

# THE SILVER LINING

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## LETTERED LINES

(There is such bright opportunity available to you . . . Contact someone across the miles with a message. Write as you talk . . . warm, friendly, informal. One touch of gold can mean so much. If you were shut-in and lonely, what would you like? Someone you care about . . . what are they longing to hear? . . . A message to a wayward soul . . . loving, caring lines. Perhaps . . . perhaps! There still is opportunity! Spread sunshine, a note in His love.)

**Date, 1863 . . . Frederick Lanz, Mansfield, writes a letter to Bro. Conrad, near Leo. Listen to the beautiful, warm, yearning words.**

"In God, the Father and in His much beloved Son, Jesus Christ—Beloved Bro. Conrad: My heart wishes you and your loved ones much grace, blessings and peace, and all good, that you can with joy and courage travel the path of life to the goal in our heavenly calling in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Beloved Brother, I have long thought of writing, but until now it has not happened, although I often think of you and the other brethren, and wish to see you face to face and enjoy myself with you in our blessed faith, if the Lord could grant it according to His will.

It pleases me to write and send this with my son, who is coming and wish he could stay with you. It would be our wish that he could find salvation for his soul and escape the future wrath . . ."

**How about letters for enriching the bonds? Gathering love for always?**

"Aug. 9-'73 . . . Dear Bro. in Christ . . . I'm past 80 years and

don't see very well any more. Also, I don't know too many people of whom there are articles . . . But some day we'll all know each other. Until then—May God bless you all . . . Lena Klaus Reiman, Peoria.

**Have you thought of a letter to help someone? . . . Perhaps someone who is in danger or wandering . . . It's gentle love to remind of the duties of our high calling, to call out of the danger of the chasm crevicing the dark.**

Here in Detroit . . . we have found it to work for good order, . . . we have definitely tried to hold a line . . . At my proving years ago, the attendance of other churches was made quite an issue. Old Bro. Graf, who had come out . . . and who if I am not mistaken was the only one of his family to come into our brotherhood, had made great experience . . . had suffered great heartache, and knew firsthand the value of order, and also what it was to be careful in this particular question . . . He gave me good advice that before I would undertake liberties to assemble elsewhere, even in the event of a funeral, it would be good to share this with my brethren. This, I agree, is sound advice yet today, and I appreciated his concern . . . Ben Maibach.

**How about a bridge, unseen but real . . . from heart to heart. What you have can be precisely someone else's need. How many adventures of faith await our asking, then pioneering in the love of God.**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . We always enjoy reading the Silver Lining. It makes a bridge over the ocean,

from heart to heart. It is always interesting to read the news, what's going on in the States, even though we don't know many of the churches . . . Maranne and Hans Marti."

**How about talking in a letter with someone you may know, or could get to know?**

"11-17-72 . . . Dear Editor: My cousin, Henry Sabo of Mansfield had the paper sent to me several years ago, and I have always enjoyed it. Henry's grandfather, Henry Dotterer of Junction and my grandfather Charles Dotterer of Harper Kansas were brothers, and our great-grandfather, Christopher Dotterer, who passed away nearly 100 years ago, was one of the early organizers of the Apostolic Christian Church in the northwest part of Ohio, or at least this is what my parents used to tell me. Eli, Henry & Andrew Dotterer used to visit with us at Harner, KS when they were living . . . Marcine W. Renollet, 2137 So. Seneca, Wichita, Ks 67213.

"I am 93 years. Yours, Miss Nella Allen."

**Nellie sent this very meaningful message:**

Smyrna, Delaware

Once I was young,  
Now I am old,  
What shall I do?  
Read God's word;  
Believe God's word;  
Obey God's word;  
Live God's word;  
What shall I say?  
Life speaks louder than your voice,  
So let it speak God's word.

**Love finds ways of doing . . . charity grasps the commonplace**

and uses it for the doings of God.  
 Elgin, Ill. 60120 . . . Oct. 30, 1969  
 . . . Dear Brothers in Christ, I was  
 sorry to read that your Dad had  
 passed away; but we can rejoice  
 even in sorrow, that your Dad is  
 now rejoicing with the angels . . .  
 As I read of your Dad's Homego-  
 ing, it came to mind that the en-  
 closed, which was written shortly  
 after Leo entered Heaven in '67,  
 might be a blessing to you folks.  
 Leo had not been baptized with  
 water, but he was converted, wash-  
 ed in the blood, and had peace.  
 PEACE—what a wonderful, won-  
 derful word! . . . Wishing you God's  
 peace, grace and guidance always  
 . . . Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,  
 William Banwart Jr.

Here is part of what Bill sent:

I often look up above  
 To that heavenly home of love,  
 Where you, Leo, now reside  
 By your dear Saviour's side . . .  
 Some day soon, perhaps today  
 I'll join you there without delay,  
 In that beautiful city so calm.  
 Like a cool evening's breeze  
 Is its balm.  
 You are safe now on the heavenly  
 shore,  
 Done with earth's cares forever-  
 more.  
 You have found a better country,  
 A heavenly home,  
 A home not made by man,  
 But by the Lord God Almighty.  
 Praise to the Lamb forevermore!

When God's Circle, our own cir-  
 cle, is complete, chords will carry  
 us in sublime satisfaction of the  
 true dream, for thus it can be, and  
 not very far . . . people we love and  
 have in our hearts to live and die  
 with there . . .

July 27, 1970 . . . Dear brother in  
 Christ . . . On Aug. 9, Bro. Sam An-  
 liker will be here, as we have a new  
 convert . . . Terry Farney, son of  
 Bro. Harvey Farney. We are so  
 glad for him . . . I feel that any  
 person that can come to Jesus  
 Christ today is indeed fortunate  
 indeed . . . Hoping these few lines  
 will find you both well. May God  
 bless you both and keep you until  
 His call from heaven, COME UP.  
 What a day that will be. Greetings  
 and love from both of us . . .  
 Least in faith, George Lambert.

The following was from one who  
 believed in doing good . . . Both lit-

tle 10-year- old Kalisa and Russell  
 have passed into the ages that have  
 no horizon of limit.

Thursday Morning, March 5,  
 1970 . . . My Dear Little Kalisa:  
 Your Grandma Souder and Uncle  
 Henry and I had dinner together  
 here in Phoenix last evening and  
 they gave me your address . . . This  
 will be sort of a short note, but  
 anyway you will know that I like  
 you . . .

A Prayer For You

When you're alone with Jesus  
 And He sweetly smiles on thee,  
 Will you gently whisper to Him  
 A little prayer for me?  
 And when I'm alone with Jesus,  
 And all else is hid from view,  
 I'll gently drop into His heart  
 A little prayer for you.

It is nice we can pray for each  
 other, for we need each other's  
 prayers . . . Love to you and your  
 parents . . . Your friend . . . Russell.

How well indeed to learn from  
 God to number our days . . . and  
 to cast all our care on Him who  
 wants to hear . . . What a Day in-  
 deed, when we gather in our Sav-  
 iour's presence . . . And so many  
 there! . . . Now, the golden work to  
 breathe a prayer . . . to put out a  
 piece of paper that will receive  
 words to do good.

Once this way, then past forev-  
 ermore!

"As we have moved into the  
 Hot Springs Arkansas area, we  
 would be so happy to have any vis-  
 itors call on us when they are in  
 this area. We would also enjoy  
 having tapes of sermons and also  
 singings sent to us. Our address  
 is Rt. 5 Box 785-K, Hot Springs  
 Ark. 71901. Our phone no. is 501-  
 767-6413. Ray and Barbara Moser.

MANSFIELD OH  
 Lucille Groh

God must have known there would  
 be times  
 We'd need a gentle touch,  
 A tender, understanding heart  
 To love us very much.  
 He must have known we'd need  
 someone  
 To listen our cares,  
 To comfort and remember us  
 In loving thoughts and prayers,

So in His boundless wisdom  
 He sent us from above  
 The dear blessing in the world . . .  
 A mother's precious love!

As the gentle warm rains of Ap-  
 ril turn the brown grasses of win-  
 ter to vivid green and the trees be-  
 gin to bud, so it is in our Christian  
 life; we are renewed in the spirit  
 when we are privileged to go to  
 church and hear God's word. It  
 brings new life and strength to  
 each of us.

Our congregation experienced  
 many showers of blessings. Minis-  
 tering Bros. Henry Dotterer (Ritt-  
 man), Sam Schlatter (Junction),  
 Roy Wieland and James Ramseyer  
 (Bay City) brought us many good  
 teachings and timely warnings. We  
 sincerely thank them for laboring  
 in the Lord's vineyard. Just as  
 the Bay City choir sang, "If it were  
 not for the lighthouse, my ship  
 would be no more . . .", how thank-  
 ful we are that our brothers still  
 call from the walls of Zion, and  
 we can bring our ship of faith to  
 a safe landing if we look to Christ  
 our Lord, the true light.

A most blessed and inspiring  
 week-end was enjoyed by all who  
 listened, when the Bay City choir  
 presented a beautiful program . . .  
 What a foretaste of heaven, and  
 then some day to be able to praise  
 our dear Father and loving Re-  
 deemer forever and ever. The an-  
 gels will not be able to sing the re-  
 demption song; they have never  
 been redeemed. Only the true be-  
 lievers sing that song. Oh what a  
 day that will be, to lay down the  
 cares of life and sing that new song.

We are saddened to report of the  
 illness of loved ones. Sis. Martha

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 ber to send change of address.

Kleshinski was readmitted to Mansfield General Hospital. Sis. Katie Blumenshine is also a patient at General Hospital. We pray for both of our dear sisters, and the following dear friends: Elvina Holmes, Everett Them, James Durkin (Sis. Dorothy) and Marie (Sauder) Fulk. Melvin (Bro. Chas. and Marcella) Sauder had an emergency appendectomy operation on a Monday, and by the next Sunday was back with us in church.

Have you come to the Red Sea  
place in your life,  
Where in spite of all you can do,  
There is no way out, there is no  
way back,  
There is no other way but through?  
Then wait on the Lord with a trust  
serene  
Till the night of your fear is gone;  
He will send the wind; He will heap  
the floods,  
When He says to your soul, Go on.

#### TOLEDO OH

Lydia Meister

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman . . . Abide in me, and I in you . . . I am the vine, ye are the branches" . . . We have again witnessed the miracle of grafting into the vine a dear branch. Betty Fetter became our sister in the Lord March 2. It was a blessed Sunday for all of us.

The Easter Program was held Easter evening. The children had many lovely thoughts to offer in their recitations, and the singing of the choir was uplifting to the spirits. Bro. Walter Rager's talk to the children portrayed the simple faith of children against the false teachings of the world.

Sis. Lois Newman and her husband, Warren, and Sis. Lydia Schlatter have recuperated sufficiently to again worship with us, for which we are so very thankful to our dear Lord and Father.

We are happy to welcome home our dear sister, Clara and brother, George Beard, and Robert . . . An added pleasure has been the return of our friends, Irene and B. J. Zeiglar . . . They all have returned from a winter in Florida.

#### FRANCESVILLE IN

Sharon Neihouser - Helen Huber

Love of all gifts is the greatest which the Spirit does bestow . . . Sis. Arlene Leman (Bro. Sid and

Sis. Fern) and Bro. Dave Metzger announced their engagement. We wish them God's richest blessings.

Sis. Anna Banwart is now residing in a nursing home near her daughter. Her address is Lawton Nursing Home, 1649 Spy Run Ave., Ft. Wayne IN 46805 . . . Sisters Emma Boehning and Perseida Aeschliman were hospitalized. We are happy to report that they are recovering.

Our only visiting minister this month was Bro. Jack Bollier (Leo). We are always thankful for those who stand before us, depending only on the Holy Spirit to direct them to give us what we need for our never-dying soul.

Our Bible Class visited Peoria on the week-end April 19 and 20. We thank them for their many efforts to make this a blessed week-end.

Bro. Dean Nussbaum and several others came on the week-end of April 19 and 20. On Saturday evening, he showed pictures of the Honduras area where many truck-loads of corn were taken to those stricken by the hurricane.

Bro. Rod and Sis. Mary Huber and their family are now making the Valpo church their "home" church. Sis. Cindy Huber has left, to work in Bloomington IL for Husbaum Trucking . . . We will miss them, but we know our loss is their gain.

#### WOLCOTT IN

Marjean Lehman - Arles Kropf

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

On April 13, Bros. Art Baurer of Princeville and Chuck Hemmer of Peoria ministered unto us, as we were gathered around God's holy word.

Bro. Frank Kyburz has made his residence in the Handicapped Home. Though the miles separate us for a time, God is with each of us always.

Ebert McGill was hospitalized for surgery. He is now improving for which we are thankful.

We now plan for the Sunday of June 8 for Open House, and the Sunday of June 22 for Dedication Services, for our enlarged and re-

finished church building. We extend an invitation to anyone in any of our churches to be with us for these occasions.

#### ELGIN IA Eleanor Butikofer

A man may go to heaven  
Without health  
Without wealth  
Without fame  
Without a great name  
Without learning  
Without big earning  
Without culture  
Without beauty  
Without friends  
Without ten thousand other  
things  
But he can never go to heaven  
without Christ!

We are sorry to inform you that our mother, Sis. Lizzie Schneider suffered a stroke on the first day of April and is still confined to the hospital at Postville Iowa. She has recovered to some extent, but is still very weak.

Our mid-week meetings at our church have been resumed since our snow and ice have disappeared from our highways. Our schedule has been to devote the first Wednesday of each month to singing, the next two to regular church services, and the last Wed. evening was Bible Study night. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bro. Lonnie Butikofer, son of the Bert Butikofer, is taking a course in nurse's aid work. Sis. Gloria Frieden is taking a course in LPN work at the area school located at Calmar Iowa . . . Sis. Sue Schneider is employed as a nurse at the Palmer Memorial Hospital at West Union, Iowa.

April is good for the body and the soul. It's a new beginning for God's world. Already we see tulips pushing their way through the earth, as though coaxed by the warm sun. Our lawn appears greener each day, and this evening for the first time this spring, a robin began a round of caroling close by. It really gave one a lift, so to speak. After the harsh winds of winter, it's like a benediction. May our Creator be praised for all of His gifts to man.

Having Bro. Leroy Messner from Winthrop as a guest minister was a real blessing for us. We thank him very kindly for coming

and for expounding the Scripture to us and we sincerely hope that the Messners will come again.

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

**Lorene Pfledderer - Elaine Anliker**

On April 5 and 6, the Purdue Group hosted college week-end. Saturday night, we enjoyed the group Bible studies, and the short messages shared with us by Ministering Bros. . . . Nathan Steffen (Elgin), Dave Wiegand (Urbana), Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest), Everett Hari (Bloomington), Steve Rinkenberger (Cissna Park), Bob Grimm (Goodfield), Gene Lehman (Wolcott), Alfred Bahler (Wolcott), Elmer Bucher (Francesville), and Edwin Bahler (Remington). With us for Sunday services were Ministering Bros. Dave Wiegand (Urbana) and Earl Kilgus (Remington). Our sincere thanks to these brethren who made our week-end a blessing.

Ministering brothers with us for Purdue services for the month of April were Ezra Feller (Cissna Park), Walt Steffen and Elmer Hartter (Milford).

A daughter, Cherise Johnell, was born to John and Cheryl Knobloch on April 21. Our warmest congratulations go to the new family.

**VALPARAISO IN**

**Marie Heinold - Cam Feller**

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. We enjoyed very much and thank Minister, Elmer Witzig and his Gridley companions for their April 13 visit, also our other visitors that day from Bluffton, Cissna Park, and Milford.

Elizabeth Martha came April 17 to bless the home of Keith and Sis. Susan Heinold. She has a brother, Michael, and sister, Melinda to also welcome her. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Ray and Sis. Marie Heinold.

