



But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and

hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

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

# THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

### WHY LIVE?

(Written by a young brother for a school assignment.)

Why live? What is the purpose of living? We live. We die. But have you ever thought, why? The time we spend on this earth is so short. Think of eternity. It's timeless, endless, never-ending, and always floating on and on and on. It watches men live and die. It watches their folly in the foolish ways they spend their lives, their short allotted time. It hears their laughs of joy. It hears their sobs of grief and sorrow. But only for a moment, and they are gone. Eternity is like drifting on a peaceful never-ending sea, always floating onward . . .

What are you going to do with your life? Quickly, decide before the whisper of life is gone. As for me, I have already decided. I am as quiet, content, and patient as eternity itself. Where? Where did I find my answer you say? In the Bible. Here is the book of all books. Here lie the deepest mysteries ever revealed to man. Here is the book of all answers. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you"! I have asked, and it was given me. I have sought, and I have found. I have knocked, and it was opened unto me. You ask what I was given, what I have found, and what was opened unto me? I shall tell you. I was given knowledge of the pure truth, that I may know why I should live. How I live this short life discerns where I will be in all eternity, in everlasting peace and joy, or in everlasting pain and torment. In this truth and by God's grace I have found peace. Opened unto me was the plan of salvation that I may escape the damnation of hell. So again I ask the question. What are you going to do with your life? Spend it uselessly in sin and hatred or search and find the meaning and purpose of life. Quickly, decide before the whisper of life is taken from you, and lost in all eternity forever!

#### From a Letter From a Young Sister to Her Father

Dearest Father,

I was glad I finally got hold of you tonight. I had called twice before.

I really sort of hate missing church tomorrow night. Without church, Wednesday seems just like

any other week day; but when I know I'm going to church, then Wednesday seems like a really special day. . .

I know, though, there's really nothing here that could . . . give me the feeling I have when I can go to church on Wednesday night. When I really think about it, I can't help but feel it's really a blessing to me that I can pray and read the Bible here in my own room in a comfortable and warm atmosphere.

I'm so thankful my roommate is so understanding and great to me. I have so very much to be thankful for—not only at school, but so much more so at home, especially for both you and Mom.

So many times I wish I had a way with words so I could express my feelings as beautifully as I feel deep inside. Sometimes I think my most disturbing times are when I can't seem to express to others my feelings such as the happiness and joy I've found in my new life. This is especially true here at school when the girls on the floor come over (as they often do) and they start asking one question about my religion and church, and I could just talk for hours. . . But if they leave the room & I feel they aren't getting the right idea or picture of what I'm trying to say, it really bothers me. . . But then later when I really think about it, I feel that perhaps they'll never really understand my situation until they have experienced what I have.

So often I wish I could give to others what I now have—especially to my brothers and sisters. I only pray that before it is too late they too can share the joy and happiness I have found.

As much as I'd like to continue on, I must close . . . Good night, Dad. Hope to see you Friday. My prayers and thoughts are with you.

Ever grateful to both you and Mom, All my love,

#### Golden Counsel

"Every morning I thank Him for another day."

Some words may bring into clearer look how short our days are. Yet, we must bring to mind that God is the One who says how many. Many could go before this our sister, and she could stay to what man might find hard to see.

Sis. Emelie Knobloch writes: We had a young mother, Sis. Joan

Knobloch, who had a biopsy . . . doctor informed her from 6 months to five years. I gave her a form on a shut-in, so she wrote

**Just a minor thing . . . I have an opening in my surgery schedule for 10 A.M. if you want it done tomorrow?!**

I look at my husband and he looks at me. I have food in the car for 40 guests that are coming for Easter dinner . . . Twelve children at home that don't know anything about this visit to the doctor . . . But doc said you'll be home in time to do all you plan!

Surgery at 10 AM Good Friday. I was born on Good Friday so many years ago, but what has God in store for me this year? Sometime in the night I woke to look out my hospital window, and saw a cathedral above the skyline. I knew I had nothing to fear: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

But of course, my only thought was for my dear husband, if anything should happen, with a dozen children to raise. I fell asleep with, "Thy will be done" in my prayers.

I was coming to in the recovery room and I asked the time. "1:30 P.M." No need for anyone to tell me I had cancer—minor into major. The doctor said to me later, "Their is a greater physician than I, who doesn't need a knife." He felt terrible because he made so light of minor surgery before that day. I told him I had no fear of dying, but still the tears flowed—

Meanwhile at home, women came in to take over, housecleaned, gave food . . . care of the children. My family came from all directions to be with me during my stay in the hospital. Mom and Dad, "Bless them", came and Mom stayed so the school children could continue.

My hospital room was never empty. I had my entire family (by pictures) taped to my wall. Every card I received went on the wall to the shape of a heart. My heart was so full with all the prayers, cards and friends, that the wall was literally full. Flowers adorned my floor and window and dresser.

For only 12 days it took, before I was discharged, but my life is in God's hands. Every morning I thank Him for another day.

A car full of sisters-in-faith came from Morris to plant garden

and paint rooms for us to brighten each day. Oh if they could only know how wonderful and humble it makes one feel. There are no words to describe how unworthy we are of their love.

My 3-year-old asked why I cry when I read the Bible; how can one tell a little boy of being so thankful for the "word of life", and a chance to live by it. I pray I can still be a light to my children, that someday they will seek their Lord and live for Him. Will I see another Good Friday? We don't know, but my Lord died for me, and I'll gladly go too, and hope more souls will find their Lord before it is ever to late.

Sabetha

### His Promises Are Sure

God has given His promise  
To you and to me  
That wherever we wander  
There He also will be.

If we're high on the hilltop  
That's sunny and fair,  
Or deep in the valley  
Of hopeless despair . . .

We still hear Him speaking  
In comforting tone,  
I will always be with you;  
You're never alone.

### His Own Way

Bern

There is no way but His own way  
To give us comfort day by day;  
He'll lift the veil of doubt and fear  
And brush away each lonely  
tear.

There is no hand but His own  
hand  
To lift us up and let us stand,  
In all our grief with head un-  
bowed,  
To see above the anguished crowd.

There is no light but His own  
light  
To guide us through the darkest  
night.  
When shadows fall, there is no  
fear;  
In His own way He is ever near.

Mansfield

Those who have been blessed with  
Christian fathers are indeed thank-  
ful that God did show His love to  
us even thus.

A father's a friend  
Who will stay by your side  
A loyal companion  
A teacher and guide.

A warmhearted listener  
Whenever you're blue  
And ever and always  
A guardian to you.

A father can strengthen  
Console and inspire  
He's someone to honor  
To love and admire.

Lamar

### Her Announcement

Time's been passing swiftly, and  
the day is here right now,  
When I ought to write about it,  
but it seems I don't know how.  
For in words I can't describe it,  
and my verse won't express,  
Her great anticipation and her  
sweet happiness.  
As today she makes announcement,  
of her wedding that's to be.  
With a heart that's overflowing,  
with life's grand ecstasy.

So we join the celebration, as she  
stands outside the gate  
That opens to the pathway, where  
the great charms await.  
May she know life's sweetest bless-  
ings, as she journeys down the  
way,  
And the joy be everlasting, that  
she's tasting of today.  
May the road be hedged with roses,  
as they travel hand in hand,  
With the romance never-ending,  
till they reach the promised  
land.

Valparaiso

Faith looks across the storm—  
It does not doubt,  
Or stop to look at clouds  
And things without.

It seeks the greatest gift  
And asks not sight,  
It does not need to see—  
He is the light.

Faith does not question why  
When all his ways  
Are hard to understand,  
But trusts and prays.

Above the tempest's roar  
It hears His voice,  
And with its hands in His,  
Faith can rejoice.

It fears no cloud, or wind  
That it can bring;  
Faith looks across the storm  
And still can sing!

Forrest

Did you fathers ever think how  
often your sons wish to grow up  
"Just Like Dad!"

Would you have him go everywhere  
you go?  
Have him do just the things you  
do?  
And see everything your eyes be-  
hold,  
And follow your God, too?  
When you see the worship that  
smiles in his eyes,  
The lovable little lad,  
Could you rest content if he  
gets his wish,  
And grows to be Just Like Dad?

It's a job that none but yourself  
can fill;  
It's a charge you must answer for.  
It's a duty to show him the road  
to tread,  
Ere he reaches his manhood's door.  
It's a debt you owe for the great,  
sweet joy,  
On this old earth to be had,  
This pleasure of having a boy to  
raise  
Who wants to be Just Like His  
Dad!

Morris

"What a father says to his chil-  
dren is not heard by the world, but  
it will be heard by posterity." This  
quotation brings to my mind the  
following poem . . . what a teach-  
ing for parents.

There are little eyes upon you,  
And they're watching night and  
day;  
There are little ears that quickly  
Take in every word you say.  
There are little hands all eager  
To do anything you do,  
And a little boy who's dreaming  
Of the day he'll be like you.  
He believes in you devoutly;  
Holds that all you say and do,  
He will say and do, in your way  
When he's grown up like you.  
There's a wide-eyed little fellow,  
Who believes you're always right;  
His ears are always open  
And he watches day and night.  
You are setting an example  
Every day, in all you do,  
For a little boy who's waiting  
To grow up to be like you.

Winthrop

**My Times Are In Thy Hand**

The clock of life is wound but once,  
And no one has the power  
To tell just when the hands will  
stop,  
At late or early hour.  
To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,  
To lose one's health is more;  
To lose one's soul is such a loss  
That no man can restore.

Mansfield

She was weeping brokenhearted;  
Oh how great had been her loss!  
Still afresh within her memory  
Was His death on the cross.

God had sent a shining angel  
To dispel her utter gloom,  
But her heart was unbelieving,  
For her mind was on the tomb.

In the tomb there was no comfort,  
When her heart with grief was  
torn.

Then she turned and found the  
glory  
Of the Resurrection morn!

When your heart is torn with  
sorrows  
And your eyes are filled with tears,  
Turn your troubled mind to Jesus;  
He can feel your anxious fears.

There's a living, working power  
In the Risen Christ today,  
You will find His love in sorrow,  
Will console your lonely way.

"Come unto me, all ye that  
labour and are heavy laden, and I  
will give you rest."

Princeville

Perhaps we can find the follow-  
ing "Rules for Daily Life" bene-  
ficial.

**BEGIN THE DAY WITH GOD;**  
Kneel down to Him in prayer;  
Lift up thy heart to His abode,  
And seek His love to share.

**OPEN THE BOOK OF GOD,**  
And read a portion there;  
That it may hallow all thy  
thoughts,  
And sweeten all thy care.

**GO THROUGH THE DAY WITH  
GOD,**  
What'er thy work may be;  
Wher'er thou art—at home, abroad,  
He still is near to thee.

**CONVERSE IN MIND WITH  
GOD,**

Thy spirit heavenward raise;  
Acknowledge every good bestowed,  
And offer grateful praise.

**LIE DOWN AT NIGHT WITH  
GOD,**

Who gives His servants sleep;  
And when thou tread'st the vale of  
death, He will thee guard and  
keep.

**The Bible**

It is not enough to own a Bible; we  
must read it.

It is not enough to read a Bible; we  
must let it speak to us.

It is not enough to let it speak to  
us; we must believe it.

It is not enough to believe it; we  
must live it.

So Let's read our Bible every day.

Elgin Ia.

**We Must Trust**

We would ask the Lord to program  
A daily route each day,  
But no such chart is given us  
That we may know the way.

Instead there comes the blessed  
promise

That He will go before;  
My presence shall go with you,  
And open every door.

Bern

**THE PARABLE OF A FISH**

One day a fisherman cast his line  
Into a clear and rippling brook;  
With tempting bait, quite skillfully  
He hid from view the barbed hook.

A hungry fish by chance came by,  
That dinner caught his watchful  
eye—

And yielding to the strong appeal,  
Enjoyed the pleasure of a meal.

When done, he turned to swim  
away;

Alas! He found to his dismay  
That the fisherman who supplied  
his meal

Had caught him with a hook of  
steel.

If sinful pleasure tempt your eye,  
'Twere better just to pass it by.  
Than yield and find to your dismay,  
When done, you cannot run away.

Gridley Ks

**No Time**

(Editor's note: Make your calling  
and election sure, so this I need not  
be you.)

I knelt to pray, but not for long;  
I had too much to do—  
Must hurry off and get to work,  
For bills would soon be due;  
And so I said a hurried prayer  
Jumped up from off my knees—  
My Christian duty now was done  
My soul could be at ease.

All through the day I had no time  
To speak a word of cheer—  
No time to speak of Christ to  
friends;  
They'd laugh at me I feared.  
No time, no time, too much to do,  
That was my constant cry—  
No time to give to those in need,  
At last was time to die.

And when before the Lord I came  
I stood with downcast eyes,  
Within His hands He held a Book;  
It was the **Book of Life**.  
God looked into His Book;  
My name he couldn't find.  
I'd been too involved with earthly  
cares,  
And now there's no more time.

