



Thy way, O God, is in
the sanctuary: who is so
great a God as our God?

Thou art the God that
doest wonders: thou hast
declared thy strength
among the people.

Thou hast with thine
arm redeemed thy people,
the sons of Jacob and Jo-
seph. Selah.

The waters saw thee, O
God, the waters saw thee;
they were afraid: the

depths also were troubled.

The clouds poured our
water: the skies sent out
a sound: thine arrows also
went abroad.

The voice of thy thunder
was in the heaven: the
lightnings lightened the
world: the earth trembled
and shook.

Thy way is in the sea,
and thy path in the great
waters, and thy footsteps
are not known.

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

THE SILVER LINING

A LIGHT for BELIEVERS

DANGER!

Not only high risk. Sometimes there is deadly destruction. God plainly points to the killer speed crash. **Being led astray.**

The words of Jesus are for us: "Take heed that . . ." His loving, gentle heart has us in mind to keep. Being heedless and careless increases the chance of probability to actuality to some degree of loss. God's figures always tell the truth!

" . . . we saw one . . ." That's the apostle's words to the Lord. We are not to forbid, but neither are we to leave His place for us. (God's word even has its effect with a preacher who does not know Him — Matthew 7:21-23).

We are happy and safe where God wants us. Wanderlust in the spirit endanger to deadly contagion. Listen to John in the II epistle: "For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

A religious publishing house has put out a commentary, The interpreter's Bible, which enlisted principal infidel writers, denying every fundamental of the Christian faith.

Infidels among this denomination's bishops, teachers and writers are legion.

The so-called Jehovah's Witnesses are well known for selling copies of literature. The *Watchtower* and *Awake* have been a familiar sight. These people deny the doctrine of the Trinity, that there is one God in three persons. They deny that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God. They claim that death is annihilation, that Hell means the grave.

The Jehovah's Witnesses translation of the Bible, The New World Translation mistranslates passage after passage, in order to establish their interpretation of Scripture. It arbitrarily inserts a period into the middle of a verse to keep the Apostle Paul from calling Jesus God. It makes Stephen address God as Jehovah, but will not allow him to call Jesus this when he uses the identical word in the same context.

The Humanist Association of another denomination has come out in favor of euthanasia (mercy killing). It defines murder of the aged as a mode or act of inducing or per-

mitting death painlessly as a release from suffering.

A man from still another denomination resigned from it. One of his main reasons was, they went in open partnership and fellowship with the National Council of Churches and its infidel leaders.

The World Council of Churches expressly says in its Constitution that it is based upon Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord; but the main men who run it do not believe He died to save people, do not believe He is God in the flesh, do not believe in the atoning blood.

This is the way a professor at a theological school begins every new class: "Ladies and gentlemen, I am an atheist!" Another atheist professor at the same theological schools tells his students the only requirement for the course is a term paper, and if any statements are made in it relative to a fundamental belief in God, the very highest possible grade that a student could get would be a C-minus.

Several once-respected, so-called Christian colleges are compromising with evolution to an alarming degree, according to the Institute for Creation Research. Schools included are Wheaton, Taylor, Bethel, Eastern Mennonite, Gordon, and others.

About 500 pastors were asked if they believe the Genesis account of creation. Forty-seven percent said they do; 5% are uncertain; 48% said they do not . . . Some 200 theological students were asked the same question. Only 5% said they do; 6% are uncertain; and 89% said they do not!

A noted Minnesota surgeon says in a book that he could not find a single cured patient among 26 persons who thought they had been healed in Kathryn Kuhlman's meetings. Follow-up studies, he reports, showed that two cancer patients were in much worse shape, some didn't suffer from the diseases reported, and one left a wheelchair which she did not need in the first place.