Sis Alma Morris has been hospitalized again. We are happy to report she is improving and on her way home.

It's a pleasure to have Sis. Eva Drayer of Bluffton assemble with us each Sunday. She is living temporarily with her daughter in Highland.

Work while the night is dark'ning,  
When man's work is o'er.

Our prayers and deepest sympathies were extended to our dear friends, Dr. Jim and Sandie Staub, in the loss of Sandie's step-father, Bro. Ezra (Jack) Sutter from Tucson. Sandie's mother, Sis. Esther also was visiting with us for a short time. We pray for God's continual blessings and guidance in their time of need.

**ATHENS AL**

**Hazel Vibbert**

A meeting was held at the Athens church to discuss plans for a new church. (Bros.) David Bertsch, Ben Maibach, Gene Bertchi and John Wagler . . . spoke so many words of encouragement.

The ladies group had a Taco supper on the 12th, to raise money for flower and hospital gifts.

J. R. Hall was in the Medical Center Hospital, where he had back surgery on the 13th . . . Charles Vibbert was in the hospital for a week.

Sis. Corine Barnett's mother passed away April 13 and was laid to rest on the 15th. She had 3 daughters and 2 sons.

**Know Each Other Better**

I was asked to write why Bro. Henry Perry is always so happy; I am his daughter. I think both my parents are wonderful. It was a lot they couldn't give us, but we always had plenty of love. Henry Perry was born 1900, Dec. 10. He was married to Anis Brooks July 14, 1923.

"The next morning, we both went to the cottonfield where we worked many years, side by side. I did farming most of my life. We were blessed with 5 sons, James, Dewey, Billy, and Alford, and one son died at the age of 3; and we have 3 daughters, Rebecca Dupree, Corrine Thomas, and Hazel Vibbert. We have 23 grandchildren. My wife started going to people's homes when Bro. Otto Norr and Bro. Matt Wackerle came to Alabama, around 1940. Later some more brothers came down, and it came a time when they wanted to have church at our home. Some of these brothers would come out in the fields and walk along, while I plowed with an old mule . . . So finally began to ask questions. I knew I wanted to be saved; I am so thankful these dear brothers kept coming to our home. They just

wouldn't give up on me.

I started going to the Athens church with my wife and children. We lived 13 miles from the Athens church. We would walk about 3 miles to the highway and catch the bus when we had the money. A lot of times we would catch a ride . . . me and my wife was baptized in 1951. Bros. Henry Kilgus and Noah Bauman were our elders for a long time . . . and I thank the Lord for saving my soul and giving me peace within.

I got sick in 1961 with heart trouble and sugar, and had to quit work. For a few years I raised a big garden, and lots of peas . . . But the past few years I haven't been able to do this . . . So we moved into town at 510 Coleman Avenue. Now I enjoy walking to the nursing homes and hospital, and talking and praying with the people. Some folks call me the praying preacher. I am glad that I can still do something for the Lord, for he has done so much for me . . . and I would like for everyone to have the peace and love of God. I only regret not turning to the Lord sooner.

I ask all the Christians to pray for me, that I may live the rest of my days for the One who saved me. Praise the Lord forever. I have been blessed to meet and greet a lot of brothers and sisters, and I am always happy to see old friends or new faces. May God bless each one of you. Henry and Anis Perry."

**EUREKA IL**

**Cathryn Wettstein  
Salome Schumacher**

The Ministering Bros. have been: (Bros.) Sam Anliker—Lamont, Simon Wagonbach — Tremont.

Sunday, April 6 was the day set aside for Holy Communion. Bro. Sam Anliker assisted Bro. Leroy Huber. All were reminded of Christ's death and suffering. We should all be more diligent in serving and obeying Christ's commands, where He says, Love one another as I have loved you.

Our hospital patients were: Wilma Blackmore—a medical patient in Eureka . . . Sis. Sharon Stoller—a patient in Methodist; Bro. Robert is her husband . . . Bro. John Blunier—a patient in Methodist; he had a pin put in a broken hip. Don Wiegand, son of Bro. and

Sis. Robert and Helen, is repenting.

Janet Fehr and Tom Zimmerman were married by Leroy Huber at the Goodfield Fellowship Hall, Sat. April 19. Bro. and Sis. Ralph and Lula Fehr are her parents and Bro. and Sis. Orville and Lulu Zimmerman are his parents. They will be living in Eureka . . . Bro. John Hartter and Sis. Beverly Stock of Cissna Park, who were married last month are living in Eureka. We welcome Sis. Beverly to our congregation.

Sis. Lena Schieber, age 94, passed away April 17 at the "Home". Her funeral was at Congerville church on Sunday. She had lived in the "Home" for 7½ years. We will miss her, but we believe she has gone to her **Eternal Home** now.

A baby boy was born April 6 to Bro. and Sis. Roger and Ila Bradle; he has been named Nathan Dean. He has one brother . . . A baby girl was born April 22 to Allan and Nathalia Getz.

She has been named Natalie Anna. She was born April 22, has 3 brothers and one sister who say **Welcome**.

Deborah Hinrichsen was married to Robert Ulrich April 12. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Thurman and Ladine Hinrichsen. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ulrich of Eureka. They will be living near El Paso, IL.

#### GIRARD OH

Louisa B. Lance

"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."

On March 30, we were glad to have with us Bro. Vernon Leman from Eureka. We wish to thank him for bringing us the word of God.

On Sunday April 6, we were pleased to have a number of families from Rittman come and worship with us. We thank the Lord for each one that comes to hear the precious word.

We are thankful that Sis. Esther Saylor is able to come and worship with us again.

One of our ministering brothers, Jess Emch has been very ill. He is now improving, and being cared for in the home of his daughter and

son-in-law, Mildred and Bill Bell, 765 Glenpark, Youngstown Ohio. I am sure a card would be appreciated . . . Sis. Minna Emch has been on the sick list also.

Born to Jack and Lynda Emch, a little daughter, Joanne Frances, April 13; the paternal grandmother is Sis. Minna Emch. I am sure Jack will be glad when he can return from Germany, where he is in the service.

#### KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Libby Meyer

We enjoyed many teachings about the return of our Lord, from Bros. Joe Aberle and Sam Huber. It seems that God reveals more and more of the great mysteries in His holy word as time passes on. We know that surely these things will all come to pass.

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

#### LESTER IA

Alice Metzger - Donna Metzger

In this beautiful season of the year, we observe Mother's Day. God had a reason for providing mothers, and I am thankful to Him for my lovely mother. It seemed to me, as I grew up, that she was fully 'tuned in' to God at all times. Do our children see in us this same source of strength?

This is graduation time, and with a prayer in our hearts, we wish them well as they take their places in this troubled day and time. Our high school graduates are: Roy Metzger (Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn), Lyle Metzger (Bro. Emil and Sis. Flora), Greg Gerber (Bro. John and Sis. Donna), Tom Knobloch (Bro. Nathan and Sis. Irene), Darrel Feucht (Bro. Carl and Sis. Emma), Rodney Mogler (Bro. Howard and Sis. Lolly), Scott Moser (Bro. Ade and Lydia), Ronda Knobloch (Bro. Alfred and Sis. Lucy), Lois Leuthold (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estelle), Mavis Wulf (Bro. Jake and Sis. Alice), June Mogler (Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia), and Lori Knobloch (Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary Ellen).

College graduates are Delbert Knobloch (Sis. Iola), from the School of Pharmacy at SDSU; Sheila Moser (Bro. Ade and Lydia), a degree in physical education from Buena Vista College; Sis. Beth

Metzger (Bro. Fred and Sis. Esty), an RN degree from the Sioux Valley School of Nursing; and Sis. Judy Metzger (Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn), a degree in nutrition from SDSU. Judy will be serving an internship at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. May they all put their trust in God as they step into their various duties.

We were privileged to hear the testimonies of faith of three young couples. It was an inspiration to hear of their complete surrender to Almighty God. Proved and baptized were Sandy and Ronnie Feucht, Chuck and Vicki Leuthold, and Steve and Rose Knobloch. Elder Bro. Gene Marti, Sabetha, assisted our Elder Bro. Leo Moser in this work. Other ministers in our midst were (Bros.) Noah Gerber, West Bend; Joe Stoller, Princeville; Nathan Stoller, Bradford (Vicki's father); and Bro. Silas Leuthold (Chuck's grandfather).

Lori Knobloch, daughter of Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary Ellen, has turned to God in repentance. How thankful we are that the door of grace is still open, and how we pray that so many more will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Sis. Darlene Wulf, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Leona, and Bro. Arden Stoller (Bern) had their betrothal announced. A summer wedding is planned.

A third daughter was welcomed into the family of Bro. Dennis and Sis. Shirley Kellenberger. Tara Lyn was born April 11. Grandparents are Bro. Henry and Sis. Elaine Kellenberger and Bro. and Sis. Chuck Koehl, Morris.

Among the sick are hospital patients Barb Metzger, Louella Kellenberger (Leroy), Bro. Ted Gerber, and Carter Leuthold, son of Larry and Mardi. Sis. Carrie Metzger is showing improvement, but still must remain in the hospital.

#### ROANOKE IL

Mae Kae Hodel - Edith Sauder

Faith is contagious! You have to come in contact with it to catch it.

Bro. Dan Fehr (Bro. Carl and Sis. Louise) and Sis. Dianne Whited (Mr. and Mrs. Lester Whited) have been announced to be married. May God's richest blessings be

theirs as they establish a Christian home.

Blessed rest, when earthly toil is ended, shall be mine in all eternity . . . thus sang the choir for the funeral services for Bro. Fred Herbst, April 19. He is survived by one daughter, Sis. Norene; one brother Nick; three sisters, Sisters Mattie Leman, Anna (Happy) Hodel, and Esther Klaus. Just the Sunday before, he came to church all day. It was his wish to stay all day. He had been at home or hospitalized most of the winter.

Our visiting ministers have been Bros. Gerald Sutter (Taylor) and Marvin Schmidgal (Eureka). We thank them for sharing the word with us.

Sis. Kathy (Tom) Hoffman was hospitalized, but is home again.

Our dear friend, Debbie (Moser) Rippon has repented and will give her testimony April 26.

Sis. Annie Leman has returned to her home from the Restmor Home at Morton. While she was there, her sister Mary wrote this poem . . .

### The Nursing Home

What do we find in a nursing home  
As through its halls we chance to  
    roam?  
We see faces, smiling and glad;  
We see faces lonely, and sometimes  
    sad.  
Each has a message for you and for  
    me,  
That tells us how thankful we  
    should be  
That nursing homes have been pre-  
    pared,  
Where love and friendship can be  
    shared  
Between residents and visitors too,  
Which lifts the spirit, gives cour-  
    age anew.  
The nurses and workers are chan-  
    nels of blessing;  
Each act of kindness is a welcome  
    caressing,  
And though tears may fall like the  
    gentle rain,  
Suddenly, the sun will shine again,  
And a beautiful rainbow forms in  
    the sky—  
Take courage! All is well! God  
    reigns on high!  
He gives protection; He hears  
    when you call,  
And His healing wings spread over  
    you all.

In the Garden of your hearts roses  
    are blooming;  
Tis an atmosphere where the birds  
    are singing,  
And the colors take on a brighter  
    hue,  
For the world is richer with friends  
    like you.

Our little newcomers are . . .  
Aaron Anthony Blakey was born to  
Mr. and Mrs. Everett Blakey.  
Grandparents are Bro. Eugene and  
Sis. Dorothy Bertchi and Mrs. Mar-  
garet Blakey.

Nathan Joe Sauder was born to  
Bro. Bob and Sis. Jan Sauder April  
19. Little Brad welcomed him  
home. Grandparents are Bro. How-  
ard and Sis. Edith Sauder and Mr.  
and Mrs. Tino Monge . . . Bartley  
Jacob was born to Bro. David and  
Sis. Maxine Hodel April 22. Andy  
welcomed him home. Grandparents  
are Bro. Stan and Sis. Verna Hodel  
and Bro. Ervin and Sis. Alice  
Kempf.

"We wish to extend our sincere  
thanks to our friends, neighbors  
and relatives for all the thought-  
ful expressions of kindness shown  
during the illness and death of my  
father and our brother and also for  
the kindness shown him through-  
out his life." Norene Herbst, E. L.  
(Nick) Herbst, Mrs. Mattie Leman,  
Mrs. Anna Hodel, Mrs. Esther  
Klaus.

### SARASOTA FL Linda Miller

Lord, for Thy fold Thou dost pre-  
    pare  
A right unto Thy kingdom there,  
A treasure and possession.  
The second death I need not fear,  
For immortality is near;  
Thy death gives us salvation.  
I am redeemed! Thy mortal pain  
Has brought for me eternal gain.

The Easter season has come and  
gone, yet the pain Christ suffered  
lays on our hearts throughout all  
the days and nights. Our Easter  
was shared with many visitors.  
Gathering with us and laboring for  
the Lord were: Elder Bro. Daniel  
Koch, Tremont; Irvin Stoller, Lat-  
ty; Elias Somerhalder, Eureka.  
May the Lord bless them for their  
love and deeds of kindness.

We would like to give a loving  
welcome to two new families to  
Sarasota. Now with us are Bro.

Richard and Sis. Aldine Martin and  
their three children, Pat, Rod and  
Doug . . . also Bro. Glenn and Sis.  
Sandy Price and their children,  
Krista and Kristine.

Due to our growth, it has been  
seen fit to hold a third Sunday  
School class. Sis. Cindy Maibach  
has volunteered her work and is  
teaching ages 3 thru 6 (Cindy will  
teach until she leaves to return to  
Detroit). Sis. Linda Miller is now  
teaching ages 7 to 13. Bro. Dave  
Eisenmann teaches the class of 14  
thru high school.

Our heartfelt love and prayers  
go out to Sis. Lorene Maibach, who  
was hospitalized due to foot sur-  
gery. Lorene is recovering nicely  
and has returned to our congrega-  
tion with the help of a walker.

Our sympathies go out to Bro.  
Bob Reiman in the loss of his  
brother in the North.

Bro. Phil Wingeier wishes to let  
it be known in July, he and Sis.  
Fern will be traveling to Alto, for a  
few weeks to be with their family.  
They will be with us the first Sun-  
day of July, and plan to leave  
shortly thereafter. Any ministers  
that may be in our area or have an  
interest are invited to come and  
fellowship with us, that we may  
continue to hear the word.

As spring is here and summer is  
close, many of our winter people  
are leaving to return North. Our  
love goes with them, as well as our  
prayers for a safe journey. We  
pray that we may meet again soon  
for more of their loving fellowship.

### WICHITA KS Glenis Allenbach

God is a just God. When he  
closes one door he opens another.  
It was given woman to bear chil-  
dren, but she was also given mo-  
ther love . . .

. . . This is the season we honor  
our mothers. I would like to make  
this my theme.

I was fortunate to have a Chris-  
tian mother, and also a Christian  
grandmother who lived with us  
for some years.

Grandma lived to be almost  
90 years of age, and my mother  
tells how, during her last years she  
used to lay at night and raise her  
arms to heaven and pray for the  
Lord to take her home. I think  
she would have agreed with the  
following poem about a woman  
grown old.

The day is nearly done, and as  
The evening shadows creep—  
Each tiny bird will seek a nest,  
Each child, upon a mother's breast  
Will fall asleep.

Remembering the friends passed by,  
The dear ones that have left  
Their earthly home, I do not cry—  
They live beneath a bluer sky, and  
I am not bereft!

I smile, for smiling comes to me,  
As dew comes to the flowers.  
I look on life, as one apart,  
And in the stillness of my heart,  
I count the hours . . .

I know they're many of you  
brothers and sisters who have lost  
your Christian mother's.

