful believer. As we approach Easter-time, many of us can observe new life springing forth from the plant creation. It is not lifeless but dormant. The increased amount of light as the days get longer brings this miraculous result. God enlightens and illuminates when sincere prayer and daily meditation in His word is practiced.

Is our inner man being renewed day by day? Is our constant aim to be filled and led by the Spirit of God in our everyday living, so we can truly be the light of the world? Can we discern whether we are fruitful or barren branches grafted into the true vine? If the fruits of the Spirit will show forth outwardly, we shall be neither barren nor unfruitful. Perhaps all of us who represent branches attached to the vine (Christ) have need of pruning, at least occasionally, so we can bring forth more fruit. What a blessed inner peace and joy is ours when we permit the Husbandman to accomplish this. "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and **that** your joy might be full." ". . . my peace I give unto you". On the other hand, what a terrible eternal fate would be our portion if we would not only be dormant, but finally wither and die from spiritual malnutrition, because of independence from the vine.

Easter, known as the brightest day in all the world for all those who are now risen with Christ. Present day living for this victorious and triumphant throng consists of setting their affection on things above where their treasure is. . .

The Holy Spirit then motivates this mystical body of Christ, the true Church, directly or indirectly, to cover all the field (the world) with the precious seed (the word of God), beginning at Jerusalem

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# OLD FRIENDS

Bro. Martin Kipfer

(From the book **The First One Hundred Years. 1870-1970.** Apostolic Christian Church, Bluffton, Indiana)

The author of this book, John Baumgartner, and I have known each other for many years. We have worked together, sang together and as brothers in faith, we have prayed together.

I had been asked to help get the information together for this book. One day, after John and I left the printer's office and we were ready to part, he told me "from now on it is up to you to finish this work." A great fear came over me. It must have been noticeable, as he asked me what was wrong. Little did I think that this was our final part-

ing in this life.

On November 23, 1970, John passed away very suddenly. I received a letter from him on November 24, which was postmarked November 21. In part of the letter he wrote, "We have been together many years; may the Lord bless you as He has blessed me in doing this writing."

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

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The Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped Committee is pleased to advise you that the building program is progressing very well and a late spring completion date has been projected. Concurrent with the construction progress, the numerous other matters related to occupancy have also been attended to, including ordering furniture and developing tentative budgets and organizational plans.

Tentative landscaping plans include development of a Biblical garden, incorporating shrubs and trees mentioned in the Bible in keeping with the religious theme of the Home.

We are now ready to accept applications for residency in the

Home, as we plan a formal opening for Sept. 1 1971. Such applications should be made in accordance with the **Admission Policies and Procedures** which will be posted along with this letter on the church bulletin board. Residents will be accepted for admission at any time after Sept. 1. Those who wish to enter residency on the opening date should submit their applications by May 1, 1971.

We again take this opportunity to thank each for their support which Almighty God has richly blessed.

The Board of Directors **Apostolic Home for the Handicapped.**

Part of Bro. Elmer Bucher's letter:

We, the Home for Handicapped Committee, are very happy to announce that Bro. Bob Knobloch

from the Bradford congregation felt moved of the Lord to submit his application for administrator for the Home, and has been selected.

He plans to discontinue his farming operation and move to the Morton area this summer. . . It is his wish that we remember him in prayer, that in all things God might have the pre-eminence.

### Significance of Easter

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(home). Then God will give the increase.

Can we say with the apostle, "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory"? Let everybody be fully aware that, only as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons (children) of God.

### ATHENS

Zelma Young

All you need He will provide, God will take care of you. Trust Him, and you will be satisfied; God will take care of you.

It was a great pleasure to have visitors from the Hillsboro and Landersville churches. We had Miss Clara Heiniger. She has been sick for several months. . . sure glad she was able to come. We also had Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein from Landersville for our Wed. night meeting. We had a nice group.

. . . glad to report that Bro. Oscar Carnell is out of the hospital and at home.

We had a nice group at church today. We had good message, as Bro. La Voyd Moore brought the

inspiring word of God. It has turned several to the Lord, for which we are thankful.

We have had lots of sickness around in the community, but seems like it is better.

### FRANCESVILLE

Mrs. Herman Chris) Wuethrich  
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

Alleluia. Christ is risen. That means so much to us. Easter is always looked forward to for this reason. It brings joy to homes with little children, that they do not forget as they grow older, as the precious song says, "When there's love at home".

The church sang, "Be present gracious Father, to give away the bride"—then followed the wedding

ceremony of Sis. Charlene Anliker and Bro. Eldon Getz. Bro. Wendell Gudeman spoke so lovingly to them, that whatever comes, love will carry them through. In closing they chose to be sung, "In unity let us walk the path of life." Bro. Earl Kilgus spoke to us in the morning services, closing with, "Live today as if it were your last day." Bro. Edwin Bahler had a humble prayer. Bro. Eldon and Sis. Charlene's wedding day will never be forgotten.

The David Ward family were given a baby son, Daniel, and the Don Vogt family a baby son, Jeremy. How thankful for babies to be born in loving homes.

Sis. Angela Von Tobel and Bro. Eli Anliker are so grateful to be



home from the hospital, and we are so thankful to have them in church again.

Our good news correspondent asked if we would write something good about a shut-in that was visited, and who had some love that was radiated from them? One widow was a little hoarse; asked if she had a cold, and she said, "No, I haven't talked to anyone for a couple of days." She soon could talk natural again, telling you the same thing over again, a few times. We must all think, what kind of a cross will we get to carry, with the help of the Lord?

Indian Prayer—Grant that, I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins.

### MORTON

Mrs. John Oberlander  
Mrs. Ken Getz

Two dear souls passed away. Sis. Anna Plattner Kaiser, 81, wife of Bro. Ben Kaiser, died March 5. She is survived by her husband Ben; three sons, Bros. Vernon, Orman and Harold; five daughters, Sis., Marie (Mrs. Levi) Schock, Marjorie (Mrs. Ben) Kaufman, Elma (Mrs. Verden) Rinkenberger, and Beulah (Mrs. Carl) Muehling, Anna (Mrs. Clarence) Sommer; three sisters, Sis. Fannie Witzig, Julie Leman, and Hulda Plattner. Edward Aberle, 79, passed away March 23. He is survived by his wife, Lena Behrends Aberle; two daughters, Elvina (Mrs. Chris) Guenerich, Ethel (Mrs. Chester) Finley; two sons, Lester and Ronald; three sisters, Mrs. Emma Schmidgall, Mary (Mrs. Holly) Hennigh, and Mrs. Irene Roberts.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Joan Honnegger Moser are the parents of a baby girl, Lynnae Eve, born Mar. 18. One sister welcomes her home.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Earl Banwart and Earl Zeltwanger.

Those in the hospital or convalescing at home are: Sis. Anna Rassi Friendinger, Mildred Getz Zimmerman, Louise Hoerr, Louise Getz, Elsie Woerner Rother; Helen Strunk and Melinda Krantz, daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Ruth Birkey Krantz; Ed Dockus and Steve Slagel, son of Ron and Sis. June Maurer Slagel.

### Golden Years Give Counsel

"I am so very thankful for good health and eyesight." These are

the words of Sis. Clara Welk, who was born Clara Frank on Christmas Day, 1884. In her 18th year she surrendered her life to the Lord and has followed His leading these many years.

Sis. Clara worked in the home of our late Elder Joe A. Getz's parents for ten years before her marriage to Bro. Sam Welk. They moved into a new home built for them on a farm east of Morton in 1912—the same year the present Morton church building was erected.

As many happy years sped by, Bro. Sam and Sis. Clara raised one daughter, Madeline, now married to Francis Riegenbach. The time came when they gave up farming and moved to town. March 20, 1949 Bro. Sam passed from this life, leaving his beloved wife with many cherished memories of their life together.

Today we find Sis. Clara has found much joy in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Each day God gives her strength to do her housework and cook her meals. She has missed very few Sundays when she could not assemble with those of like faith in the house of the Lord. She also spends many an hour reading her Bible and enjoys the Silver Lining.

### WICHITA

David and Barbara Hangartner

God again showed his great power and might when a powerful wind with velocities up to 75 and 80 miles per hour swept through Wichita. When we watched the paper and everything being blown around in every direction, it makes us think of how the evil one tries to toss our faith in our trials and temptations. May we all be tied securely to that Rock.

William Trewake, the husband of Almeda, passed away suddenly. Almeda is the daughter of Sis. Mae Aeschlman.

We had many rich blessings when Bro. Sam Huber of the Sabetha church spent the 20th and 21st with us. Saturday we had a get-together, where we had fellowship and supper and a very interesting Bible discussion by Bro. Sam. On Sunday, he brought us many timely and inspiring words through his ministry.

The World Relief group from Lamar, Ft. Scott, Gridley, Lamont, Wichita and Burlington spent a day

at Newton. The women unpacked, sorted, mended and prepared the clothing. The men baled clothing for overseas. We had a wonderful day of work and fellowship together.

### "Pray one for another"

When you're alone with Jesus  
And He sweetly smiles on thee,  
Will you gently whisper to Him  
A little prayer for me?

And when I'm alone with Jesus,  
And all else is hid from view  
I'll gently drop into His heart  
A little prayer for you.

### FT. WAYNE

Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber

"Today shalt thou be with me in paradise", loving words spoken to the penitent thief so many years ago. May this be the hope and joy of our readers when life is ended here is our Easter Prayer. An Easter program is planned for Palm Sunday evening. May the real meaning of Easter be manifested anew.

John Lieberenz, son of Floren and Sis. Edith, returned home March 12, after spending the last 3 years and 9 months in the Navy. We rejoice with his loved ones that he could return home safely.

Our older Sunday School classes and their teachers enjoyed a very blessed Sunday at Bremen on Mar. 21, climaxed with Christian Endeavor in the evening.

Bro. Elmore Schlatter is now convalescing at home, after spending 5 weeks in the Parkview Hospital. May he feel the Lord's presence and the many prayers offered for him. Elmore wishes to express his thanks and appreciation for cards, flowers, visits, and remembrances while in the hospital.

### 'Tis Easter! 'Tis Spring!

'Tis Spring! 'Tis Spring!  
So does the calendar say,  
While snowflakes dance  
Among the sun-filled day.  
Cold breezes blow,  
And we wonder if it's true!  
Yet, while we doubt,  
Spring's evidence is speaking thru.

'Tis Easter! 'Tis Easter!  
So does the calendar say!  
Does it bring joy,  
Or to you great dismay?

For there on Calvary,  
**Life's victory was won!**  
 Beloved, have no doubt,  
 His shed blood was for EVERY-  
 ONE!

'Tis Easter! 'Tis Spring!  
 A happy voice cries.  
 Peace and joy from above,  
 Like the sun in the skies.  
 New Life gives us hope  
 That winter is done.  
 New Birth in our Lord,  
 Life's victory's begun.

Mary Eisenmann

#### KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MANHATTAN

Mrs. Daryl Meyer

Wed. evening March 10, a Bible study conducted by Bro. Al Langhofer, Wichita, and Bro. Sam Huber, Sabetha, was held. The book of Colossians was discussed. This was the largest attendance we've had.

We bade farewell to three of our friends who have received their discharge from the service. Ed Beitzel has returned to his home in Michigan. John and Sally Schaffer have returned to Forrest where they will make their home.

Wed. evening, March 24, Bro. Roy Wernli, Lamont, brought us the word of God. We were reminded that God is ever present, and we should continue to watch and pray, and be ever ready for His coming.

The engagement of Sis. Mary Meyer, daughter of Bro. Louis and Sis. Mavis Meyer, Bern, to Bro. Terry Farney, Wichita, was announced. Terry was a student last semester, and Mary is a Junior.

#### NEUHUTTEN GERMANY

Jon Zeller

As spring moves in, we can again delight in the beauty of God's creative works. For through thousands of years of man's presence upon the earth, this land is still fertile and capable of bearing fruit. Each year this earth is as a mother with child. It brings forth the fruit of this land, alive, fresh, pure. So it is when the Lord opens the heart of one whose heart and soul have remained unfruitful all of his life. Through many harsh winters this soul has suffered and now finds its growth in the gentle rain of the Lord's grace and the ever-present sunshine of His love, radiating to every corner of the earth and seeking the willing hearts of all men.

And now to all the world,  
 Our song we'll sing;  
 Open up your hearts  
 And let His love shine in.

Again the Lord has lifted all of our spirits through the repentance of Dennis Knapp. Denny's home is in Congerville; he is now stationed at Daimstadt, Germany. We all pray for Dennis and trust that the Lord will instruct those of us who are brothers in Christ—and offer us as guiding posts for him.

#### PULASKI

Mary Wiegand—Nancy Musselman

Spring! As we view the power of God magnified in the great awakening of nature, we wonder how anyone can deny Him and say "God is dead". We surely have much to be thankful for, especially for the assurance that God is truly alive—he lives within our hearts!

Our guest minister on March 21 was Bro. Robert Pohl of Burlington. We praise the Lord that through our ministering brothers we can hear the wonderful words of life.

#### SHIODA, JAPAN

Willis R. Ehnle

We visited in the home of one of our kindergarten children. I was escorting our kindergarten teacher, Sis. Judy Bauer, and my wife, Lois.

Our host and hostess ordered Japan's most outstanding delicacy, Osushi, for us to eat and enjoy. Osushi is small, oblong-shaped balls of rice, beautifully capped with raw fish, octopus, sea weed, shrimp, or squid. Lois preferred the sea weed type, Judy preferred shrimp, and I endeavored to test them all, while eating more of the raw fish than the other. Judy's problem was how to keep the rice from breaking up when eating with chop sticks. This is the most preferred dish in Japan, and people from other countries learn to enjoy it. It is important that the raw fish be kept in a sanitary condition. If it is sanitary we should eat it as the Scriptures teach us, to eat what is set before us.