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

Contributed by a member of the  
Winthrop Sunday School

Day breaks as I sit by my window  
sill,  
And the rains of the night are fall-  
ing still;  
It starts me to thinking of every-  
thing,  
Of life . . . of living . . . of death's  
cold sting.

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ber to send change of address.

With things all happening so fast  
these days,  
A person can get hurt in so many  
ways.  
Cars get faster . . . and money  
talks;  
There's no more time for nature  
walks.  
There's racial riots and all the  
bomb scares,  
Free love on campus and nobody  
cares.  
People don't get involved like be-  
fore anymore;  
Yet here I sit, watching rains pour.

There's a cold war with Russia, and  
there's Vietnam;  
Who's the strongest? Who's got  
the biggest bomb?  
There's mercy killings and heart  
transplants;  
We try to explain, and yet we can't.  
We study the sea and we race into  
space,  
Trying to find a more interesting  
place,  
And now we've got UFO's and  
ESP;  
I guess we just learn to let things  
be.

And with all this pain, suffering,  
and dying,  
I wonder—is it rain—or is God cry-  
ing?

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### VALPARAISO Alma Morris

We were blessed with messages  
of faith by Bro. Merle Bucher, from  
La Crosse, in June. Bro. Harry and  
Sis. Lena were on vacation.

I often say my prayers,  
But do I really pray?  
And do the wishes of my heart  
Go with the words I say?

For words without the heart  
The Lord will never hear;  
Nor will he to those lips attend  
Whose prayers are not sincere.

Lord show me what I need  
And teach me how to pray,  
And help me when I seek thy  
grace  
To mean the words I say.

We welcome Bill and Nettie Jac-  
obs back from their long stay in  
California.

Our sympathy goes to Willis and  
Eunice Feller, with the death of  
his mother.

### ALTADENA

#### Freda and Rhoda Minger

"Beloved, believe not every spir-  
it, but try the spirits whether they  
are of God: because many false  
prophets are gone out into the  
world." An admonition to try the  
spirits, and the means of knowing  
the true spirit was brought out by  
Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix.  
We received many blessings and en-  
joyed their visit. Bro. Bob Meyer  
of Bluffton spent a Sunday in our  
midst. We are many miles apart  
from the mideast and are always  
thankful to God when we can hear  
and be taught by other ministers of  
our faith, and to meet and fellow-  
ship together.

Sis. Katherine Hecker passed

away Sunday, June 20. She had  
been confined for several years in  
a rest home, and will be missed by  
her two brothers, Dave and Wil-  
liam, who live in this area. She  
reached a high age, and served the  
Lord for many years (she trusted  
and believed that He would help  
her and protect her in life).

### WICHITA

#### David and Barbara Hangartner

To Bro. Howard and Sis. Anna  
Marie, the Lord has promised:  
"When thou passest through the  
waters . . . they shall not overflow  
thee . . ."

"When thou passest through the  
waters",  
Deep the waves may be and cold,  
But Jehovah is our refuge,  
And His promise is our hold,  
For the Lord Himself has said it,  
He, the faithful God and true;  
When thou comest to the waters  
Thou shalt not go down, BUT  
THROUGH.

Tragedy struck our Wichita  
church when our friend, Ed Warner  
was killed in a car accident. We  
sympathize with his family and  
parents.

We extend our sympathy to Bro.  
Ernie nad our Ministering Bro.  
George Lambert and their family,  
at the loss of their brother, Frank  
Lambert.

Several of the Sunday School  
children from Wichita went to Bern  
over the 19th and 20th for a fellow-  
ship gathering. The young folks  
said they all had a good time and  
got to know more other young  
folks.

Our ministering Bro. Max Rei-  
mchisel is working in Oklahoma  
during the summer for three  
months. He stays there during the

week; his wife and children accom-  
pany him. They come home on  
week-ends.

We regret that Bro. Harvey  
Smith is moving to Ft. Scott. He  
has found employment, and will  
start his new job the 1st of July. He  
plans to be working for Co-op as  
an accountant. His family will join  
him soon. We will miss them very  
much. Their hospitality and service  
rendered to Wichita congregation  
will not be forgotten. Our loss is  
Ft. Scott's gain.

### NEUHUTTEN GERMANY

#### Jon Zeller

We speak freely of peace,  
And we speak even more so of love,  
But love is of God,  
He who reigns from above.

And peace can't be found,  
Through a sign of the hand,  
And no free love on earth  
Will alter God's plan.

God brings love to the heart;  
He offers peace to the soul,  
And He's given His Son  
To shepherd His fold.

Let us seek the true love,  
Before it's ever too late  
And obtain the true peace  
So we may enter the gate.

True love is in Christ;  
True peace is His gift.  
Children, how will we stand,  
When no true love is left?

We welcome Bill Green, Beirne  
Messner and Marvin Dotterer to  
our small congregation and pray  
that they can meet with us often  
during their stay. Leaving us are  
Bill Witzig and Ced Messner. Both  
have ended their service obligation  
and are touring parts of Europe be-

fore returning home. We are ever thankful for the love they have shown us, and we shall deeply miss their presence in our gatherings.

We wish to inform anyone who plans to visit Europe that we do hold our Sunday morning services in English, and anyone wishing to contact the Maurers can do so by phone at 07945-479.

#### AKRON

##### Katherine Ries

I cannot tell how precious the Saviour is to me;

I only can entreat you to come and taste and see.

We are grateful for the messages we have received of the word of God which our elder, local ministers, and visiting ministers, Bros. Perry Zimmerman (Forrest), Everett Hari (Normal), John Steiner (Oakville), Joe Ramsier, Ben Hartzler, and Gary Maibach (Rittman) brought to us.

Bro. Stanley Francis and Anne wish to thank all for their kind remembrances in prayers, thoughtfulness, cards, and gifts during his illness. Stanley is again confined to his bed due to a virus.

Roger Graf completed his high school education in June and is now looking forward to the new challenges of life. Roger is the son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise.

Susan Graf is now attending Akron University summer school, since graduating from Copley High in June. Susan is the daughter of Bro. Elmer Jr. and Sis. Alice. We wish her well and God's blessings upon her chosen career.

It has been a little over a year and a half since we have been assembling in our new church, made possible by God, brethren, and friends. The following quotations from the word of God have been selected to express our love, responsibilities, and gratitude to God for the many, many blessings that have been showered upon us.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. . . God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him. . . Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: be-

cause fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. . . But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another. . ."

To our beloved brethren and friends we thank you. . . To those who will be vacationing and/or visiting in our area, our invitation goes out, to come and taste and see.

#### FAIRBURY

##### Joyce Huber

We welcome Cathy Isch) Steffen to be in our midst, as she was married to Keith Steffen. May God bless them together in their home.

Our hearts are deeply saddened by the taking out of this life of Ronald Zehr, age 34. He had married Margaret Wood, who survives, along with the children: Linda, Diane, David, and Edward. Ronald's parents are Bro. Ben and Sis. Minnie (Waibel) Zehr. He has one sister, Maxine, who married Ray Yoder. We are thankful that Ronald took the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour and received peace with God. He had been ill with cancer for 3 months; funeral services were June 12. It seems that a young father with a family is so needed, but Jesus is our "Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world", and He said we "shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." We are thankful for his faith in the Lord. Ronnie's wife, Margaret, and his parents, Bro. Ben and Sis. Minnie, wish to thank everyone for the many gifts, cards, and deeds of love during the time of his illness and funeral.

Sis. Louise Bach had surgery at the hospital in Bloomington.

Bro. and Sis. James Walter were blessed with a baby boy, Thaddeus James. Their two daughters, Diane and Shelly, welcome their baby brother.

Bro. Duane Kilgus and Bro. Richard Walter were elected as new Sunday School teachers. We are sorry to have Bro. and Sis. Richard Kilgus move from our area, and they will be making Elgin their church. Visiting ministers were Bro. Carl Kipfer, Bro. Bill Gudeman, Bro. Perry Zimmerman, Bro.

Geo. Wagenbach, and Bro. Joe Stoller.

#### GRIDLEY, ILL.

##### Ruth Gramm

Our congregation has witnessed the hand of God touch the heart of our dear friend, Robert Romersberger, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Lucile, and brought him to repentance. We wish him much grace in this most important undertaking.

Our friends, John Schlipf, son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Winifred, and Sandy Ringger, daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Nadine, gave their testimonies to the congregation on June 26, and were baptized the following day. Bro. George Yergler assisted Bro. George Gramm in this very important duty.

Sis. Esther Miller underwent surgery and is now home, recovering very well.

Rod Ringger, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Dorothy, was accidentally shot in the hand when he dropped the rifle he was carrying and it misfired. It looks as if there will be no serious effects.

Our Sunday School held their annual picnic in the Gridley Park, to mark the conclusion of another year. Grades kindergarten through eighth are now attending Summer Sunday School.

We had two weeks of Vacation Bible School for our grade school children; they concluded their sessions with a program, which told of the many good teachings they had learned.

Bro. Floyd and Sis. Marge Meiss were in charge of the Bible School, and they and all those who took time out to teach deserve our heartfelt thanks.

#### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

##### Mary Woerner

On June 24 we resumed our Bible Study services for the summer. Bro. Bill Gudeman, Elgin, brought us the word of God. He warned that we must strive to keep pollution from the streams of our faith. "As we die, so shall we arise. Will our lives have been polluted, or will we have maintained true faith?" Bill concluded. We extend our thanks to Bro. Bill for visiting us.

The following brothers and sisters have concluded their undergraduate work at ISU: Keith Funk, Gridley; Jack Miller and Ken Schrock, Congerville; Ted Witzig, Morton; Dave Hodel, Roanoke;

Netta Knobloch, Bradford; Sandy Ringger and Susie Stoller, Gridley.

#### IOWA CITY

**Diane Stoller — Beverly Mogler**

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Again our spiritual needs were provided for, as Bro. Perry Zimmerman and Bro. Harvey Heiniger brought God's word to us.

We heard that when we finish our day's labor, if we weigh the good we have done for the Lord against that which has detracted from His work, we can get a better view of our walk of life. Likewise, when decisions arise, we should weigh the choices, to see which one will benefit our spiritual well-being. We were reminded how we all must walk carefully, for if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear?

#### LESTER

**Alice Metzger — Paulette Meyer**

"And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." This is the promise given to the humble and faithful elders who proclaim His word. We were privileged to have Elder Bros. Herman Kellenberger and Silas Leuthold as our visiting ministers for a mid-week service. The upper classes of the Sunday School were accompanied by their teachers to West Bend for a youth fellowship. We pray that God will bless the West Bend congregation for their kind efforts and hospitality.

Hospitalized for back surgery was Barbara Metzger, daughter of Bro. Jacob Metzger. David Moser, son of Bro. Adolph and Lydia Moser was hospitalized for pneumonia.

A baby girl, Jennifer Kathryn, was born to Bro. Don and Sis. Mary Jane (Lutes) Metzger. She has two older brothers to welcome her home. A boy was born to Jim and Lois (Wagenbach) Metzger. He has been named Steven Ray and has one brother to help care for him.

Engaged are Linda Metzger, daughter of Bro. Jacob, and Jim Moser, son of Otto Moser.

There will be a soldier's reunion Aug. 7 and 8 for those who were in Ft. Sam from July 1 1961 to January 1 1965. Those who plan to come may contact Bro. Dave Teubel,

Bro. Wm. Knobloch, or Bro. George Meyer.

#### SHIODA, JAPAN

**Willis R. Ehnle**

I would like to comment that there is beauty in being reserved. In Colossians 4:6 we are told, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt . . ." Yet there is a time to speak, and I have sometimes failed to speak when I should have. Especially, I have long had the habit of entering into a period of meditation when asked a question for which I am not sure of a proper response. I am trying to form the habit of at least answering, "Please give me a few minutes to think about that."

On June 11 at the office where I work part-time, the other employees and I were eating Japanese box lunches together when Mr. Yamada, with whom I work, asked me to tell them something interesting. I felt it was a time to speak, so I told about my own experiences in life, including my conversion to the Lord Jesus Christ, making it clear that before my conversion I was fearful of having to spend eternity in outer darkness and suffering.

At the end of my talk, Mr. Yamada asked what is thought to be the proper conduct for a woman in the U.S. I replied that it was for the woman to be rather quiet, soft-spoken and modest in appearance, that this is the teaching of the Bible. He replied that he thought that it was the norm in the U.S. for the women to be just the opposite of that. I like to think that the women are the way I said, and that the men love their wives and respect the single women, even as Christ loves the church and gave His life for it. Is this only a dream of mine?