Somewhere back of the sunset,  
when the evening shadows fall,  
There is a heart that listens, and  
answers my own heart's  
call . . .

Somewhere kind hands are waiting,  
a face that is filled with love  
Looks down at me very sweetly  
from a wonderful Home above.

Somewhere back of the sunset, the  
prayers that we breathe shall  
rise,

And rest, like a kiss that is gentle,  
on a pair of joy-filled eyes—  
Somewhere back of the sunset,  
when the evening shadows fall,  
There is a heart that listens and  
answers my own heart's call!

I was talking to a believer just  
this evening, and she related what  
a blessed day she had experienced.  
She said it came to her early this  
morning, how fortunate she was  
to have been given another day of  
life in which to serve the Lord.  
She especially thanked the Lord  
for this. Later, she was given op-  
portunity to witness and felt doors  
were opened to her. Her enthusi-  
asm was contagious. Isn't it won-  
derful what Christian fellowship  
can do! How often do we close the  
door ourselves, to His blessings?

The Bible is a treasure. It con-  
tains the secret of happy living. It  
contains the key to heaven. It con-  
tains the title deeds of an inheri-  
tance uncorruptible, and that fad-  
eth not away.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

## AKRON OH

Linda Pamer

We thank these brothers for vis-  
iting and ministering to us: Bros.  
Roy Luginbuhl (Rockville), Don  
Sauder and Ben Fehr (Roanoke),  
Jim Ramseyer (Bay City), and  
Henry Dotterer (Rittman).

Asleep in Jesus! Blessed sleep,  
From which none ever wakes to  
weep!

A calm and undisturbed repose,  
Unbroken by the last of foes.

This hymn was sung at the fun-  
eral of our dear Sis. Frida Gruen-  
ig, who passed away after a rather  
long illness. We sympathize with  
her cousins, Sis. Margaret  
Gruenig and Mrs. Ella Messner.  
Surviving are two brothers and  
two sisters living in Switzerland.

Hospital patients have been Sis-  
ters Carolyn Miller, Grace Schuck-  
ert, Marie Dakovich, and Anna  
VonGuten.

## PORTLAND OR

Mrs. Don Cremer

What a blessing it was to have  
Bro. Walter Steffen (Milford) with  
us the week-end of April 5 and 6.  
We thank them for visiting Port-  
land and for Bro. Walter minister-  
ing the word to us that Sunday. A  
pot-luck supper was enjoyed that  
evening, with the Silverton breth-  
ren also present.

Many thanks to Bro. Ed Knecht  
and family for visiting us one Sun-  
day, from Silverton, and for Bro.  
Ed's ministry to us.

May the mighty hand of the Lord  
continue upholding the dear ones  
who are ill. Bro. Paul and Sis. Ann  
Rumbold have undergone hospitali-  
zation and need our prayer support.  
Bro. Garth Steffen was taken ill  
. . . and I am glad to report he is  
improving. Our afflictions, whether  
physical or spiritual, can bring us  
trying times, but through it we  
learn what the Lord had for us.  
These times increase our faith in  
His power and lead us to trust Him  
more each day . . . Especially to ap-  
preciate what we have all the more.  
The Lord's ways are so far beyond  
ours that we can hardly understand  
what is happening. He loves us so  
much and gives us His strength to  
overcome, and in the end we know  
we have changed and learned the  
valuable lesson He had for us. We  
can only praise Him for being the  
Lord of our lives!

## MORTON IL

Emma Knapp - Peggy Joos

"The cup of blessing which we  
bless, is it not the communion of  
the blood of Christ? The bread  
which we break, is it not the com-  
munion of the body of Christ? For  
we being many are one bread, and  
one body: for we are all partakers  
of that one bread." On April 6 we  
were privileged to partake in the  
holy communion, which is for us a  
close spiritual relationship. Elder  
Bros. Eugene Bertchi and Edwin  
Ringger assisted our own Elder  
Bro. Joe Braker and Bro. Henry  
Grimm Sr. with this impressive  
ceremony.

Our last monthly hymn-sing for  
this season was held on April 13.  
Singing hymns and praises to God  
proves to be spiritually uplifting.

We were happy to have visitors  
among us in April, especially our  
visiting ministers: Elder Bros. Eu-  
gene Bertchi (Roanoke) and Ed-  
win Ringger (Gridley), and Bros.  
John J. Bollier (Leo), Ronald Hein-  
iger and William Kupferschmid  
(Normal).

God has brought sunshine into  
homes of our congregation. April  
13, Bro. Doug and Sis. Gerry Kruse  
welcomed their first little daugh-  
ter, April Ann into their family.  
Grandparents are Bro. Dale and  
Sis. Joyce Domnick and Walter and  
Jean McConkey. Great-grandpar-  
ents are Bro. Henry and Sis. Kath-  
ryn Grimm Sr., Sis. Ruth Domnick,  
Mrs. Frieda Kruse and Mrs. Ger-  
trude Ziemont. . . Alan and Sherry  
welcomed their new baby brother,  
Michael Jay into their family April  
17. Happy parents are Bro. Gary  
and Sis. Mary Kay Rumbold.  
Grandparents are Bro. Walter and  
Sis. Wilmina Anliker and Bro. Leo  
and Sis. Beulah Funk. Great-grand-  
parents are Bro. Levi and Sis. Della  
Anliker (Eureka) and Sis. Kathryn  
Martin (Cissna Park).

Rebecca Joos and Michael Win-  
ter made their vows of holy matri-  
mony and were united in marriage  
on April 19. Parents are Paul and  
Sis. Margaret Holliger Joos and  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Winter of  
East Peoria.

Our hospital patients are: Arch  
Knapp, Bro. Frank Bauman, and  
Sisters Rose Getz, Rose Musselman,  
Levina Kilgus, Elsie Landes and  
Salome Beyer. Those who submit-  
ted to surgery were Lillian Mathis  
and Bros. Sam Rapp, Levi Ricketts

and John J. Getz. Sis. Emma Paluska has been recovering in the Washington Nursing Home. We feel her absence among our congregation.

"I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to our ministers, friends and relatives for their prayers, visits, cards, and gifts at home and in the hospital." Kathryn Jacob.

**BERN KS**

**Esther and Stella Moser**

On a Sunday, Elder Bro. Gene Marti helped our Elder Lester Hartter serve Holy Communion. In our mind's eye we looked to the Cross at Calvary, where our Lord hung and died.

Did we ever stop to think what role we would have taken at the time our Lord was crucified? Would we have been of those that stood afar and only watched? . . . as the trend is now days, not getting involved.

April 5, Sis. Pearl Meyer's youngest son, Keith, was married to Debra Ronnebaum. Pearl is moving into her new home in Bern, and Keith and Debbie will live on the homeplace.

The engagement of Bro. Arden Stoller to Sis. Darlene Wulf (Lester) was announced. Parents are Bro. Harlan and Sis. Pearl, Bro. Wilhelm and Sis. Leona.

Bro. Alpha and Sis. Mamie Strahm are first-time grandparents. Brian Scott was born April 4 to Sis. Ada Jean and Bro. Don Plattner. Paternal grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Marie, Sabetha.

Sis. Arlene Esslinger wishes to extend her thanks to everyone who remembered her with prayers, cards and letters during surgery and recovery.

A little over three years since we moved into our new church building. . . There has been an extra, vacant chair near the pulpit. It was decided now was the time to seek someone to occupy it. After a time of prayerful thought and consideration, this duty fell upon Bro. John Lehman. I am sure he has the prayerful support of the entire congregation, and may the Lord grant the necessary grace, strength, courage and patience to both Bro. John and Sis. Connie to carry out their new duties. Bro. John has been the efficient Social Science

teacher in the Effingham Schools for the past 7 years. John, Connie and wee Natalie will move to Sabetha June 1, where he will also assume the duties as supervisor of the A. C. Home.

We enjoyed the unexpected visit of Bro. Roy Luginbuhl (Rockville). On a business trip to Kansas City, he sought a place to worship with souls of like mind. We received a blessing through his message, and he then told us a little of the experiences of Elder Bro. Bahler in Romania, how those of our faith are not allowed to assemble, not even in homes. The churches are used as warehouses. We cannot appreciate the freedom of worship we enjoy.

**BREMEN IN  
Marian Germann**

Jesus died and paid it all,  
On the cross of Calvary,  
And my stony heart was melted  
At His dying call.  
O His heart in shame was broken  
On the tree for you and me,  
And the debt is cancelled.  
Jesus paid it all . . .

Isn't it great to know that Jesus did pay the price of redemption for each and every person . . . This thought has really been evident in our congregation. The week-end of April 5 and 6, we were privileged to have Elder Bros. Dan Koch of Tremont and Wendell Gudeman of Francesville with us for the testimonies and baptism of five dear souls. The testimonies of each were very inspiring and uplifting, and on Sunday we witnessed their baptism. We welcome into the brotherhood: Doug Suttor (Bro. Al, Sis. Verla); Mark Sauder (Bro. Gene, Sis. Kate); Betsy Zimmer (Bro. Bill, Sis. Ann); Gayle Zeltwanger (Bro. Earl, Sis. Marge); and Shirley Meister (Roy and Esther).

On the week-end of April 19 and 20, we were privileged to listen to the inspiring words and music of the Mortonaires. We really enjoyed the fellowship with our brothers and sisters from Morton. We were also privileged to have Elder Bro. Joe Braker and Bro. Russ Rapp minister God's word to us in very loving and kind messages.

God's healing hand has been upon Bro. Lou Gerber, as he is now home recuperating, after a gall

bladder operation at Mayo Clinic. God also touched Bro. Ed Germann. We pray God will bring further His healing hand upon Bro. Silas Laidig and Sis. Mary Ann Steele. We rejoice that Bro. Dan Germann celebrated his 86th birthday on April 19. He received many nice cards and letters.

I just praise God, that when we ask Him into our hearts, we may live with Him forever, instead of forever wishing we had. Jesus did pay it all!

**BURLINGTON IA**

**Edna Pohl - Elaine Eisenmann**

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Our recent mid-week service was especially good, in that our new elder, Bro. Ed Lanz and outgoing elder, Bro. Noah Shrock served us with spiritual food. As members came from several distances a storm raged with rain and electric velocity. All made it safely in God's house of worship.

The changing of shepherds of God's flock was impressive, where the Burlington congregation joined Oakville in the service. The many years Bro. Noah served God and us, brought tears to many eyes as his service ended. We hope he'll yet be in our service to minister God's word. God bless his faithful helpmate, Sis. Hattie. May God also be with our young Bro. Ed and Sis. Joanne in taking over these duties.

The day to honor and remember our mothers always brings a nostalgic feeling to me, death having taken her while we were but 8 years of age and younger sisters . . . Just getting to know the meaning of mother and her care of us 10 children. I remember her working in the garden. Even the first night she was gone, I went to the back yard where my father had a hobby of special rabbits, and happily saw her hoeing in that garden, only to awaken from a dream. One day she gave us, 3 little sisters, a cookie bearing her name, which father had brought from the store. God bless our mothers, forgetting themselves in caring for others.

Our mother was raised in Gridley, Kans., and her father was born in Alsace-Lorraine, near the French-German border, coming to this



country as a young man, and became a minister of God's gospel. The book of the Bluffton Church's beginning is very interesting; many souls came from Switzerland and many hardships by boat and sickness on land. But for God's grace, we could yet be led by the blind.

A sister told of taking a plane flight home with her little granddaughter from Elkhart, Ind. As they flew homeward, the 4-yr.-old Angela was excited at going thru the clouds, and said, we're up in the sky, . . . where is Jesus? Gran'ma answered, **He's up a little higher.** The child wondered, **Can you ask them to go a little higher?** Being taught in Sunday School, she remembered Jesus is in the heavens.

### CONGERVILLE IL

Mary Schrock — Mary Leman

#### Kind Hands

Those kind hands seem to linger  
yet;

It's hard to grasp they're gone,  
And yet today at the noontime sun  
The Master called them Home.

The world kept going around I  
guess,

Though it seemed with a heavier  
note,

And sorrows that her passing  
brought

Wrapped round me like a coat.

We rejoice that she did teach us  
The way that we should go,  
And on us to the very end  
Much love and patience did bestow.

It's a blessing that she went to  
sleep

Without great throes of pain,  
But to seek to fulfill the space  
she left

Would be to seek in vain.

Those kind hands seem to linger  
still;

It's hard to grasp they're gone,  
And yet today at the noontime  
sun,

The Master called her Home.

This poem was written by a grandchild of Sis. Lena Schieber, age 94, who passed away April 17. She had been a resident at the Eureka Apostolic Home for 7½ years. Surviving are four sons, Bro. Vic-

tor, Morton; Bro. Carl, Danvers; Bro. Harvey, Congerville; Bro. Harold, Carlock; 2 daughters, Sis. Emma Schieber, Congerville, and Mrs. Esther Troike, Belvidere. Her husband, Bro. John preceded her in death. Bro. Joe Zimmerman (Morton) had the funeral services. Other visiting ministers were Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest) Don Sauder (Roanoke) and our Elder Bro. Josh Broquard.

April 19 was the wedding day of Tom Zimmerman (son of Bro. Orville and Sis. Lulu) and Janet Fehr (daughter of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Lulu) of Eureka.

We are very happy for our newly-engaged couples. Bro. Dennis Knapp (son of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Janette) to Sis. Gay Fanning (who is living with Bro. Duane and Sis. Lois Steffen) . . . and Steve Dietrich (son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Sarah) to Paula Peterson (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Peterson). We want to extend to these couples our sincere wishes for a happy life together.

Hospitalized for surgery was Carl Eglin and Bro. Emil Stahl. Both seem to be getting along fine.

"We would like to give a thank you for the expressions of love and sympathy shown during the time of our dear mother's illness and death." The Minnie Shurter family.

### CROGHAN NY

Alice Virkler

A beloved brother-in-faith was called Home on April 10, at the age of 81 years. Reuben Farney passed away in the hospital, where he had been a patient twelve days. He faithfully served our congregation many years as a Sunday School teacher and an usher. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Lovina, his son, Urban of Croghan, and his daughters, Mrs. Kathryn (Harold) Virkler of Fayetteville, and Mrs. Elizabeth (Richard) Babel of New Woodstock. He is survived by a brother and sister, Bro. Herman and Sis. Katie of our congregation. Funeral services were held by Bro. Leland Hirschey on Sunday afternoon, April 13 . . . Clinton Virkler was called from this life on April 22. He was 82 years old. Funeral services were held on April 25 at the Virkler Funeral Home, by Bro. Dale Eisen-

mann of Chicago. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Minnie; his daughter, Mrs. Eulene Bush; and his brother and sister, Floyd Virkler and Nina Virkler, all of Lowville . . . May each of those who have been bereft of a loved one find strength and comfort in the word of God.

We received many blessings through God's spoken word, when our Elder Bro. John Bahler of Rockville visited on a Wednesday evening and we could assemble with the Naumburg congregation.

Our mid-week services have begun for the summer months. They are held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening, and we alternate with the Naumburg congregation. Any visitors passing through our area would be welcome to worship with us.

Clifford Lehman and Cathy Virkler were united in marriage April 19. Parents of the couple are Norman and Alice Lehman of Castorland, and Bro. Clyde and Sis. Lois Virkler. Sis. Barbara Bachman of the Naumburg congregation and Sis. Sarah Virkler of our congregation are grandmothers to Cliff and Cathy. May this young couple seek God's guidance as they begin their new home together.