Mr. Hayakawa, our host, engaged me in a rapid-moving conversation which led to the Vietnam War. Communism as taught by Karl Marx believes that the human being is entirely matter with no spirit. I told Mr. Hayakawa and the other two gentlemen with him that the Bible teaches that there will be

terrible wars, earthquakes and famines in the end-times and that the center of the last great conflict will be in Israel. The leaders in North Vietnam feel that they are doing right, that would be best for everyone to forget his faith in the living God. . . They feel they would be doing us a favor to take our children and teach them it is all a lie, and that there must be a revolution of the proletariat or common people against existing governments and people with money and property, so that everyone can easily have what he needs with the help of the State, which owns the property. I said it is better to die than to have our children taught such things. . . Now, as a conscientious objector against killing any human being, while striving to do good, I stand and watch to see what the living God is going to do next in the realm of human events on our tiny planet, earth.

Yesterday was the funeral of a nineteen-year-old neighbor boy. He was riding a motorcycle with too great a speed, and was thrown off when failing to make a curve. He struck his head and died. His parents were so shocked and sick from the tragedy that they were unable to stand or walk; the funeral was postponed one day because of the condition of the parents.

I dressed up in a black suit, black tie and black shoes and walked over to the house carrying money in an envelope marked in black and white, symbols of mourning. At the entrance to their yard I stopped at the reception desk or table, behind which four of the local men sat soberly, dressed in black. I handed them my envelope and expressed my sympathy and that I would like for them to buy some flowers or something else in memory of the departed son. I moved toward the house, where two lines of relatives stood solemnly, all dressed in black. I stopped in front of them bowed and expressed my sympathy, and they responded with bows and a return of my greeting. I then turned to the Buddhist display on the front corridor of the home, in front of which set a bowl of sand into which mourners are to place a stick of burning incense. I glanced away from the display, looking to see if the body of the deceased might be visible, but it was not. The corpse is not embalmed here, so there is no viewing of

the body. One of the relatives of the deceased moved forward and quickly explained to me about burning incense; I replied I do not do it. He then quietly told me that the exit is on around to the side of the house. There I was given a box of sugar from a very large stack, and I again went home. The crowds were just coming and the funeral was just getting underway, at which time a Buddhist priest would stand in front of the display and chant Buddhist scriptures, which would be meaningless to all present. . .

As a group of believers in Jesus Christ, at a funeral we find our comfort in God's word.

### BREMEN

Aldean Feldman

We are so thankful for the bursting forth of spring & the joy of the Easter messages. Such peace comes to us in just believing it.

Our youth group was host Sunday, March 21 for the Christian Youth organization. This group is composed of teens from 10 Indiana churches, with meetings held quarterly. They were 135 present for the day, and 220 for the evening.

We appreciated Bro. Alfred Bahler, from Wolcott and other adults accompanying the young folks. Bro. Bahler richly fed us from Hebrews 12. We were reminded to despise not the chastening of the Lord, for God does it out of love for us. Chastisement yields the peaceable fruits of righteousness. In the afternoon he read in Matthew 7, and we were warned that our lives will be judged by the standards with which we judge others. Therefore, we need to judge our own faults first and correct them.

We are happy to have Sis. Ann Leman to be able to assemble with us regularly. Sis. Elizabeth Yackley again is able to fellowship with us. Sis. Clara Klopfenstein has been able to get out, too, with the coming of spring weather. Sis. Leah (Eugene) Zimmer is recovering from foot surgery and was able to worship with us. Sis. Viola (Dan) Schini has been hospitalized for for tests, but is home again. Sis. Pauline Nicholas is getting stronger again and able to care for herself. Sis. Leah (Henry) Souder has been shut in for several weeks. We pray the Lord will soon restore her strength.

After being so abundantly fed

from the word of God by our ministering brothers, Bro. Henry Souder, growing weaker physically but stronger spiritually, said: "The time may soon come when Gentiles will not have the opportunity to repent, that it will be turned around and the Jews eyes will be opened."

Our youth group joined Milford Youth Group on a chartered bus trip to Gridley, for a week-end visit on March 27. Bro. Gene Sauder and Bro. Verdon and Sis. Becky Feldman accompanied them, along with Sunday School teachers from Milford. A blessed time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Have you ever awakened suddenly in the night, as I have, and felt the need to pray for a loved one. I believe God brings these needs for prayer to our attention at various times.

I cannot tell why there should come  
to me,  
A thought of someone miles and  
miles away!  
In swift insistence on the memory,  
Unless a need there be that I should  
pray.

Perhaps just then my friend has  
fiercer fight,  
And more appalling weakness and  
decay  
Of courage, darkness, some lost  
sense of right,  
And so, in care he needs my prayer  
—I pray.

Friend, do the same for me. If I  
intrude  
Unasked upon you on some crowded  
day,  
some crowded day,  
Give me a moment's prayer as inter-  
lude;  
Be very sure I need it; therefore,  
pray.

### GRIDLEY

Edna Somerhalder—Wilma Young

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." These are Christ's words to the eleven disciples after His resurrection. What a consolation they are to us in these latter days.

Elder Bro. Samuel Anliker spent Sunday the 7th with us. He presided over our annual election. The only changes are teachers: Bro. Martin Beyer, Sis. Wilma Young and Sis. Edna Somerhalder, Bro. Rudy Bahr, S.S. Supt. Bro. Samuel Huber and Bro. Roy Wernli visited us. A meeting was held to make plans for vacation Bible School. Midweek services are to be discontinued after Easter. The fellowship we enjoyed with the Lamont congregation each Wednesday will be missed.

Goldie Johnson (mother of Sis. Wilma Young) is in the hospital recuperating from a broken arm due to a fall at the Golden Age Lodge, where she has resided the past 2 years.

A church shower was held for Bro. Martin and Sis. Karen Beyer at the Madison City Hall. A surprise gathering for Sis. Lydia Young's birthday was held at their home. The evening was spent singing hymns, a Bible reading and prayer. A baby shower was held for Janiece (YOUNG) Isch at the home of Bro. Ron and Sis. Jane Isch.

As Mother's Day approaches, it causes deep concern to those of us who have lost God-fearing mothers, that our lives are spent in a close walk with the Lord, that some day we shall meet up yonder. To those who are blest with a mother, rejoice!

Spring is here in all its beauty—The flowers, green wheat, and alfalfa fields—farmers busy everywhere tilling the soil, anticipating another year of harvest.

### LATTY

Delores Grant — Iva Stoller

Our dear Bro. Jesse Kupfersmith, who is in confinement at his home, was showered with cards and gifts in remembrance of his birthday March 23. Sis. Rosie Laukhuf was admitted to the hospital for tests. She is home again and has been assembling with us. Sis. Alice Stoller has been admitted for surgery.

Sis. Pauline Stoller has been admitted to the hospital with bronchitis. We are happy to hear she is improving.

Easter is here again! May this time of year be a time of prayer and thankfulness for what the Lord has given us. May it be a time of strengthening and renewing of hope. Our Lord has written the



promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

Mrs. Dora Sinn 90, died March 8 in the Van Wert Manor Nursing Home, where she had been a patient. She was born Sept. 8, 1880 in Cissna Park, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller.

She was united in marriage to Fred Sinn on Dec. 16, 1907 at Cissna Park. To this union 4 children were born: Wilbur, Roy, and an infant daughter (who preceded her in death), and Lawrence of Rt. 2 Paulding, Ohio. At the death of her twin sister, she took to raise an infant daughter, Dorothy (Mrs. Harold Glass), now residing at Toledo.

After 7 years of married life, her husband suffered a stroke and was an invalid for 30 some years, before he met his death. During these trying years they both learned to know their Saviour.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 Wednesday, March 10 with Bro. Loren Stoller officiating.

These are two of the verses read at her services:

Such beautiful, beautiful hands!  
Though heart were weary and sad,  
Those patient hands kept toiling on  
That the children might be glad.  
I always weep, as looking back  
To childhood's distant day,  
I think how those hands rested not  
When mine were at their play.

But oh! beyond this shadow land,  
Where all is bright and fair,  
I know full well these dear old  
hands  
Will palms of victory bear;  
Where crystal streams through  
endless years  
Flow over golden sands,  
And where the old grew young  
again,  
I'll clasp my mother's hands.

**REMINGTON**  
**Anna M. Waibel**

A man strong in faith once said,  
"Did you ever ask God to forgive you  
for an offense while you were  
harboring in your heart a grudge  
against some one else?" This is  
keeping more people from having  
power with God; they are not will-  
ing to cultivate a spirit of forgive-  
ness. The prayer of the unforgiving  
heart is bound to fail.

James says, Ask in faith, nothing  
wavering. Mere words do not con-

stitute prayer. Prayer without  
faith is like a check without a sig-  
nature. The prayer of faith has in  
it the signature of Jesus and is good  
for any amount when presented at  
the bank of heaven.

How important it is when a  
prayer is given in public, that it  
is spoken loud enough for everyone  
to hear.

Marcella Jane Wasner, daughter of  
Bro. Art and Sis. Norma, was  
married to Dale Keith Tyler, son of  
Donald and Ada (Sutter) Tyler, by  
Bro. Edwin Bahler at the Fellow-  
ship Hall, with the reception fol-  
lowing. They will live in LaFayette  
and take his graduate work at Pur-  
due. . . enjoyed having Bro. Mer-  
ril Laukhau from Latty with us.  
He has never been with us before.

Harland Braker, son of Bro. Ben  
and Sis. Clara, and Roger Steffen,  
son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Lucille  
(Getz) Steffen are repenting.

Bro. Elden Getz was married to  
Sis. Charlene Anliker March 28.

Sis. Mildred (Bob) Clauss has  
been hospitalized.

Quite a number from here went  
to Forrest for visitation and the  
funeral of Sis. Bena (Andy) Leh-  
amnn. He is our cousin, and she  
is sister to Bro. Richard, her brother,  
who lives here.

Fear not to call on Him, O soul  
distressed! Thy sorrow's whisper  
woos thee to His heart. He who is  
oftenest there is oftenest blessed.  
Have faith in God.

**SARDIS**

**Doris Miller**

Fall 1927 "I'm sending you a  
nice poem. See if you can learn to  
memorize it. I had to learn this  
poem when I was a little girl going  
to school. It is the commandments  
in verse.

Take not the name of God in vain  
Dare not the Sabbath day profane  
Give to thy parents honor due  
Take heed that thou no murder do  
Abstain from words and deeds un-  
clean

Steal not for thou by God art seen  
Tell not a willful lie nor love it  
What is thy neighbors do not covet  
With all thy soul love God above  
And as thyself thy neighbor love.

Delbert you learn this. Then tell  
Grossmam how nice you can say it  
and I will give you a present. Don't  
loose this but take good care of it  
Delbert.

April 9, 1928. As I have not  
seen you for a long time I thought  
I would send you a letter. . . And  
how are you getting along at  
school? I hope good. Yes, dear lit-  
tle Delbert, it always pays well to  
be good, for Jesus looks down from  
Heaven and sees us all and what we  
are doing. Then if we have been  
doing good and have lived for Jesus,  
then when he comes to take us  
home we can live with Jesus, in  
that beautiful City where all is  
pure gold. Yes: how nice it will  
be there and how Jesus loved us  
to prepare for us such a beautiful  
place.

Did you try to learn the poem I  
sent you last fall? When you have  
learned it by memory I will give  
you the dollar as I said I would."  
Lovingly, Grossmam Rosina Walter.

Above are portions of two letters  
sent by Sis. Rosina Walter to Bro.  
Delbert Indermuhle when he was  
about eight years old.

Sis. Rosena's daughter, Sis. Wil-  
letta Indermuhle tells us that her  
mother was a seamstress. Some of  
her quilts are still being used and  
appreciated by her family. Sis.  
Rosena went to be with the Lord  
in August 1950.

Dwayne and Betty Hardbarger,  
Vienna, W. Va., are the parents of  
a son, Todd Dwayne. Todd has one  
brother, Brian. Todd and Brian's  
grandparents are John and Sis. Ha-  
zel Riggerbach.

We enjoyed having Sis. Charlotte  
Emch assemble with us this winter.  
She has returned to her home in  
Girard.

Another son, Robert Derrick,  
was born to Bro. John Jr., and Sis.  
Paula Figel. Bobbey has two brother-  
s, Andy and Davey. Their grand-  
parents are John and Sis. Rosella  
Figel.

Sis. Miriam Brake has joined her  
husband, Bro. Bill in Texas, where  
he is stationed for service to our  
country.

Bro. Fred Marty, Rittman was  
here to minister to us.

**WOLCOTT**

**Arles Kropf**

A blessed week-end was enjoyed  
by all on March 13 and 14, when  
Clara Furrer and Marjean Lehman  
gave their testimonies and were  
added to the fold through baptism.  
We certainly welcome them as our  
new sisters-in-faith. Bros. Wendell  
Gudeman and Theo. Beer were with  
us.

Our dear friend, Ruth Hofstetter has found peace and has been announced for proving in the near future.

We have had a lot of sickness. Bro. Elmer Stoller was hospitalized for observation. Paul Pelsy suffered a stroke and is a patient at Jasper Co. Hospital in Rensselaer; Pete Luthi is at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette; your reporter, Sis. Arles Kropf had been hospitalized for pneumonia, but is again able to be out. Bro. Nathan Lehman and Brenda Kyburz have also had pneumonia, and several of our Sunday School children have had mumps and scarletina.

Gary and Wanda (Oberlander) Hysong are the parents of a baby girl, Jamie Michelle, born March 27. Two brothers, Kevin and Michael also welcome her. Bro. Albert and Sis. Virginia Oberlander are maternal grandparents.

Bro. John Schmidt, age 85, passed away March 22 at Lake Manor Nursing Home, where he had resided the past 5 years. He had been seriously ill the past 6 months, having suffered the loss of both legs, and had been unable to speak since his first stroke 6 years ago. Despite his many afflictions, he always displayed a courageous spirit, and his countenance showed forth the peace of God that was in his heart. Surviving are a son, Cornelius of Santa Ana, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. Harold (Sylvia) Wolf of New Buffalo, Mich., Mrs. Ralph (Ann) Dunbar of Gardena, Calif., and Mrs. Charles (Lorene) Keele of Rochester, Ind. His wife, Sis. Mary (Schott) preceded him in death a number of years ago. Other survivors are 2 sisters, Sis. Bertha Peters of Peoria and Sis. Elsie Landis of Goodfield. Bros. Vernon Schwab and Alfred Bahler conducted funeral services.