Sinister dangers lurk behind a deceptive front of claimed Middle America conservatism. To believe the Armstrong cult is to reject virtually all of Christianity's classic doctrines: the Trinity, the person-

ality of the Holy Spirit, the sinless nature and bodily resurrection of Christ, the immortality of the soul, the new birth, salvation by faith, the existence of hell as a place of eternal punishment. To subscribe to Armstrong's system of doctrine is to submit to a rigid straitjacket of legalism and arcane mythology.

Six resigned ministers in this organization earlier signed a statement, . . . protesting alleged lavish spending of church contributions by the Armstrongs. The six men also cited doctrinal divisions — especially over the sect's position on divorce and remarriage — and they alluded to Garner Ted Armstrong's alleged sexual misconduct over a period of years.

"In 1940, a teenager was growing up . . . Practically all these particular young people he knew were living worldly lives, wild to varying degrees . . . He saw little sign that either they or their parents had goals distinguishably different from anybody else. Then came World War II . . . All other eligible young men went to the beaches of Saipan, Okinawa, Sicily, and Normandy. These boys refused; they said they didn't believe in war; they went to work on dairy farms and in forest preserves, and all came home again. They had selected to apply the principle of non-resistance, but not of holy living . . . Is a government official wrong in accusing of accepting their historic principles which concern the state, but rejecting their historic principles which touch themselves? What part of the opprobrium they

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bear in faith is the inevitable stumbling block of the cross, and what part is the inevitable result of split-level ethics they chose to follow? Do they not have an important responsibility to impose upon their own ranks the full package of spiritual disciplines of the forebears they profess?"

The above shows the danger of bad fruits spreading, even among a group, more than one whose members we can respect — of the Mennonites.

Wheaton College and the Billy Graham campaign pushed to bring into the ministerial association a large group of liberal, unbelieving preachers. These preachers openly refused to avow the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

Billy Graham has openly attacked fundamentalists. He is very good friends with liberals, speaks in Union Theological Seminary, before the American Baptist Convention, in Colgate-Rochester Seminary. Billy Graham says that God has by-passed extreme fundamentalism.

He came to speak at a so-called Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship meeting: "And people, people that ten years ago would have made fun of you are now engaged in the same type of meetings that you're engaged in . . ." He did not rebuke their "tongues." He spoke before the Protestant Council in New York, and did not rebuke their infidelity; he spoke in Bishop Pike's Cathedral and had him on the committee for his San Francisco campaign and to lead in prayer in his meetings. He had the Catholic bishop on the platform in Brazil to bless the converts as they came forward. He attended President Johnson's dance in July 1964.

Billy Graham and his associates were busy selling a book by Melcolm Muggeridge, entitled "Jesus Rediscovered." Advertised as "Christian" reading, it denies the Virgin Birth of Christ, His Deity, and the Trinity.

In Jeane Dixon's biography (it should be enough to warn any Bible-believing Christian) is her confession, that a great black and yellow serpent wound itself around her and her bed, to tell her how to be wise! Doesn't that have a familiar echo? Here we have the astounding repetition of the serpent's

lie in the garden of Eden . . .

There is a wise German saying. It shines, a high-powered beacon clearly showing danger. Being led astray is a non-physical hallucination of Satan.

The saying is: "Mit laufa, mit saufen". In American it is, With running — with drinking. Inspiration clearly shows in scripture, Evil communications corrupt good manners. Some who leave can find mercy, but over and over the sad record has repeated: If one runs with them, he is soon drinking with them. Why put salvation, your very own, in the risk of spiritual gambling with forever?

WHAT FROELICH THOUGHT

The following is part of a letter datelined: Zurich (Thursday), September 4, 1856. When Froelich's teaching and views have the impact and power of God—chording with Scriptures, then we are wise if we take them for ours. The letter is addressed:

To the honorable Baptist Preachers' Conference, esteemed Friends:

You have honored me with a written invitation to your conference; but as I am not in position to accept this invitation, I at least feel myself obligated to reply to your letter, giving a few reasons. First and in general, I have a poor opinion of the benefit and results of such . . . especially as they concern the truth and the kingdom of God. They remind me too much of the erstwhile church synods and councils, where men desired to replace the missing truth by means of human inventions and wisdom, to great harm of the truth and the church of God; for just as there is only one truth, so also is the true church in itself just one, and this oneness (unity) has not to first be discovered or established by means of conferences.