Bro. Bernard Martin has been able to assemble with us, after many weeks of absence because of major surgery. He is much improved. Betty Schneider returned home to her family, and has assembled with us, after having been in traction for nearly three weeks. Bro. Clyde Virkler was hospitalized a few days and on crutches for a hip problem. He has been able to return to his Sunday School class. Bro. Leon Ebersol was able to assemble with us on the Sunday he and his wife, Sis. Mabel, served lunch. He was hospitalized as a medical patient for several days, and is feeling much better. Sis. Barbara Virkler and Lucy Woolschlager have been able to return to their respective homes, following hospital confinements of several weeks. We miss them in our assembly. Little Todd Farney, son of Duane and Karen, was a hospital patient a few days. How thankful we are when we can see a measure of good health restored to these loved ones and can meet and greet many of them again on Sunday.

## GRIDLEY KS

Julie Strahm - Wilma Young

Do not be over-anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own cares. Cares enough, for each day, gather their own troubles and trials. How many times in our childhood years did our parents quiet us in trying to smooth over our overanxious little minds with similar comforting words. No doubt, knowledge of such cherished wisdom was given to them by our Heavenly Father and Continual Counsellor. We cannot undo wrongful foolish acts, or unsay those words we said, but with continual prayer and a willing heart we can committ ourselves into the hands of a **Mighty Love**, who can bring **honey from a Rock**. With continual striving, may this be our goal; for . . . yesterday was ours, but now it belongs to God!

Our little congregation has been blessed with so many like-minded visitors. We feel so lifted and want to share them with others: Those from Gridley (IL), Lamar, Garden Grove, West Bend, Sabetha, Wichita and Lamont have spent precious hours assembling with us. We are so thankful for those who remember us, and wish to extend a gracious welcome anytime to anyone who wishes to come.

Sis. Dora Young, of Wichita has spent the past month here with her daughter and son-in-law, Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten Strahm, awaiting an appointment with a doctor of orthopedics in Emporia. Dora has been suffering for sometime from complications, following surgery of her right hip, which was performed sometime ago in Phoenix.

## JUNCTION OH

Benita Schlatter - Betty Manz

We enjoyed having Bros. Loren Stoller (Latty) and Marvin Stieglitz (Leo) with us during our monthly singing.

## Know Each Other Better

Bro. Henry Manz was born in Archbold, Ohio (Fulton Co.) in 1893. When he was 7 years old, his parents moved, with their seven children, to Paulding County. In 1908 and 1909, the family was affected by typhoid fever. Within five months four of the children had died, one little girl dying on

her 9th birthday. All but the mother became sick with typhoid. At one time, Henry's father was so sick that one of the children died a week before he was aware of it. After the fourth child had died, a new baby was born to the family within the week.

In 1914, Henry found the grace to repent. Henry thought that when he gave his testimony before the church, he would have to make a confession of his sins to the church. Finally, he told his mother he felt he was ready to do this, at which time she said this wasn't required of him. It is the willingness that is important for our salvation. He went to Mansfield to work for his Uncle Ben Dotterer for awhile, and in 1918 he went to the Army.

When Bro. Henry felt the need for a helpmate, he prayed for guidance, which was answered with a vision. He saw a face but didn't recognize it, and a voice told him that this was the person for him, but it wasn't the right time yet. Several months later the identity of the person was revealed to him, and in 1923 he married Lena Suttor from Latty. (Also within the year, 1923, there were three other marriages between Junction and Latty—Andrew Dotterer and Leona Stoller, August Lauhkuf and Martha Dotterer, and Mike Stoller and Magdalena Manz.)

Bro. Henry and Sis. Lena were blessed with four children, all of them members of our church. Four of his 19 grandchildren are members. He also has three great-grandchildren.

In 1964 Sis. Lena passed away, after a lingering illness of 8 years. Bro. Henry and his daughters cared for her during this time. The last two years prior to her death, she was unable to talk and would write what she wanted to say. In 1971, Bro. Henry went on a European trip, and found the place in Switzerland where his father was born.

June 3, 1951, Bro. Henry became a minister and served us until his stroke in 1973. After working as a farmer all his life, it has been hard for him to be unable to work, but the Lord has been with him.

## HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

A Frenchman is quoted, "What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?" Numerous

places in Scripture substantiate this truth. That wisdom has value is established in Proverbs, where it says that attaining wisdom is better than attaining gold . . . What really is wisdom, that admirable quality with which Solomon was blest? Is it the ability to embrace those qualities which enable one to use knowledge in such a way we may "do all things to the glory of God"? If kindness then falls into a category of such great worth, surely it is a virtue worth striving for.

The Congerville, Goodfield, Morton, and Tremont ministers and congregations have lent themselves for the Friday evening services during April. We wish it were possible to convey adequate thanks to all who continuously take their turns.

The special features on the April calendar included. April 3—A visit from a singing group, April 22—Film of a California trip, April 24—Field trip to a Morton High School Activity.

A two-week resident at our Home is Janet Martin Schubert of Peoria. It is a pleasure to have her with us.

Our concerned prayers are with Dean Stoller as he undergoes eye surgery in Chicago.

This month we wish to introduce the following residents: Ruth Ann Klopfenstein, daughter of the Aaron Klopfensteins of Grabill; Willis Belsley, son of the late Joe and Emma Belsley of Morton; Edith Wagenbach, daughter of John and Bertha Wagenbach of Oakville; Edward Getz, son of the late Sam and Eunice Altorfer Getz of Peoria; Maretta Rokey, daughter of the Roy Rokeys of Sabetha; Dwight Schmeckpeper, son of the Walter Schmeckpepers of Steger, IL; Charlene Hirstein, daughter of Walter and the late Irene Stoller of Morton; Ruth Ann Schwartz, daughter of Edward and Josephine Schwartz of Bluffton; Shirley Ann Pfeifer, daughter of Ernest and Emma Pfeifer of Knox, IN; Jane Aberle, daughter of Alpha and Irene Aberle of Sabetha.

Frank Kyburz, son of Mrs. Lena Honegger Kyburz and the late Sam Kyburz of East Peoria is the latest new resident.

In attempting to show brotherly kindness to one another, let us remember that we are what we are

in God's sight, no more & no less. Praise makes us no better; criticism makes us no worse.

### LA CROSSE IN

Lorene Moser - Marilyn Zeltwanger

A mother's love is something that no one can explain;  
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain.  
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may,  
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away.  
It still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation,  
A many-splendored miracle man cannot understand,  
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

To Him whence come all gifts and graces, let us give praise with all our power— Many thanks to Bros. Frederick Knapp and Vernon Wettstein (Congerville) for expounding the teachings of the Lord unto us Sun. April 6. We are grateful for our fellowship and this wonderful heritage we have . . .

Dismissed from the hospital and assembling with us again are Bro. Gilbert Nuest and Bro. Phil Troxel—who submitted to surgery on his leg. Bro. Henry and Sis. Bertha Heiniger are staying at Knox Nursing Home.

Jesus was born to die, and we are born to live—Bro. Elmer Bucher (Francesville) had inspiring services for afternoon worship April 13. The children of Bro. Bert and Sis. Marie Bucher gathered together to observe the birthdays of their parents. God has blessed Bro. Bert and Sis. Marie with 61½ years of wedded bliss.

God has sent a precious bundle of joy—Baby girl, Jamie Lynn was born March 28 to James and Linda Albrecht. Todd and Tim welcomed their new sister. Grandparents are Bro. Orié and Sis. Louise Heinold and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raffity.

God directs His children to different communities. It is with sorrow in our hearts that Bro. Steve and Sis. Vicki Bucher and children, Chris & Dana, plan to move to Washington, IL. Steve has taken employment in Peoria . . . A number from our midst attended the wedding of Bro. Glen Heinold to Sis. Sandy Moser, April 20. May God bless them as they start a new

life together, and we welcome Sandy to our congregation.

A short time ago, our hearts were cleansed by taking of the Holy Sacrament . . . Our church was renewed in our annual cleaning, which many loved ones were willing to help Monday evening and Tuesday all day.

### MILFORD IN

Linda Beer - Nettie Haab

“. . . Except ye . . . become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.” This verse came to my mind, riding in the car one day when our daughter was 3 years old. I warned her to stay away from the door, as it might open and she would be run over. She replied, “That's okay Mommy, Jesus would come and get me.” The faith of a child—such complete trust with no worrying, a lesson for us as God's children.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Jane Price have a precious bundle in their home, their first. Jeremy David's grandparents are Bro. Glen and Sis. Kate Price of Milford and Bro. Chris and Sis. Emma Knapp of Morton.

### A Parent's Prayer

I do not ask for riches for my children,  
Nor even recognition for their skill;  
I only ask that Thou wilt give them  
A heart completely yielded to Thy will.  
I do not ask for wisdom for my children  
Beyond discernment of Thy grace;  
I only ask that Thou wilt use them  
In Thine own appointed place.  
I do not ask for favors for my children  
To set them on Thy left hand or Thy right,  
But may they join the throng in heaven  
That sings before Thy throne so bright.  
I do not seek perfection in my children,  
For then my own faults I would hide;  
I only ask that we might walk together  
And serve our Saviour side by side.

Our high school graduates are Bonnie Steffen (Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy), Sue Speicher (Bro. Lou and Sis. Mim), Peg Beer (Bro. Phil and Sis. Millie), Sis. Coleen Beer (Bro. Jesse and Sis. Shirley), Steve Beer (Bro. Cap and Sis. Maryan), Tim Campbell (Phil and Clarann), and Rich Wuthrich (Pete and Marilyn). May they seek godly wisdom in their walk of life.

### NAUMBURG NY

Eleanor Herzig

We can rejoice that our friend, Anita Meeker, wife of Bro. Charles, has found the need and grace to turn to the Lord in repentance, and is now awaiting baptism.

Our Sunday School children presented a small program on Easter.

We were blessed on Wednesday evening, April 16, when our Elder Bro. John Bahler was with us and ministered the good word unto us.

Bro. Elmer Taube is now home from the hospital again, but is still unable to assemble with us. Hospitalized were Sis. Jane Demorest, for surgery, John Schulz (Norman and Mary), Sis. Rozella Schulz, Sis. Lucy Hany, and Roy Sturtz. Also hospitalized were little Aaron Hirschey (Bruce and Gayle), and little Mark Herzig (Bro. Ronald and Sis. Eleanor).

NEW MARTINSVILLE WV  
Minnie Weltz — Della Witschey

Memory of Mother  
Della Witschey

Anne Elizabeth Emch Witschey was born in Switzerland on Feb. 22, 1850, and came to the United States at the age of three, the daughter of the Benedict Emch family; they settled in Wetzel County, about six miles from New Martinsville. She was united in marriage to John E. Witschey in 1876, and to this union were born twelve children. Two died in infancy, and all have passed away except Miss Della, who was the youngest member of the family.

In early years she repented, and was baptized in the German Baptist Church, now known as the Apostolic Christian Church, and remained a faithful member. She taught a Sunday School class for many years, also cared for the church and grounds, and was the coffeemaker for years for the

lunch hour refreshments. She also served as a midwife for the Limestone community, at the time when the services of a medical doctor could not be had. Her husband preceded her in death in 1921, and she passed away in 1928 and lies among her loved ones in the church cemetery.

In memory of my parents  
Ed and Emma Barth  
—Minnie Weltz

Our father, John Edward Barth, was born on Limestone Ridge on April 9, 1870, son of Herman and Mary Witschey Barth, and grew to manhood in that community, but did not enjoy good health and died at an early age. In 1897, he repented, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Apostolic Christian Church, a very short time after mother had repented. In February of 1911 he began to lose strength, and passed away on March 23, 1911, leaving mother with 7 small children and a few acres of hilly farmland. With the help of relatives and friends, she managed to stay on the farm until December 1916, when she moved to New Martinsville, and with the help of the older children earned a living and bought a home. On his death bed, he asked mother to raise us up in the nurture of God, and hoped to meet us all again. He lies in the churchyard with his mother and five brothers. May his rest be sweet.

Our mother, Emma Riggerbach Barth was born on Limestone Ridge on Jan. 15, 1876, daughter of Sebastian and Elizabeth Widmer Riggerbach, one of a family of 11 children, two of whom are still living. She was united in marriage to John Edward Barth on Oct. 7, 1896, and to this union one son and six daughters were born; one daughter passed away in 1938. She repented, and was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Apostolic Christian Church in 1897, and loved the church and its members. One of her greatest joys was to share her home with the brethren and sisters. She was a father and mother to us as we grew up and left home one by one, but always kept in touch with us in her loving way, warning us of the pitfalls of life. She was a very busy person, and was very handy in

sewing; many homes today are still adorned with her rugs, aprons, small cardboard boxes etc. She indeed lived a very busy, useful life. In 1957 her health began to fail, and we knew that her days were numbered, but with several months of doctoring and hospitalization she lived until April 4, 1960, when she, the weary traveler went home to her reward; to her also we say, May her rest be sweet.

On Sunday, April 13, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Indermuhle and children of the Sardis church visited here with many families . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade visited the first of April with their son, James and family in Cleveland and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams and family in Akron. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Williams . . . Mrs. L. W. Witschey and daughter, Thelma and son, Paul of Moundsville were the guests of Della Witschey the first of the month.

The annual all-day meeting will be held at the country church on Sunday, June 29, with a song service beginning at 10:30; lunch will be served at 11:30; and the afternoon service will begin at 1:00. Arrangements are being made for a minister for the afternoon service; also several visiting ministers are expected to be present. All friends of the church from far and near are cordially invited to spend the day and enjoy the fellowship.

#### REMINGTON IN

##### Amelia Schini - Mildred Clauss

One of the nicest gifts parents can give their children are memories. I'm sure we all have many. I like to recall some early childhood memories of my mother. In threshing season when dad would be gone all day, mother would pack a simple picnic and take us children on a short walk through our apple orchard to a maple grove. There, while enjoying our picnic in the great outdoors, she often told us some of the Old Bible stories. She acquainted us with God our Creator and His creation in such a lovely way. This is a memory I like to remember.

Our visiting minister was Bro. Ed Alt from Cissna Park. Come again, Ed, you left blessings here.

Our friends, John and Shirley Knobloch, who reside in Lafayette and worship with us, are the happy

parents of a little girl, born Mon. April 21. This is their first child. Congratulations.

Our sister, Lillie Frey, had the misfortune of breaking her hip.

A number of our Bible Class, accompanied by several adults, traveled to Peoria via bus with the Wolcott and Francesville young people on Sun. April 20. They reported a blessed day. We at Remington say a big Thank You to all who spend their efforts to acquaint our young people with one another and give them good Christian entertainment.

With the thought of getting to know each other better, we are submitting a brief life history of one of our ministers. Bro. Edwin Bahler. He was born Feb. 15, 1927, the first son of Bro. Erwin and Sis. Anna Eisenmann Bahler. Twenty years later he repented and was baptized, Feb. 2, 1947.

On March 28, 1948, he was united in marriage to Sis. Lois Frey, daughter of Bro. Edward and Sis. Lillie Huber Frey. To this union were born 4 sons and 4 daughters.

In the fall of 1959, he was put into the ministry. In 1969, the duties of a deacon were placed upon him, and he serves in this capacity in the Remington church. Also serving in the ministry here are (Bros.) Earl Kilgus and Kenneth Schneider.

#### RITTMAN OHIO Grace Gasser

Mothers— To those of you whose children are still young and requiring your services 24 hours a day, also to those of you who look upon the fruit of your labors in the lives of your grown children . . . may the following words convey the feeling of your heart:

I believe in children—

Little ones, big ones, chubby and thin ones.

There is faith in their eyes, love in their touch, hope in their attitude.

I thrill with them at life's joys,  
Run with them through tall grasses,

Bow with them in worship,  
And hold them close in tragedy.

I believe in children—  
The fragile dream of yesterday,  
Life's radiant reality today, and  
the vibrant stuff of tomorrow.

Yes. I believe in children,  
For whenever I go . . . to moun-  
tain village, industrial center  
or open country,  
I find yesterday's children who  
were nurtured in the things  
of Christ . . .  
At work in the building of the  
kingdom of God.