Bro. Art Gudeman spent the day with us on April 4, bringing us much food for thought and a plea to our many friends to not put off repentance, as we are in the midnight hour. Supper was enjoyed by a large group at Fellowship Hall.

#### AKRON

##### Katherine Ries

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. Four souls have turned their backs to the world in repentance and have found peace. They are Friends Duane Collins

and his wife Marjorie (Kaufman), Donald Spangler (husband of Sis. Louise) and Ned (their son), husband of Sis. Gail (Maibach).

Sis. Elizabeth (Peter) Barna is recuperating at home, after being hospitalized for congestion of the lungs. Her address, RR 1, Sterling Ohio 44276. Bro. Stanley Francis (Anne), after being home two weeks, returned to the hospital March 28 with Pneumonia and complications, is slightly improved; home address, 3418 Fairway Dr., Norton Ohio 44203. Sis. Grace Schuckert and Sis. Mary Stanoyevic have been absent due to illness. We are happy to have Susan Ritzman (wife of Jerry), recovered from her long siege in the hospital, assemble with us again.

We were blest with visiting ministers, Bros. Delbert Intermuhle, Gary Maibach, and Henry Dotterer.

Discussing with our brethren the meaning of what the Lord means to me and hearing the testimony for the golden years give counsel, I am deeply moved. . . This is the testimony and counsel, as given me by our dearly beloved Sis. Marie Ritzman.

"As I review my life, I realize I I was being led by God even as a young friend, circumstances being such, as to determine my coming to Akron from Bluffton in 1927, bringing about quite a change.

As I came to know the brethren and friends here, they showing me much love; I soon felt at home and had much love and respect for them, longing to become as one of them. The Lord had to lead me through a severe illness to make me realize how nothing and helpless I was, also felt I would have been eternally lost if He had not spared my life. I knew that until I changed my way of life, putting myself completely in the Lord's ways, I could not hope for that calm, serene way of life I saw in the brethren. I realized this required repentance, confession of sins which takes grace from our dear Lord, which he freely gives if we fall on our knees and ask for it in all humility and sincerity. Not until marriage in 1930 could we do this; the Lord then led us through repentance, gave us much grace to make confession of our sins, finally giving us peace (that comes like the calm after the storm), Then came baptism, which signifies the burying of our old life,

and by the laying on of hands and prayer by our elder, we received the Holy Ghost, who will warn us with a still small voice when we are in danger, and will comfort us when we are in need. To retain this peace and communion with the Holy Ghost we must ask the Lord for sufficient grace. This I consider the most important step in one's life. I am thankful for this, and would recommend this to our dear children and friends.

After 36 years of walking hand in hand with the Lord, being blest with 8 children, not without many struggles and temptations both spiritually & earthly (my husband being called to eternal rest so calmly and peacefully in 1966), I can not help being thankful to the Lord for His leading and His wonderful gift of grace, for his love, for the courage I receive from Him, through the brethren, the ministers, yes, and our children, when I experience a low period. I find much to be thankful for at the end of each day.

That period of my life now seems as a dream or a vapor; there are times I wish I could gather all our children and husband around the table just once more, as we used to; then I realize we must not dwell too much in the past but look to the future, by striving to become more pleasing and establishing a closer walk with the Lord, thereby preparing oneself to meet them and our loved ones when our summons comes. . . Willing to go or willing to stay, in either case, to be used as He sees me best fitted for."

#### ALTADENA

##### Freda and Rhoda Minger

He gave too all eternal life  
As the word had prophesied;  
Each year a promise of new hope  
By green of spring identified;  
All this he gave to such as I;  
He lives again, the crucified.

Among our sick was Bro. Clarence Graf, who was hospitalized and is now recuperating at home. He was able to attend services again. Bro. Wm. Witzig was a hospital patient, was released after surgery and is feeling better. We are always ready and willing to visit those that are sick and confined. The time goes slow for the dear ones, such as Sis. Betty Jeges being confined in a convalescent



hospital, and there are many days she is not feeling well, but can get about some in her wheel-chair. I enjoyed a visit with her; she was busy breaking up bread left from trays of other patients. As she pushed her chair outside in the patio, the birds came down to eat the bread she threw in the grass. I was reminded how Jesus knows our anxieties of life, and we read to consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which neither have storehouse nor barn, and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls. We have so much to be thankful for, and working for the Lord keeps us busy no matter where we are, if we are willing to follow in His ways.

### FT. LAUDERDALE

We were certainly blessed with the wonderful messages from Bros. Orville Ringger (Bluffton), Henry Beer (Milford) and Ben Stavenik (Mansfield); as they mentioned, may God be glorified on earth through our feeble efforts. Thinking about these words gives each one of us a duty to perform. May we be the lights to this sinful world, as a city that is built on a hill.

### Our Eldest Brother

Bro. Henry Schwartz was born in Leo in 1893. He was the son of Chris Schwartz, and the grandson of the first minister in Leo, Jacob Schwartz. He repented and was baptized in the St. Joseph River by Elder Bro. Henry Souder in 1911. In 1921, he was married to Frances Gerber, and their family consisted of three children. His occupation was an auto dealer for 41 years in Grabill, and Henry saw many changes in the automobile industry. Bro. Henry and Sis. Frances are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in May of this year; may God grant to these loved ones many more happy years of married life.

The memories that linger in his mind are the days when everyone drove horses and buggies to church. They had to take feed for the horses to eat while church services were held. At noon they would check their horses to see that they were all right. This certainly was a different time that people were living in, and we have become very modern, but I wonder if it has changed our faith in the Almighty God? We hope not.

We are sorry that Robert and Marilyn Byrd and their three children are moving back to Morton, after living here two years. We are happy to have Arthur and Florence Clauss, who moved here from Peoria, assemble with us; may they always feel welcome in our church.

### BRADFORD Rebecca Endress

**He is not here. He is risen!** The fragrance of new life springing forth in spring always makes me think of Mary and the disciples coming to visit the tomb of Jesus, only to hear the angel speak these glorious words. This should truly be the greatest holiday of the year for His people.

We enjoyed hearing the testimonies of new life in five dear souls from our congregation. Our new brothers and sisters in faith are: Dean Knobloch, son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma; Randy and Connie Ehnle, son and daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Audrey; and Gary and Carole Ehnle, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. Roy and Sis. Donna. Elder Bros. Joshua Broquard, Fairbury, and Dan Koch, Tremont, came to help our elder brother, Silas Leuthold with this work.

We have appreciated the visits of Ministering Bros. Nathan Steffen, Elgin; Joe Stoller and Dave Kieser, Princeville; Elder Bro. Ezra Feller, Cissna; and Walter Rehkla, Toledo.

Bro. Clarence Bruell was hospitalized and has returned home, feeling much better. Mary (Mrs. Levi) Koelling has been hospitalized for surgery, and is getting along pretty well. Nathan Herncjar has had major surgery and is quite ill.

Bro. Carl and Sis. Velma Hancher have returned from a winter in Florida. It is good to have them assembling with us again.

The farmers are busy with spring work. As you drive through the countryside, you see the fields dotted with tractors, and dust flying. We always are anxious to begin another season of farming.

Send address of someone you love, if you want that one to receive the Silver Lining. Two dollars is suggested a year for the Silver Lining. Notify us, if possible 30 days in advance, of any address change.

### EUREKA

#### Cathryn Wettstein

"Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

How safe and how happy are they Who on the Good Shepherd rely! He gives them their strength for the day;

Their needs He will surely supply.

Our visitors have been—Bros. Orville Ringger and Carl Kipfer from Bluffton.

The annual spring house-cleaning at the church was accomplished on Mon. evening, March 22; what things weren't done were finished the next morning. About 130 people, friends and members came to help. It is so good to see people work together in the house of God, but is still better when we can gather together and worship our Heavenly Father, as it is our duty and reasonable service to Him.

Birth: a son to Walter and Kay Knecht, Douglas Walter, born Mar. 31. They have one daughter.

April 3 Sat. evening, our friends Wayne Knepp and his wife Joann were given their opportunity to give their testimony. Bro. Al Fisher from Chicago helped Bro. Leroy Huber in this work. They were baptized the next day. They are now our brother and sister in faith. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Carl and Freda Knepp. . . May God bless them in this new walk of life.

In the hospital: Bro. Henry Frey was badly burned on the face and one hand while he was burning rubbish. A pressurized can exploded; although he was some distance away, he was reached by the flames. He was in the hospital in Peoria, but is now at home getting along good. Sis. Mary Reutter is a medical patient in Eureka Hospital.

### Bible Reading Schedule

May 1, I Kings: 18-19; May 2, 20-21; May 3, 22; May 4, II Kings: 1-2; May 5, 3-4; May 6, 5-6; May 7, 7-8; May 8, 9-10; May 9, 11-13; May 10, 14-15; May 11, 16-17; May 12, 18-19; May 13, 20-22; May 14, 23-25; May 15, I Chronicles: 1-2; May 16, 3-5; May 17, 6-7; May 18, 8-10; May 19, 11-14; May 20, 15-17; May 21, 18-21; May 22, 22-24; May 23, 25-27; May 24, 28-29; May 25, II Chronicles: 1-3; May 26, 4-6; May 27, 7-9; May 28, 10-13; May 29, 14-17; May 30, 18-20; May 31, 21-23.

**FAIRBURY****Joyce Huber**

Bro. Bud and Sis. Sharon Kelson were blessed with a new baby, Betty Lou. Welcoming a sister is Carol Sue, and brothers Paul, Mike and Robert. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Walter Moser.

Middle-named for his father is Corey Dean Steffen, new son of Albert and Karen Steffen. The March 25 arrival has a sister, Hope Jane. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Ezra Steffen and the Marion Riegers.

We are sorry that several have been hospitalized: Sis. Miriam Feldman fell, breaking her hip; Sis. Kathleen Steffen, (at Peoria) an accident; Sis. Salome Zimmerman, surgery; Sis. Hermina Zimmerman, Sis. Lydia Bittner, at Pontiac; Ron Zehr in Chicago; and Alph Maurer, a heart attack.

We were happy to have with us as visiting ministers Bro. Ernie Gerber of Conn. and his son, Bro. Earl Gerber of Forrest.

On Palm Sunday the Sunday School classes presented an inspiring program, telling the Easter Story.

**HONOLULU, HAWAII****Bill and Sharon Dotterer**

God's creation never ceases to amaze the Christian. It would be difficult to list every flower, plant, and tree that exists in Hawaii. God's ability to conceive the beauty, color combinations, and designs of numerous species is awesome. It humbles us to realize how great a Lord we worship.

We welcome Jack and Sue (Knochel) Hill from Phoenix. Jack is a marine stationed at the naval base at Pearl Harbor.

We were very glad our parents, Bro. Howard and Sis. Goldie Stettner from Bluffton could be with us for a few weeks.

We encourage anyone who is planning to come to Hawaii to get in touch with us. Our address is 1235 Alo Kapuna Apt. 201, Honolulu Hawaii 96819; phone 839-0965.

**LA CROSSE****Mary Ann Feller — Pearl Nuest**

We can believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, but unless we wholly receive Him into our hearts and follow His teachings, we cannot expect to enter into those heavenly portals. We received so many blessed teachings from our visiting ministers, Bro.

Elmer Bucher of Francesville and Bro. Elmer Hartter from Milford.

Shut-ins were Louise Wittmer, who suffered a broken arm in a fall at her home; and Arthur Heindold, who suffered several broken bones in an automobile accident. Both are improving.

With the advent of spring all around us and the celebration of the blessed Easter season, our hearts are filled with the goodness of God and the wonderful opportunity we have yet to enjoy His blessed promises.

**Thank you note:** The Sis. Lydia Moser family wishes to express their sincere thanks for the prayers, cards, and gifts during the illness and loss of our dear mother. May God bless everyone. Sons and Daughters.

**MINNEAPOLIS****Alma — Gus Baum**

The following testimonial was written and submitted by Sis. Sophie Sikaparija—**The Golden Years Give Counsel.** Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled. Matt. 5:6

I was the daughter of a Yugoslavian tailor, born in a small village. Both my parents were straight-forward persons, members of Nazarene Church, which at that time was regarded as an illegal sect, often ridiculed and even persecuted. Later we moved to a beautiful city on the Danube, where I attended the classical high school, requiring eight years of Latin and three years of Greek. After completion, I received a clerical position at the Police Dept., where I worked for a year, saving money for university I hoped some day to attend.

... recall at one time a policeman coming to my desk, placing on it a bunch of beautiful black cherries, proudly boasting of how they had confiscated them from a farmer woman who had come to the market and had not paid the two-cent ticket, committing a violation against city ordinance, going on to say she should be glad she was not put in jail. This incident touched me, for I realized the work and time involved, and because of her inability to pay the fee she was robbed of her produce. My conscience would not allow me to enjoy this fruit, so I took it back and placed it in the baskets, where the gathered police were having a feast, explaining I cannot eat these

cherries, since I feel this an unfair act of the police. At this same time I heard human cries coming from the rear; the police explained some gypsies being held for stealing horses and poisoning sheep.

Thus my thoughts wandered back to my high school years, at which time I had a most significant dream, which disturbed me. As I dreamed I was walking in a cemetery amongst many tombstones. Darkness of the night was coming on, when suddenly the stones commenced to tumble and the dead arose upward into the air—a frightening dream. I told no one of this dream, but was then I become interested to attend with my mother the Nazarene church. The services were conducted in Yugoslavian, Hungarian and German languages. This was about at the end of World War I, when President Wilson and his just proposals were heard everywhere. I then became interested in America, thinking perhaps I should seek that new country, where under (as I was led to believe) a righteous president righteousness prevails. However, to my disappointment I later learned this not to be true. I attended the university at Prague for two years, studying pharmacy, the profession I'd always admired, and in 1923 I came to America to work in this field.