My family and I visited our Tokyo Church on the 4th Sunday of June, as is our monthly practice, and there met Bro. Ed and Sis. Vi Gerber, as well as their two teenage daughters, Fay and Sue. They spent that evening and the next day with us here in Yamanashi Prefecture, and we enjoyed it very much. I had told Ed that inasmuch as this is the rainy season, there would have to be divine intervention if we were to see Mt. Fuji. When we drove over toward Mt. Fuji that Monday morning and came around the mountain curve,

there she was, as majestic as if God had just created her that morning especially for us. The ladies in the back seat of our car said, "Oh", as the slope of the mountain gradually appeared in view, and then just held it in a crescendo as their eyes followed the slope, all the way to the summit high, high in the sky. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handy-work."

#### WEST BEND

**Mrs. Melvin Fehr**

**Mrs. A. Banwart**

Having the Morris, Lester, and Winthrop Sunday Schools for our annual Sunday School picnic has left us with many happy memories. Bro. Dale Eisenman of Chicago and Bro. Harold Gramm of Morris were our visiting ministers for this occasion, and their teachings were very timely. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all who so unselfishly gave of their time and talent to make it an enjoyable week-end for so many.

Bro. Elmer and Sis. Ester Banwart have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jeanne to Larry Hintz of Elgin, Ill. A September wedding is being planned. May the Lord bless this undertaking, as well as the engagement of Bro. Harlan Metzger of here to Sis. Shirley Stoller of Latty.

A baby girl, Teena Kaye, was born June 17 to Bro. Leland and Sis. Kathy Metzger. She is their first child.

We are glad to report that Sis. Nima Fehr and Sis. Kate (Frank) Dogotch are back, assembling with us. May we thank Him each day for the health He grants unto us.

Our dear friend, Samuel Metzger, passed away June 6 at the Rest Home in West Bend, where he has been a resident for several months. He was born June 3, 1888 at Cissna Park. He was united in marriage to Bertha Scheitlin at Peoria, in 1915; she passed away in Oct. 1919. In 1920 Sam was married to Lina Tanner. He is survived by his wife, Lina; 3 sons; 4 daughters; one brother; and five sisters.

#### BRADFORD

**Rebecca Endress**

Bro. Randy Ehnle was called home. He was born March 12, 1950, the son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Audrey Ehnle, and after much suffering from a long illness, passed away

on June 10. We believe it is as the Psalm says, "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints." Only a few months ago, all three children of Bro. Ben and Sis. Audrey: Bro. Randy, Sis. Connie Ehnle (at home), and Sis. Patricia Plattner of Goodfield, as well as Pat's husband, Sam, were able to repent together. Although his Christian life was short, Bro. Randy had enough time to be a shining light and inspiration to all. Besides his parents and two sisters, Randy is survived by his maternal grandparents and a niece, Heidi Plattner.

Sis. Helen (Jim) Knobloch was hospitalized. She is assembling with us again and getting along fine. Lorie Kieser, small daughter of Bro. Loris and Sis. Martha, was in the hospital for a tonsillectomy. Several of the little folks have been home with chicken pox.

A farewell singing was held for the Robert Knobloch family, who have moved to Morton where Bob is administrator of the Home for the Handicapped. We will miss Bro. Bob and Sis. Marvel and their children, Sis. Kathy, Kent, Kay, Karle, and Kristy. We wish them well in this new endeavor.

Three new Sunday School teachers were chosen at our annual meeting: Bro. Ben Metz, Sis. Verla Ehnle, and Sis. Esther Kieser to complete Sis. Marvel Knobloch's term. Bro. David Kieser is the new trustee, and Bro. Jerry Kuntz is usher. Bro. Jerry Kieser is the new Sunday School superintendent.

We welcome to our congregation Joann (Belsley) Endress, who was married to Fred Endress. We rejoice with them that they have found grace to repent. Nathan and Lucy Hernejar and Bob Rumbold have also repented and found peace with God.

Dick Dietz has finished his tour with the U.S. Army in Hawaii and has returned home. It is good to see him assembling with us again. He is the son of Bro. Herman and Sis. Hilda Dietz.

#### **BREMEN** **Aldean Feldman**

We are glad and spiritually refreshed as vacations and family reunions bring visitors to fellowship with us from far and near. We welcome all folks traveling and visiting in our area to worship with us. Morning worship and Sunday

School begins at 10 a.m., and second service at 12 p.m.; Wednesday evening services at 8 p.m.

The Lord abundantly blessed our Vacation Bible School, with 124 children and young adults enrolled. We have faith there will be good fruits from the united efforts of the teachers and all others involved

Our annual church picnic was well attended on June 13 at the Pla-Mar Park shelter house.

Bro. Walter Rager visited us July 4 and shared a spiritual blessing with us. He reminded us that Satan forces himself on us, but Jesus loves us and lets us make our own choice. May we all pray for grace to make Jesus' way our choice, so we may have lasting peace and joy.

How pleasant the occasion  
To meet from far and near,  
And in this fond reunion  
To greet our loved ones here!  
The ties of love and friendship,  
The bonds of kinship true  
Have brought us into union,  
Our acquaintance to renew.

In a family reunion,  
Each one may have a part  
To tell his joys and sorrows,  
Some lesson to impart.  
Here fathers, mothers, uncles,  
aunts  
And cousins all may meet  
With grandparents and children,  
too,  
To make the chain complete.

While seated 'round the table,  
Deep thoughts sincere arise.  
Will those who here are gathered  
All meet beyond the skies?  
And O what a reunion,  
When Christ shall claim His own  
And life which here in faith began  
Shall go forever on.

It seems it is a challenge  
To us who here remain.  
Oh may our lives be linked to  
Christ,  
Unbroken as a chain.  
May all who here are gathered  
Then sit at Jesus' side,  
And in that blest reunion  
Forevermore abide.

#### **CISSNA PARK**

**Mary Young — Margaret Rudin**  
Our hearts shall rejoice in Him because we have trusted . . . So it was with Til (Bauer) Hari, who brought her testimony before the

congregation and was baptized. We welcome her as a sister in faith. Bro. Dan Koch assisted with this important work. We have two precious souls that confess peace and hope to bring their testimony before the congregation soon. They are Kenneth Verkler, son of Elmer and Lillian Verkler, and Kenneth Steffen, son of Bro. Eldon and Sis. Blanch.

Sis. Minnie Feller, age 76, was called to her heavenly home June 23, having been a hospital patient for some time. Survivors include her husband, Bro. William, sons, Willis, Marvin, Arthur, Charles, Kenneth, Richard and Glenn; daughters, Sisters Isabelle Bauer and Rosella Bucher; brothers, Edward, Carl and Walter Barth; and two sisters, Martha Kaufman and Edith Henneinke. Funeral services were held June 26. Bro. Rudolph Graf had the services, and our ministers assisted. Our sympathy is extended to the family; we shall miss Sis. Minnie in our midst. The Wm. Feller Family wish to thank everyone for the many kind deeds and sympathy extended to them during the illness and death of their dear wife and mother.

So soon again we had to lay away another dear sister, Louisa Feller, 82, who passed away June 30 at the Iroquois Hospital, where she had been a patient for several months. Survivors include her husband, Bro. Ed.; sons Joel, Emanuel, Bros. Earl and Edward Jr.; daughters, Sisters Emily Hari, Ann Leman, Helen Zimmerman, Arlene Wieland and Cora Yergler and Wilma Baier; one sister, Sis. Bena Gudeman; and four brothers, Bros. Joel and Edward, and Henry and Victor. Funeral services were held July 3, Wendell Gudeman officiating. Our sympathy is extended to the family. **Thank-you note.** We certainly want to express our thanks to all relatives and friends, for all kind deeds and sympathy extended to us through the long illness and death of the dear wife, mother and grandmother. May God bless everyone of you. The Ed Feller Family.

A daughter, Darla Kay, was born to Sis. Kathy and Bro. Gilbert Stock on June 11. She has two sisters and a brother to welcome her. Sis. Florence Martin of Elgin is the grandmother.

Sis. Martha Brenner was a hospital patient, due to a broken shoulder and a wrist. Sis. Aline Otto was



hospitalized a few days for tests.

Our guest ministers were Bros. George Gramm, George Yergler, Frederick Knapp and Rudolph Graf. We thank them for bringing us the precious word.

We welcome Bro. Daryl and Sis. Janet Hari from Chicago into our midst, as they are planning their new home here.

### EUREKA

**Cathryn Wettstein  
Salome Schumacher**

We are so thankful for the visits of the following ministers—Bros. Art Gudeman—LeCrosse; Harry Bucher—Valpariso; Willis Wiegand—Goodfield; Don Sauder—Roanoke; Simon Wagonbach—Tremont.

The Sunday School picnic was held June 27, so now there is a vacation for a month for all children except the Bible class.

Those who are in the hospital are: Sis. Esther Klaus in Eureka Hospital. Sis. Mary Reuter has been taken to the "Home" from the Eureka Hospital. Bro. and Sis. Bill and Judy Cottrell's baby boy is a surgical patient in the hospital.

Bro. Ben Zimmerman was a patient in Eureka Hospital; he had been a resident at the Home since November. He passed away June 29.

The Vacation Daily Bible School is over for another year. It was held in evening. The average attendance was 105 children. There were 26 sisters and 23 brothers who helped in the teaching. May God bless all who had a part in this work. Bro. Wayne Kupferschmid was the superintendent for this.

Birth: A son to Bro. and Sis. Ed and Donna (Blunier) Kupferschmid, born the 4th of July. He has been named Jason Leroy.

**Thank you note:** "I wish to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, and visits while I was in the hospital and since I have been at the Maple Lawn Home". Sis. Della Anliker.

A Christian is a person who is right side up in a world that is upside down. A man who walks with God need not worry about the future, for he is sure to reach his destination.

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

The grace of God in our lives

grows best in times of adversity, just as the roots of a tree go deeper during cold weather and on cloudy days.

### Bible Reading

Aug. 1, Isaiah 26-32; 2, 33-36; 3, 37-39; 4, 40-42; 5, 43-45; 6, 46-49; 7, 50-54; 8, 55-59; 9, 60-63; 10, 64-66; 11, Jeremiah 1-3; 12, 4-6; 13, 7-8; 14, 9-11; 15, 12-15; 16, 16-18; 17, 19-22; 18, 23-25; 19, 26-28; 20, 29-30; 21, 31-32; 22, 33-35; 23, 36-38; 24, 39-41; 25, 42-44; 26, 45-48; 27, 49-50; 28, 51-52; 29, Lamentations 1-2; 30, 3-5; 31, Ezekiel 1-4.

### FORT SCOTT

**Ida Sinn**

We appreciated the messages brought to us by Bro. Cleo Rinckenberger from Pulaski, who with his family came to worship with us while they were vacationing in the Ozarks.

Bro. Roy Wernli of Lamont came to fill our pulpit, while Bro. Raymond went to the wedding of his son on July 4.

Bro. Lon Banwart and Sis. Debbie Springer from Burlington, Oklahoma, were united in holy marriage on July 4. We wish them much joy and happiness in this new step in life. They are at home at 201 South Broadway, Ft. Scott. We welcome Debbie to our congregation.

Bro. Harvey Smith from Wichita has accepted employment here in Ft. Scott. We already consider them as one of us, as he hopes to move his family in the near future.

### GRIDLEY

**Edna Somerhalder—Wilma Young**

"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Vacation Bible School was held; we trust the Lord will add His blessings thereto. As a closing day feature, a sack lunch at the park was followed by singing in the homes of several elderly or ailing members. What a pleasure to see and hear our youth sing praises to the Lord. May the teachers and all who participated be rewarded for their efforts.

Ralph Rodgers and Patricia Robinson were united in marriage. Ralph is the son of Robert and Mildred, grandson of Bro. Jake Beyer. They are at home in Emporia,

where he operates a Skelly station. We wish them God's blessings. A church shower was held at the grade school.

Sis. Lydia Bahr spent a few days in her home at Gridley; while here, she disposed of her household furnishings (also has her home advertised for sale). Due to hip infection that developed after surgery four years ago, she isn't able to live alone. She takes turns staying with her daughters. We wish her the necessary grace to accept her lot.

Sympathy is extended to the Bro. Andrew Young family in the loss of their grandson—Edward Warner, 18.

Junior Young (Wilma's husband) has been dismissed from the hospital; his infected hand is still draining.

Goldie Johnson (Wilma's mother), who suffered a fractured arm in March, had an X-ray which showed the bone is knitting. She is back at the Golden Age Lodge.

We haven't had any visiting ministers, would like to express our appreciation to our local ministers, Bro. Loren Strahm and Bro. Lloyd Kraft, who serve us so faithfully. We are grateful God has given us humble brothers to proclaim His holy word.

Up to now our crops are in good condition; wheat harvest was exceptionally good. Those who farm or garden realize our efforts are in vain unless the good Lord sends the moisture at the proper time.

July is the month for the Annual Silver Lining Collection. Please give your donation to your reporters. Suggested price is \$2.00.

### INDIANAPOLIS

**Tom and Carolyn Frank**

God send you . . .

enough joy to keep your hearts singing  
enough sorrow to make you understanding  
enough hope to enrich your lives  
enough trials to keep you strong  
enough leisure to refresh your spirits  
enough love to make the world seem beautiful.