We received many blessings,  
when Bros. Donald Sauder and Ben  
Fehr of Roanoke and Bro. Rudolph  
Graf of Akron ministered to us on  
the afternoon of April 20. We par-  
took of the Lord's Supper on that  
afternoon. We certainly appreciate  
such services of love rendered to  
us so willingly by our dear elder  
brethren.

Bro. Isaac Rufener, age 78, pas-  
sed away at his home on April 13.  
We will miss him, but are thank-  
ful to see his faithfulness and de-  
votion being carried out in the  
lives of his family. He is survived  
by his wife, Myrle; six sons, Glenn,  
Bros. Chester, Orin, Elton, Junior,  
Joe; 3 daughters, Sisters Helen  
Maibach, Elizabeth Gasser, and  
Carol Beery.

Requiring hospitalization: Bros.  
Carl Ingold, Dave Maletich Jr., and  
Sis. Donna Young. Sis. Leona Dot-  
terer is in the hospital.

Engagement Announcements:  
Beth Hartzler, daughter of Bro.  
John Jr. and Sis. Joan, to Dale Pel-  
frey. May 24 is the date for this  
wedding . . . The engagement of  
Bro. Vic Bauman (Bro. Herbert  
and Sis. Bernice) to Sis. Brenda  
Winkler (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Es-  
tella) was made known. A June  
wedding is being planned.

Births: A son, Bradley Alan was  
born to Rex and Carol Young. Two  
sisters welcome Bradley at home  
. . . Bro. Dean and Sis. Jan Hartz-  
ler are the parents of a girl, Lynn  
Christine. Lynn has one brother. . .  
Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Jane Hartz-  
ler have a girl named Debra Jane.  
Debra joins 3 brothers and 2 sis-  
ters.

#### SABETHA KS Mrs. Joe Steiner

We thank Bro. Roy Luginbuhl,  
Rockville for his visit to our com-  
munity and for his efforts in bring-  
ing us the word. May the Lord rich-  
ly bless him and his family.

Bro. Don and Sis. Ada Plattner  
are the parents of a son, born Ap-  
ril 4. He is their first child, and has

been named Brian Scott . . . Bro.  
Roger and Sis. Ilene Hartter are  
the parents of a daughter, born  
April 11. She has been named Car-  
la Sue. She is welcomed home by  
her sisters, Connie, Karen, Coleen  
and Kalynn.

Sis. Leah Fechter was a hospital  
patient, where she underwent sur-  
gery.

#### SARDIS OH Karen Indermuhle

O Dear Lord, Thou hast known the  
gentle touch and tender love  
and care of a mother while you  
were here.

So, Lord, I know you'll listen as I  
send up this prayer for my mo-  
ther dear.

In times of trials be her Guide and  
and Stay,

As she has comforted and uplift-  
ed me in many ways.

When hard times come, make her  
heart light, Lord, and hold her  
hand, as she has oft held mine.

And may she feel thy compassion-  
ate understanding and forever  
present Spirit so divine.

I cannot thank her enough, dear  
Lord, for all the blessings she  
has given me since birth,

So, Lord, please bless her so com-  
pletely in heaven and on earth.

Praise the Lord for this beauti-  
ful spring! It is such a blessing to  
be able to plant gardens, sow field  
crops, and be so close to God's  
creation.

We appreciate our homes, our  
families, and feel deep joy for  
these precious, earthly gifts.

We invite anyone to come and  
visit with us in Sardis, and we can  
praise the Lord together and be  
lifted up in unity and joy of the  
Holy Spirit.

#### TUCSON AZ

##### Gloria Bauer - Rita Bertchi

The Bible Class enjoyed a break-  
fast in Sabino Canyon over the  
Easter holidays. They hiked in the  
mountain areas that God has beau-  
tifully created.

We were happy to have Bro. Bill  
Dotterer of Phoenix visit us. We  
heard many teachings from God's  
word.

Our monthly Fellowship dinner  
was a hamburger fry on the Fel-

lowship Hall patio. Bro. Charles  
and Sis. Miriam Sauder of Tremont  
shared the evening with us.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Ora Schrenk  
have moved to Apache Junction,  
Arizona. They will attend the  
Phoenix church. We will miss them  
in our assembly and wish them  
God's blessing in this move.

We were happy to see Sis. Fran-  
cis Schrenk back in our assembly.  
She has been in ill health and mis-  
sing for some time.

#### WINTHROP MN

##### Carol Messner - Marcelle Dapper

We are having a very late spring,  
due to late snow and rainy weather.  
When we are discouraged, let us  
look heavenward, for behind ev-  
ery dark cloud there is a silver lin-  
ing.

We thank Bro. Noah Miller of  
Minneapolis and Bro. Clifford  
Grimm of West Bend for expound-  
ing the word to us and for their  
love and fellowship. We were re-  
minded of Paul and Silas, who at  
the hour of midnight prayed and  
sang praises to God while in pris-  
on . . . So we also as Christians  
should pray and praise God at our  
darkest hours, and thank God for  
our trials and tests, as well as for  
the joyous times of our lives.

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for  
me, And that thou bidd'st me to come  
to thee, O Lamb of God I come, I  
come. Answering the call and being  
able to sing with the hymnwriter  
is the blessed privilege of Lance  
and Renee Nelson, son and daugh-  
ter-in-law of Al and Sis. Donnabell;  
and Tim Schmidt and Nancy Van  
Deest. Tim and Nancy are children  
of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Schmidt.

We often speak of how grateful  
we are to have the staunch faith  
of our older brothers and sisters  
in our congregations as lights and  
examples. Bro. George Messner cel-  
ebrated his 75 birthday in March.  
He wishes to thank everyone for  
all the cards of remembrance.

Iris Howk and Ronald Hay of  
South Dakota were united in mar-  
riage by Bro. Harold Messner. Iris  
is the daughter of Bro. Roy and  
Sis. Rose Alice . . . This past month,  
Joy, daughter of John and Sis. Dor-  
othy Jacobson, was married to Jef-  
fery Berskow of Winthrop.

Happy is the man who walks so  
close to God he leaves no room for  
the devil to get in.

**ALTADENA CA**

Linda Witzig

Sunday, April 13, was a very rich day in the joys and blessings of the Lord. Heidi Klotzle gave her testimony of faith, was baptized, and welcomed into our church. The day had dawned cloudy and overcast but when we assembled outside to witness the baptism, the sun shone down on us from a clearer, bluer sky. It was nice to be outside, and it seems that each time we have a baptism, the Lord gives us a lovely day to have it in, as if His heavens are reflecting happiness. We had dinner at church that afternoon and enjoyed the company of visitors. Later in the evening, Elder Bro. Roy Farney assisted our Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger in serving Holy Communion. As we greeted one another after receiving the sacrament, the love of Christ our Saviour and the joy and peace of salvation was felt strongly in all of us. I just couldn't think how much nicer a Sunday could have been.

We were glad to have in our midst a previous Sabbath day visiting minister, Bro. Walt Steffen from Milford. Always does God answer our prayers when we ask Him, to reveal His will to us through the spoken word, and truly were our prayers answered through Bro. Steffen.

Sis. Doris Hecker has been unable to come to church the past few Sundays, due to a fall which injured her shoulder.

**ALTO MI**

Sue Root

Dallas and Kathy (Oesch) Beland are the parents of a new baby daughter, Becky Jo. She has one brother, David, to welcome her home. The grandparents are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Ellen Oesch, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beland of Lake Odessa.

Friend Ernest Roth, husband of Sis. Lena, passed away at the age of 86. Elder Bros. Joe Waibel and Ben Maibach conducted the services. It is Sis. Lena's faith that the Lord will continue to stand by her now, in the twilight years of her life, as He has done in the past.

**BAY CITY MI**

Carolyn Schamback

"Suffer little children . . . to come unto me . . . for of such is

the kingdom of heaven." What a lesson little children have for a Christian's way of life; they don't care if they wear the same clothes every day, as long as it keeps them warm; their house doesn't have to be fancy, nor does their food, as long as they're dry and tummies are full; and they'd just as soon play with an old box or lid, as the fanciest toy on the market, as long as they know that someone loves them and takes time to show it. Let's be as content with the necessities of life and the knowledge that our Father loves and watches over us.

Bro. Art Bahler of Fairbury visited our congregation and shared many of God's precious teachings with us.

Bro. Ralph Ramseyer is home again and recovering from his coronary . . . he wishes to thank everyone who remembered him and his family with their prayers and cards.

**FORREST IL**

Kathryn Steidinger

Beverly Eisenmann

For unwearying patience and unchanging tenderness,  
The love of a true mother stands next to the love of our Father in Heaven.

Two couples have been blessed with babies. Bro. Greg and Sis. Jill Stoller welcome their firstborn, a girl, Sheila Renee. Grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Rosetta of Forrest and Bro. Dave and Sis. Beulah Ehnle of Princeville . . . Dick and Jackie Rieger are happy for another boy, Jason Merle—a future playmate for Jeff. Bro. Richard and Sis. Marian Rieger are his grandparents.

Duane Ifft and Cynthia Julian have announced their plans for a July wedding. Bro. Elmer and Sis. Emma are Duane's parents.

Bro. Christian Metz had a mishap which resulted in a broken bone in his arm. Sis. Lizzie Geyer has returned home, after spending sometime in the hospital. Sharon Roth (Bro. Les and Sis. Ruth) had an appendectomy and is now recuperating at home. Bro. Charles Tyler hasn't been feeling well and is at the hospital for tests . . . We've missed having Bro. Sam Zimmerman in our midst, as he

hasn't felt well enough to assemble with us.

We are appreciative to Bros. Merrill Laukhuf of Latty and Bill Kuperschmid of Normal, as they shared God's word with us. May we all strive to live by these teachings and warnings, so that it will be well with our soul in eternity.

In years past, when asked what she would like to have for a special occasion, our mother would say, "Just for you to be good little children". Now at this time of year, when we observe Mother's Day, what would a mother appreciate more than to have her children give their obedience unto all her humble, Christian teachings. Just being good little children in this way would mean much more to her than the most expensive gift money could buy.

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain;  
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish and enduring, come what may,  
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away . . .

In loving memory of our beloved husband and father, who passed away a year ago April 20 . . .

There's an open gate  
at the end of the road,  
Through which each must go alone,  
And there, in a light we cannot see,  
Our Father claims His own.  
Beyond the gate your loved one  
Finds happiness and rest,  
And there is comfort in the thought  
That a loving God knows best.  
The Alf Bachtold Family.

**FAIRBURY IL**

Joyce Huber

We had a blessed week-end April 12 and 13, as Norman and Lola (Ifft) Young and Ben and Carolyn (Ifft) Bolliger gave testimonies of their faith in Jesus as their Saviour and Lord and were baptized. Bros. Leroy Huber and Perry Zimmerman assisted Bro. Broquard.

We rejoice with Joe Slagel and Roger Zehr having taken the Lord Jesus Christ for their Saviour, and pray that they will grow in grace and in their new-found faith.

Dan Schlipf, who had been quite

ill in the hospital and then returned home, has received peace with God. He is still a bed patient, but has given his testimony of his faith in his Saviour, Jesus Christ, and was baptized in his home.

Robert and Colleen Kaisner were blessed with a baby, born April 7. The new little boy is named for his father, Daren Robert. He has a brother, Dean and a sister, Kara. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Merle Kaisner and Russell Swearingen. Great-grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Joe Kaisner, Bro. and Sis. Louis Zimmerman . . . Dale and Sandee Stoller were blessed with a baby, born April 8. The new little girl is named Darcy Renee and has two brothers, Bryan and Kevin. Grandparents are Alton and Sis. Sally Schieler and Sis. Ernestine Stoller.

### GOODFIELD IL

Elna Grimm

As the years roll by, how often we sweetly recall the words and deeds of our mothers . . .

There are teachings in earth and sky and air;  
The heavens the glory of God declare,  
But louder than voice, beneath, above,  
He is heard to speak through a mother's love.

Sis. Elsie Landes and Bro. Howard Zobrist were both hospitalized and released this past month. We are happy to report they are both doing well.

Our Good Friday evening services were conducted by Bro. Gene Metzger (Lester). He reminded us of the great sacrifice that our Saviour made for us. Bro. Ezra Feller (Cissna Park) was also here, to assist Bro. Ed Hohulin with serving of Holy Communion after our regular Good Friday services. How vividly we see that old cross at times like these, and how near we feel to our precious, dying Saviour.

Bro. Henry Beer (Milford) was with us on Wed. evening April 2. We enjoyed his message, and also enjoyed browsing in his "bookshop" which he set up in the Fellowship Hall after services.

Bros. George Lambert, Wichita; Dave Wiegand, Urbana; Dan Koch, Tremont; and Roy Sauder, Peoria

were with us on Sun. April 20, to celebrate Bro. and Sis. Ed and Elsie Hohulin's 40th wedding Anniversary. It was truly a blessed day, and we thank each one for his message of love.

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Janice Herrmann

Again another college year ends. Graduating this semester are: Bros. Tom Witzig, Rick Ringger; Sisters, Pat Bauer, Nancy Funk, Barb Getz, Sally Gramm, Janice Herrmann, Marsha Knobloch, Rosemary Klaus, and Barb Thomas. Those graduating from Menonite School of Nursing are: Sisters Karen Weiss, Diane Schmidgall, Carol Steiner, Mary Greiner, and Luann Zobrist.

An enjoyable Thursday evening was spent listening to the Goodfield Choir. We are thankful for God's word, which was brought to us by Bros. Dave Kieser, Harold Schmidgall, Steve Rinkenberger, Edwin Ringger, & Joe Zimmerman.

### MINNEAPOLIS MN

Kathryn Olson

In October of 1962, the first church service was held in Minneapolis. Morning services only were held each Sunday in homes throughout the area until February of 1963, when a YMCA building was rented. For 3 years, visiting ministers from Lester, Morris, West Bend and Winthrop faithfully served our congregation. We were richly blessed, when in the fall of 1965 Bro. Noah Miller and his family moved to Minneapolis. As the only brother having services, Noah conscientiously and lovingly served our congregation as minister and helped with song leading for 7 years. In 1968, we began to serve lunch and hold afternoon services.

The little white church that we presently hold services in was purchased in December 1970. The building itself needed a great deal of remodeling and repair work, and was not used for our services until May, 1971. As our gathering began to grow, we were happy Bro. Ken Lawson was put into the ministry to assist Bro. Noah, in Jan. 1972. Today we have 26 members and 25 children attending Sunday School. We are also blessed with many visitors throughout the summer months.

This is the day the Lord has made,  
And each hour will be blessed  
If you just ask Him for the strength

To do your very best . . .  
The Lord is understanding;  
His mercy will not fail.  
His love for you is infinite,  
His wisdom will prevail.  
Remember this each morning,  
And you'll not be afraid  
To face with growing confidence  
The day the Lord has made

MORRIS MN  
Esther Schaefer  
Corrine Schmidgall

Children do not realize  
How deep is mother love, how wise—

They do not fully understand  
The goodness of her guiding hand,  
And yet she's always held above  
The childhood things that children love,

And as they grow the long years through,  
That love for her keeps growing, too,

Until they learn the full extent  
Of what a mother's love has meant,

The heartaches she has concealed  
within . . .

How truly wonderful she's been!

We welcome Sis. Joyce (Mogler) Messner of the Lester congregation into our midst. She is the bride of Bro. Beirne. His parents, Bro. Frank and Sis. Gladys Messner held a reception, at their home, for them on April 12. Joyce and Beirne are at home in Hancock, where he is employed.