It was hard for me to leave behind my mother, father and sister to come to a new country, and to battle this phase of life alone, with knowledge of but only a few words in English, plus a pocket dictionary in my possession. Here in the states I lived most of the time at the YWCA, giving me the opportunity to meet many school teachers, who were helpful to me in mastering the language and American history, and with whom I visited many churches, Quakers, Methodists, Reformed Presbyterian, Jehovah Witness etc. I felt the need of a church, and was attracted by the Quakers, later becoming a member . . . some very fine folks, doing much good in the world as missionaries, but did not believe in complete repentance, no water baptism or holy communion, but rather go and sin no more. I knew this was insufficient, and Christ's imperative words rung in my ears, "Follow me". I withdrew my membership, with the sincere desire to find somewhere in the city of Minneapo-

lis where I could find what my needy heart longed for.

About five years ago I learned through a former acquaintance about the Apostolic Christian Church in Minneapolis, and was given the address of Bro. Noah Miller, whom I contacted, telling of my desire to attend these services. Bro. Noah and his wife, Sis. Laura came to visit me, accepted me very warmly, and made provision for my transportation. How prevalent this love I immediately experienced, plus many, many times since. So by the mercy of God I was brought to repentance & could be baptized, into the fold of Christ, hoping to remain true to Him as long as I live. How true are Christ's words, "Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold. . ." For I am no longer lonely—God has provided all my needs. I enjoy the blessing of Christian fellowship; thus my hunger and thirst for righteousness has been filled. I am especially grateful to the church, who provides a taxi every Sunday, for otherwise I could not go. Whenever possible I take my two grandchildren with me. Loving hospitality is extended to me not only the local members and friends, but also by the Phoenix group where I spend a winter not long ago.

Sis. Sophie had a stroke about nine years ago and still suffers some impairment, but she does not complain, and her warm smile is a shining light amongst our little group.

Bros. Elmer Schmidt, LeRoy Messner (Winthrop) and Bert Buttkofer (Elgin) were our guest ministers. One of the brothers referred to our precious fellowship as a glimpse of Heaven.

#### PEORIA

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. We are so thankful to have been privileged to partake of the blessed sacrament of Holy Communion on Palm Sunday. Bros. Russell Rapp from Morton and Charles Hemmer assisted Bro. Roy Sauder.

The Sunday School Classes had

an Easter program April 4. We were reminded of Christ's crucifixion and death on the cross, shedding his blood for the atonement of our sins, his burial, glorious resurrection and ascension to heaven. May the Sunday School children really be able to understand and grasp this and one day, too, become God's children, so we can all be FOREVER WITH THE LORD.

On the first day of spring two dear sisters were added to our most precious faith. They are Kathy, daughter of Brother Sam and Sis. Aldine Leman of Eureka, and Mary Lynn Unsicker, daughter of Bro. Les and Sis. Eunice Unsicker. Bro. Harvey Grimm was our guest minister and gave us much spiritual food.

The engagement of Sis. Carol Erkert, daughter of Bro. Herb and Sis. Christianne Erkert and Bro. Michael Rieker, son of Fred and Sis. Norma Rieker, was announced to our congregation.

Bro. Marshall and Sis. Janice Heinold are the parents of five daughters now and two sons. Rebecca Lynn was born March 14. Jan is getting along much better and is regaining a little more strength each day. A son, Todd James, was born Dec. 8 to Thomas and Peggy Sauder.

Bro. Harold Thomas has been in the Veteran's Hospital in Iowa City for several weeks already. He may be there for awhile, and I'm sure he would be glad to hear from his friends and brethren. Sis. Ella Eberhardt had been hospitalized, but is home now. Sis. Bertha Peters is in Forest Park and seems to be responding to therapy. Sisters Eugenia Schlipf, Sophia Joos and Emma Binkele have all been moved to the infirmary in our church Home, 7023 N.E. Skyline Dr. Sis. Martha Altorfer is convalescing at her home. Bro. George Knapp is confined to his home and has been for quite some time. Sis. Lydia Siebenthal is in the hospital.

Bro. Michael and Sis. Emma Weyeneth observed their 50th wedding anniversary with open house at the Fellowship Hall March 28. They have one son, Robert, who lives in Ft. Wayne.

Thank you for friends, God, that you have given us; Through them we are encouraged. These friends we love

Have stood beside us through the years.

They shared with us joys;  
Together we've shed tears.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who remembered us with cards, gifts, and flowers. Thanks to everyone who helped Bob and Irene in the preparation for the open house and for all the help at the Fellowship Hall. This was a happy occasion and all was very much appreciated. Mike and Emma Weyeneth.

**Thank you note:** Words can never express our thanks and appreciation to our many friends, neighbors and relatives for the flowers, cards, and many kind deeds shown us during the illness and passing of our dear mother. The family of Katherine Fehr.

#### RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler—Janette Blough

As the Easter season dawns, let us remember our dear Lord is alive today, and that we need not despair when we look out in the dark world at all the turmoil and trouble. Surely if it would not be for our risen Saviour we would indeed have to despair.

Sis. Emma Riggenbach wishes to thank everyone for their deeds of kindness shown to her since her accident. Emma is able to attend services now with us and gets around quite well with the aid of a walker. It is so nice to have her with us again.

Charlene Elda is the little baby girl welcomed to the home of Bro. Joe and Sis. Lilas Rufener. Charlene has 3 older brothers, Loren, Lyle, and Lee.

The engagement of Bro. Dean Hartzler, son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline Hartzler, to Sis. Janet Schlatter of Junction has been announced.

The marriage of Jerry Gasser and Ellen Riggenbach took place March 27. Jerry is the son of the late Bro. Robert and the late Sis. Elda Gasser. Ellen is the daughter of Bro. Wm. and Sis. Martha Riggenbach.

The marriage of Bro. Denny Neiman and Sis. Kay Endress took place in Princeville April 4.

#### ROANOKE

Marilyn Weyeneth

Norene Herbst

Our friend, Mike Hodel, son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Ruth Ann Hodel



left April 4 for induction into the armed service.

Peg Bowald, daughter of Bro. Dick and Sis. Mardell Bowald submitted to an emergency appendectomy. Robert Bertschi is hospitalized for injuries received in a motorcycle accident. He is the son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Dorothy Bertschi.

A son, Neal Edward, was born March 22 to Bro. Roger and Sis. Kathy Leman. They have two other children, Mark 4½ and Brad 2½. Grandparents are Bro. Rouland and Sis. Verla Leman, and Bro. Walt and Sis. Ruth Knepp, Peoria. Renae Honel Edwards, daughter of Gary and Sis. Wanda Edwards was born Jan. 15. Grandparents are Bro. Charles and Sis. Jean Kupferschmid, and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Edwards of Eureka.

Bro. Everett Hari was our guest minister Wed. evening, March 31. Bro. Ed Hohulin was with us April 4 to assist Bro. Gene Bertschi and Bro. Joe Zimmerman in Holy Communion Services.

Russ DesCarpentrie and Jane Frank were united in marriage at the Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall in Peoria, April 3. Bro. Gene Bertschi performed the service. Their parents are Sis. Lois (Fehr) DesCarpentrie (and the late Lloyd DesCarpentrie Sr.) and Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Frank of Roanoke. The couple is living in Bloomington.

Bro. Charles Farney has moved from the Washington Nursing Center, Washington, Ill. to the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka. **Note of thanks:** I wish to express my sincere thanks to my friends and relatives who remembered me with cards, gifts, visits and prayers while I was in the hospital and now at the nursing home. It all was greatly appreciated. May God bless each one of you. Bro. Charles Farney.

John. F. Adams 49 of St. Charles, Ill., son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. William Hangartner, died March 27. His wife, the former Doris Hangartner, survives.

Bro. David B. (Happy) and Sis. Anna Hodel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home Sunday, March 28. They are the parents of three children: Bro. Stanley, Sis. Mary (Rudie) Hoffman, and Sis. Helen (William) Leman, all of Roanoke. They have 22 grandchildren and 4 g r e a t-grandchildren. **Note of**

**thanks:** We wish to thank our many friends for your good wishes, cards and gifts. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in making our Golden Wedding Anniversary such a happy occasion. May God bless you all. Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hodel.

Susan Hodel, daughter of Bro. Ben and Sis. Ruth Ann Hodel, gave her testimony Sat. evening, March 27. Baptismal services were held the following day.

#### ALTO Loretta Steffen

I shall pass through this world but once.

If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show,

or any good thing I can do,

let me do it now;

let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

"O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph." Surely God's redeemed children can clap their hand for joy, knowing our heavenly Father will never let us down. We are mighty through Him, and in this we triumph.

Our congregation was blessed and edified when Bro. Uriel Gehring of Burlington brought words of life to us. He beseeched us to remember our ministers in prayer, as they come weak and empty before us each day of worship. Through united prayer of God's church, blessings will proceed from the throne of God. This is a manifestation of the power of prayer.

Sis. Delilah (Bro. Elmer) Schrenk underwent major surgeries and is again home, slowly recuperating.

#### BERN

##### Esther and Stella Moser

A wee bundle of joy was born to Bro. Jay and Sis. Marilyn Kellenberger at Ft. Leonard Wood Apr. 2. Tamra Lynn is her name. First-time grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Lila Rokey—Bro. Gene and Sis. Marion Kellenberger, Sabetha, also the first great-grandchild for Sis. Tillie Stoller.

Ronald Strahm was married to Deborah Poppell Mar. 6, in Titusville, Florida. They are making their home in Milwaukee Wis., 4617 So. 1st Street.

Made known to us Mar. 28 was the engagement of Sis. Mary Meyer

to Bro. Terry Farney, Wichita. Parents are Bros. Louis and Sis. Mavis Meyer, and Bro. and Sis. Harvey Farney.

Hospital patients are Sis. Sarah Meyer (Bro. Lou Sr.), medical; Sis. Lena Strahm (Bro. Amos), surgery. Sis. Lydia Hanhart was hospitalized with another chest cold. These colds, flu, virus, whatever you care to call them are hard to shake, as your reporter found out along with many other folks.

After residing in the A. C. Home for the past year, Sis. Emily Strahm Lortscher is able to be in her own home.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Sis. Leah Bauman in the death of her grandson, Bobby Bauman, age 24. He was instantly killed in a car accident. Just a year ago Bobby's parents, Noah and Pat Bauman were also killed in a car accident.

#### Guidance

Be Thou near me, Lord, I pray,  
Through the night and through the day,

Over the mountaintop and sea.  
Lord, stay near, where'er I be,  
For I am like the lamb so small;  
When left alone, I'd surely fall  
And in the dark I'd surely stray  
Into deep pits along the way,  
Where I would be so deep in sin  
That, all alone, I could not win;  
So be it night or be it day.  
Be Thou near me, Lord, I pray

#### BLUFFTON

##### Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

Dear Lord, you suffered on the tree,  
And that was done for folks like me,  
Yet you were perfect—didn't need  
To pay for one unrighteous deed.

Perhaps if I would perfect be,  
I, too must suffer patiently,  
Knowing that there is grace on high  
Available for such as I.

And if I bravely travel through  
The valley and the desert, too,  
Some time the clouds will break apart—  
I'll see your purpose from the start.

Some of our youth who were in the hospital were Douglas Kaehr, son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Karen, who underwent ear surgery; and

Valerie Ringger, daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Evelyn. Those of our brethren who have been confined were Bro. Thomas Pfister and Sis. Elizabeth (Jacob) Graber. Submitting to eye surgery were Sis. Mary Kipfer and Emma Bertsch.

We were blessed with the privilege of hearing the testimonies of Jon Gilliom and Ann (Lester) Frauhiger on Mar. 24. They were baptized and added to the fold of believers on Sunday, Mar. 28. It seems such a rare occasion, and we are so grateful for each new convert. The waters are troubled in our congregation, as we have a few who have found that they are without hope and have surrendered their hearts to the Lord. We can only keep praying that this will be a beginning.

Sis. Golda Kehr was called to her eternal home, after many months of illness. Her funeral was held on March 20. Survivors include three brothers, Bro. Homer, Dan, and John; and three sisters, Mrs. Della Fisher, Mrs. Margaret Confer, and Mrs. Ida Shaffer. We are sure Sis. Golda welcomed her heavenly calling into an eternity where there are no tears, pain, or care, but only everlasting joy, peace, and love.

Bro. Emanuel Lee and Sis. Jennie Gerber welcomed their new infant son, Eric Wayne into their home. Little Amy Kay was born to Bro. Jerry and Sis. Ann Gerber. May these homes be blessed with much happiness and joy of the new arrivals.

Friends Brice Lehman and Elaine Gerber were married Sat. April 3 at the Fellowship Hall, where Bro. Sam Aeschliman received their vows. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Lehman and Bro. Dwight and Sis. Lucille Gerber. We extend our best wishes.

#### A SWARM OF GOOD B'S

B patient, B prayerful, B modest,  
B mild;  
B wise as a Solomon, B meek as a child.  
B studious, B thoughtful, B loving,  
B kind;  
B sure you always keep others in mind.  
B temperate in argument, B hateful of crime,  
B careful of conduct, of money, of time.  
B cheerful, B grateful, B hopeful,  
B firm,

B peaceful, benevolent, willing to learn.  
B courageous, B gentle, B liberal,  
B just,  
B aspiring, B humble, because thou are dust.  
B honest, B holy, transparent, and pure;  
B dependent, B Christlike, and you'll be secure.  
B penitent, circumspect, sound of the faith;  
B active, devoted, B faithful to death.

#### CISSNA PARK

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

The sadness of the crucifixion has been overcome by the triumph of the resurrection. The cry of anguish becomes a song of gladness. The flowers bursting forth into bloom express life eternal, a new life bringing forth the triumphal chorus of Hallelujah. He is not here for He has risen. The children will bring us a program in song and speech on Good Friday evening.