Here the words of the prayer of the Lord (John 17:21) do not at all apply, for Jesus did not pray the Father that many existing organizations, each resting on its own foundation, might be merged into one, for under none of these organizations could another foundation be laid than that on which it already rests. Rather this was the prayer of the Son, that all who are converted to Him and, through the word of

the apostles, become believers on Him, be completely one, even as He and the Father are truly one. This unity is accordingly given and exists in the true faith (by virtue of this intercession of Jesus), and should not first be achieved later on, between various separately established organizations by means of . . . all sorts of human endeavor.

On the basis of the divine truth therefore, such an intended union is impossible, because the divine is not the foundation of these individual organizations; otherwise, one would not primarily have to bring it into existence artificially. If a church rests on the foundation of the truth, it will not afterwards confer with other organizations, otherwise it would mix the truth with strange additions and errors, and what is worse, no organization resting on a foundation of error is inclined to relinquish its false principles.

How is it possible then to have a union based on the truth? Where the foundation is one there the hearts are already one, and where the foundation is false, the individual hearts must make a new beginning. Now, many have already passed judgment on me, that my foundation upon which I build the church, namely, my doctrine and my baptism are wrong, in that I ascribe too much to baptism and do not permit baptism to be . . . a formal confession of the believer, and that as a result I, for 25 years, teach that he who by baptism is born again is no longer a sinner, but has become a child of God, in order to walk in a new life as a righteous and holy person, otherwise God would be a father of sinners . . .

I maintain therefore, that every organization which teaches and believes that the man in Christ is a sinner also, like the man in Adam, stands on a false foundation; and if they, under the circumstances, constitute a church . . . No apostle of the Lord would acknowledge them as such, inasmuch as they say that the various organizations, regardless of the difference of their views, should work together for the kingdom of God.

. . . Division is better than the union of unlike elements. In our last times, the kingdom of heaven is like unto ten virgins who cannot be united (made one) because of

their inner differences, even though there is apparently a formal unity in their endeavors. Each must look out for herself; the end will reveal who was right and who was wrong.

By a formal union, all those who teach otherwise would have the right to teach in our church, without the inner unity of the doctrine of Christ, and that shall not be.

I do not love strife, and commit every strange servant unto the Lord. I however have been judged of all and therefore say with Isaac: "Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?"

CHEAP GRACE

Bro. Theo. Beer found this in a book:

Cheap grace is the enemy of our church; we are fighting today for costly grace. Cheap grace means the justification of sin without the justification of the sinner, for grace alone does everything. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession.

COSTLY GRACE

Costly grace is as the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will gladly sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price and to receive it, the merchant will sell all his goods. Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought for again and again. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner.

Above all, it is costly, because it cost God His beloved Son. What has cost God much cannot be cheap for us.

Costly grace confronts us to a gracious call to follow Jesus. Grace is costly because it asks man to submit to the yoke of Christ to follow Him.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

As the time of the conference in August is soon here, would you please report to the address below the amount of monies sent to various Bible Societies by your church. Henry Grimm Sr., 111 East Edgewood, Morton IL 61550.

MINNEAPOLIS MN

Josephine Esterling

The most happy and memorable time for any congregation is when new members are added to the fold. John and Barbara Olson and Marvis Miller gave their testimonies on Saturday evening May 15. On the following Sunday, they were baptized into Christ's death. Following the baptismal services, Bro. Leo Moser and Bro. Paul Fehr served the congregation Holy Communion. What a blessed day! So much love, joy and happiness was felt.