Two of our young couples were blest with first babies, both boys, on April 9. Trevor Michael is the name Bro. Michael and Sis. Diane Schmidgall chose for their little son. Bro. Don and Sis. Virginia Schmidgall and Bro. Paul and Sis. Anna Fehr are his grandparents . . . Dennis and Judy Wulf named their baby Michael Dennis. Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet Wulf and Lloyd and Dorothy Durkee are all first-time grandparents.

Bro. William Luthi is hospitalized at University Hospital in Minneapolis, where he has undergone major surgery. Rita (Koehl) Rose is a surgical patient at the Morris Hospital, and Bro. Joseph Moser is a medical patient. Little Jimmy

Nohl had to have more surgery on his eye and spend some time in the hospital in the cities again. Sis. Marion Moser (Chris) is at home again and doing well after surgery.

**OAKVILLE IA**  
**Martha Wiegand**

It is a rare privilege to witness the ordination of an elder in our beloved churches. We had such an experience on April 13, as Bro. Edward Lanz was ordained by visiting Elder Bros. Sam Anliker (Lamont), Joe Waibel (Bay City), Alfred Bahler (Wolcott), and Paul Butikofer (Elgin IA), who shared duties in the ordination and communion service.

Bro. Ed's dear wife is the former Joan Wiegand of Oakville. They have a young family of seven children, the eldest being teenaged twin daughters. Their two widowed mothers, Sis. Anna (Bro. Edward Sr.) Lanz and Sis. Edna (Bro. Joseph Sr.) Wiegand live nearby.

We feel so fortunate to have a new resident elder while our dearly beloved retired Elder Bro. Noah Schrock is still able to offer guidance and counsel, and bring us the holy word through divine inspiration. We are so thankful for the unity in the ministry and support of Bros. Harvey Heiniger and John Steiner.

Ministering Bros. Corbin Bahler (Rockville), Cleo Rinkenberger (Pulaski), and Arnold Gerst (Chicago) spent that Sunday with us, as well as the Burlington ministers (Bros. Uriel Gehring and Robert Pohl) and their congregation, who came for the ordination and communion service.

Bro. Duane Metzger (West Bend) favored us with a visit. We appreciate his willingness to preach the word.

Darin Jay Massner is a very welcome little boy in the home of Bro. Dennis, Sis. Gail (Eisenmann), and Rachel Massner. He was born April 5. Grandparents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Ada (Wagenbach) Massner, and Bro. Dave and Sis. Kay Eisenmann (Florida).

Best wishes to Rebecca Heiniger (Bro. Clem and Sis. Kathleen) and Craig Shafer, who were united in marriage on April 19.

"We would like to express our sincere thanks to all who have sent cards, flowers, food, offered prayers, and showed concern with

deeds of kindness during our wife and mother's illness and death. Thanks also to all who have contributed so generously to the memorial fund for the Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped" . . . Bro. Roger Moser and family.

**PHOENIX AZ**  
**Julie Hoerr**

The biggest word is **God**,  
The longest word is **Eternity**.  
The swiftest word is **Time**.  
The darkest word is **Sin**.  
The strongest word is **Jesus**.

We thank Bro. Charles Sauder (Tremont) for the message he shared with us. May God bless him for his labors.

It's nice to have Paul and Carol Doolittle worship with us. Their address is 10401 Oak Ridge Dr., Sun City Arizona.

**SILVERTON OR**  
**Joan Dietrich**

On Easter we enjoyed a short Easter program given by the Sunday School children. The poems they recited and the songs were brought forth in such sincerity. May we as children of God strive more sincerely, and by doing so be an example to these children, that some day they, too, will experience the true meaning of those words they spoke.

Our congregation went to the Portland church for a potluck supper with them and Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy Steffen from Milford. In the evening, Bro. Walt was spent in our behalf, and we certainly appreciated the teachings he left us.

We have enjoyed our visitors throughout the winter season, and look forward to those who plan to travel this way throughout the coming vacation season. If you need assistance, you may contact: Bro. Clarence Dietrich, R. R. 3 Box 141B, Silverton OH 97381 . . . Phone 503-873-2582 . . . or Bro. Ed Knecht, R. R. 1 Box 241, Mulino OR 97042 . . . Phone 503-632-3570.

**WEST BEND IA**  
**Mrs. Melvin Fehr**  
**Mrs. Raymond Anliker**

The week-end of April 12 and 13, many relatives gathered from Elgin (IL), Minneapolis, and Winthrop to help Raymond and Lydia

Wilson observe their 50th anniversary. Raymond and Lydia were in business in West Bend for 50 years, managing Wilson's Hardware. Their two daughters, (Ruth) Mrs. Gordon Anderson and (Esty) Mrs. Mike Stiel, hosted the observance. We wish them God's rich blessings.

Bro. Carl Feucht of Lester spoke the word to us April 20, about LIFE'S CROSS. May grace be sufficient for each of us to bear OUR CROSS. We thank Bro. Feucht for so willingly to give himself and welcome him back.

One of our older sisters, Sis. Anna Fehr, was a hospital patient and was soon transferred to Clear View Manor Nursing Home. We pray and wish our older sisters, as they make their residence at the home, God's blessings.

Mrs. Minnie Bruellman was in the hospital a few days.

"I wish to thank all the thoughtful people who sent me cards and letters while I was hospitalized in Mason City and since I am recuperating at home. These all meant so much to me . . . My broken leg seems to be mending well; I can walk with the aid of a walker. I am to go back to Mason City April 25, at which time the doctor will see if the leg has healed sufficiently for the cast to come off." Mrs. Earnie (Ida) Schmidt . . . Due to leg swelling, Mrs. Earnie (Ida) Schmidt was just admitted to Mason City Hospital.

**BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL**  
**Jeanie Haerr - Ann Kellenberger**

With the spring flowers in bloom, our hearts tend to marvel at the beauty in God's creation. As we toil to keep weeds out of our gardens, so must we toil to keep the weeds of this world out of our life . . . for our spiritual growth will be stunted if there be anything between us and the Lord.

Matt Kufersmid was hospitalized for tests, and hopes to be home soon. Matt is the son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Sue Kupferschmid.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Ann Kellenberger are now back from Texas. Ann plans to assist Sis. Jeanie Haerr with the Silver Lining news.

Our hearts were saddened and went out in sympathy to Bro. Lyle and Sis. Lois Stoller and their family at the loss of Lyle's father, Bro. Dan Stoller from Latty. We trust



the Lord will comfort them as only He can.

Our dear friends, Jim Howl and Larry Marrianni have found peace and were announced for testimonies and baptism, the first Sunday in May. We certainly rejoice with them and are thankful they were able to repent and find peace in these troublesome times.

#### BLUFFTON IN

##### Melanie Gerber — Donna Drayer

Ministering Bros. Marvin Stieglitz, Homer Reineck and John Boller worshiped with us as we witnessed two dear souls being taken into the Fold. Our two new sisters in the Lord are Linda (Harry) Reinhard and Connie (Ralph) Troxel.

Bro. Maurice Frank gathered with us also around God's table of everlasting food. We have a most precious faith; whether God moves a brother from home to speak or one from a distance, we are blessed with His teachings.

Many families in our congregation have welcomed infants into their hearts and homes. Lyle Stanley was born on March 26 to Bro. Stan and Sis. Jenny Isch . . . David & Cathy Bussel became parents of Travis Laine on March 28 . . . On the following day, Bro. John and Sis. Etta Steffen received Amanda Marie . . . Steve and Jill Bumgarner became parents of a daughter, Carri Jo, born on April 1; Carri's grandmother is Sis. Lucille Borrer . . . Nathan Alan came to live with Bro. Von and Sis. Diana Heyerly on April 2 . . . Tammy Jo has been the name chosen for Bro. Mike and Sis. Becky Leyse's daughter, who was born on April 9 . . . Bro. Dean and Sis. Cyndee Fiechter are parents of their first child, Lindsay Kay, born on April 23; Bro. Alvin and Sis. Bernice Fiechter and Bro. Harry and Sis. Betty Steffen are the new grandparents.

Bro. Keith (Skip) Aschliman and Sis. Connie Stoller are planning a July wedding. Their parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Ida Aschliman and Bro. Ramon and Sis. Flossie Stoller.

Bro. Wallace and Sis. Marilyn Leman gave away in marriage their daughter, Cindy, to Michael Lynch, on April 5 in a ceremony performed in our fellowship hall . . . Many friends and relatives joined with

Bro. Harry Reinhard and Sis. Sarah Beer for services on April 16, in which the couple was united in marriage.

Several have found it necessary to rest a few days in nearby hospitals. They are Linda (William) Schaefer; Beth Steffen, daughter of Bro. Harry and Sis. Betty; Sisters Josephine (Joseph) Meyer and Kay (Tom) Fairchild; and Bros. LeRoy Steffen, Roy Aeschliman, and Edward Kipfer.

It is a beautiful day to gather together to share Holy Communion. After we have all searched our hearts prayerfully to make sure we are clean within, we are all of one mind and spirit completely. Bros. Theo. Beer (Milford) and Loren Stoller (Latty) helped in this important work.

#### FT SCOTT KS

##### Ida Sinn

Are we on the threshold of the last day? Much was spoken of this today from our pulpit by a servant of God. May we make use of the time that is allotted us in serving our Lord and Saviour. God is still a merciful God, and whosoever will may come.

Sis. Anna Pfister has been assembling with us again. She had the misfortune of breaking a hip about a year ago. At the age of 92, she is still thankful to the Lord that He has given her strength to walk again and the grace to endure . . . Sis. Wanda Kraft was hospitalized for surgery, and Lydia Hawkins for tests which ended in surgery. Lydia is still in the hospital, but is improving.

#### INDIANAPOLIS IN

##### Patrick and Judy Dubach

Does the lovely passage bring to mind a special person in all of our lives—Mother?

A blessed thing it is for any man or woman to have a friend, one human soul whom we can trust utterly . . . who knows the best and worst of us, and who loves us in spite of our faults . . . who will speak the honest truth and gives us counsel and reproof in the day of prosperity and self conceit, and to comfort and encourage us in the day of difficulty and sorrow . . . If we have had the good fortune to win such a friend, let us do anything . . . We must give and for-

give . . . live and let live . . . We must hope all things, believe all things, endure all things, rather than lose that precious possession—a trusty friend.

We were blessed to be able to partake of communion on the first Sunday of April. Those helping to serve us were, Bros. Theo. Beer—Milford, Alfred Bahler—Wolcott, and Ed Frank—La Crosse . . . Other ministers who kindly lent themselves to us in April were—Bros., Wendell Gerber—Bluffton, Loren Stoller—Latty, Ken Schneider—Remington.

Our small congregation is always thrilled with a new birth. Our latest arrival was born to Bro. Dean and Sis. Cindy Fiechter on April 23. They chose the name of Lindsay Kay. Lindsay is the first grandchild of Bro. Harry and Sis. Betty Steffen and Bro. Alvin and Sis. Bernice Fiechter, all of Bluffton. Congratulations to all!

#### PRINCEVILLE IL

##### Ruth Ricketts

God is never far away, but He is always closer when we pray.

We were happy to have so many benches filled for services Good Friday evening. It is pleasing to us, and more so to the Lord, when friends find it worthwhile to spend an evening of devotion with us. We received many kindly teachings, and were reminded of the Lord's suffering on the cross for us. We were reminded that another year has passed, and many of our dear friends are still on the outside, some perhaps at the very threshold. The door of grace is yet open, and the Lord is tenderly calling souls to repentance. Is it really worth a few crumbs of sin here on earth, and not enjoy peace and joy eternally? The Lord paid a great price because of His love for all, and we owe it to him to lead a dedicated life of sacrifice and devotion.

We welcomed many for Easter services and were richly blessed. We experienced a severe ice storm, with three inches of snow the first of the month, and the few robins who had come back were searching for shelter from the storm . . . With a few warm days, we could again see the miracle of spring, as the grass seemed to turn a vivid green overnight, the trees and

bushes began to push forth buds and leaves, and flowers burst into bloom. Farmers were busy in the fields for a few days, and much was accomplished. Work has again stopped, as we have had a number of very heavy rains. We trust all will be accomplished, in due time, as there has always been a time for planting, and we must be patient and wait on the Lord.

Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield ministered to us one Wednesday night, and in his soft, loving way meditated on John 14, the beautiful chapter of comfort and assurance. The Lord went to prepare a place for those who love Him and keep His commandments.

A daughter, Luann Marie, was born to Bro. Sam and Sis. Mary Martin March 23; Sis. Louise Martin of here and Bro. Chris and Sis. Anna Bradle of Eureka are happy grandparents.

Several from our congregation were hospital patients, and other received injuries. Bro. Ben Streitmatter had brain surgery and has been very ill. He is showing improvement slowly, and we trust he will be able to return to his home soon. Unable to speak much, his warm hand clasp reveals he is aware of the prayers being uttered in his behalf.

Sis. Grace Streitmatter underwent tests, which proved she had allergies . . . Jon Grimm, son of Bro. Earl and Sis. Annalu, is recovering nicely from an emergency appendectomy . . . Sis. Mary Martin had the misfortune to get her finger in a car door, and has had it in a splint for several weeks . . . Bro. Ellsworth Martin dropped an object on his foot, fracturing the bone, causing him much discomfort . . . Joey Martin, little son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Edna, had a hernia operation, and is able to run about again . . . Little Jeff Martin, son of Bro. Dale and Sis. Theresa, had the pin removed from his finger that he smashed in a toy box, when the lid fell on it . . . Sis. Emma Asal has been with us to worship, after an absence of three months, and we are thankful that she is again able to be out.

We were privileged to have a visit with Bro. Hans and Sis. Dina Heer and daughter— Edith, Bro. Fritz and Sis. Elise Christ of Germany, who spent 3 weeks visiting relatives and friends. Many times,

they expressed how overwhelmed they were to find such love among the people in America. They visited in the homes of Bro. Eugen and Sis. Elsa Christ and Bro. Walter and Sis. Doris, who were cousins to Hans and a brother to Fritz. These dear ones showed much love and hospitality to our servicemen when stationed in Germany, worshipped with them at Neuhuetten, and many of them were happy to again meet them in our country.

Clark Baurer, 15-year-old son of Bro. Art and Sis. Joy, returned home from a 12-day trip to Switzerland and Austria that was conducted for 126 newspaper carriers across the country. Clark was the Peoria Journal Star carrier selected this year for the trip . . . He was impressed with the beautiful scenery, and enjoyed meeting many people on this journey.

#### LATTY OH

Le Ann Laukhuf  
Karen Klopfenstein

March 30. Bro. Bill Stoller and Sis. Barb Frank were united in holy matrimony by Barb's father, Bro. Ed. We wish to welcome Sis. Barb to our home congregation.

"Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Rejoicingly, we report that our elderly friend, Nettie (Streitmatter) Ringger has turned her life's purpose to the Lord. May many others follow her footsteps regardless of age.

Shut-ins: Sis. Becky Stoller, Sis. Erma Stoller, Glenna Stoller, Kristi Keysor.

Marriage vows were exchanged by Keith Klopfenstein and Jo Anne Waltz on April 19. Parents are Bro. Marvin and Sis. Mary Klopfenstein and Mrs. Kathryn Waltz. We wish them a happy walk of life together.

Lori Kay is the name given to Bro. Rod and Sis. Edie Laukhuf's third child, born April 11.

Ministering Bros. Albert Aberle (Tremont) and Floyd Schmidgall (Morris) expounded to us the holy word. We were reminded that our sufferings and trials are nothing compared to the physical and mental agony the Lord went through.

I wish to die in my dear Jesus,  
When light and life from me He  
takes,  
When from my lips the color  
fadeth,

And when my heart in death does  
break.

In Jesus I will trust alway.  
In Him I live and pass away.

Bro. Daniel C. Stoller passed away Mon., April 21, after being ill for some time. He was laid to rest on the 24th. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Laura, and children— Lyle (Bloomington) . . . Sis.'s., Evelyn Hackenjoes (Bluffton), Roberta, and Emily.