May God bless the home they will share and may they have many happy years together—May this be the lot of Bro. Emil Schmitt, who was united in Holy Matrimony to Sis. Huldah Honegger March 11.

Bro. Fred G. Knapp, age 87 passed away at the Fairbury Hospital Mar. 11. He had been in Fair Haven Resident Home since the death of his dear wife, Bena. Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. Floyd (Elizabeth) Grimm; one son Joe; a brother, William; two sisters, Sis. Sarah Gerst and Rose Gerst. Funeral services were held March 14. Our home ministers officiated.

Our guest ministers were Bros. Frederick Knapp, Henry Manz, Rudolph Graf, Joseph Waibel.

Bro. Adam Knapp and Bro. William Farney were hospital patients. Bro. Aaron Bauer and Mrs. Richard Feller had surgery. Sis. Esther Siegle is showing improvement, for which we are thankful.

A mother's affection and warm-hearted care are priceless ingredients of a home that's a good place to share, for it's filled with contentment and love.

#### MOTHER

I think oftimes as the night draws nigh.  
Of an old house on the hill,  
Of a yard all wide, and blossom-starred,

Where the children played at will.  
And when the night at last came down,  
Hushing the merry din,  
Mother would look around and ask,  
Are all the children in?  
I wonder if when the shadows fall  
On the last short earthly day  
When we say goodbye to world outside  
When we met the Lover of boys and girls,  
Who died to save them from sin,  
Will we hear Him ask as Mother did,  
Are all the children in?

#### ELGIN ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss

Oh wonderful, wonderful word of the Lord!  
True wisdom its pages unfold;  
And tho' we may read them a thousand times o'er,  
They never, no never, grow old!  
Each line hath a treasure, each promise a pearl,  
That all if they will may secure;  
And we know that when time and the world pass away,  
God's word shall forever endure.

Wedding: Sis. Patricia, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth Schambach, and Bro. John, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta Stoller of Forrest were united in marriage March 14 by Bro. Perry Zimmerman. Other guest ministers on that day were Bros. Ernest Gerber of Rockville, Wendell Gerber, and Clarence Kachelmuss. The newlyweds are at home at 160 E. Chestnut, Fairbury Ill 61739.

Other guest ministers were Bro. Noah Miller of Minneapolis and Bro. Walter Steffin of Milford.

David and Marlene Galat, who have been assembling with us for some time have gone back to Ohio to make their home. We will miss them, but wish them God's blessings in their new home.

Bro. Herman Kellenberger, 614 Addison St. Elgin 60120 and Sis. Sandra (Wm.) Kinsinger, 745 Lucille, So. Elgin 60177, have been hospitalized and are at home again with their loved ones.

Our Sunday School program was a blessed evening; the children did well in verse and song, in bringing the Easter message to us all. May God bless them, the teachers and the parents for their efforts in assisting the children in this way to

tell of the crucifixion and the resurrection of Christ, the Lord.

Births: A daughter, Renee Lynn, on March 19 to David and Jean Greiner Martin, R. No. 1, Box No. 114, Marengo, Ill. 60152; Sis. Florence Martin of Marengo, and Bro. Ben and Sis. Martha Greiner of Morris, Minn. are the grandparents. A son, Todd Lee, on March 26 to Edward and Judith (Feucht) Martin, 23506 W. Grant Hwy., Marengo Ill 60152; Sis. Florence Martin of Marengo, and Ben and Sarah Feucht of Lester are the grandparents.

Thomas Batt, son of Lester and Esther Greiner Batt spent some time with his parents and has returned to his post in Germany.

### ELGIN, IOWA

#### Mrs. George Butikofer

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved . . ."

Easter is such a joyous time, commemorating the resurrection of our dear Lord. What a thrill the disciples must have experienced when they could exclaim, **He lives.** Now we too can be assured of a heavenly place hereafter if we become renewed in spirit.

Springtime is much in evidence. The snow is practically all gone. Our summer birds are winging their way back to their northern haunts. We have seen larks, robins, red-winged blackbirds and song sparrows . . . expect to hear the sweet song of the bluebirds within a short period. The winter birds are less numerous at the feeding stations; they now find natural foods in the woods and meadows. We did this morning spy two cardinals and some slate-colored juncos enjoying some grains.

Sis. Marie Schmid, who spent some time in the West Union Hospital, is feeling fair and has been able to attend services. She wishes to thank all of you who remembered her with letters, cards and gifts.

Bro. Elmer Butikofer was elected as our new trustee, to serve with Bros. Albert and William Butikofer.

Sis. Lena Schupbach recently reached the high age of 92 years. She is blessed with remarkably good health, including sufficient eyesight to be able to piece quilts and do numerous other tasks.

Those who know her real well testify that Lena's faith is strong, that she wishes to keep busy, and that one of her desires has been to assist those whom she can help. When eleven years old she came with her parents from the state of Ohio to Elgin, where she has been at home. Sis. Ruth Schupbach, her neice lives with her on the outskirts of our town.

Two new names have been added to list of those who serve lunch at our church. They are Sis. Alta Thomon and her brother, Clarence; and Bro. Dale and Sis. Cheryl Moore.

As my Grandma Gehring used to say, "There is a blessing in serving".

"In my Father's house are many mansions; . . . I go to prepare a place for you . . . that where I am . . . ye may be also."

### FORREST

#### Carolyn Zimmerman Juanita Schneider

A mother's love is many things:  
A lullaby, a prayer on wings;  
The words of anger left unsaid:  
The hug, when one is tucked in bed.

The many duties, day by day,  
To make a home the happy way;  
But mothers, be true to your dear ones,

I pray  
Be sure to point out the heavenly way:  
Instruct them to follow and teach them  
to love,

That they may serve Jesus and meet you above.

Two dear mothers have crossed death's bridge into eternity. Sis. Matilda Rieger passed away at Fairbury Hospital after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss. She is survived by two sons, Bro. Richard and Harvey, both of Forrest. Sis. Bena Lehman, passed away at Fairbury Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Andrew; and one step-son, Bro. Andrew Jr., Hollywood, Calif.; two step-daughters, Jean Orth, Morton and Dorothy Tewell, Piper City. Bros. Sam Anliker of Lamont, Al Fisher, Chicago, and Wendell Gude-man, Francesville conducted the services. We will certainly miss these two dear sisters who were

such faithful pillars in our church and such wonderful examples.

Bro. Larry and Sis. Cynthia Kaisner have been blessed with a new little girl. She has been named Renee Michelle. Angie, 4, and Jeff, 2, welcome her home.

We had many shut-ins. Sisters Ruth Wiegand (Paul), Edith Zimmerman (Les), Jean Martin, Alice Lehmann (George) and our friend Harriet Farney were all surgical patients. Bro. Bill Masters and Sis. Lil Bachtold were medical patients and Sis. Leona Ricketts (Meredith) spent several days at the Ottawa Arthritic Clinic.

Other ministers visiting us were Bros. Merle Kaisner, Fairbury; Merrill Laukhuf, Latty; and Edwin Ringger, Gridley. We enjoyed the inspiring messages. Many thoughts were left with us to ponder concerning this Easter Season.

Bro. Greg Stoller, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta, has entered the US service and is taking his training at Ft. Sam. David Bach, son of Bro. Ed, has returned from his tour of duty in Germany.

We want to welcome Sis. Patsy Schambach to our congregation (since her marriage to Bro. John Stoller). They will make their home in Fairbury.

We were privileged to be hosts on two different week-ends for Apostolic Christian Youth Fellowship.

**Thank you**—Our thanks to everyone and to our family and relatives who remembered Tom during his hospital stay and during our family's illness with visits, cards, money, and food. Your concern, efforts and thoughtfulness have all been sincerely appreciated. Tom, and Earlene Hamilton and children.

### INDIANAPOLIS

#### Charles and Doris Neuenschwander

On March 14 we thought we were going to be without a minister, so other brothers did their part in Bible reading, followed by a short meditation. Toward noon Bro. Ervin Stoller arrived, and said the fog was so heavy he could hardly see. The Lord surely must have been with him all the way, because he said at one time if he wouldn't have heard the whistle of a train he may have met his death. How sad that would have made us all.

On March 21 Bro. Marvin Steiglit ministered unto us in the morning services. Bro. Elmer Bucher



arrived at noon, so Marvin asked Elmer to deliver the message for the afternoon. We were taught so much about the importance of love on this day. On the 28th Bro. George Yergler spent the day with us. George said that "God likes a house of order."

If we could all get to church a little earlier and start our services on schedule the Lord would be pleased.

On April 4 we were blessed with a goodly number. We enjoyed having Bro. Carl Kipfer of Bluffton and Bro. Joe Schrock from Congerville with us. After services, many of us ate together at a cafeteria. We visited together awhile, and then some left for their homes and others shared the rest of the afternoon at our home. We enjoyed this very much and thank the Lord for every day we can share with one another.

#### GOODFIELD Elna Grimm

As we go about from day to day enjoying good health and the countless gifts from above, let's take time out to remember those who are not so fortunate. Let's breathe a prayer for them, and count our blessings. Our hospital patients have been Bro. Sam Scheiler, Bro. Ira Rokey, Sis. Laura Hohulin, and Bro. Harold Plattner. To them especially we dedicate the following poem:

When the mountains of life seem  
high to climb,  
And the rivers deep to wade,  
And valleys and trees crowd all of  
these  
Till your courage seems to fade . . .  
Then square your shoulders and  
look beyond,  
Don't cry or fuss or pout,  
Just move ahead with a smile in-  
stead,  
And your road will even out;  
For he who climbs with steady  
steps,  
Though the pace he keeps be slow,  
Will reach the top, though he may  
stop  
To restart from places below.  
For when you quit along life's climb  
Because the way grows steep,  
You can never erase from your  
troubled face  
The look of cruel defeat,  
But if you get up and start climb-  
ing again,

Regardless how bitter the spill,  
Soon you will find a determined  
mind  
Can climb almost any hill.

Bro. Eli Hohulin, who underwent surgery, is back home and feeling good. He wishes to express his sincere thanks and appreciation for the many cards, gifts, and prayers in his behalf.

Bro. and Sis. Steve and Mary Ellen Wiegand of R.R. Deer Creek were blessed with a baby boy on Mar. 23. He is their 3rd child and 3rd little boy. They have named him Doug Michael. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Simon and Mary Ellen Wiegand of R.R. Deer Creek, and Sis. Florence Hangartner of Roanoke. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hohulin are the parents of their second baby and second little girl. She was born on Apr. 4. Her name is Kristy Marie. The grandparents are Bro. Eli and Lois Hohulin of Goodfield and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson of Cherry Valley.

We were privileged to have as visiting ministers Bro. Don Sauder from Roanoke and Bros. Bob Meyers and Wendell Gerber from Bluffton. It was refreshing to sit and feed on the messages presented by each.

Jim Hinrichsen, son of Bro. and Sis. Hans and Arlene is spending 30 days at home, during which time he intends to be married. He will then return to Ft. Riley, Kan. Jim has about 18 more months of armed service to complete.

#### LESTER

Alice Metzger — Paulette Meyer

It is with thankful hearts we commemorate Christ's death and resurrection. We were so kindly reminded to observe the true meaning of Easter by Elder Bro. Noah Shrock, when he was here for evening services on a return trip from Regina, Canada. Other visiting ministers this month were Bro. Duane Metzger and Earl Banwart from West Bend. They laid many precious teachings to our hearts.

Three souls have received the precious gift of peace. They are Kathy Metzger, daughter of Bro. Emil and Sis. Flora; Lavonne Doorneweerd, daughter of Sis. Karoline; and Kay Knobloch, daughter of Bro. August and Sis. Florence.

Bro. Alfred Feucht has been hospitalized and in traction for a bad back. Sis. Lena Kellenberger was

hospitalized, but is again able to assemble with us. Grandma Metzger (Sis. Carrie) has been a shut-in with a bad leg. Although she cannot get around, her hands keep busy with her many fancyworks projects. She enjoys her visitors and is so thankful she and Grandpa Fred can care for each other and live in their own home.

Friends and relatives surprised Bro. Nathan and Sis. Irene Knobloch on their 25th wedding anniversary March 21.

Mid-week services were cancelled on March 18, when a severe snowstorm struck our area. Many roads were blocked, and telephone and electrical services were disrupted for as long as 2 days for some. It caused us to stop and think of our parents and grandparents, who were self-sufficient enough to get along without the conveniences which we so sorely miss.

When our four-year-old Joey had to miss Sunday School because of illness, he complained, "I think I'll miss out on a really good story." It is indeed a good story we hear every time we assemble in church and listen to God's servants speak His word. Before our conversion, we were upset and troubled by what we heard, but we are so grateful that God loved us enough to trouble us until we could finally give in to His will and repent.

#### IOWA CITY Beverly Mogler

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Such uplifting words! We often think of the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, but the Easter season is a special reminder of the suffering and pain Christ endured for our sakes.

Our guest ministers were Bro. Uriel Gehring, Burlington; Bro. Paul and Bro. Bert Butikofer, Elgin, Iowa; Bro. Walter Anliker, Eureka and Bro. Harvey Heimiger, Oakville.

#### Easter Joy

The garden listened in the stillness  
Where bloomed the lilies pearled  
with dew;  
The eastern sky glowed softly  
bright  
As fragrantly the zephyrs blew.

Suddenly the dawn was startled  
 By an earthquake's mighty roar,  
 And an angel's hands were moving  
 The stone before the door.

He is not here! He is risen!  
 Sweetest music to their ears.  
 The women hastened with the mes-  
 sage  
 That had scattered all their fears

And the glad words still are sound-  
 ing,  
 Wafted on joy's golden wings . . .  
 Chirst is risen! He is living!  
 Through all time the echo rings.