This sin-sick world with all its woes and all the unhappy people in it needs to be prayed for desperately. Blessed is the home in which a mother and dad spends hours praying for those with whom they live. Such arms of prayer reach up to God and bring down help and blessings.

SARASOTA FL

Lyn Blunier — Sandra Price

**You Need Not Fear the Future—
If You Know the One Who Holds
the Future!**

Two loved ones have felt answered prayer and the touch of the Master's hand . . . Sis. Marie Martin is recovering well after surgery . . . Bob Beard (son of Bro. George and Sis. Clara) has received an encouraging report from his doctor.

We welcome with love, Sis. Judy Metzger (Lester) and Philip and Maria Bartoni (Chicago) to our congregation. Philip and Maria live at 145 Bentiana Dr, Colony Cove Ellenton FL, and Judy lives at 2338 Linwood Dr, Sarasota FL 33580.

We are happy to report our first engagement announcement in Sarasota . . . Bro. Rodney Getz (son of Bro. Mel and Sis. Margaret) and Sis. Judy Metzger (daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn of Lester).

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Brenda Tucker

As another semester comes to an end, we say goodbye to our graduating seniors: Sis. Peg Baumgartner, Bern, will be graduating in Elementary Education. She will be teaching in Bern next year . . . Jon Ott, Kiowa, will be graduating in

Animal Science and Industry, and plans to be returning next fall for graduate study.

God has blessed the home of Bro. Steve and Sis. Linda Gutwein with a baby boy. Kevon Carl Gutwein joined us here April 23.

Those who plan to attend summer school and will be in the Manhattan area during the summer months are Bro. Phil Bahr and Bro. Steve Gutwein and his family.

Again we would like to thank those ministering brethren who shared with us these past few weeks: Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, and (Bros.) Roy Wernli, Lamont; Al Langhofer, Wichita; John Lehman, Bern; and Sam Huber, Sabetha.

ALTO MI

Donna Steffen

Eight-year-old John Schlatter, the son of Bro. Otto and Sis. Pat, was hospitalized for hand surgery, after nearly losing his thumb. He is home, doing well, and hopes to have his cast removed real soon.

We had several visiting ministers. Those visiting were (Bros.) Henry Beer (Milford), Loren Strahm (Gridley KS), and one Wednesday evening our elder brethren, Joe Waibel (Bay City) and Ben Maibach (Detroit) to read and share the memorandum.

" . . . they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

CONGERVILLE IL

Mary Leman - Sharon McClure

A new little bundle has arrived at the home of Bro. Brad and Sis. Vera Wieland of Bay City. Traever Bradley is the grandson of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie Grusy.

We had several visiting ministers: Bros. James Ringger, Roy Ehnlé, Kenneth Dietz (Bradford), Walter Herrmann (Princeville), Art Bahler (Fairbury) and our Elder Bro. Josh Broquard.

The engagement of Bro. Mike Rinkenberger, son of Bro. Charles and Sis. Martha of La Crosse, to Pat Rocke, daughter of Bro. Richard and Sis. Marge of Eureka was announced.

Hospitalized was Bro. Ralph Zobrist. He has submitted to tests at Carle Clinic for his back. Sis. Mary

Schieber (Bro. Mike) was hospitalized.

We, the brothers and sisters of our departed beloved Bro. Noah Schrock express our heartfelt thanks for the prayers, kind deeds and expressions of sympathy during his illness and passing."—Jesse Schrock, Nettie (Schrock) Rocke, Naomi, Mae, Joe and Alvin Schrock . . . Bro. Noah was converted here at Congerville in 1910, and spent most of his single converted life here. He established his home near Oakville. He was made a minister in 1918 and ordained elder in 1940. He will long be remembered and appreciated for his labor of love among us.

Seven of our young folks received their high school diplomas. Dale Knapp, Peg Schieber, Sue Roth, Gail Williamson, Steve Baer and Sisters Lori Knapp and Karen Schieber.