We enjoyed the messages of visiting ministers Bro. David Bertsch, Leo; Bro. Loren Stoller, Latty; Bro. Walt Anliker, Eureka; Bro. Ken Honegger, Ft. Wayne; and Bro. Ed Bahler, Remington.

We welcome Bro. Ron and Sis. Kayleen Heiniger, who are attending services in Indianapolis. They are living in the Bloomington, Ind., area while Ron works on his Master's degree.

A daughter, Celise Elyn, was born on June 5 to Bro. Tom and Sis. Carolyn Frank. Grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Lea Frank, LaCrosse, and Bro. Joe and Sis. Mary Metz of Forrest.

We would like to extend a welcome to anyone wishing to attend services at Indianapolis. Services and Sunday School classes are held each Sunday at the YMCA building, off the 465 bypass at the Danville exit.

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### PHOENIX Mrs. Allan Freed

Each month the Silver Lining reporters receive a newsletter from our news correspondent. This month's letter stressed the importance of character in an individual's life, and I was reminded of a sermon we heard, in which it was brought out that it's usually easier to put our best foot forward when we are around our friends and loved ones, but true character is what we are when God is the only one who sees us.

We thank Ministering Bro. Robert Meyer of Bluffton for spending a Sunday with us, and ministering to us from God's word.

Sis. Lavina Dotterer submitted to surgery and is recuperating nicely. Bro. Richard Beery had the end of a finger cut off in a mishap that occurred while he was working on his car. Herb Mohrman was in traction at a hospital in San Francisco for six days, as the result of a back injury which he received last fall. He is still unable to go back to work, but we are glad when he can assemble with us. May the healing power of the Lord be with each one as He wills.

We welcome two families to our congregation. John and Bonnie Greenbank have moved here from Akron. Their address is 2929 N. Greenfield Rd., Phoenix, Ariz. 85016. John and Betty Kaufman and children, Curtis, Keith, and Dora are spending the summer here. We hope they like the Valley well enough to make Phoenix their home. They moved here from Silverton, Oregon. Their address is 1700 S. College Ave. Apt No. 16, Tempe Arizona, 85281.

### RITTMAN

#### Janette Blough—Florence Hartzler

We were blessed by the message brought to us by Visiting Minister Bro. John Steiner of Oakville.

We would like to welcome Sis. Jan Hartzler to our congregation. Janet is the bride of Bro. Dean and the former Janet Schlatter of our Junction church.

Dick Hartzler, son of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Pauline Hartzler, has turned to the Lord in repentance. Karen Miller, daughter of Glenn and Sis. Ella Miller, and Joe Stoller, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Luzelda Stoller have made the decision to follow in the footsteps of our Lord.

Bro. Marvin Dotterer spent some time with his family, before going to Germany for his military service. Art Ingold is home on leave also, before he reports for duty in Viet Nam. Our prayers go with all our boys who are in the service of our government, wherever they are stationed.

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### UNION CITY

#### Gail Gasser

On June 13, Ministering Bro. Al Schneider from Rockville, and Bro. Roy Grimm from Quincy, Ill. worshipped with our congregation. A cookout after church, in the yard, was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Gene and Sis. Eleanor Pamer and family from Akron were at our home on June 18, while on vacation.

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### CROGHAN-NAUMBURG

#### Carol Virkler

#### Mrs. David Schamback

Our way is often rugged, While here on earth we roam,  
And thorns are in the pathway, But we are going home.

With this thought, we extend God's blessing on our several high school graduates, when they go out into the world to further learning and on to their life's work. May God be their constant guide and helper.

We were richly blessed by the teachings of God through the visit of Bro. Roy Grimm.

Hospitalized for surgery was Bro. Arthur Hirschey; a medical patient is Bro. Asa Virkler; Bro. Leon Virkler was also in for a few days, recovering from a fall, which we are thankful was not too serious. Little Tina Hirschey is home again, after some time in

the hospital. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Leland and Bernice Hirschey.

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### TREMONT

#### Mary Jane Leuthold

#### Lydia Rassi

We rejoice with Bro. Arnold and Sis. Lydia Rassi, as their daughter, Kathy, has turned her heart to our dear Lord and Saviour. May she receive much grace and strength in her new walk of life.

Sis. Amy (Jesse) Koch is in the hospital and has had quite a bit of surgery.

We thank Bro. Phil Sauder, Cissna Park, for proclaiming God's precious word to us. May he return to us soon again.

Bros. Ray Moser and Dan Steiner Jr. have been placed in Sunday School. They have our prayerful support in teaching our children the faith of our fathers.

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### FT. LAUDERDALE

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold."

We were blessed with the following ministers, Bro. Corbin Bahler (Rockville) and Elder Bro. Russell Rapp (Morton). May God grant us grace to follow the many good teachings that we heard.

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### TAYLOR

#### Elizabeth Sutter — Naomi Heimer

July 4 was a blessed Sunday for us, when Elder Bro. Noah Schrock proved and baptized Vicky Sutter. We wish her grace from the Lord to live true and faithful, and pray she will, as much as possible, keep that first love that is so precious when one becomes a child of God. Ministers here for the occasion were Vicky's grandfather, Brother Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski; Bros. Floyd Schmidgall, Morris; and Bob Pohl, Burlington. Sis. Vicky is the daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Lois Sutter.

Jeffery Hoenes, 5 years old, had his tonsils removed and recovered nicely. He is the son of Ron and Faye Yackley Hoenes, who live at Beardstown, Ill. Little Erin Barkley was hospitalized for a short time with abdominal infection. She is the daughter of Myron and Debbie Heimer Barkley.

Vernon and Judy Huber and their children, Bruce, Brenda and Becky, are making their home in Quincy since he finished 20 years

of service in the Navy. They lived here before being sent to North Carolina, and we welcome them back.

### LEO

#### Mrs. Elias Souder

The young people of our Sunday School spent an enjoyable day here with the Milford and Francesville young people. In the evening they were in Ft. Wayne with their young people and others who were there.

Linn Klopfenstein, one of our high school graduates, has been visiting her sister and husband, William and Janet Hartman in Colorado. William is in service there. Linn is the daughter of Wm. and Nancy Klopfenstein.

Jerry Stieglitz, another of our high school graduates is helping his father this summer. Jerry is the son of Oliver and Emma Jean Stieglitz.

Our Bible School was for two weeks. The children presented an interesting program on Sunday evening at the church. Their theme was, "Christ is the Answer."

Mrs. Philip Schlatter spent several days in the hospital, after having surgery, and is now recuperating at her home.

Our sister, Mary Troxel is at the National Nursing Home in Fort Wayne. Bro. Edward Bertsch is also there and is about as usual.

Bro. Al Fisher, from the Chicago congregation, performed the wedding ceremony for Stanley Schambach and Norma Frank, Sun., July 4. A beautiful reception and supper was given at the Fellowship Center, with many in attendance.

### BLUFFTON

#### Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

With the beautiful sunny days of summer upon us, we find many peoples vacationing, be it east or west, north or south, to enjoy the beauties of God's handiwork and perhaps visit with other brethren of our faith in faraway places. Although it is a privilege to leave behind the "hectic pace" of everyday life for awhile, we must never forget to carry with us our Christian light, upholding that which is good, and seeking and thanking our God for guidance and protection along the way.

God gave to man a heritage,  
A land so rich and free;

Gave beauty to the highway  
From mountains to the sea.  
He gave the flowers and the grass,  
The stateliness of a tree,  
The rainbow colors of the dawn,  
Cooling winds, soft and free.

He knows our daily troubles,  
Our long and weary night;  
He gives us strength and comfort  
For morn's transcending light.  
He gave to us the night, the day,  
And signs to work, a heart to pray,  
And marvels of the sky.

He knows and bids us seek and find,  
Like pilgrims in His land,  
The breathless beauty given free  
From a Father's knowing hand.

Visiting ministers traveling to Bluffton were Bro. Everett Hari from the Bloomington-Normal congregation and Bro. John Steiner from Oakville. God's word was brought forth in truth and sincerity, with teachings of love and encouragement for all.

Shut-ins included Sis. Roselena Steffen, who was hospitalized for medical reasons; Sis. Dorothy (Vernon) Gerber, who submitted to surgery; Bro. Sam Kaehr, who sustained a broken ankle from a fall; Bro. Perry Isch, a fractured arm; and Bro. Roger Eisenmann, a fractured leg.

There were four weddings. Those united in marriage were as follows: Friends Connie Gerber and Lyle Kaehr (Parents are Bro. and Sis. Floyd and Gladys Gerber and Bro. and Sis. Ted and Naomi Kaehr). Friends Lynn Kipfer and Valerie Geisel (Their parents are Bro. Art and Sis. Goldie Kipfer and Bro. Harold and Sis. Ellen Geisel).

Friends Connie Dubach, daughter of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Mahilda Dubach, and Steven Shady, son of Bill and Delores Shady, were married on June 27. Also married that week-end were Friends Cynthia Moser, daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Aldine Moser, to Leon Kauffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gorman Kauffman.

These four young couples are wished many blessings and much happiness in their walk of life.

An engagement was announced July 4 of Bro. Bill Baumgartner to Sis. Janet Levy of LaCrosse. Their parents are Bro. Chester and Sis. Betty Baumgartner and Bro. Ralph and Sis. Carolyn Levy. May God's nearness and guidance be with

them now and in their future days together.

The mountains are God's thoughts piled up. The ocean is God's thoughts spread out. The flowers are God's thoughts in bloom. The dewdrops are God's thoughts in pearls.

All that we have seen should teach us to trust the Creator for what we have not seen.

### CHICAGO

On June 20 the wedding of Sis. Lois Heiniger and Bro. Herb Gray was solemnized by Bro. Al Fisher. The couple has established a home in Wilmette. May God's rich blessings rest upon them as they serve Him together.

### ELGIN ILLINOIS

#### Louise Steffen—Katie Kachelmuss

O faithful Lord, Thy love and truth sincerely  
Thou dost bestow on us each day so clearly,  
So grant that we also each day anew  
Become more faithful, loving, kind,  
and true!

Bro. Maurice Frank of Leo visited us and ministered the precious word of God.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Jan Joos Schock, who were married, are now living at 451 Addison St., Elgin Ill. 60120. May God bless their future life together.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Janet Kilgus and family are back in our Church Circle, after an absence when they lived at Fairbury. Their address is 137 Brookedge Dr., Hampshire Ill 60140. We welcome them back into our midst.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Betty Bachold are now living at 266 Adams Street, Elgin Ill 60120. Bro. Sam Clauss has returned to his home, after being hospitalized a short time; their address is 121 S. Worth Ave., Elgin Ill 60120.

Sis. Marie Muster has gone to the Peoria Home, 7023 NE Skyline Dr., Peoria Ill 61614, and we wish her God's blessings always.

After a hot and humid day, we had church services, with Bros. Leo Moser of Lester, Paul Fehr of Morris, and Arthur Gudeman of LaCrosse in our midst, and were richly blest through the word of God. In the last prayer, the brother men-

tioned how, after we had borne the burden and the heat of the day, it was so refreshing to sit under the sound of the Gospel and gather together in His name and hear the wonderful words of Life. Bros. Moser and Fehr stopped here on their way to visit our brothers and friends in the Service who are stationed in Germany. We wish them God's protection and blessings on their journey.

### FORREST

**Carolyn Zimmerman  
Juanita Schneider**

**May You Have:**

Enough happiness to keep you sweet,

Enough trials to keep you strong,  
Enough sorrow to keep you human,  
Enough hope to keep you happy,  
Enough failure to keep you humble,  
Enough success to keep you eager,  
Enough friends to give you comfort,

Enough wealth to meet your needs,  
Enough faith to banish depression,  
Enough determination to make each day

Better than yesterday.

God has blessed two families with new babies. Bro. Duane and Sis. Juanita Schneider have adopted their first son, born June 14, Kenton Duane, their second child. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Oscar Schneider, Forrest, and Ben Miller, Wolcott. Bro. Elmer and Sis. LaVonne Lanz are the parents of a daughter, Kristine Marie; she has two brothers and a sister at home.

Sis. Eleanor Honegger was surgical patient at Fairbury Hospital. Bro. Andy Lehmann and Bro. Sam Zimmerman were both surgical patients at the Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington. Illness always seems to bring the need for God's nearness, and our friend, Tom Hamilton, being released from Carle Clinic, for several weeks, has been assembling with us and expresses his need for a Saviour and has peace with his God. Tom will soon return to Carle for needed skin grafting on the hand he injured. Jim Schlatter, son of Bro. and Sis. Dan Schlatter, has repented and has peace. Jim expresses his desire to be proved and baptized in our Chicago church, as he is living there at this time. Our aged friend, Ed Stoller, also has expressed his need for repentance. We pray for

God's grace and guidance for each one.