### MILFORD

#### Marguerite Hoerr

Penny Hoover, daughter of Don and Sis. Ginny, spent several days in the hospital as the result of a fall from a clothesline post. She dislocated her arm and fractured her elbow. In the inimitable nature of a child, she is making a rapid and carefree recovery.

Mildred Levy (Mrs. Ray) is hospitalized at Ft. Wayne just now, for observation and tests following an attack of illness at her home.

A bridal shower will be held for Jean Ann Kaiser, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Carol. She is being married to Gary Branson in June. Jean and Gary are both teachers of choral music at Lafayette Jefferson High School. We join in wishing them a great deal of happiness as they make plans for their wedding.

As I write this news I am enjoying our two college sons at home and take pleasure in knowing that other parents are experiencing the same joy. Bob and I have just returned from a trip through Virginia, a celebration of our 25th wedding anniversary. It was a particularly nice experience to come back to our two sons still at home, and find the rest of the children there for the week-end, plus the center of everyone's attention, our grandson, Scottie. We are grateful to God for this very pleasant experience.

### NEW MARTINSVILLE

#### Mrs. Gus Weltz

#### Miss Della Witschey

We are still having cold weather as of April 5. Not many signs of spring, snow predicted in the higher elevations, rain in other areas. Miss Della Durig who fell in her home several weeks ago and suffered a broken wrist and facial la-

cerations has been removed from the local hospital to the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burton. Mrs. C. O. Wade was a patient in the local hospital for several days the last of March for dental surgery and X-rays. She is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Witschey Jr. of Brownsville, O., former residents, were honored on their silver anniversary here on March 14 by their relatives. It was a joyous occasion and a large number attended the reception.

Fred Fitzsimmons passed away on March 11 after a brief illness. He had retired on January 31 as Clerk of the Circuit Court in Wetzel County for the past 32 years.

Miss Della Witschey was honored on March 16 by several of her relatives in honor of her birthday in her home.

Forrest Rothlisberger has been able to return home from the hospital, where he was a patient for several days for treatment of a light stroke. He continues to improve. J. Howard Riggenbach is doing fine, drives his car again, and is able to care for his business interests.

Mrs. Elizabeth McGuier of Washington, Pa., was the guest of her aunt, Miss Della Witschey for several days in March.

Mrs. L. W. Witschey and son Paul and daughter Thelma of Moundsville visited with Miss Della Witschey on April 3.

Miss Lila Witschey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Witschey, had a goiter operation in Wheeling on March 29 and was able to return home on April 1. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg visited with relatives here on April 4. Mrs. Barth continues to improve slowly from the effects of a stroke, which occurred in May 1970.

The Ormet strike was settled here on March 19. Everyone was pleased to get back to work; the community, as well, was happy for them.

### PHOENIX

#### Mrs. Allan Freed

Even tho' our seasons are not as distinct as elsewhere, the sweet aroma of millions of citrus blossoms, the birds that are so busy building their nests and singing all the while (a lesson for us), and the lovely flowers in bloom are all evidence that spring has come to the Val-

ley.

We have enjoyed the fellowship with brethren from many churches; among them were ministering Bros. Bob Grimm of Goodfield and Elder Bro. George Yergler of LaCrosse.

On Mar. 7, an especially blessed Sunday, many of us met for a covered-dish dinner in the church dining room. That evening we were privileged to partake of the Lord's Supper, with Elder Bro. George Yergler assisting our elder, Bro. Roy Farney.

We miss Susan (Knochel) Hill, who has left for Hawaii to be with her husband. He is stationed there with the Marines.

Our aged Bro. Sam Farney, who was in the hospital, has been dismissed and is back in the nursing home where he has been residing for some time. Sis. Gerry Beyer has been confined to her home with a severe case of the mumps. Many from our congregation have been ill, due to the flu and respiratory infections.

March 23 after a long illness, Bro. Roy Stevig passed away. He was 56 years old and had moved to Phoenix in 1950. Memorial services were held in Phoenix on March 25, with final services and burial in Gridley, Ill. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Averil and his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. David and Haley of Santa Barbara, Calif., his sisters, Sis. Pauline Witzig of Gridley, Ill., and Frances Cargill of Ft. Lauderdale.

The death angel visited our circle again, when Emma Scheutz became suddenly ill on Mar. 31 and was rushed to the hospital, where she passed away the following morning. She came to Phoenix in Sept. 1970 with her sister, Sis. Lena Vege. They formerly lived in Elgin, Illinois. We extend our sympathy to Lena and her remaining brother and sisters. The burial was in Elgin.

We are looking forward, the Lord willing, to the testimony and baptism of Chelly Schupbach on Easter week-end. Chelly, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Barbara is in L P N training at Normal.

I ran across this little verse and thought it should be shared.

Men, as of old  
 By themselves are priced.  
 For thirty pieces  
 Judas sold  
 Himself, not Christ.

**SABETHA****Mrs. Joe Steiner**

Bro. George Yergler of LaCrosse was in our community, but due to heavy winds that day and more snow, our mid-week services had to be cancelled; the church was left without lights. We hope he can return some day and visit us again.

Bro. Lester Hartter of Bern assisted Bro. Eugene Marti in serving us with the Lord's supper on this beautiful Palm Sunday. We were reminded that this is a commandment left by our Lord and Saviour—"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

We heard the story of the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will be reminded of His suffering and death on the cross when we assemble together at the Bern church on Good Friday evening. Then on Easter we will again hear the glad news—He is risen.

May many souls yet die unto sin, be buried in the waters of baptism, and arise unto new life, dedicated to our dear Lord and Saviour, who has done so much for us.

We will begin our hymn-singing again on Easter, and will discontinue mid-week services. Everyone is welcome to join us in our song service. We gather together every two weeks, alternating with the Bern congregation, which makes once a month for each church.

**URBANA****Theresa Hufford  
Susan Zimmerman**

Our ministering brothers have been Bro. Bob Walder, Congerville; Bro. Elmer Witzig, Gridley; Bro. Joe Kaisner and Bro. Perry Zimmerman, Forrest; Bro. August Boliger, Tremont; and Bro. Roy Ehle, Bradford. Wed. evening March 31, we were pleased to have with us the Purdue young group. Bro. Art Gudeman and Bro. Edwin Bahler served us that evening. Truly the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

We welcome Bro. Dean Knobloch, Bradford and Sis. Raylene Wagenbach, Princeville to the fold. They were baptized in their respective churches and fellowship with us here in Urbana. May God bless them in their Christian walk as we all go together toward our goal—that heavenly home.

With Mother's Day upon us, let us remember our dear mothers

with a prayer for a special blessing on our mothers, who so patiently help and understand us; truly, there was never a gift like a mother.

**WEST BEND****Mrs. Melvin Fehr  
Mrs. A. Banwart**

God is still with us is a thought of great comfort many times in our pilgrimage journey. His Supreme Rule was recognized when the modern comforts of electricity and telephone were taken from some of us for a week's time, because of wind and icestorm. Without His blessing, our efforts are in vain.

As Jesus loves His children, so do mothers love their children. With Mother's Day coming, let us be thankful for their constant love and care. Our congregation has been blessed with three new mothers. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fisher, their first child was a girl, Anita Diane, on March 19. Shon Arthur was born to Bro. Don and Sis. Verda Bruellman on March 24; he has one brother and four sisters to welcome him home. On March 31 a little girl, Carmen Luella was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Anliker. She has one sister and one brother to welcome her home. May the Lord help all parents to bring up their children to His praise and honor.

With much concern, our thoughts and prayers are with our surgery patients. Bro. Noah Gerber still remains in the hospital, very sick. Recovering from surgery satisfactorily are Steve Bruellman, Darrel Zaugg, Sis. Verda Bruellman, Sis. Katherine (Philip) Fisher and Bro. Eugene Bruellman. Sis. Florence Banwart is feeling better since her hospital stay. Bro. Noah Anliker has returned home from a stay in the Iowa City Hospital. He is getting along quite well and wishes to thank all who remembered him during his illness. "It sure helps to know others are thinking of you at such times," he commented.

Sis. Lillian Fehr wishes to extend a "God Bless You" to all those who so willingly see to it that she has rides to church from the Rest Home, and for other kindnesses.

**LEO****Mrs. Elias Souder**

Bro. Andrew Virkler of the Bay City congregation ministered to us Palm Sunday. Kalisa Souder is

home again from the hospital and gaining strength. A little more sunshine as we had today, temperature about 70 will help her and all the rest of us. The Sunday School children have an Easter program planned for Easter evening. Linda and John Klopfenstein are now living in their home at Leo.

Little two-year-old Larry Stieglitz passed away at the Park View Hospital, where he had been very ill for several days. Funeral services are to be April 10, Elmer Bucher of Francesville officiating. Larry leaves to mourn him, beside his parents Joan and Marvin, three sisters; two brothers; and two grandmothers, Millie Schlatter and Elizabeth Stieglitz.

We loved him, yes we loved him,  
But Jesus loved him more,  
And sweetly He has called him  
To yonder shining shore.  
The wondrous gates were opened,  
A gentle voice said, come,  
And with farewells unspoken  
He calmly entered Home.

**CONGERVILLE**

**Phyllis Knapp — Norma Stahl**  
Jesus Christ is no security against storms, but He is perfect security in storms. He has never promised you an easy passage, only a safe landing".

How wonderful it must be to be able to celebrate one's 50th wedding anniversary! Our dear Bro. Dan and Sis. Matilda (Tillie) Sauder were given this privilege to do so. The Lord has been good to them. He has been with them during many trials and during happiness. Fifty years sounds like such a long time, and yet it is only a short spell. May God bless Don and Tillie in the years to come.

Bro. Byron and Sis. Mary Schrock have been blessed with a little girl; she has been named Lena Marie. She has three little brothers.

Vern William (son of Bob and Sis. Doris) had surgery. He is now able to get around with the help of crutches.

Visiting ministers: Vernon Le-man—Roanoke, Josh Broquard—Fairbury, Perry Zimmerman—Forrest.

**LAMAR**

**Bonnie Braker — Evelyn Marti**  
Those from our church attending the World Relief meeting at New-



ton were, Mr. and Mrs. Art Ban-  
wart, Mrs. and Mrs. Leonard Brak-  
er, and Mrs. Alice Marti.

Mrs. Alma Frieden remains in  
the Springfield Hospital. This gal-  
lant lady has endured much pain  
and never complains. May God ease  
her pain and be with her and her  
family.

Sis. Lizzie Remm is still unable  
to assemble with us. May God grant  
her patience to endure. Time rushes  
so fast, except when you are a  
shut-in. May the Lord slow us  
down, that we would not miss the  
small things in life that are so im-  
portant.

#### PRINCEVILLE Ruth Ricketts

We enjoyed a most blessed week-  
end March 13 and 14, when four  
dear souls were added to the fold.  
A host of relatives and friends as-  
sembled on Sat. night to hear the  
testimonies of new-found faith by  
Billy Stoller, son of Bro. Floren and  
Sis. Dorothy; Raylene Wagenbach,  
daughter of Bro. Raymond and Sis.  
Betty; Rolland and Linda Joos, son  
and daughter of Bro. Walter and  
Sis. Carolyn. Bros. LeRoy Huber of  
Eureka and Roy Sauder of Peoria  
willingly lent their services. Since  
Bro. Silas Leuthold had been absent  
from our assembly for several  
weeks following surgery, we were  
all happy he could be with us, oc-  
cupy his place in the pulpit, and  
help the other brothers.

All testified they were filled up  
with the pleasures of the world and  
realized there was no future in fol-  
lowing their own way, and now,  
how happy all are to have Jesus at  
their side. One of the converts said  
he didn't realize there was not more  
to repentance, and could not realize  
the Lord had forgiven him, until  
he got down on his knees in the  
field and felt the Lord was satisfied  
with him. One of the others said  
she had a dream some time ago, in  
which she saw Jesus and His blood-  
stained garment coming for His  
own, and she was not ready. It was  
very impressive on the following  
day to have so many friends wor-  
ship with us and witness the bap-  
tism and laying on of hands.

We heard stirring sermons. We  
were reminded "Ask, and it shall  
be given you; seek, and ye shall  
find; knock, and it shall be opened  
unto you: For every one that ask-  
eth receiveth; and he that seeketh  
findeth; and to him that knocketh

it shall be opened." Bro. Cleo Rin-  
kenberger of Pulaski, Bro. Simon  
Wagenbach of Tremont, and Bros.  
James Ringger and Nathan Stoller  
were also with us.

Our hearts were deeply stirred  
another Sunday when Bro. Arthur  
Gudeman, who with others from  
LaCrosse visited us. The call to re-  
pentance was so sincerely directed  
to the friends; one wonders how  
they dare leave the assembly with-  
out vowing to draw closer to Him.

April 4 dawned a beautiful, sun-  
ny spring day, the day Bro. Denny  
Nieman and Sis. Kaylene Endress  
chose for their wedding day. Many  
of their relatives and friends gath-  
ered. Bros. Gary Maibach and Ben  
Hartzler of Rittman gave words of  
wisdom. Our large assembly was  
nearly filled for the first wedding  
solemnized in our new edifice. Bro.  
Dave Kieser gave timely advice to  
the young couple, as well as to all  
present. The 5th chapter of Ephe-  
sians was read and meditated upon,  
and when the beautiful hymns  
were sung, they sounded very beau-  
tiful. We are sorry to be losing Sis.  
Kaylene and trust she will be happy  
with the loved ones in the Rittman  
congregation.

Sis. Josephine Endress was 88  
on March 19, and was happy to have  
her six sons and wives visit her.  
She has not been able to attend  
church for some time, as her eye-  
sight and hearing are both poor,  
but she enjoys doing things about  
the house and cooking. She enjoys  
listening to the church services on  
the tapes, brought each week.

Sisters Ruth Kieser and Arlene  
Scholl have submitted to emergency  
surgery, and have now returned  
home, recovering satisfactorily.  
How thankful we are that they are  
getting along nicely, and can be-  
lieve they felt the power of prayer  
from their loved ones during their  
confinement.