#### Mothers

Bless the one, Oh Lord above,  
Who taught us how to pray;  
Bless the heart who shares your  
love

With others day by day.  
Bless the hands so sweet and kind  
That serve you daily, too,  
And when they weary let them  
find

New hope and strength in You.

#### TAYLOR MO

Marie Butikofer - Eleanor Yackley

At this time, I am moved to write about Bro. Noah Schrock, who has been our elder at Taylor for many years. He was put in the ministry during World War I. Our government requested that English be conducted in our churches. There were very few of our ministers at that time who could preach English, so younger brothers who could were elected. Many older members will remember my father, Bro. Ed Grimm. He was to conduct his first English service (except for a few English words spoken at funerals); most of our members at Elgin, Iowa, and also other places could not understand English, so with a heavy heart our father went to church that Sunday morning, when who came to church but Bro. Noah Schrock. Father felt that God truly sent him. I cannot remember the exact date, but my husband of one week (Will Butikofer) was inducted into the service a short time before, so Bro. Noah must be in the ministry over 56 years. Several years later, we moved to Missouri. My father was the first resident minister at Taylor who first held church in homes. Soon after Bro. Noah was made elder, he was also made elder of the Taylor church. April 6, Bro. Noah, along with Bro. Roy Sauder (Peoria) came to visit our church.

He then told us that he felt, on account of his advancing years, he should give up his eldership and Bro. Roy would be our elder. We regret that Bro. Noah felt this was necessary, but all welcome Bro. Roy, and thank him for taking the responsibility of caring for our church. May God richly bless Bro. Noah for all his labor, and we hope he and Sis. Hattie will still enjoy years of well deserved rest. Also, God bless Bro. Roy along with Sis. Gerti for being willing to serve us.

Sis. Margery Sutter (Bro. Gerald) was at Blessing Hospital, for tests and observation for severe pain in her back. She is home and slowly improving . . . Bro. Rodney Heimer (Sis. Naomi) has a cast on his ankle. He has torn ligaments, which cause him considerable pain.

Tom Cottrell and Theresa Page were united in marriage Saturday evening, April 19. Tom is the son of Sis. Ruth and Bro. William; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Page of Palmyra are Theresa's parents. Tom and Theresa are at home in Quincy, where both have employment.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Judy Cottrell of Eureka are parents of a little girl, named Janelle Ann. She was born April 24. Three brothers, John, Brent, and Brian will welcome her home. Grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris Guingrich of Bradford and Bro. William and Sis. Ruth Cottrell of Quincy.

There is a record book I'm told,  
With every deed and word;  
It even keeps the record of  
Our thoughts that can't be heard:  
The good, the bad, and every sin,  
For nothing has been missed.  
It really makes me feel ashamed  
To think what's on my list.

And yet, the pages of my past  
Shall never condemn me,  
For Jesus nailed them to the cross,  
One day at Calvary,  
And now I stand in Him complete,  
Redeemed from sin and strife,  
For with His blood He wrote my  
name  
Down in the book of life.

#### UNION CITY & PHILADELPHIA Carolyn Roberts

LORD, I have loved the habitation  
of thy house, and the place where  
thine honor dwelleth." This Love  
of God with those of like mind and  
faith was experienced this month,

when we shared many Sabbaths  
with visiting brethren from the  
Rockville, Rittman and Bluffton  
congregations.

Sis. Minnie Cook is now able to  
attend services with us, although  
she is needing the use of a cane to  
get around.

"Lo, children are a heritage of  
the LORD" . . . Baby, Sarah Lynn  
arrived on Apr. 7 to the home of our  
Bro. Edward Aeschleman. Three  
brothers and one sister welcome  
her, likewise grandmother Sis. Rose  
Sauder of Roanoke, who has come  
to be with them for a month.

"My help cometh from the LORD,  
which made heaven and earth."  
Bro. Roy Aeschliman from Bluffton  
underwent major surgery in  
the St. Barnabas Hospital in  
Bronx, New York. His wife, Sis.  
Ida is staying by his side during  
this time. She, along with some  
of their children who accompanied  
Roy is attending services with us  
in Union City, during his stay in  
the hospital.

#### LEO IN Mrs. Elias Souder

Some of our older sisters have  
observed birthdays in April . . .  
Sis. Elizabeth Pulfer, whom we  
miss in our church since she hasn't  
been able to come for some time . . .  
Sis. Rose Conrad observed her 90th  
birthday; she has been coming  
regularly, and last Sunday, she  
and her sister, Adella served lunch.

Sis. Minnie Bertsch is still at the  
Indian Village Health Center, and  
doing real well. Sis. Jennie Klop-  
fenstein is about as usual and stay-  
ing with her daughter, Mrs. Pete  
Maxfield. Bro. Joe Conrad is now  
with his daughter, The Phil Schlatter.  
Sis. Nettie Drayer has been  
at the Parkview Hospital, and we  
hear she is getting better . . . We  
have all been concerned about Dean  
Allen Stoller, and were happy to  
hear he had his surgery and is  
back at the Home for The Handi-  
capped and doing fine . . . Our  
friend, John Steiner, still remains  
at the hospital, but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Klopfen-  
stein called me and said they had  
just come back from that Home.  
They had been to visit their daugh-  
ter, Ruth. She is fine, going to  
school. They are very happy to  
have her in such a good place.

We welcome Marjorie and Albert  
Frautschi back home. They spent

the winter months in California  
near their son, Edward.

Our Mother's Day dinner is to  
be observed the evening of May 10  
at the Fellowship Center.

#### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA IL Howie and Dianne Leman

Springtime is that glorious time  
of year when the mighty hand of  
God reawakens the sleeping out-  
doors. To be sure, we all give Him  
a great amount of help. We dili-  
gently work around trees, plant  
gardens and flowers, and pull  
unsightly weeds that tend to be  
a constant problem.

Maybe we should consider this  
a perfect time . . . many of us have  
unknowingly become somewhat  
dormant as Christians. We allow  
ourselves to fall into routines, and  
simply go thru the motions with-  
out any real meaning. We find  
continually the weeds of Satan con-  
tinue to creep into our lives. Not  
only must we remove these detrac-  
tors, but we must also add more  
nutrients to nourish our spiritual  
growth. Just as we apply 20-10-10  
to our lawns to make them beauti-  
ful, we need to have love-faith-  
hope applied spiritually at the rate  
of 100-100-100, to make us worthy  
of heaven. If we revitalize our  
Christian lives properly, we can  
Spring into Summer and Heaven.

Spring has brought a new look  
and revitalization to our church  
basement. The new carpet was in-  
stalled late April, to complete a  
year-long job undertaken by our  
brothers and sisters.

Our annual elections have also  
produced some new faces . . . Bro.  
Richard Fisher was elected trustee.  
Bros. Mark Alt (Superintendent),  
Bill Witzig, Sis. Karen Baker and  
Karen Kaiser were elected Sunday  
School teachers. Bros. Keith Han-  
sen and Jim Tilbury were elected  
ushers for the coming year.

#### CHICAGO IL Kathy Schlatter

Tibor and Pearl Bozzay are the  
very happy parents of a son, Stev-  
en, born March 24. He was wel-  
comed at home by the loving arms  
of his brother and sisters, young  
Tibor, Pearl, and Esther. We are  
so thankful for them, and hope that  
all continues to go well for their  
family.

Sis. Marge Young has been re-  
covering from surgery.

Visiting ministers April 20 were Bro. Gene Lehman—Wolcott and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss from Forrest. We appreciated their coming and their messages from the word. Many thanks, too, to our other visitors throughout April, brothers, sisters, and friends. We enjoyed your stay and welcome you back.

A point from a recent sermon: Did you know that rat poison, according to the label, is 99.9% nutritious grain? Thus it attracts rats and encourages them to eat a lot—and then kills them with its one-1000th part poison. We must be sure to prove the contents of those things Satan has labled and not to swallow anything whole-sale.

#### CISSNA PARK IL

**Margaret Rudin - Grace Bauer**

The Bible Class enjoyed Easter breakfast at the home of Bro. Eldon & Sis. Blanche Steffen. They then came to church and assembled with the congregation in the morning. Bro. Edwin Bahler was our guest speaker and brought an inspiring Easter message.

Bros. Perry Zimmerman & Arthur Bahler were also guest ministers this past month. We were reminded of God's promise to redeem mankind.

Sis. Anna Baumgartner, age 100, passed away at Iroquois Hospital at Watseka April 16, where she had been a patient a few hours. Her wish was granted to go to her heavenly home, after having had a stroke a short time before. She had been able to assemble with us most every Sunday. We certainly will miss her in our midst. She was a good example, being peace-loving and ever ready to lend a helping hand where she could. She loved to come to God's house and assemble with God's people. Survivors include a number of nieces and nephews.

Our sick: Sis. Bena Hari and Mrs. Emanuel (Cleo) Feller were surgical patients. Bro. John Farney and Bro. Jon Anderson were medical patients. Sis. Kate Maul and Bro. Adam Knapp are still hospital medical patients.

One Sunday one of our ministers asked, "How many times do we think about just what was done for us, and what the reward will be

if we are true and faithful to the end?" This is truly something to think about!

We joyously welcome into the fold two dear souls, Kevin Knapp and Ron Farney. We were privileged to hear their testimonies on Saturday evening, April 26, and they were baptized on Sunday. We wish them God's grace and blessings throughout their lives.

God pardons like a mother, who kisses the offence into everlasting forgetfulness.

#### GRIDLEY IL

**Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein**

Come to the feast of His new covenant;

Members of His church, your faith renew.

Thank the Founder of this precious covenant,

Through the chalice He pours out for you.

With thankful hearts for God's great sacrifice of mercy, we were privileged to share in Holy Communion. Elder Bro. Eugene Bertchi from Roanoke was here to assist our Bro. Edwin Ringger in serving this sacred feast.

This was a month of prayer and thoughtful consideration as we prepared to take communion, and also as we endeavored to select a new minister. Trusting in God's divine guidance, the congregation chose Bro. Byron Stoller to carry out the responsibility of proclaiming God's word. His responsibility is great, but so is that of each member, as we unite to support him in prayer.

How wonderful it is to know that our faith does not stand upon man's wisdom, nor is it sustained through excellency of speech or flattering words . . . But as the Apostle Paul so clearly explained to the Corinthian church, we are to stand upon the wisdom and power of God. One of our ministering brothers mentioned, it would be our wish for those who preach to follow the example of the apostle who declared ". . . I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." When one centers his thoughts upon the knowledge of Christ and His loving sacrifice, God gives him the power and the words with which to speak.

We have also heard that we all have been called to a vocation, and we should be ministers of God, whether it be in word or in deed, using the various talents and gifts which God has given us. We can read of the priesthood of all believers and the necessary contributions of each member of Christ's body. Our Sunday School teachers, the sisters who work in the kitchen, those who devote themselves to much prayer, those who visit the sick and the lonely, parents who raise children, those who show hospitality, and as the Bible says, those who show mercy and those who help in one way or another are all supplying a need and are essential parts of the body of Christ . . . For unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Sis. Eileen Roberts, her son Robin, and her daughter, Sis. Jodie, have moved to Gridley from Tremont. We warmly welcome them and are glad to have them as part of our congregation.

Sis. Mary Gramm has recently been in the hospital.

We were happy to hear Ministering Bro. Tom Leman from Elgin, Illinois, who was here on Easter.

#### LAMAR MO

**Marie Marti - Gail Banwart**

As I start a new morning by writing this, I look out the window into a beautiful spring day, and thank the Lord for another undeserved gift of beautiful weather. We are all thankful that the farmers are able to be in the fields again, after a long seige of wet weather. We are also very fortunate that we were spared from any damage caused by tornado weather. This week (the 24th), one of the cities in our vicinity was struck, with 4 persons losing their lives, and several injured. It was only by the grace of God that we were spared, as funnel clouds were sighted only a few miles from our community.

Hospital patients were Bro. Fred Marti, Friend Edd Braker, and Sisters Emma Lanz and Ruth Banwart. We are thankful they are all home again and recovering satisfactorily.

We wish to welcome Bro. Raymond and Sis. Barbara Moser and family to our community. They have moved from Tremont to Hot

Springs, Arkansas. They are making our little church here at Lamar their home church. We wish them much grace in their undertaking, and pray that God will bless them, as it really gives us a lift here at Lamar to have a new family move in to worship with us . . . Bro. Martin and Sis. Edith Hohulin and family have completed their new home and have moved in recently. We wish them God's blessings.

Bless the four corners of this house . . .  
And be the lintel blest,  
And bless the hearth, and bless the board,  
And bless each place of rest . . .  
And bless the door that opens wide  
To strangers as to kin,  
And bless each crystal window pane  
That lets the sunshine in . . .  
And bless the rooftree overhead  
And every sturdy wall . . .  
The peace of man, the peace of God,  
The peace of love on all.

#### PEORIA IL Betty Miller

Bro. George Knapp, age 96 and the oldest member of Peoria church, died April 2 at the A. C. Home. His wife, Sis. Lillian, has our sympathy . . . as does also Sis. Lena Reiman, whose husband, Bro. Walter passed away. His funeral was April 9. Walter was 79 years old, and he and Lena had been married for over 50 years. Our sympathy also to all the Hodels over the death of their "Aunt Anna" Baumgartner of Cissna Park.

Sis. Rose Barth has been quite ill, and is recuperating at the home of her daughter, Sis. Marge and Bro. Russ Plattner, in Roanoke. Fred Hasler and Sis. Velma (Mrs. Bro. Eugene) Kellenberger were in the hospital. Lester Weyeneth is very sick.

Bro. Paul and Sis. Rhoda Meister have a new baby girl, Karin Joy, born March 28. They have ten other children and a daughter-in-law . . . Bro. John and Sis. Judy Woerner have their fourth daughter, Kara Jean, born April 18. Michelle, Rene, and Julie are delighted with their baby sister.

Ida Jo Koehl, daughter of Bro. George and Sis. JoAnn, and Larry Kreeger were married April 12 at

Fellowship Hall.

New converts announced Sunday, April 27, are Walter Bittner and Jake Simon. How marvelous to think that the Lord can and does work in hearts that are old enough to be "set in their ways"!

Wolcott Sunday School visited Peoria April 20. Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington and Bro. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott preached interesting sermons.

Thursday evening, April 24, communion was served at the Home.

This week-end, Peoria Choir is singing in Alabama.

A special thank-you from Sis. Rose Barth . . . "It just overwhelms me how wonderful everyone has been to send so many cards, gifts and flowers."

#### A poem in Memory of Sis. Elizabeth Hartman by L. F

No more will I see her friendly face,  
Nor hear her call me by name,  
No more to see her loving smile;  
My loss was a heavenly gain.

No more to share our heartaches,  
For she's gone to the heavenly bliss,  
While I through this life yet must tarry,  
And a dear sister in faith I so miss.

Her soul is at rest with Jesus;  
Her daily cares are no more.  
She has crossed that beautiful river,  
Treading softly the golden shore.

Oh were I to be there with her,  
What a joyful reunion 'twould be!  
But I patiently wait for my Saviour  
To guide me across that sea.

Then to be in the arms of Jesus,  
In a mansion so bright and so fair,  
Where my dear friend is dwelling  
in heaven—

I pray someday too I'll be there.

#### TREMONT IL

Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuthold

Bros. Vernon Wettstein and John Steiner shared God's true word with us. May they visit us soon again.

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Emma Greiner in the passing of her mother, Sis. Carrie Michel of Kiowa.

Our friend, Mrs. James (Verna Getz) Sanders passed away in Texas. Services were held at the Tremont Mortuary April 4. We extend our sympathy to her husband and to the Getz family.