Many blessings were received from our visiting ministers: Bros. Hartzell Kaisner, Detroit; Ed Frank, LaCrosse; and Dave Wiegand, Urbana.

### FT SAM HOUSTON

**Duane and Kay Reutter**

The past month of June has been one of mixed emotions for most of us here. We were extremely fortunate to have visiting ministers encourage and feed us from God's holy word.

The week-end of June 12 and 13 Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin from Goodfield and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss from Forrest provided spiritual food for our souls. Two weeks later, Bro. Charles Hemmer from Peoria provided many good teachings for us to cling unto. We are thankful for the efforts put forth through our faithful ministers who serve us here at Fort Sam. Also we wish to thank the families who accompanied the ministers for giving us many enjoyable moments.

Again we have experienced a large turnover in personnel. Those receiving discharges were Bro. Robert Beebe and Dwight Nuest. We would take this opportunity to thank Bro. Robert, Sis. Sue and family for the many hours of fellowship that we enjoyed at their home while they were stationed here. We wish them God's blessings in their new home and veterinary practice in South Bend, Ind. We also wish Dwight God's blessings as he enters back into civilian life. Reassignments were given to Douglas Wulf, Dan Dompka, Art Ingold and Bro. Duane Reutter—all to Viet Nam. Bro. Kurt Bahler has been levied for Viet Nam in late September.

Surely we sometimes wonder why so many of our boys must be sent to Viet Nam, but in faith we must accept our lot and continue to function in the position in which we are placed. We rejoice that we have a Saviour who promises help in time of need.

### FT. WAYNE

**Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber**

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Bro. Ken ended his morning service with love and deep concern for our dear friends, as he invited them to "Take the ad-

vice of a friend" so he could meet them all in Heaven.

We truly enjoyed a blessed Sunday with our youth the second Sunday in June, when the older Sunday School classes from Bluffton, Bremen, Remington, and Wolcott and their teachers spent the day with us, and in the evening were joined with youth from other Indiana churches for Christian Endeavor at our Ft. Wayne church. What a wonderful experience for our youth that may become a far greater treasure in years to come.

What is a Dad? Do we truly realize the worth of our Dads when we are children? As we grow older and become parents ourselves, the value of Dad in the home becomes more of a reality. It is Dad who provides for our physical needs, as well as our spiritual growth. Often, as children we never know of the obstacles that confront him, as he earns the daily living for his family. It is Dad who gathers his family together to have family worship and prayer together, to provide spiritual growth, tho' not always appreciated when we are children, but so important to us when we are grown and parents ourselves. And, then, it may be too late to tell him so!

Dad must be strong and brave, and beam through many stormy trials and sorrows, while inside he may be dying with grief and shedding silent tears.

Oh, that we'd have more of Dad's wisdom and knowledge, patience and love,

And may we be found worthy to meet him in those Heavens above"—

Jennifer Swihart (Leroy) fell at home, breaking her collar bone, and her grandfather, Ralph, was hospitalized with severe pain from a kidney stone. He could pass it without surgery and his hospital stay was quite short. Our thanks to God for a quick recovery.

We were happy to see our friend, Dan Pulver, son of Bro. Les and Sis. Florence, in our assembly this past Sunday. Dan received his discharge on June 16, after spending the past 4 years in the Navy. How thankful for his safe return home. Home on leave were Don Steffen, son of Bro. Luther and Sis. Helen, and Roger Stoller, son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Minerva. Dennis Pulver, son of Bro. Raymond and

Sis. Mary, spent a 15-day leave with his family and friends.

Our older Sunday School Classes and sponsors spent a blessed fellowship with the friends and brethren in our Alabama Church areas over the July 4 week-end. We are thankful for their safe return.

Bible study will be held in the place of regular services during the months of July and August. All are invited to attend (Wednesday evenings at 7:30).

Many of our congregation have been on vacation, and we miss each one in our assembly each time we assemble together in God's House. May the Heavenly Father be the protector to one and all.

#### FRANCESVILLE

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich  
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

A Heavenly Sight — Our large group of precious children, with their heads bowed and folded hands, singing this Prayer Song—

Hear us, Heavenly Father  
As we come to Thee  
Help us at our Bible School  
To learn what we should be  
Fill our hearts with kindness  
And as we go our way  
Teach us Lord to live for Thee  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We had a week of untold blessings, the young and old gathering each evening . . . and we all want to sincerely thank all the teachers again, for all the loving work they did. These dear children will never forget what they learn in their youth . . . and the teachers cannot help but feel much love given back to them.

Now will tell one thing the older ones learned each evening. Bro. Nate Steffen gave us a good link to put in the chain of our lives. Bro. Lester Huber made us feel our faraway son came home for a welcome visit. Bro. Verlin Stoller told us to stop before we start the deceptions of life, and a true Christian can escape these things. Bro. Dale Eisenman said a doctor told him, what a great difference there is in a person dying, if he has a hope and those that haven't. Bro. Alfred Bahler said the important key to our meetings is "working together, as that is what makes a church" . . . And another truth is, "the older we get, the more we appreciate the older people" . . . also

the more we are concerned for the younger people, whom we "Love so Much."

Our grandson, Jerry Wuethrich, was hospitalized awhile . . . but was glad he could attend the last evening of Bible School. Sis. Maxine Novotny was a hospital patient, but gladly can be home again. Sis. Madeline Gutwein must rely on the Lord for guidance each day, as illness came to her, but so thankful she is recovering well.

Someone said this, "Do unto others, more than they do unto you." The answer was "That would be impossible!" We can say this of Bro. Edwin Bahler, he came to us two times this month, with his open heart of God's love.

#### GIRARD Monell Stoll

Miss Kathleen Hart, daughter of Mrs. Kenneth R. Hart, and granddaughter of Sis. Elizabeth Gaimes, has announced plans to be married on August 22 to David Albert Falk of Youngstown.

On July 10, Bro. Robert and Sis. Arlene Stoll were honored with a reception, in recognition of their 25th wedding anniversary. A reception was held at the home of Bro. Ray and Sis. Doris Riehl on July 11, in observance of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Sis. Esther Saylor and her husband, Charles.

Bro. Joseph Ramsier of Rittman was our visiting minister on June 13. We are always grateful when others find time to minister unto us.

#### GOODFIELD Elna Grimm

##### In Christ We Have . . . .

A love that can never be fathomed;  
A life that can never die;  
A righteousness that can never be tarnished;  
A peace that can never be understood;  
A rest that can never be disturbed;  
A joy that can never be diminished;  
A hope that can never be disappointed;  
A glory that can never be clouded;  
A light that can never be darkened;  
A happiness that can never be interrupted;  
A strength that can never be enfeebled;  
A purity that can never be defiled;  
A beauty that can never be marred;

A wisdom that can never be baffled;

Resources that can never be exhausted.

Praise God! the angels still rejoice, and saints are thrilled as sinners yet turn to Him in repentance. Our dear friends David and Becky Knapp, and Stanley and Jean Hohulin have confessed peace with God and man, and are now awaiting the beautiful experience of baptism and the laying on of hands.

The Oakville Bible Class spent Sat. and Sun. of June 26 and 27 as guests of our Goodfield Bible Class. On behalf of our students and teachers, we thank them for their visit.

Summer Bible School was held the first two full weeks in June, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., with approximately 70 grade school students enrolled.

Those hospitalized have been Bro. Chris Hohulin and Sis. Lydia Holliger.

Our visiting ministers have been Bro. Simon Wagenbach from Tremont and Bro. Vernon Schwab from Wolcott.

#### LA CROSSE

Mary Ann Feller — Pearl Nuest

We were richly blessed with the visits of Bros. Sam Aeschliman, Theo. Beer, and Jim Ramseyer. May God bless them for their efforts on our behalf.

With the encouragement and prayers of our congregation, we held our first Summer Vacation Bible School for one week. Bros. Wendell Gudeman, Karl Westfall, Norman Stoller, and Edwin Bahler brought many helpful teachings to our Bible class and adults. It was a week of blessing for us all.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Vickie Bucher have been blessed with a dear baby girl, born on June 13. Her name is Dana Michelle, and she has a brother, Chris. Grandparents are Bro. Vernon and Sis. Melva Bucher and Bro. Bob and Sis. Ida Aeschliman.

On July 4, the engagement of Sis. Janet Levy, daughter of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Carolyn, was announced to Bro. Bill Baumgartner, son of Bro. Chester and Sis. Betty Baumgartner of Bluffton. We wish them God's richest blessings as they plan a life together.

Our friend, Dwight Nuest, son of Bro. Lester and Sis. Ann, re-

ceived an early discharge from the Army. He had been stationed at Ft. Sam Houston and truly appreciated the fellowship and friendships he made while there.

**MINNEAPOLIS**  
**Alma and Gus Baum**

What glorious state to be a lamb of Jesus,  
To feel the Shepherd's loving grace!  
In all the earth there is no higher standing  
Than this to follow in the Saviour's ways.  
What all the world could never give,  
A lamb of Jesus from its Shepherd will receive

We rejoice that Mark and David Kellenberger could experience the happiness this song writer felt. They gave their testimonies and were baptized (this being the first baptisms in our new church). Bro. Herman Kellenberger assisted our elder, Bro. Paul Fehr with this important work. Out of state visitors from Illinois, Iowa and Ohio, along with Morris and Winthrop folks, shared this precious day with us.

After a church supper we lingered at the Cross on Calvary's hill, for the solemn occasion of Holy Communion.

Bros. Harold Messner, Winthrop, and Harvey Heiniger, Oakville, were guest ministers of the month.

Happiness has filled the home of our friends Douglas and Roberta Olson—a baby son has arrived to bless their union. Douglas Everett is his name. Grandparents are Everett and Sis. Kathryn Olson.

**MORTON**  
**Mrs. John Oberlander**  
**Mrs. Ken Getz**

June was truly the month for weddings in Morton. Sis. Jean Roeschley became the bride of Bro. Jack Miller of Congerville, Sis. Marcia Kahler wed Bro. John Kelley, and Joyce Belsley married Fred Endress from Bradford. We pray these young people will let the Lord guide them in their new life together.

Sis. Debbie Koehl, daughter of Bro. Eric and Sis. Mildred Domnick Koehl, and Bro. Jon Zeller, son of Henry & Sis. Norman Grimm Zeller have announced their engagement and coming marriage on his

return from Germany, where he is stationed.

Our church again has been blessed with several new converts. May God touch the hearts of many more.

The attendance of our Vacation Bible School exceeded the past years. We know that God's work is being shared by many in an endeavor to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to our children.

Visiting ministers were: Bros. Robert Meyer and Ben Maibach. We thank these brothers for their word of inspiration to us all.

Those who have been in the hospital and are convalescing are: Sisters Marie (Molly) Huette, Eliza Woerner Rother, Mary Hauter Hofmann, Laura Miles Hauter and Carolyn Strunk, Annabelle Brecher Stetzler, Marie Taufer (daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Marie Grimm Taufer); and Ervin Kahler.

Max Otto Franz Schutzli, 89, died June 28 at the St. Francis Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Emma Speerly Schutzli, and one niece, Adeline Pennell.

**Thank you note:**

We are thankful for the many cards and good wishes we received during our hospital confinement. We truly felt that prayers were answered, and may we ever be worthy of the love extended to us.—Bro. Joe and Sis. Milly Zimmerman.

**NOTICE: MORTON SUBSCRIBERS.** It is again time to pay your Silver Lining dues. During the month of August, make your payment to Bro. Robert Frank, 1049 E. Jefferson Street, Morton Illinois. Thank you.

The Peoria Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall was the setting for the wedding of Ruth Ann Tanner, daughter of Gotthold and Anna Greutter Tanner, and Billy Hoerr, son of Sister Frieda Binkele Hoerr and the late Bro. Emil Hoerr, of Peoria. They were married June 12 by Bro. Russell Rapp.

**NEW MARTINSVILLE**  
**Mrs. Gus Weltz**  
**Miss Della Witschey**

The annual service at the country church was well attended on June 27. The weather was ideal, and all attending enjoyed a memorable day. Ministers in attendance were Earnest Gerber of Rockville, Earl Gerber of Forrest, Ben Stavenik of Mansfield, Robert Stoll of Girard, Noah Bauman of Rittman and Del-

bert Indermuhle of the Sardis church. Several churches were represented by many of their members being present.

Walter D. Emch passed away on June 22, following a long illness. He is survived by two sisters and two brothers. Services were held on June 25, with Robert Stoll and Delbert Indermuhle officiating.

Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood is a patient in the local hospital as of this writing, July 5.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riggenbach and daughter Bonnie spent the last of June with their daughter and family in Alfred, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron visited with relatives here on June 23.

Kenneth Potts has been a patient in the local hospital at various times the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of Parkersburg visited with relatives here on July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Devon Yoder of Gridley, Ill., attended services at the Monroe church on July 4. They were enroute east for a vacation, & took the long way 'round to be able to spend the day with the brethren at the church. This reporter talked to Mr. Yoder by phone and was really disappointed in not being able to visit for an hour or two with them.