Whatever paths you follow,
May these blessings come your way—
Cherished friends and loved ones
To brighten every day,
The strongest faith, the brightest hopes

That heaven can impart,
Serenity and wisdom,
An understanding heart,
An awareness of life's beauty,
An answer to your prayers,
And the blessed reassurance
That God understands and cares.

RITTMAN OH Grace Gasser

Those of us who report for the Silver Lining are made aware of the many different experiences which meet God's children in just a month's time. There are those whose pathway leads through sunshine and joy. Others because of bodily weakness, disappointment and sorrow, find themselves in the midst of thick clouds. To those of you whose names appear in this issue because of a new joy which has been added to your life, we wish you God's blessings. To those whose names appear here because you have suffered, or because your future seems dark and uncertain, we remember you in prayer, and trust the Lord to supply your needs. Then to those of you whose names never appear, because your cross is hidden behind a smile, and known to none but God, we wish you a special measure of His help,

for surely there is not a single child of God who does not need the prayers of those he loves.

On May 16, Bro. Rudolph Graf visited our congregation to aid Bro. Joe Ramsier in choosing a brother to assist in the ministry. The Lord willed that this task fall on the shoulders of Bro. Ronnie Steiner. We trust that Ronnie and his wife, Sis. Ruth, and their four children can feel our support and that they can say, ". . . It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good."

Hospital patients include Sis. Reah Beery, Bros. Robert Gasser, Harry Saurer, Sis. Alma Curie, and Sis. Anna Rufener.

Funeral services for Wilford Gasser, age 58, were conducted on May 8 by Bro. Joseph Ramsier at the Gillman Funeral Home.

Births: Their first son, Chad Edward, was born to Edward and Joan Gasser. Bro. Craig and Sis. Gale Emch also welcome their first son, Bradley David. . . A daughter, Kelly Jo was born to Bro. Dan and Sis. Diane Gasser. She is also welcomed by one brother . . . Their third daughter, Angela Kay, was born to Bro. Ben and Sis. Janette Blough.

We will greatly miss two families who will be moving away from our community. Bro. Ed and Sis. Shirley Zollinger and their five children will be moving to Arizona. Bro. Terry and Sis. Peggy Young and their son are moving to Forest.

On May 16, Bro. Bob Dotterer was united in marriage to Sis. Mardell Stoller, at the Latty church. We welcome Mardell into our congregation.

Engagements: Bro. John Gerber (Sis. Mary Ellen) to Sis. Ricki Kipfer (Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Marilyn) of Latty . . . Bro. Leon Rufener (Bro. Orin and Sis. Anna) to Sis. Lori Graf (Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet) of Akron.

We are thankful for another convert; he is Fred Winkler, son of Sis. Jessie.

SHIODA JAPAN Willis R. Ehnlé

I heard of a family in Japan who had a deaf child. To them such a child in the family detracts from the family image, so this child was confined to her own room for 32 years, according to the report. After such a long wait, this person has moved out into society

to try to make her way in life, handicap and all. The emphasis on keeping up the family image is good, but this time it went too far. ". . . and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops."

A young Frenchman attended our monthly hymn-sing on May 9, held out-of-doors at a small park, rock-studded, hill-covered, with azalea bushes and pine trees, located along the road about a 10-minute drive from our church. Other than ourselves, this young Frenchman was the only person at the park. He is married to a Japanese girl whose parents live near that park. The unusual thing about this young man is that he is a Buddhist. When I encouraged him to read the Bible, he replied that he has studied the Bible from his childhood and knows it very well. One wonders then why he chooses Buddhism, which offers no remedy for sin and guilt. It must be that he is interested in philosophy and is attracted to that which is unusual from the Western (European and American) standpoint. "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

Our elementary school had the American Bi-Centennial as their theme for the end-of-the-year program. God has blessed America materially more than any other nation has ever been blessed, with 6% of the world's population consuming 30% of the world's resources. America has not responded with godly living, however, so those of our faith must show the way how all Americans should live unselfish lives in all godliness. . . . "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