One of our dear brothers lies  
gravely ill in the hospital, and all  
are deeply concerned for his wel-  
fare. Ben Streitmatter became ill  
very suddenly, and ten days later,  
after many tests and X-ray, a tu-  
mor was found on his brain. He  
submitted to surgery April 5, and  
after he awoke recognized his dear  
wife, Sis. Alvina. Our prayers go  
out to this family. Ben spent many  
hours untiringly while the church  
was being built and was happy in  
so doing. We can believe he has  
been laying up treasures in heaven

and now has accepted his fate and  
placed it in God's hand.

There is never a day so dreary, but  
God can make it bright,  
And unto the soul that trusts Him,  
He giveth songs in the night.  
There is never a path so hidden, but  
God can lead the way,  
If we seek for the Spirit's guidance,  
and patiently wait and pray.

There is never a cross so heavy, but  
the nail-scarred hands are  
there,  
Outstretched in tender compassion,  
the burden to help us bear.  
There is never a heart so broken,  
but the loving Lord can heal;  
The heart that was pierced on Cal-  
vary doth still for his loved  
ones feel.

Bro. Lyle and Sis. Betty Stahl  
are rejoicing over the birth of a  
daughter, April 2. Deborah Lynn is  
welcomed home by two brothers,  
Doug and Rodney. Grandparents  
are Bro. William and Sis. Marie  
Stahl; Bro. Paul and Sis. Sarah  
Tanner, and great-grandfather,  
Bro. Rudolf Tanner.

#### ROCKVILLE Carlton J. Lanz

Again we are approaching the  
beautiful Easter season, when  
thousands of pilgrims from around  
the world are flocking to the Holy  
Land. They are drawn there with  
the desire, we can believe, to see  
where Jesus, the Son of God, walk-  
ed, and to be an eye witness of the  
traditional site of His crucifixion  
and His place of resurrection. It is  
a sacred place. As one enters the  
"Garden of the Tomb", there in  
Jerusalem, a sign on the gate-post  
reads, **Silence Please**, and this, to be  
sure, is reverently observed. Benches  
are provided for those who come  
to have a service, yet only a limit-  
ed time is allowed each, thus mak-  
ing room for waiting groups to en-  
ter. Hymns, appropriately com-  
posed for just such an occasion as  
this are nearly always sung before  
leaving the Garden, such as "I  
Know That My Redeemer Lives".

Bro. Ernest Graf Jr. of Akron,  
in his sermon here left with us  
many sound words of wisdom. It  
was truly the word of God that was  
spoken, and all that were present,  
we dare say, received a blessing.

Sis. Ruth (Hany) Kostuk is hos-  
pitalized, where she is under medi-

cal observation. Bro. Paul Lanz, having submitted to surgery, is at his home again, and has asked to convey his feeling of thanks to all who remembered him during his confinement.

**TREMONT**  
**Josephine Schaefer**  
**Mary Jane Leuthold**

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb that  
went astray  
In the parable Jesus told;  
'Twas a grown-up sheep that wan-  
dered away,  
Out on the hilltops and out in the  
cold.  
'Twas a sheep that the Good Shep-  
herd sought,  
And back to the flock and back  
to the fold  
'Twas a sheep that the Good Shep-  
herd brought.

Now, why should the sheep be so  
carefully fed  
And cared for still today?  
Because there is danger if they go  
wrong  
They will lead the lambs astray,  
For the lambs will follow the sheep,  
you know,  
Wherever they wander, wherev-  
er they go.  
If the sheep go wrong, it will not  
be long  
'Til the lambs are as wrong as  
they.  
So still with the sheep we must  
earnestly plead  
For the sake of the lambs today  
If the lambs are lost, what a ter-  
rible cost  
Some sheep will have to pay.

The above poem was handed to us by a sister with the comment that it had been a favorite of her father. It seemed to me that it couldn't have come at a more fitting time, for just recently Bros. Roy Sauder and Ed Hohulin assisted Bro. Dan Koch in expounding the conference teachings. We are thankful that God still provides those who are willing to see that the flock is **carefully fed and cared for still today**. We also appreciated the visit of Bro. Leroy Huber.

Bro. Charles Sauder has been chosen to help in the ministry. Charles stated that, even though he would rather have ran and hid as Saul did when he was to be presented as king to the people, God had shown him that He would pro-

vide, and as he stood before the congregation for the first time, he could truly say that God did provide and answer his prayers for help. Our prayers are with Bro. Charles and his wife, Sis. Miriam.

A daughter, Angela Sawn, arrived at the Ben Pflederer home. Ben and his wife, Sharon, live in Rockford, Illinois. Ben's mother is Sis. Helen (Aquila) Pflederer.

On March 12 Fred Lang passed away. Services were held by Bro. Al Aberle. Our Sis. Pauline Wald-beser was a sister to Fred, as was Sis. Emma Funk of Chicago, who often assembles with our Tremont congregation. Our friend Ed Such-ert was called from this life. He was a brother to Sis. Marie Unsick-er of our congregation. Bro. Dan Koch had the services. We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of Fred and Ed.

It is always good news when we can report that those who were hospitalized have recovered sufficiently that they could leave the hospital. Such is the case with Bro. Kenneth Dill and Bill Schurter. Sis. Wilma Pulfer is hospitalized for tests, and our friend, Lena Knapp, is also confined to the hospital. It is certainly a reminder when we think of our sick ones, that these earthly temples we dwell in are subject to many troubles and trials.

We are so very thankful that God was with and protected Bro. Mike Aberle on the battlefields of Viet Nam. Mike is now safely home. It is good to have him back.

Andrea Rae was born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Jane Kaufman on March 21. No doubt this God-given gift has already blessed the lives of her parents. Andrea is Dale and Jane's first child.

Sis. Esther Musselman asked that we enclose the following: I wish to thank everyone for the many deeds of kindness extended to me and my family during the loss of my mother, my stay at the hospital, and while convalescing at home. It was all greatly appreciated. May God bless you.

'Lift your glad voices with tri-umph on high, for Jesus has risen that men need not die' was one of the many wonderful Easter mes-sages we received from the Sunday School children at our annual Easter Program on Palm Sunday. The program, through Bible verses, rec-itations and song, told the complete Easter story, and we were reminded

by the sincerity of the children of the price that Christ paid to re-deem us. Let us try harder to ap-preciate it more.

**BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA**  
**Janice Frieden — Janice Springer**

God has granted us such a won-derful gift of being able to greet one another in the Saviour's name.

We held the first Sunday-of-the month singing at the church on March 7 and enjoyed a wonderful evening of Christian fellowship.

Elder Bro. George Yergler, La Crosse, was with us Wed. evening, March 17 for a blessed hour of counsel in God's word. Then on Sa-turday morning, the 20th, Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin and Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield joined us for the week-end. Sis. Mabel Springer open-ed her home that evening so we could sing hymns of praise to our precious Lord. On Sunday, we gath-ered to hear more of God's wonder-ful word. There's a verse in the Bible that perfectly describes our feelings toward our ministers of the Gospel: "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Hospital patients were Sis. Myr-tle Rathgeber, Bro. Eli Somerhal-der, and Vernon Schurter. We are happy to have Eli assemble with us again and hope the others will soon be in our midst.

Thought: "When God seems far away, guess who moved?"

**CROGHAN-NAUMBURG**  
**Carol Virkler**  
**Mrs. David Schamback**

Because He lives, we too shall live;  
To the world He did salvation give,  
That life shall triumph over clay . .  
Behold! The stone is rolled away!

So at this Easter season we are again refreshed by the speaking of our Sunday School children of the resurrection of Jesus from the grave, and the price He paid on Calvary for our sins. May we ever continue in our several walks of life to always be appreciative of what was accomplished that Easter.

We sympathize with Bro. Niles and Sis. Polly Farney at the death of Polly's mother, Mrs. Ferne Hawk, on March 18.

Hospitalized is Sis. Vera Virkler, who suffered a fall at the nursing home where she resides; and Sis. LaVeda Herzig, who has undergone surgery. We wish them the grace of God to bear their burdens and a quick recovery.

Returned home and able to assemble with us again are Sis. Minnie Taube, Bro. John Clough, Bro. Ezra Lehman and Sis. Irene Farney. Sis. Lucy Hany and Sis. Leda Farney also have returned home.

John Ulrich, husband of Sis. Esther Ulrich, passed away at the high age of 89 on Feb. 23. We sympathize with Sis. Esther and her daughter, Norene, and grandson, Kermit. On March 14, Sunday afternoon, just at the start of our service, a crash was heard. Sis. Esther, Norene and Kermit had been hit by another fast-moving car, while they were turning out of the churchyard. . . But our ever-loving God was by their side, and they were not too badly injured. Esther was hospitalized with head and neck injuries, but has returned home. Norene and Kermit were not hospitalized.

We have had visitors from Rockville to help us enjoy the maple syrup season, which is very slow coming. We still have large banks of snow and have had a very severe winter. In March we had a storm of three days, which closed most of the roads in this section, this being very unusual for all our roads to be impassable.

#### DETROIT

**Donna Hartzler — Judith Aberle**

Thanks be to God for sparing the lives of Sisters Perseda Wieland and daughter, Anne. They suffered injuries when the automobile in which they were riding went off the road and out of control at a curve. Perseda suffered minor cuts and bruises, and Anne has broken bones in her knee and hand, but is now home from the hospital.

There are several others from our congregation who have been unable to assemble with us. Sis. Christine Dimitrie is in the hospital. Sis. Katinei Facsko is confined to her home, and Sis. Lucile Maibach was not able to assemble with us. May their prayer be as the Psalmist wrote, "Whom have I in heaven **but thee?** and **there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.** My flesh and my heart faileth: **but God is the strength of my heart,**

and my portion for ever."

We are thankful for the ministers who visited our congregation. Bro. Arthur Gudeman ministered to us on Sunday, March 14. One thought Art brought out which comes to mind is, Will we be ready when the Lord calls us, as Elijah was ready when the Lord called him?

We were inspired by the words spoken by Bro. Merrill Laukhuf on Sunday, March 21. He reminded us of the love of God, whose beloved Son died as the propitiation for the sins of the world. If we love Him, we will obey His commandments; and by loving our brother, we abide in His light. It was a blessed day. A church supper was served, after which some of the visitors from Latty joined us in singing to the aged at one of the nearby nursing homes.

#### FT SAM HOUSTON

**Walter Steffen**

The brotherhood and friends here have been richly blessed. Elder Bro. George Yergler from LaCrosse was with us Feb. 26-28. It was truly a blessing to hear the precious word of God, spoken in truth and purity by an older Brother, who has fought a good fight of faith. His words of encouragement meant so much to all of us.

Other ministering brothers who reflected the love which is found in Christ Jesus were: Loren, Strahm, Gridley, Kans.; Al Langhofer, Wichita; Uriel Gehring, Burlington; Al Schnieder, Rockville; and Edwin Bahler, Remington.

Additions to our group in recent weeks have been: Bro. Bill and Sis. Miriam Brake, Sardis; Bro. Dale Koehl and Bro. Bernie Messner and Doug Wolfe, Morris; Bro. Greg Stoller, Forrest; Don Roth, Roanoke; Art Engled, Rittman; Mark Stoller, Latty; and Fred and Dan Doupka, Mansfield. We pray for each that he may grow in the Lord and be used for His purpose.

As new faces appear, many always leave. Bro. Brian Stuber, Eldon Scharer and Vernon Eggiman are all going to Viet Nam. We thank the Lord for our acquaintance and pray for their further protection.

If anyone is in the area, we encourage him to call (512) 824-9803 and visit us.

#### FORT SCOTT

**Ida Sinn**

There is a destiny that makes us brethren;  
No one goes his way alone.  
All that we send into the lives of others,  
Comes back into our own.

Our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker spent a Sunday here and shared the memorandum.

David Sinn, son of Bro. and Sis. Wayne, and Juanita Sinn, has vowed to serve the Lord in the very bud of youth. His sister, Sandra is also repenting. We rejoice with them and wish them much grace in serving their Lord.

Albert Hawkins has again had a trip to the hospital, also Janet Kraft for foot surgery.

Four of our sisters spent a day at Newton, Kansas. Quite a number from our Kansas churches gathered there that day to help with the preparation of the bundles for the needy. May each one be blest in their effort for this worthy cause.

#### GIRARD Monell Stoll

The advent of Easter caused us to appreciate anew the fullness of God's love for man. We enjoyed a sunrise breakfast together before Easter services.

God has blessed friends Jack and Donna Carden with their first child, a fine baby boy. John David Carden was born on March 31. His great-grandmother is Sis. Sedonna Habeger.

Sis. Dianne Emch, who is working on a master's degree at Illinois State University, was home for a brief visit. Accompanying Dianne was Sis. Susan Rapp, who teaches at Elgin, Illinois.

#### MANSFIELD Aaron A. Sauder

At Home 'tis well!  
There shall the pilgrim tarry  
When tired and worn by sorrow,  
grief and strife;  
In heav'n, when the hard race of earthly life  
Is run, the long-borne load no more  
he'll carry.

How fitting are these words which were read at the funeral of our dear Sis. Theresia Dapper Sabo, who gently went to sleep in the



Lord, and is now at Home. Although infirmities of age sometimes did not permit Sis. Sabo to attend church, whenever she was able to she worshipped with us; she would have been 89 years old on June 24. We will all miss our aged sister who made an effort to speak to each one, and often gave us words of wisdom and help. She was the widow of Bro. Martin Sabo, and is survived by her daughter, Margaret Sabo Aungst, who so lovingly looked after the mother's needs; her son-in-law, John Aungst; their four children; and her two brothers, Michael Dapper and Bro. John Dapper, both of California. We extend our love and sympathy to each one.

Our sympathy is extended to Sis. Matilda Novotny Schauwecker (Ted), on the death of her sister, Marie Wydler in California.

Hospital patients have been Sisters Lucille Groh, Elizabeth Reiter, Wilma Sauder (Bob), Daisy Bidinger (Fred) and Bro. Robert Beer.