Mrs. L. W. Witschey, son Paul and daughter Thelma of Moundsville, visited with Miss Della Witschey on July 4.

**OAKVILLE**  
**Martha Steiner**

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children."

We were richly blessed by the messages proclaimed on a recent Sunday by our visiting ministers, Bros. Harold Schmidgall of Gridley, Illinois, and Andrew Virkler of Bay City. Many other guests were present for the Frank reunion held in our community.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Emma Jean (Wagenbach) Lanz are the happy parents of a son, Ryan Lowell, born June 15. He is welcomed by Lori, Robbie, and Monte. Grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Anna Lanz and Bro. John and Sis. Bertha Wagenbach.

**Thank-you note:** "We wish to say thank you to all who have contributed in any way since our tragic accident. It is indeed wonderful to know that others care. May the Lord bless you all richly." Bro. Bill

and Sis. Phyllis Massner, Cindy, Jeri, Diane, Charles and Angela.

### PEORIA

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

We welcome Bro. Ben and Sis. Sharon Stickling as our new brother and sister in faith. They were baptized June 6, and had the privilege of giving their testimonies of their conversion and experience during their new-found faith and love of God on the Saturday evening before. Bro. Leroy Huber assisted Bro. Roy Sauder. We also wish to thank Bro. Leroy for the many fine teachings and bringing God's word forth in truth and humbleness, with exhortations and food for all who would hear.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hoerr, who were married June 12. We welcome the former Ruth Tanner of Morton to our assembly. She had been attending the Adult Bible Classes, so is no stranger. They live at 418 Birchwood, Peoria Ill 61614.

Sis. Carol Erkert, daughter of Bro. Herbert and Sis. Christiane Erkert, and Bro. Michael Rieker, son of Mr. Fred and Sis. Norma Rieker, were united in marriage July 4. After their honeymoon, they will be at home at 1204 E. Willcox, Peoria Ill. 61603. We certainly wish for these two newly-married couples God's rich blessings and many happy years together, if it may be His will.

A group of brethren and friends from the Mansfield congregation visited here the week-end of June 12. The Hymn Sing was held on Saturday night at church, so the Mansfield people could return home soon after Sunday afternoon services. We thank these folks for coming and joining in fellowship and song; the Mansfield Choir sang a lovely collection of hymns, and everyone present truly enjoyed being with one another of like faith.

The Sunday School picnic was held at the Fellowship Hall June 13 at 4:00 PM. On Sunday morning, the 8th grade graduating class and Bible class students assembled with us for services, after which Bibles were presented to the graduating class.

Bro. Fred Aupperle and Sis. Pauline Farney have moved to our church home. Sis. Marie Muster from Elgin, Illinois has moved to the home. Their new addresses are

7023 NE Skyline Dr., Peoria Ill 61614.

Our friends, Richard and Bonnie Hodel are the parents of Mathew Harold. Their son was born June 20; they now have two sons. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Lillian Koehl.

Sis. Mary Hauter and Bros. George Knapp and Alf Altorfer are hospital patients.

Bro. Frank Lambert, 71, died June 5 in Proctor Hospital, where he had been admitted that afternoon. He was born in Burlington, Okla. and was married Nov. 17, 1929 in Morton to Martha Yentes, who survives. Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Paul (Virginia) Bodine; 3 brothers, Ernest, George and Lloyd Lambert; 3 sisters, Mrs. Emma Davis, Mrs. John (Eva) Roberts and Mrs. Joe (Lillie) Thomas of Wichita.

Sis. Sophia Joos, 80, died June 12, in the Apostolic Christian Home Infirmary on Skyline Dr., where she was admitted March 20. A resident of Peoria since 1907, she was born in Germany, a daughter of Peter and Sophia Max Hess, and was married to Adolf Joos here in 1944. He died in 1945. Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Martha Rauschenbach of Germany, 8 nephews and 5 neices.

**Note of thanks:** We would like to thank everyone who so kindly remembered us and our family with cards, gifts and prayers during my stay in the hospital and while convalescing at home. Virginia and Jim Hoerr.

### PRINCEVILLE Ruth Ricketts

"Today is here. I will begin it with a smile, resolving to be agreeable and trying not to criticize. Since time is precious, I will refuse to waste it. I will not squander my time-money on worries which may well be useless because events may not occur. I intend spending my time making things happen, happy things, if possible. Today I will act toward others as though this might be my last day on earth. I will do what good I can. I will not wait or put off time till tomorrow . . ."

It was a pleasure to have Bro. LeRoy and Sis. Clara Huber spend a day with us. We never tire of the timely admonitions LeRoy gives, and are thankful when faithful brothers still preach the truth to

willing hearers. May the Lord be his rewarder.

Karen, youngest daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Marie Seidel, submitted to an appendectomy and is recovering nicely. John Stahl was hospitalized for a few days with a heart condition. He too is showing satisfactory recovery.

My mother and I called on Bro. Wm. and Sis. Ida Huber. Will just recently returned home from a six-weeks stay in the hospital and spends quite a lot of time in bed. He is slowly regaining his strength and able to be up and about a bit. Ida, however, spends most of the time in bed, as she cannot help herself. She told us it was a year since she was in bed, and the year didn't even seem so long. Bro. Will wishes to express his heartfelt thanks for the prayers, cards, and visits the past few weeks. It meant so much to them both to be remembered . . . and appreciate it more than words can tell. A sincere prayer availeth much and a few words of encouragement go far with one shut-in.

Sis. Mildred Endress and family had a very pleasant surprise when her son, Ralph, called from Chicago. He has spent the past nine months or so in Korea and was not expected home for a week or ten days. It is always a deep joy when these boys can return safely to their homes and families.

Often we pause and wonder when  
we kneel down to pray,  
Can God really hear the prayers  
that we say . . .  
But if we keep praying and talk-  
ing to Him,  
He'll brighten the soul that was  
clouded and dim,  
And as we continue our burden  
seems lighter;  
Our sorrow is softened and our out-  
look is brighter.  
For though we feel helpless and  
alone when we start,  
Our prayer is the key that opens  
the heart,  
And as our heart opens the dear  
Lord comes in  
And the prayer that we felt we  
could never begin  
Is so easy to say for the Lord un-  
derstands  
And gives us new strength by the  
touch of His hands.

On a bright, sunny, summer af-  
ternoon, the last Sunday in June,  
230 children, teachers, parents and

grandparents gathered in the great out-doors for the annual Sunday School picnic. It was interesting to listen to the songs of the children, from the youngest to the teenagers, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. We were thankful for another day without rain, and even though it was warm, a cool breeze made it pleasant.

On July 1, a daughter—Lori Ann was born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa Martin. She has a little sister, Lynn Renee, to welcome her home. Sis. Louise Martin and Bro. Burton and Sis. Martha Streitmatter are grandparents and Sis. Frieda Streitmatter is a great-grandmother. A daughter, Heidi Marie, was born July 5 to Wolfie and Barbara Christ. Grandparents are Bro. Eugen and Sis. Elsa Christ and Dean and Peggy Troutman. Sis. Luise Christ of Scheppach, Germany is a great-grandmother.

Bro. Eugen & Sis. Elsa Christ have just returned from a visit with relatives in Germany and brought many greetings with them, especially to the boys who were in service and visited in Neuhaetten.

#### PULASKI

**Mary Wiegand—Nancy Musselman**

We are thankful to Ministering Bros. Ben Fehr and Marvin Schmidgall for visiting us and bringing forth inspiring meditations from the word of God.

Bro. William Wuthrich spent a few days in the hospital for tests.

Kenneth Wuthrich, son of Bro. Russell and Sis. Karoline, was hospitalized after injuring his foot.

#### REMINGTON

**Anna M. Waibel**

Ronnie Zehr, 34, Fairbury, son of Bro. Ben and Minnie (Waibel) Zehr, passed away. Minnie is our cousin and lived here until she was married. Her brother, Bro. George Waibel lives here. The sympathy of many in our community goes to the family, and yet we rejoice, as the Lord was merciful and gave him grace, faith to find peace and forgiveness. May God comfort and console all who are in sorrow.

Keith Lehman (Bro. Richard) graduated from the International Business College in Ft. Wayne. Barry Bahler (Bro. Edwin) received a B.S. from Purdue in Industrial Engineering.

Sis. Velma (Loren) Wilson and

Lynn Marie (Paul) Clauss are both home from the hospital.

Bros. John Bahler—Rockville, Walter Steffen, Herman Kellenberger, Elgin, Bro. Wendell Gudeman—Francesville were here June 20 for the proving and baptisms of Linda (Allen) Oberlander and Roger Steffen (Bro. Roy and Sis. Lucille). Also other church matters were brought up and voted upon.

Two prerequisites of dynamic Christian living are vision and passion. The ministry of praying is open to every child of God. The secret of praying is praying in secret. A worldly Christian will stop praying and a praying Christian will stop worldliness. When we pray, God listens to our heartbeat. Hannah's "lips" moved, but her voice was not heard. When we pray in the Spirit, there are groans which cannot be uttered (Rom. 8:26). When they had prayed, the place was shaken. In the matter of effective praying, never have so many left so much to so few. Let us pray.

#### ROANOKE

**Norene Herbst  
Marilyn Weyeneth**

On June 13 we had Bros. Edmund Kloter and Edwin Ringer as guest ministers. Bro. Edward Aeschleman was our guest minister July 4.

Several from our congregation have spent some time in the hospital. They were Bros. John Bowald, Andy Schumacher, and Ezra Schlipf, and Sisters Helen (Mrs. Jim) Martin and Viola (Mrs. Mike) Belsley.

Bro. Ben H. Martin has been dismissed from the hospital and is convalescing at the Roanoke Manor Nursing Home.

Gail Kempf and Gene Smith were married at Peoria. Gail is the daughter of Bro. Erwin and Sis. Alice Kempf. The new couple is residing in Peoria.

Linda Hoffman and Mike Harris were married at the home of the bride's parents, Bro. Rudie and Sis. Mary Hoffman, by Bro. Joe Zimmerman. The newly-married couple is living in Roanoke.

Gladys Moser, daughter of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Barbara Moser, and Thomas Carr were married. They are living near Springfield, where Gladys is in nurse's training.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Faucon have announced the marriage engage-

ment of their daughter, Wendy to Steven Blunier, son of Bro. Harlow and Sis. Sally Blunier.

Alan and Cassie Rocke are the parents of a son, Shawn, their first child. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rocke, and Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen Fehr are the maternal grandparents.

On June 23, Cheryl Sauder, daughter of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Ann, gave her testimony of repentance and conversion. Her baptism was on Sunday, June 24.

Don Roth and Mike Hodel were home on leave from military service the week-end of July 4.

#### TUCSON

**The Tucson Sewing Circle**

June has been a very hot, dry month, and the ranchers are now in great need of water for their livestock. If it is God's will, our rains should begin in the near future, so we must have patience.

"Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him".

Hold steady when the first burn,  
When inner lessons come to learn,  
And from this path there seems no turn—

**Let patience have her perfect work.**

Our congregation have been welcoming the blessed fellowship of many visitors from Illinois and Iowa in the past few weeks.

We rejoice to add Sis. Millie Stickling and son Mike from Burlington, Iowa, to our church. They are now making their permanent home in Tucson. We thank the Lord for sending us this blessed family, and may our little church grow even stronger in faith as well as size.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Ora Schrenk accompanied their son, Bro. Loren of Phoenix to Rockville, where he will make his new home. We pray for their safe return, and wish Loren the Lord's blessing in his new venture.

#### WINTHROP

**Delores Messerli — Carol Messner**

God is my help in every need;  
God does my every hunger feed.  
God walks beside me, guides my way  
Through every moment of the day.

Elder Bro. Noah Schrock assisted



our Elder Bro. Leo Moser in conducting proving and baptismal services. Gerald Messner and Janice Schmidt are now our brother and sister in faith.

Ministering Bro. Earl Banwart and family of West Bend shared the day with us.

The same evening, our many visitors had departed. The elder brothers served Communion to our small flock gathered together in His remembrance. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

Bruce, son of Ministering Bro. Harold and Sis. Gerry Messner, completed his service for our country. Gary and Jeff Messner, sons of Bro. Raymond and Sis. Bernadine, are home from their service in the Navy. We thank the Lord for His protection over our service boys.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held at the Winthrop Park. We will have summer vacation until school resumes the end of August.

Hospitalized from our congregation were Nancy Schmidt Van Deest, Sis. Carol Messner (Dennis), Bro. Fred Messner and Bob Messner.

Evening services were held; Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger ministered unto us. He and Sis. Della visited with their many relatives and friends here in our community.

One of the most misused word in the dictionary is "Christian". Have you ever thought how many kinds of people and ways of life are called Christians and Christianity.