Sis. Mary Unsicker is now making her home at Restmor in Morton. Among our sick were: Sis. Mary Baurer, who is again able to assemble with us after having surgery . . . Bro. Herman Laidig was at Barnes in St. Louis for tests and treatment. He is now home and showing some improvement.

Jane Koch, daughter of Bro. Dan and Sis. Carol, and John O'Conner of East Peoria were united in marriage April 19. May their new-found union be blessed of our Lord and Saviour.

Katie Woerner passed away, and services were held April 19 at the mortuary. We sympathize with her sisters, (Sisters) Clara Sauder of our congregation and Ernestine Gudeman and Ann Schmidgall of the Elgin congregation.

Bro. Dave Kieser assisted Bro. Dan in breaking of bread and the drinking of the cup. As we were served, our thoughts again returned to the cross and the broken body and the shed blood for US.

"I want to thank all who remembered me with cards, gifts, prayers and visits while in the hospital and now at home." Sis. Sophia Leuthold— Peoria . . . "I want to thank the loved ones that remembered me during my stay at the hospital and since I came home, for the prayers that were offered and the cards, flowers, and gifts I received." Sis. Mary Baurer.

"I want to thank all who remembered me with prayers, cards, gifts and flowers during my stay at Barnes and at my home." Herman Laidig.

#### BRADFORD IL Rebecca Endress

Soon we will honor our parents on special days set aside for mothers and fathers . . . only since I have become a parent can I really appreciate the example of my own parents. My mother . . . always there, giving of herself; she didn't speak sharply to Dad, and seldom raised her voice to us. Church matters were not discussed; we had no idea if there were troubles between brethren. Dad . . . always

willing to serve the brotherhood in any way his talents could be used. The Bible was read at supper every night. Our home was always open to guests, whether strangers or well-known. When I observed these things, I took them for granted, but when I view them from far off, I can see that they take love and effort. As children, we should truly give thanks for Christian parents. As parents, we must sincerely strive to bring forth the good fruits for our children's example. We cannot do this without God's grace.

We enjoyed the many good teachings brought to us through our visiting ministers, Bros. Vern Wettstein and Bob Walder, Congerville; also Elder Bro. Leroy Huber, who was here with Bro. Dave Kieser and served Holy Communion.

John and Cheryl Knobloch are first-time parents of a daughter, Cherise Renee. They live at Lafayette, Indiana. Grandpa and Grandmas are Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Knobloch, Bradford, and Sis. Eleanor (the late Bro. Elmer) Steffen of Elgin Ill.

On the sick list . . . Eric Staley, baby son of Bro. Steve and Sis. Rose, had surgery to repair a bilateral hernia. He is doing fine.

Gladys Klumpp (Bro. Ray and Sis. Eunice) was hospitalized with severe headaches. She had to undergo rigorous tests, and it was determined that she had reacted to Vitamin A supplements, which caused swelling on her brain. She is recuperating at home.

Our midweek services have been cancelled for the summer months and will resume the end of October.

#### ELGIN IL Mary Moser

On April 20, Sis. Sandra Moser and Bro. Glen Heinold were united in marriage. We wish them the Lord's richest blessings in their walk of life together. We are thankful that visiting ministers Bro. Dwayne Metzger from West Bend and Bro. Art Gudeman from LaCrosse could be with us for this blessed occasion.

We are glad that God has brought our Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger and Sis. Della safely home from Zapata, where they spent some time.

Gary Steffen, son of Bro. John

and Sis. Wava, had an emergency appendectomy. Other hospital patients were Lydia Osumn, Minnie Weck and Cora Schambach.

We sympathize with Bro. Herman Braun and Sis. Ida Wahl in the death of their brother, Richard Braun.

A darling little boy, Samuel Micah has arrived at the home of Bro. Sam and Sis. Betty Bachtold. Happy grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth Schambach and Bro. Carl and Sis. Dorothy Bachtold from Forrest. A girl, Cherise Johnella was born to Cheryl and John Knobloch, who are presently living in Lafayette, Indiana. Sis. Eleanor Steffen of Elgin and Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Knobloch of Bradford are the grandparents.

"I wish to thank each who remembered me on my 80th birthday. It was quite a surprise. I received many lovely cards and gifts." Sis. Mary Weiss.

#### PULASKI IA

Ernestine Wuthrich  
Janice Rinkenberger

We were blessed twice this month with visiting ministers. They were Bro. Roy Ehnle of Bradford and Bro. Walter Anliker of Eureka.

Bro. Albert Wuthrich had surgery, but was unable to attend church for half a day this past Sunday. We are thankful that he is doing so well . . .

When I look outside and see the new leaves on the trees and the flowers starting to bud, my heart rejoices that there is a living God and His Son, our Saviour.

#### IOWA CITY IA

April Wiegand - Twila Whipple

We are thankful for the word of God that was brought to us by Bros. Duane Metzger (West Bend), Jim Hoerr (Peoria), and Uriel Gehring (Burlington). We appreciate the support of the many visitors who came to worship with us.

#### FT LAUDERDALE FL

Kathy Sutter - Henry Schwartz

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. John Yergler of Bluffton. They were able to spend a couple weeks with us, and we received abundant blessings. On the last evening of their visit, many gathered at the home of Bro. Bob. Yergler, to surprise Bro. John with happy birth-

day wishes . . . We were surprised and gladdened to find Bro. Bob Meyer with us one Wednesday even.

"Honour thy father and mother . . ." We will have special opportunities to show our parents the love and respect we have for them in these two months. Too often we take them for granted, without stopping to thank them for all they willingly do for us. Who else but Mom and Dad would spend a lifetime giving of themselves, of their love, time and patience, and do it willingly? They have sacrificed, and not called it sacrifice. We should take every opportunity to add cheer and light to their lives by sharing our joys with them.

Anyone who may have returned to the North from their winter visit to Ft. Lauderdale with an extra blue suitcoat, please contact Richard Sutter at 4047 SW 8th St., Plantation FL 33317.

#### ROCKVILLE CT

Carlton J. Lanz

The Bible is the oldest book in existence; it has outlived the storms of 30 centuries. It is the torch of civilization and liberty. Its influence for good in society has been recognized by the greatest statesmen, even though they for the most part have looked at it through the various glasses of conflicting creeds, which while upholding the Bible, very often misrepresent its teachings. Happenings such as the Great Flood at the time of Noah and the prophet Jonah, swallowed by the whale, and others which are recorded in the Old Testament have been related by many as only good stories. They have gone as far as to say that these could not have happened, thus causing doubt in children's and scholars' minds with regard to the truth. Since the light of nature leads us to expect a fuller revelation of God than which nature supplies, the reasonable, thinking mind will be prepared to examine the claims of any purporting to a divine revelation . . . The Bible claims to be such a revelation from God, and when read carefully and thoughtfully, it will disclose more complete and positive evidence that it is indeed the true word of God. A brother in the ministry, at Bluffton, in his sermon said, Pick up the Bible; look into

it; read it; study it; it has too much to gain and too much to lose that one should neglect to read it.

Bro. John Bahler, our elder, and Bro. Rudolph Graf, elder at Akron have returned from their visit to Communist Romania, where an effort was made to ease the strict regulations pertaining to their type of worship there.

The wedding of Laurie Schneider, daughter of Bro. Wilbur and Sis. Marge, and David Sweeny, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sweeney of Ellington took place at Bro. Albert Schneider's home, who officiated at the service. A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents. They have our very best wishes. May God's Spirit find a place in their lives and home.

**Births:** A daughter, Rachael Marie, to Linda (Zahner) and August Leite. Grandparents are, Bro. G. Frederick and Sis. Frieda Zahner of Ellington and Mr. and Mrs. Gill Liete . . . April 25, a son, Michael Robert, to Bro. Warren and Sis. Bonnie (Luginbuhl) Zahner. Grandparents are Bro. Robert and Sis. Pauline Luginbuhl and Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Clara Zahner.

Announcements have been made of the engagements as follows: Bro. Richard Hany, son of Sis. Hilda, to Sis. Betsy Erickson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Erickson of Tolland, Ct.; Betsy is still in Japan, where she is finishing her assignment as instructor and tutor . . . Bro. Robert Goric will wed Sis. Lynette Virkler, according to an announcement made recently. Lynette's parents are Sis. Christine and Bro. Kenneth Virkler, and Sis. Janet Goric is Robert's mother. Bro. Guy Champ and Sis. Emily Aberle have had their engagement announced and plan an early marriage date. Emily's parents are Bro. Edwin and Ernestine K. Aberle, and Guy's are Sis. Elsa and Russell Champ.

As the beautiful spring season moves in upon us, we can see some of the wonders of the Creator God. We can see how His creation is on such a delicate balance, that no person nor accident could have possibly accomplished such a feat. The trees know just when to bud; the flowers know just when to bloom, and the birds know when to fly North. We could go on and on with His wonders, which show just how delicate a balance there really

is. It would be an endless try. The Psalmist somewhat tells it when he beheld some of the wonders that he was surrounded by, when he sang, "Be still, and know that I am God"!

"My sincere thanks to loved ones who have remembered me with cards and prayers while I was hospitalized and during my recuperation at home." Bro. Arthur Gottier

#### SHIODA JAPAN Willis R. Ehle

The Japanese lad of about 11 years of age wondered what was causing all the static on his radio, so he went outside, with his camera, to see. There hovering over the house, about 30 meters in the air, was a cylindrical object with a dome on top, apparently to house a human being, but certainly being controlled by someone or something. The lad took several photographs of the flying object as it flew off into the sky; I saw one of those photos and testify that it certainly appeared to be a very real aircraft. This incident took place one afternoon this February, about a 30-minute drive from our home. It certainly stimulates one's thinking. Just what is taking place? It isn't likely to be imaginary when the camera shows it so plainly. In Luke 21 we read . . . "and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity . . ." and in verse 26, ". . . for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." It is comforting to be on God's side. Everybody should get there and stay . . .

Sis. Ito, a widowed sister, is in the hospital with liver trouble brought on by an illness known as Chiho-Byo or **The local disease**. Many people in Yamanashi Prefecture have or have had this disease, caused by a tiny organism which lives on snails found in ditches, streams and in rice paddies, which have been flooded with water. If you walk into such water barefoot or put your hands into such water, the organisms, not visible with the naked eye, penetrate the skin, enter the blood stream, and play havoc with your system, especially the liver. Sis. Ito's condition is improving; when I visited her yesterday she was much encouraged. With another month of hospitalization, proper medicine and care not to overwork, she may yet be able to live a nor-

mal happy life . . . But the rest of us had better be careful . . . These are not found in the immediate area of our church, so you needn't be concerned for the health of our teachers or the health of my family. In the spiritual life of the believer and in the church, there are organisms at work which are heralded as harmless, or even non-existent, but which work on the church and severely upset the system. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

#### TOKYO

##### Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue

We had quite a bit of rain, but this week we are enjoying warm days. Most of the flowers are blooming now; they are proof of God's blessings.

We know with God there are no boundaries such as oceans and lands. He is always only a prayer away. We have seen this displayed in our midst, as God hath drawn the hearts of our Sis. Betsy Erickson and Bro. Richard Hany of Rockville together; their engagement was announced in our two churches on April 20. We wish and believe God will provide for them a real blessing. Betsy is one of our teaching sisters at Shioda, and we thank God for her work here.

Our friend, Nancy Lehman, 14-yr.-old daughter of Bro. Vern and Sis. Leona Lehman of our Bremen assembly, is spending two months in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kuroshima. Bro. Vern and Mr. Kuroshima became good friends during Vern's service-time here, and made an agreement if the Lord wills, they would like to send their children to each other's country someday. The Japanese family lives two hours from church, and when Akito met them at the train station before church, he wondered how they found our phone number etc. Nancy then showed him a page of the minister's book with all the information. It is certainly a helpful publication. It was Mrs. Kuroshima's first time to attend a church service. We were happy they could visit us, and wish Nancy a pleasant stay.

We hear and read about the turmoil in South Viet Nam; it makes us sincerely pray for them and our country, also that God will watch over and protect His own, and that

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the doors of our House of Worship can always be open.

**KIOWA KS  
Janice Frieden**

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." . . . These beautiful words seem to so perfectly express the life and passing of our dear sister in faith, Carrie Michel. She was an inspiration through her unwavering faith and trust in God, and she always told us that, if God

willed it, she was ready to leave this world. We extend our deepest sympathy to Sis. Carrie's family, and trust that the knowledge of her abiding faith in God's promises will be a comfort.

We also hope and trust that God will be a comfort to Sis. Lottie Bartel and family, in the passing of her brother-in-law, Frank Hamilton of Burlington.

The 13th of April was a very special occasion for Sis. Martha Roth, as her family gathered with her to celebrate her 90th birthday. We pray that God may richly bless Sis. Martha and all of our older brothers and sisters, who through God's grace have preserved such a precious faith through the years.

Elder Bro. Harry Sutter of Ft. Lauderdale and Ministering Bros. Sam Huber of Sabetha and Eli Somerhalder of Eureka were with us on April 20, and, oh what a tremendous blessing we received through their messages of inspiration from God's true word. There are some who wonder at our brethren for speaking through the inspiration of God, but I'll always remember the beautiful words of one of our elder brothers in faith, because they so adequately express the way God speaks . . . that we may know the truth: "If God could inspire men to write the holy scriptures, why could He not inspire men to speak from those holy scriptures."

# JOY

Henry Souder Jr.

Joy is deep and abiding. It is an everlasting trait of God. And this, what a pleasure to know! Joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit. He gives His joy. With Him, there is no change nor shadow of turning. Always, He has joy, His nature . . . not shallow, not passing, but the true and the real, deep, of wonderful beauty.

His joy, how it comes is clearly shown. We can have more happiness if we listen. We are too often taken up with things that do not bring good glows of joy.

Jesus said: "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." Joy is found in what Jesus has said. Many knowledgeable sayings have feelings . . . but not glory and joy unspeakable. Some words bring outbursts of applause. What Jesus said! We can pause, breathe a prayer of happiness. The words bring a lingering glow. Forever . . . a promise of fulfillment, happiness of glory.

This is essential to happiness . . . prove all things, and hold fast that which is good. Warm and happy charity in chapter 13 of I Corinthians is love that "Rejoiceth not in

iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth". Things listened to, seen, read, applauded affect us in some measure. A jeweler can carefully, detailingly look over whether it is a jewel or a false stone . . . We should observe what feelings are brought by what we do.

The center, the very meaning of joy is "God my exceeding joy". We were created for this. After being reborn, the high altitudes of spiritual life are indeed in the heavens . . . now, we are one with Him. The first of the commandments that are greatest show: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Joy thus flows, for love rejoices with the truth. "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." The star depths in His inter-stellar heavens are fantastic . . . space itself makes us profoundly think . . . But deep, deep . . . glorious, wonderful is this God and His Son. What pleasures await, what discoveries, what profound personality depths. More than whole continents of restful, blue, beautiful harbors—far exceeding the fanfare mere man applauds.

There is joy if we write more of the living word in our life. Self things make miserable: self-pity, selfish, self-willed, self-envying . . . and a whole grab bag of bad tastes. Look at the apostle, John: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth." His joy showed on his face! Paul knew the true thrills. His people, the way they responded, brought a sweet countenance. Bounding joy came when he heard good news from Corinth! ". . . I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation."

God "is able . . . to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" . . . What a life! What a holiday, a homecoming, His haven of perfect satisfaction.

We'll meet in the clouds, such a moment of tenderness. The Lord tarries in that sweet meeting, before setting His feet on Olivet. Arms will go round, dear ones embrace, victory will shine . . . Triumph will be forever and ever.

Patterned in the Plan of God will bring exulting joy in perfect fullness . . . never to get less, for always and always. Think of it!