We welcome Bro. Terry Farney, who has moved to Mansfield from Witchita, and at the present is making his home with his grandmother, Sis. Tillie Oesch (Karl). On Sunday March 28 the announcement was made of Bro. Terry's engagement to Sis. Mary Meyer of Bern.

Frank Graszl Jr. and Ruth Ann McKinney were united in marriage on April 3. Bro. Frank and Sis. Alice Sauder Graszly are the parents of the groom. Our best wishes for the Lord's blessings go to this young couple.

**TUCSON**

**The Tucson Sewing Circle  
954 So. Magnolia Avenue**

Now it is accomplished!  
My soul He hath healed;  
A portion in heaven  
To me He hath sealed.

O may He direct me  
Through joy and through ill;  
I'll never forsake Him,  
But follow Him still.

What a blessed privilege for the Tucson congregation: On March 13, Loren and Evelyn Knapp gave their testimonies before the church. We were thankful to have Elder Bro. George Yergler of La Crosse and Elder Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix sharing in the duties.

Baptisms were held the following day, with members of both families being present to enjoy the blessed occasion.

Our winter guests have all returned to their respective homes. We want to thank them for their deeds of love toward the Tucson church.

**ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY  
Cindy Rassi**

Bros. Dave Kieser, Josh Broguard, Robert Pohl, and Wendell Gudeman were our visiting ministers. We thank each of them for their consideration to travel to be with us.

Our Easter program was April 1. Bro. Gudeman had the services, and our ISU young people sang Easter selections. Bro. Floyd Schumacher of Eureka directed the chorus. The evening was a rich blessing for all.

**WINTHROP**

**Delores Messerli and Carol Messner**

Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;  
He arose a victory from the dark domain,  
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.

Hallelujah, Christ arose!

We have been blessed many times over with visiting ministers. Bro. Harold Gramm, Bro. Alphi Moser spent one Sunday with us. A church supper was held for all. We were reminded of those who have achieved great goods and not the salvation of their souls. They are the victims of the enemy of our soul.

These dear ones have been hospitalized and are recovering at home: Darold Thiem, Donald Witt, and Mona (Duane) Messner for treatment. Jeff, son of Bob and Margie Messner, and Sis. Joyce (Mike) Messner for surgery.

The Bible class hosted the Morris Bible Class and the Elgin Iowa Bible class. Bro. Paul Butikofer and family accompanied the Elgin class. Bro. Noah Miller of Minneapolis spent Sunday here also. We thank these brothers for their precious words of the gospel. How blessed is our Christian fellowship!

**BURLINGTON, IOWA**

**Verna Woodward—Edna Pohl**

As spring arrives and we see the

earth and nature being awakened to new life, how we long and pray many of our dear ones would also listen to the gentle knocking at the door of their hearts, and be awakened to newness of life that can be theirs through faith in our dear Saviour and His Divine Purpose.

Bro. Ernie and Sis. Rekie Anliker have returned to our congregation, after spending several months at Zapata, Texas. Bro. Chris and Sis. Alice Rinkenberger also spent some time there.

Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Edith Massner became the parents of their fourth daughter. Her name is Carla Jane.

We enjoyed very much Bro. Merle Bucher with us for our Sunday afternoon service, April 4.

**BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL**

**Virgil and Shirley Funk**

**An Experience of Faith**

A brother and his wife, a sister in faith, looked over their field. Due to the dry weather, the crops looked very pitiful. The sun was shining real hot, the sky was cloudless, and no rain in sight. They both went into the field, kneeled down and prayed for rain. It clouded up quickly and within a half hour it rained very nicely. After the rain was over, they kneeled down again and thanked God.

This is not something that happened in Abraham's or Moses' time—it is an experience that happened recently to those of our faith, and with whom we have shared spiritual conversation.

Is God's hand too short? Or is our faith too weak? Perhaps we may be surprised at the miracles God would perform in these last days, if we exercised ourselves in earnest prayer and faith.

Visiting ministers include: James Hoerr, Peoria; Harold Schmidgall; Marvin Schmidgall, Eureka, and Leonard Meyers, Chicago.

**JUNCTION**

**Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz**

Bro. Eugene Fetter, Toledo, was our visiting minister.

On March 24 the engagement of Sis. Janet Schlatter (Sis. Juliet) to Bro. Dean Hartzler of Rittman (Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline) was announced. We wish them God's blessings.

Maburn Hale has improved and

is up and about again.

Jake and Roberta Manz (Bro. Adam and Sis. Kate Manz) have moved from Lima to Liberty Center. Their new address is Route 2 Box 172D, Liberty Center Ohio 43532. We wish them much happiness in their new home and hope they come visit us often.

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

Oh, Lord, Thou hast now conquered  
That strong and crafty foe;  
This giveth faith and comfort,  
For God is with us now.

### MORRIS

Ann Meiss — Helen Joos

Where God in truth abides, where  
two join hand and heart, we find a  
threefold cord, not lightly rent  
apart. Many relatives and friends  
were in attendance on March 21,  
when Bro. Arnold Koehl and Sis.  
Sharon Sauder were united in Holy  
Matrimony by Bro. Paul Fehr. A  
reception followed at the home of  
the bride's parents.

We were blest to have Elder Bro.  
Leo Moser here to assist Bro. Paul  
Fehr in serving Communion on  
March 28. This cup and loaf are  
proof and sign of this, Thy cove-  
nant divine in Jesus' blood.

We are thankful that Karl Koehl  
has returned from service. Karl  
wishes to thank all who had a part  
in sending him sermons. Since re-  
turning home, Karl has sought the  
Lord in repentance. May our dear  
Saviour grant him much grace and  
courage.

Little Janell Lyn, born on Jan.  
24, came to live with Bro. Herman  
and Sis. Eva Jean Schaefer on  
March 12. She has one sister, An-  
gela. Bro. Floyd and Sis. Vila  
Schmidgall are the parents of a  
daughter, Jennifer Lee, born on  
April 3.

On Wed. evenings before church  
services, the single members of  
our congregation have enjoyed  
visiting the shut-ins. In hopes of  
brightening long days, they have  
visited in the homes and sung  
hymns to those who have been un-  
able to assemble with us.

Some of the students of the  
Senior Bible Class and their teach-  
ers spent the week-end of April 3  
with students of the Winthrop  
Bible Class.

The boys and girls of our Sun-  
day School presented an Easter  
program on Wed. evening, April 7.  
We heard much of Christ's suffer-  
ing and of His glorious resurrec-  
tion, and were told that His cry  
"It is finished" was not a cry of  
defeat, but of victory. May we  
praise and thank God for these  
precious moments and help spread  
the message that Christ's blood  
was shed for all mankind.

### SARASOTA

Phil Wingeier

We approach the Easter season,  
which always brings such joy and  
comfort to the believers, that our  
Saviour did come forth from the  
grave, thus became victorious, tak-  
ing away the sting of death, that  
whosoever believes on Him may  
have eternal life.

Bro. Ben Stavenik from Mans-  
field worshiped with us in March,  
Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville  
spent one week here on business,  
also spent one Sunday with us.

. . . Trusting all the readers of  
this column will be happy to hear  
that we here at Sarasota have in-  
vested in a tract of land, contain-  
ing 2½ acres, for which if God per-  
mits shall be for a future church.  
This land is located on Honore St.,  
which divides off Fruitville Rd.,  
1½ miles east, out of the city  
limits.

The cost of this property,  
\$18,000. Anyone desiring to con-  
tribute to this worthy cause may  
send the same to Bro. Leon Virk-  
ler (Treas.) 235-19th Ave South,  
St. Petersburg Fla. 33705; summer  
months, Croghan NY 13327.

April starting out as a very busy  
month containing Easter, brings  
a number of travelers to the South  
land, where they have access to wor-  
ship and still be on a vacation trip.  
This will be our last month of serv-  
ices here in Sarasota for the sea-  
son. We thank God for the many  
blessings we have received.

### TAYLOR

Mrs. Eli Sutter—Mrs. Bill Heimer

Stacey, small son of Bro. Don  
and Sis. Elaine Hoerr had minor  
surgery. He is at home again and  
doing very well.

John Frieden, 66, passed away on  
March 20 following surgery. He  
was the son of Bro. Fred and Sis.  
Rose Grimm Frieden and is sur-  
vived by his wife, Marie; a son J.  
Duane, and daughter Mardell; four

brothers and four sisters, which in-  
clude Sis. Betty (George) Hoerr  
and Sis. Rose (John) Hoerr of our  
congregation. Burial was in our  
church cemetery. Our sympathy is  
extended to the family in their loss.

A man's coat has been left at  
our church, a "London Fog" all-  
weather coat, size 42, long.

### TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki

It comes really beautiful season  
here in Japan and the cherry blos-  
soms around our Tokyo church.  
Coming next Sunday we will have  
the Easter and have special pro-  
gram for our Sunday School. We  
Christians have wonderful peace  
and hope of eternity through His  
resurrection.

In Tokyo, Sisters Hiroko Utsuki  
and Yoshiko Asano are very faith-  
ful in taking care of our Sunday  
School here, and I am really thank-  
ful to them. Our Sunday School  
regular attendance is 12 or 13 al-  
together. This Sunday, a new man  
came with his two children and  
said that he would like to let them  
into our Sunday School from now  
on, and also himself will come to  
the Sunday morning services.

Usually our Tokyo church at-  
tendance is about 9-11 people. Bro.  
Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnlé and their  
family are visiting here in Tokyo  
church every 4th Sunday, Sisters  
Judy Bauer and Carol Schrenk also  
visiting here every 3rd Sunday.  
I'm going to visit at Shioda church  
every 4th Sunday.

The young lady who repented  
awhile ago and we had nice talk a  
few weeks ago. She is very nice  
lady and had nice personality and  
character. We believe she is really  
repented and hope to accept her to  
be our member of Tokyo Church.  
Bro. John told us that she is very  
faithful to come at his Sunday  
morning home meeting every Sun-  
day morning. We will have the bap-  
tismal service here in Tokyo  
church, coming the 4th Sunday of  
April if it is the Lord's will.

In Japan is very difficult to  
spread the Gospel lately, but we  
still hope that the Lord gives us  
much strength and courage, and I  
wish you to pray for us here in our  
small congregations in Japan.

### OAKVILLE

Martha Steiner

It is always a blessing when this  
time of year comes and we realize

more fully the great price which was paid for our redemption. The world acknowledges the awakening of the slumbering earth, God's creation, when spring comes, but Easter seems to mean no more than frivolous trimmings and fine apparel. How we can rejoice that the actual historical events hold the hope of eternal life for those of us who have been redeemed by the blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ . . . And we rejoice anew with each soul who answers the call to repentance, even at this late hour.

We were impressively reminded of the importance of this when we partook of Holy Communion, served by our Elder Bro. Noah Schrock and Bro. Harvey Heiniger. It was especially impressive to see our twenty-two new members among us for this occasion.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Everett Hari, Normal; Frederick Knapp, Congerville; Harry Bucher, Valparaiso; and Merle Bucher, La Crosse. We appreciate their willingness to be used in proclaiming the word.

At our annual business meeting, duties were assigned to Bro. Norman Frank, trustee; Bro. Earnest Frank, cemetery trustee; Sis. Leona (Arthur) Messner, women's committee; and Bro. Hartzell Schmidgall, permanent secretary.

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## THE BEAUTIFUL LIFE

Henry Souder Jr.

We interrupt this program to bring you — then comes news. Sometimes it is startling, electrifying, age-shaking. Words of a far vaster reaching come from the bliss of God's good book. They electrify to ages that never end. . .

If you would ask what is the greatest wonder of all . . . what is the complete sum of satisfaction, the beauty that brings ageless joy . . . then you must listen to Him. "Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us:"

When One with such power, so perfectly true, has something to say to us, we better listen. He is holy. It is a joy to think what holiness is. No pindrop mars the awesome beauty. Clean, pure, spotless. Free from even the little lint that sometime burdens our heart. Apart from the loud, the clanging, apart from the imperfect love . . . this is His beauty of holiness. Blissful beauty.

Some commands on earth drive. Men then are following orders. To always do the best is just like God. He wants men to want to do things: "for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;"

He does the writing. It is beautiful! You see it in the power that

turns a soul around . . . it brings from death unto life. A child is born. Desires are different, and the cross is willingly carried. You see that same word written in a faithful saint as he fords the last stream, with the glow of heaven in his eyes. . . This is the word of God written, unchanging, abiding forever.

Whose are these wondrous thoughts? Who is this of such character that passes our fondest dreams and amazement? How far-reaching is His utter encompassing of compassion? "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." Those that are darkly personal and dirty, He washes clean. He being perfect, completely takes them from His memory.

The altar of the law received the blood of the slain animal. There were walls for the courts, a wall for the temple . . . and a veil. Keep out. Inside was called the Holy of Holies. Sacrifice was a must, and only the high priest could enter, once a year . . . But now there is forgiving and forgetting of the death marks. "Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin." The Holy of Holies is heaven itself. There He is who appeared to Israel as devouring fire. This glorious God, whose appearance is as living flames, is very, very beautiful.

Ages will reveal the unspeakable joys to look upon and be near.

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus," The appearance of flames arose mightily on Sinai. The people dare not touch the mount; not even an animal dare. This was the holy Lord God. Unredeemed eyes one day peered into His ark, and men were smitten by the thousands. At Calvary, the earth shook with might, rocks were split, and the veil was torn from top to bottom. The holy God had made a way for men to His holiness. What beautiful freedom to enter, "By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;"

How great is our Lord! His sweet character, under the severest tests and sufferings, glows in blissful love. Here is Someone indeed who it pays to know, now, and sweetly forevermore. Here is tremendous love, more than we can even imagine. Our little unhappinesses and irritations cloud some, but His love is there, great and constant. We need be enlarged.

Face to face with Him will enfold us in a Circle of Love and reveal His glory, delightful and fully satisfying. The former ages will not even be remembered or come into mind. This is Life, truly the Best.