#### URBANA Theresa Hufford

Our thanks go to our visiting ministers, Bro. Ed Hohulin, Bro. Francis Rother, Bro. Vernon Leman, Bro. Al Aberle, and Bro. Joe Schrock. We appreciate their delivering the holy word to our small congregation and welcome their return.

Earlier this month, many of us witnessed the testimony and baptism of Craig Brown. Bro. Craig resides in Urbana and attends the University of Illinois. We pray God will give him grace and guide him throughout his life.

The engagement of Sis. Susan Zimmerman (Roanoke) to Bro. Mike Aberle (Tremont) was announced. A singing shower was

held in their honor at the home of Bro. Larry and Sis. Nada Leman in Urbana. May God bless Susan and Mike in a happy life together.

Have you ever felt God has not heard your prayer? Or that you run short of patience in waiting for an answer? I came across a poem in which I found strength and patience and would like to share it.

**Ask and Ye Shall Receive**  
A praying one, who long has prayed,  
And yet no answer heard,  
Have you been sometimes half afraid  
God might not keep His word? . . .

God heard you; He has not forgot;  
Faith shall at length prevail;  
You know that not one smallest jot  
Of all His word can fail.

For if you truly have believed,  
Not vain has been your prayer!  
As God is true your answer comes  
Sometime, someday, somewhere.

#### WOLCOTT Arles Kropf Marjean Lehman

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Friends Charles and Beverly Klopfenstein have heeded the Master's words and have found peace. We rejoice with thankful hearts.

Vacation Bible School was held at our church the week of June 7-11, for children of Wolcott and Remington. The theme was, "Jesus Speaks To the World." An average of 90 children attended.

Bro. Vernon Furrer had the misfortune of breaking his foot when he stepped off the tractor.

A son, Duane Edward, was born to Bro. Jerry and Nancy Kyburz on June 14. This is their first child. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Leroy and Sis. Edna Kyburz, and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wortman of Reynolds.

Due to the fact that we are now in the Eastern Standard Time Zone and the time will remain the same year around, we have set the starting time for our services back to 10:00 A.M. E.S.T. and 12:30 for afternoon services.

June 20 marked the 35th Wed-

ding Anniversary of Clyde and Sis. Mary Hitz. Open house was held for family and friends.

We're thankful for the visit of Bro. John Bahler and Bro. Herman Kellenberger to our congregation for evening services on June 20.

#### PORTLAND Judith Knecht

During the week-end of June 11, 12, and 13, we were privileged to have our beloved elders, Bro. Carl Kinsinger and Bro. Roy Farney visit us. On Saturday evening our converts, Steve and Carol Miller (son and daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Pearl) and Debbie Unsicker, daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Elva gave their testimonies, and Sunday afternoon they were baptized, followed by the Lord's Supper—a most blessed and impressive day! The Lord's nearness was truly experienced in our midst! We were reminded Sunday of the importance of faith in our Christian walk of life, and a last thought left with us at the close of the day was, that we should not only have church on Sunday, but we should live every day as if we had church in our homes.

Visiting us during the month of June was Bro. Clarence Yackley. May the Lord bless our ministers for their unselfish labors.

Our dear Sis. Rose Miller is still hospitalized. The need for surgery arose, and one of her legs was amputated. We pray the Lord will strengthen and comfort her.

Silverton church is happy to welcome Sis. Mildred, Sis. Kathy, Carol and Bro. Jim (wife and children of Bro. Clarence Dietrich). May the Lord bless their family and home.

We are thankful the Lord has granted Bro. Jim and Sis. Jean Rinkenberger a safe journey to the west coast. We pray that the Lord will protect all who will be traveling this summer. Bro. Jim and Sis. Jean will be spending the summer months with us.

For all who will be traveling west, it was announced last week that Portland church will commence at 10 o'clock.

#### ALTO Loretta Steffen

"O spirit of God's strength and might,  
Create in us new life and light;  
Oh join us all in heart and mind,

That access to God's throne we find  
Within thy light!"

With these words we closed our Communion services June 27. Each of us could feel the warmth of God's radiance, as we joined heart and mind and shared our Communion feast in remembrance of our precious Saviour.

Now each of us wish to remain in direct line with the "Light," that we might reflect this radiance, as the moon reflects the sun's brilliance. We must let nothing obstruct these rays, or we will experience a spiritual eclipse.

We thank our elders Bro. Joe Waibel and Bro. Ben Maibach for their services of love in sharing with us this Holy Communion.

We enjoyed the week-end of June 20, with the Bay City Sunday School as our guests. We welcome them back again soon.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Ferne Wingeier wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who remembered Fern's birthday with letters, gifts, cards, and the scrapbook. These things help to pass the lonely hours for "shut-ins" everywhere.

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

A prayer in simple definition is a wish turned Godward. What a wonderful privilege it is to be able by grace to come to God in prayer. May we always fully appreciate this and never take it for granted.

Again God blessed us with His presence at our First-Sunday-of-the-month singing on June 6. The words we sing in these songs of praise can bring a wonderful message to each heart, if we will just open our hearts and let them be filled.

Bro. and Sis. Eli Somerhalder are now home from the Share Home in Alva, and we are happy they are again able to worship with us.

I did a favor yesterday,  
A kindly little deed . . .  
And then I called to all the world  
To stop and look and heed.  
They stopped and looked and flattered me

In words I could not trust,  
And when the world had gone away  
My good deed turned to dust.

A very tiny courtesy  
I found to do today;

'Twas quickly done, with none to see,

And then I ran away. . .  
But Someone must have witnessed it,

For—truly I declare—  
As I sped back the stony path  
Roses were blooming there!

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

Bro. Dick and Sis. Dorothy Taegler from Burlington, Iowa, were on a trip to Hawaii. We were very glad to meet them and spend an evening together.

Vacationing on the island a few days were Bro. Ed and Sis. Vi Gerber from Ft. Lauderdale and their two daughters, Faye and Sue. It was so nice visiting and being with them again.

This is our last full month here. We have anticipated our return to Phoenix for some time. We wish to thank all who showed us much kindness and love while being stationed here, and also those who sent us cards and letters.

#### **BERN** **Esther and Stella Moser**

Starting our notes with a happy one. We rejoice to have Bro. Darrel Stoller in our assembly again. Darrel has received his discharge from the army.

Friends Robert and Janet Meyer have a new daughter, Lori Christine, born June 18. Jimmy and Kimberly are happy to share their home with her.

Our Bible Class was host to the Gridley, Lamont, Wichita and Elgin (Iowa) Bible classes. Bro. Bob Grimm, Goodfield, was our guest minister that day. For the morning services the visitors gathered with us in the assembly room, where we could all enjoy Bro. Bob together. After lunch Bob spoke to the youth in the Sunday School room. Other guest ministers have been Bros. Vernon Leman, Eureka; Noah Gerber, West Bend; Carl Hartman, Sabetha. We enjoyed each one and invite them to come again.

Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Lorene Strahm, Shirley, Sis. Janette and Bro. Richard have moved from the farm to 121 No. 14 St., Sabetha. Bro. Dale will continue the farming operation.

#### **JUNCTION**

**Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz**  
Elder Bros. Noah Bauman—Ritt-

man, and George Sinn—Latty and Ministering Bros. Henry Dotterer—Rittman, and Eugene Fetter—Toledo, visited us. Thanks, brothers, and do come again.

Sunday, June 20, was the day set aside for the wedding of Bro. Dean Hartzler, Rittman, and our Sis. Janet Schlatter. They are making their home in the Rittman area. We wish them God's blessings. We will miss Sis. Janet and hope they come visit us often. Sis. Evelyn Manz is the new Sunday School teacher for the Kindergarten class, replacing Sis. Janet. May God help her in her new duties.

Ministering Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn Manz have been blessed with a baby boy, Michael John, born June 15. When he was a week old he became sick, and a couple days later he was admitted to Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, with a throat infection. He is better now and getting along fine. We are thankful for this new addition to our church, and are especially happy for Judy, Tina, Debbie and Stevie.

Jake Manz narrowly escaped serious injury when a barrel weighing approximately 500 lbs. fell from a hoist. He was able to get away enough so that only his leg was hit. Karen Schlatter (Sis. Esther) and Carol Dotterer (Bro. Henry and Sis. Martha, Rittman) also narrowly escaped serious injury when a car ran them down on their bicycles. Karen had to have stitches in her head. God is still near and He surely can protect us.

Bro. David and Sis. Kathy Manz are now settled in their home. Their address is Route 3, Box 156, Paulding Ohio 45879. May their home always be a Christian home. Quite a number from Latty and Junction surprised them one evening. Homemade ice cream was enjoyed, and many beautiful hymns were sung to the praise of God.

#### **LANDERSVILLE** **Billie Jo Harville**

"Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands". Our VBS is over for 1971, but we felt that God's word was planted in the mind and heart of our young children. Our Bible School began June 14. There was a good number that attended, at least 85 or over each day. The following Sunday, each class presented a part on a program which was enjoyed by all. We are so thankful

for the ministers and teachers who will spend time teaching God's word.

Our church and community was saddened by the death of Price Byars. It is a joy to know by the testimony that Price left, that he has gone to a much better place, and that one day his family can again unite with him. Remember to pray for the family, his wife, Ruth, and four sons, one unmarried. He was the father of Bro. John Byers. Funeral was conducted at our church by Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face . . . then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." I think that as we read this, that all Christians should take a look at their way of living, and we should humble ourselves and spend more time in prayer with God.

With faith, believing, miracles can happen.

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**MANSFIELD**  
**Aaron A. Sauder**

Take time to be holy;  
Speak oft with thy Lord.  
Abide in Him always  
And feed on His Word.

"... be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God."

Young and old alike fed on the word of God, as we had graded classes for the children and an adult class, when our annual Vacation Bible School was held each evening, June 14 through 19. Those who led the lesson study for the adult class were: Monday, Bro. Charles Sauder from our congregation and Bro. Ellsworth Graf of Akron; Tuesday, Bro. Carl Kipfer of Bluffton; Wednesday, Bro. Dale Hartzler, and Thursday, Bro. Emmett Gasser (both from Rittman); Friday, Bro. Verlin Stoller of Ft. Wayne; and Saturday, Bro. Henry Beer of Milford. We cannot adequately express our thanks and gratitude to each one of the teachers, for adults and children alike, and most especially to the Lord for this blessed week.

We also thank the ministers who have visited and ministered to us during worship services: Bros. Henry Beer, Roy Grimm, Aaron Steffen and Henry Dotterer.

Little Brant Enderle now has a baby brother, Jason Scott, born on June 13. The parents are Larry and Sis. Darlene Enderle; maternal grandparents are Bro. Wallace and Sis. Helen Ramsier; paternal grandparents are Henry and Sis. Martha Sabo Enderle; maternal great-grandparents; Sis. Tillie Oesch (Karl) and Bro. Ben and Lizzie Ramsier.

Congratulations and best wishes to our two newly married couples. Larry Banks and Nancy Bush were married June 26; Bro. Richard and Sis. Mabel Fuhrer Banks are the parents of the groom. July 3 was the wedding date of Elaine Bocka and David Tuttle; the bride is the daughter of Sis. Leora Gasser Bocka and the late Bro. Emil.

We extend our sympathy to Victor Witschi, on the death of his brother Felix, who had made his home in Washington, Illinois.

Hospital patients who have been released are: Bro. Fred Dinger, Sis. Matilda Bucher, Christine Beer (Charles), and Bill Cordrey (young son of Bro. Jack and Sis. Joyce); those remaining in the hospital are Sis. Anna Engwiler, who suffered a broken ankle, and Sis. Martha Fuhrer Cordrey (Kenneth), who underwent major surgery.

Sis. Katherine Wahl Fuhrer (John) has moved from our church home to the Winchester Nursing Home, 70 Winchester Road, Mansfield Ohio 44907.

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**MORRIS**  
**Ann Meiss — Helen Joos**

This new being now arises, having died with Christ before;  
What in Adam's fall had perished,  
Christ the Saviour did restore.  
Dearest child, we bid thee welcome  
in our blessed brotherhood;  
From the wild tree thou art grafted  
on this holy tree and root.

Bro. Paul Butikofer, Elgin Iowa, came to assist Bro. Paul Fehr in the proving and baptism of Syd Messner and Karl Koehl on June 20. We rejoiced to witness this holy event; how we wish many more would avail themselves of this blessed salvation. Bro. and Sis. Frank Messner are Syd's parents; Bro. and Sis. Werd Koehl are Karl's parents. Bro. Carl Hartman, Sabetha, was also a guest minister.

Bro. Beirne Messner was privileged to be present at his brother's

baptism before leaving for Germany, where he is now stationed with the Armed Forces. Bro. Dale Koehl enjoyed a leave at home and has returned to Ft. Sam. Doug Wulf is spending some time at home before beginning his tour of duty in Viet Nam. We wish them all God's protection. May He give them grace to bear what is placed upon them.

Sis. Marilyn Joos is in Rochester, where she is to undergo surgery. Sis. Pam (Steve) Schaefer had surgery and is feeling quite well again.

Bro. Albert and Sis. Edith Joos became grandparents for the second time, as a second son was born to Jerry and Cathy Joos on June 16. He has been named Shane. A daughter, Jessica Mae, was born to Len and Beverly Minke. Bro. Frank and Sis. Gladys Messner are the grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spohr are the parents of a son, Edward Charles. Mrs. John Spohr is his grandmother.

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

Sis. Elizabeth Wenger passed away June 4 at Community Hospital, LaMesa, Calif., after a long illness. Survivors include: four sisters, Mary Strahm—Bern, Sis. Sarah Meyer—Gridley, Emma Beyer—Eureka, Lollie Pope—San Diego, Calif.; and three brothers, Alpha Wenger—LaMesa Calif., Ben Wenger—Hiawatha; and Bro. Jacob Wenger, Sabetha. She was born Jan. 11, 1897, near Bern and spent most of her life in the Bern Community, until she moved to California in 1949. Services were held in the Apostolic Christian Church in Sabetha on June 8, with Bro. Lester Hartter and Bro. Carl Hartman officiating. Burial was in the Sabetha cemetery.

We are happy to receive Libby Meyer and Gloria Grimm as new sisters in faith. We heard their testimonies on Saturday evening, June 12, and the baptisms were held the next day, on Sun. afternoon. Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, and Bro. Lester Hartter, Bern, were here to assist Bro. Eugene Marti in this important work. Sis. Libby is the daughter of Bro. Harlan and Sis. Florence Meyer. Sis. Gloria is the daughter of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Lois Grimm. They are among the high school graduates this year, and we are thankful that they have chosen to receive the Lord's guid-

ance as they go on to the schools of higher learning. Libby plans to attend Kansas State University at Manhattan this fall, while Gloria plans to attend Clark's School of Business at Topeka.

Sis. Linda Lehman and Bro. Steve Roeschley of Morton were united in marriage on June 27 by Bro. Eugene Marti. We wish them the Lord's blessings as they begin their new life together. May the Lord always be the unseen guest in their home.

Bro. Robert Grimm—Goodfield, Bro. Noah Gerber—West Bend and Bro. Loren Strahm—Gridley, Kansas, were our guest ministers. We thank them for their visits and for their efforts in bringing us the word of God.

### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

Virgil & Shirley Funk

#### Their Last Words

One of our elders got up on the pulpit one Sunday morning and related that he was called to the bedside of a dying friend. His last words were, "Too late."

A soldier was seriously wounded in the army, as a result of which he called a priest and asked him to pray for him. The priest said, "I cannot pray for you; you must pray for yourself."

The soldier said: "I don't know how to pray—I haven't prayed since I was a boy." The priest said, "Say that prayer then." The soldier said, "Now I lay me down to sleep." He then died without being able to pray the Lord his soul to keep.

A friend was dying and his last words were, "If only I could lay on the fires of hell for a thousand years and then learn to know God."

Would the destiny of these souls been any different if they would have said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Visiting ministers include: Robert Grimm, Goodfield; Albert Scheitlin, Elgin, Illinois; Roy Sauder and Charles Hemmer; Peoria. May God be the rich rewarder of each.

### CONGERVILLE

Phyllis Knapp — Norma Stahl

Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

The Lord has called one of his dear and faithful servants of 41 years home. Bro. Benjamin Zimmerman, 86, passed away June 29.

He is survived by his wife, Sis. Lula Aeschleman Zimmerman. He has one son, Bro. Orville of Carlock, and three daughters—Sis. Fannie Schieber of Congerville, Sis. Verna Scherter of Peoria and Sis. Alma Schieber of Carlock. He has two brothers, Bro. John of Morton and Bro. Joe of Roanoke, and one sister, Sis. Ida Roche of Carlock. Bro. Ben was a good light to all and will be greatly missed. May the Lord be with the family to comfort them. We all extend our deepest sympathy.

Rick and Kathy Knapp had found peace within their heart, through the grace and will of the Lord, and were proved and baptized July 3 and 4. Rick is the son of Bro. and Sis. Frederick Knapp and Kathy is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bill Kempf.

Our visiting ministers were: Bro. Josh Broquard, Bro. Leroy Huber.

Our new Sunday School teachers are: Bro. Keith Roth and Bro. Allen Schrock.

### DETROIT

Donna Hartzler — Judith Aberle

We enjoyed a blessed day on Sunday, June 13. Bro. Joe Waibel ministered to us, and then assisted our elder, Bro. Ben Maibach, in serving the Lord's Supper as outlined in His holy word. "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

May God bless our dear elders who so faithfully carry out the duties of shepherding the flock, and may God grant us all grace to more prayerfully support them.

### LAMONT

Betty Wernli

"O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD." Abundant are the reasons for praising the the Lord for our redemption and salvation, and then even in this time does the Lord see fit to bless the labor of our hands. Sufficient moisture has fallen to make the crops as good around here as they have been in many a year, and for those of us who have experienced the "burn-

ing" of crops this time of year, we are truly thankful.

Our church conducted services for the residents of Madison Manor, and hope there were many blessings for all.

Bro. Raymond Roth paid us a visit on his way to Illinois. God did richly bless us through this his humble servant.

### ROCKVILLE

Carlton J. Lanz

The annual Sunday School picnic was enjoyed by an estimated 300 or more, adults included. It was most complete, with many attractive dishes and soft drinks on hand, which one expects at such events.

Our church enjoyed the wonderful fellowship and divine messages brought to us by several visiting brothers from various churches.

We bade farewell to our good friends, Robert and Hannah Bachofener, as they left our American shores on their return to their home in Switzerland. They had spent several weeks in the States with relatives, which included mostly the Luginbuhl and Kupferschmid families. . . yet many pleasant and friendly hours were enjoyed by others in general in our togetherness.

A little girl, their first child, was born to Bro. Darryl and Sis. Norman Luginbuhl on July 3. Grandparents of the infant are Bro. Urban and Sis. Charlotte Luginbuhl and Bro. Albert and Sis. Elsie Lanz. It has been named Cherinne Luginbuhl.

Bro. Sherman Lanz, stationed at a base in Hawaii, is enjoying a brief leave here at his home.

### BAY CITY

Carolyn Knochel—Marlene Mosher

"Teacher, Teacher, Tain't it true, Teacher, that if God loves everybody, then we'uns got to love ev'body too?" out of the mouths of babes—yes, it is true that if God, who can see every fault, can continue to love us, surely we can love each other more! How can we call ourselves a child of God if we reject one of His beloved? The cry today is "Peace—Peace"; peace isn't just something that happens when war stops— it's something each must have within, based on the love for God and mankind. Only then can we have peace on earth.

Two families happily welcomed additions: Bro. Duane and Sis. Car-

ol Broquard have a little boy, Andre George, who joins Michelle and Heidi at home; and Bro. Roger and Sis. Sandra Wieland have a new little sister, Margo Ann, for Lee and Nate.

Sis. Esther Meister was hospitalized in emergency surgery; we wish her God's blessings for a quick and full recovery.

The Lord has called home one of His faithful servants. Bro. Fred Ruegsegger passed away at the age of 81, leaving his widow Sis. Anna; a daughter, Sis. Eleanor Munsel; and three sons, Ben, Bro. Fred Jr., and Bro. Glenn. Fred also has five brothers and four sisters. "We are going down the valley one by one. . . ." To those of us who are still young in the faith: Are we building a legacy for our children, as these dear old brothers and sisters have for us? Someday—sooner than we think—we will be the ones who are looked upon for leadership and advice; will we be able to provide it?

Many thanks from Sis. Marian Knochel (Bro. Bob) for the love shown in prayers, cards and gifts during her convalescence; God bless all for the help given in many ways.

Many thanks to the sisters and friends of the Alto congregation for the scrapbook prepared for Sis. Marian Knochel (Bro. Bob) of Bay City. This has provided many hours of enjoyment, and one can tell, in the little thoughts and gifts on each page, that it was made with love in each one's heart.

**ELGIN, IOWA**  
**Mrs. George Butikofer**

Sis. Marion Moore taught our one week of Bible school this season.

We had two high school graduates in our congregation. They were Sis. Marion Moore, daughter of Sis. (Mrs.) Elizabeth Moore and Philip Metzger, son of Bro. Erwin and Sis. Ruth. May each seek the Lord's guidance in choosing their life's work.

Bro. Albert and Sis. LaVerne Butikofer are the parents of a baby boy, born on the 14th of June. He has been named James Albert. La Verne's mother and father, Sis. Ida, and Bro. Sam Fischer from Roanoke came to assist the Butikofer and to get acquainted with the new grandson. Shirley Fischer, a niece of LaVerne's, is here at present. The new boy is doing very nicely, and

we want to extend our congratulations to the parents. They now have two boys and two daughters.

Bro. Ed Pulfer and sisters, Lena and Mary, are moving into a Mobile home, located in Elgin.

Sis. Bertha Pulfer, who has been hospitalized for a few weeks, was brought home. Her condition is just fair.

Perhaps the worst wind storm on record hit this area during the evening of June 24. The intense wind uprooted and blew down many trees and tore limbs from many others, causing damage to buildings and creating power shortages. We are so very thankful that no lives were lost in this community, and sorry to learn that some were lost in other areas. During a violent storm of this nature . . . cannot but sense man's utter helplessness and God's power.

**LATTY**

**Delores Grant — Iva Stoller**

Our Sunday School students enjoyed another two weeks of VBS, with many exciting projects. It climaxed with an evening inspirational program, and also a park picnic the following Sunday.

The engagement of Sis. Shirley Stoller daughter of Bro. Glen and Sis. Edith, was announced to Bro. Harlan Metzger, West Bend. A late fall wedding is planned. We wish them God's blessings.

Hospital patients were Sis. Helen Stoller (Roy), a brief illness; and Nancy Laukhuf, wife of David Laukhuf, who had the misfortune of losing her first child. Graveside services were held for their infant son.

We, the reporters, after several years of serving the **Silver Lining**, feel that we would like to pass it on to someone else. Sis. Connie Stoller and Sis. LeAnn Laukhuf have accepted this position. We wish them God's blessings with this enjoyable work.

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## BEAUTIFUL, WONDERFUL THINGS!

Henry Souder Jr.

How perfect, complete, and thorough are the heavenly things. We cannot grasp with physical sight. Our thoughts are miss-shapen if we only hear the run of current events. We need to search, and stop & purge our minds of formations that come from man alone. There are beautiful outlines of a coming city, and the life and activity of a people in full happiness. We need to look through, in the book of truth: "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

Our God is wonderful. Take all that is spoken of love in I Corinthians 13, and add much more, above all we think. Take the sweetest person you have met, at their best time. Patterned and made after Him. Take joy. What must the deep depths of His joy be. There is more, more, and much more. There are solid plans, unmistakably perfect, for His homesite . . . laughter of His children . . . songs like in a dream, perfect happiness . . . sights that kindle the deep down feeling. In His plans is perfect satisfaction.

He reveals, tells us His secrets, makes His words live in us: "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

Inside of our body is a human

spirit. Here we perceive what goes on about us . . . we grasp when we are hungry . . . we feel at home, and know what the things we see mean to us . . . we sense our daily atmosphere . . . decide to get angry or stay calm. But we do not feel God's thoughts apart from Him. He knows His place, and the way He looks at things. His feelings are the finest, the tenderest, and the furthest from man. "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."

The atmosphere of heaven will mean more to us as we have sought His feelings. We enhance our grasp of the grandeur up there, as we forsake the natural down here. We grow in grace, as we know His scriptures and power. The life of heaven and eternity is the living in Him here. It is the cross carried that makes room for joy of the heart . . . looking through a glass darkly but beautifully . . . with pain and clouds, and casting the burden on our Lord. It is not What, but How. Do we read, as we see Him asking more than once, in His word? Do we seek His power and try to be like Him? Do we live unto Him, and aim to die unto Him? Then there is joy and peace.

If days are dull, there is a reason (found in His word). If conflict has carried to unhappiness, we

have not listened. His word tells how life may be a merry tread, even in the midst of cross-bearing. Wonderful and boundless are the resources of God. "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."

One little phrase of natural wisdom—how much commotion can it cause! Functions and offices, right and solid in scripture—sometimes their success are hurt because of a thought, appearing well-meaning, but not in the word. We add our little clouds and sharpen our hurting, but not of His cross.

The cornfield is more beautiful when the weeds are gone. The loveliness of the floor shines out when the foreign particles are gathered in a little dustpan. Successful things proceed, from the complicated to simplicity. So it is with our life, and the word of God. We must know the weed, and remove it. But how can we clean the floor if we don't see the dirt?

We need to know more, and go over His word. We need to weigh and compare, and go over again, till it becomes more familiar than our own house. Glorious things open in His steps. "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."