As for our elementary school, one more year and it is being closed down, because at that time our youngest child, Jewel, will be going to junior high in Tokyo. It will no longer be necessary to have an American elementary school here. Our kindergarten will continue, however, and teachers who would be interested in coming should let their interest be known to Bro. Ben Maibach, after receiving the consent of their local elder.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

BRADFORD IL**Jane Leman**

Visiting ministers were: Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest), Edwin Ringger (Gridley), Joe Stoller and Dave Kieser (Princeville).

We had several hospital patients: Bro. Duane Elsasser and Friend Rex Streitmatter were involved in separate highway accidents. Ten-year-old Paul Knobloch, son of Bro. Jim and Sis. Helen, was accidentally hit in the face with a bat.

Sis. Lois Endress sends this note: My family and I want to thank everyone who remembered us with prayers, cards, visits, food, and gifts while I was in the hospital."

Bro. Dave and Sis. Judy Knobloch, Eric and Shelley happily welcome a new baby boy, Casey Thomas, into their home. Grandparents are Bro. Nick and Sis. Gladys Knobloch (Princeville) and Bro. Ralph and Sis. Katherine Klopfenstein (Gridley).

The engagement has been announced of Tex Streitmatter and Mary Fehr. Parents of the couple are Bro. Leroy and Sis. Esther Streitmatter and Bro. Walt and Sis. Arletta Fehr (Roanoke).

MANSFIELD OH**Lucille Groh**

The weary one had rest;
The sad had joy that day,
And wondered how?
A ploughman singing at his work
Had prayed Lord, help them now.

Joy filled our hearts on April 25, when our dear elder brother, Sam Aeschlimen, Bluffton, visited our congregation and read "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble", and then ministered to us on that beautiful Psalm 46.

May 2 was another joy-filled day, when the Bremen Choir presented a beautiful program in song.

Happiness fills the home of friends, Jim and Sharon Banks, on the safe arrival of their new little daughter, Amanda Dawn, on May 5. Joy also fills the home of Ed and Cheryl Oesch Schumaker, who are the parents of Ryan Edward, born May 11.

A note of thanks to our Youth Group who bought and served church lunch on Mother's Day.

The family of Sis. Freda Dinger

wish to thank all who helped during the sickness and death of their mother.

Loving prayers are sent for Sis. Leora Bocka in her sadness, in the loss of her brother, Wilford Gasser, Rittman. Also to our loved ones who have been hospitalized: Sisters Tillie Oesch, Wilma Sauder, Carolyn Dotterer, Martha Cordrey and Bro. Robert Sauder, Friends: Sally Banks (Bill and Becky) Eva Bricker and Wayne Rufner.

On May 16, the Vesper Choir presented a very inspiring Spring program. They have also visited the Apostolic Christian Retirement Center and the Sardis congregation. Bro. Charles Sauder has spent much time, patience and effort during these many years as choir director. He has promoted many worthwhile programs in our church, such as Vacation Bible Schools and Ohio Youth Day, as well as arranged for many visiting choirs who presented programs over the years.

We wish to thank Bro. Aaron Steffen for ministering to us on May 9.

MAYWOOD CA**John Dapper**

What a precious Gift we have in this that we can send Greetings, in the Lord, to each other. I sometimes feel that we lose sight of and do not realize what a deep meaning there is for us who are of the membership in the body of Christ, and what a real communion we have in this precious gift of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, when he gave to us the position as brothers and sisters in Him . . . We go from east to west, north to south, and where ever we meet loved ones of like faith, how quickly we become known to each other and how quick our hearts flow together. I know of no other church with this gift. All because we join not a church but a membership in the body of Christ, who offers this to all mankind . . . But how many understand it and are willing to take up the cross and follow him? The Lord spoke that young man who had kept the commandments from his youth, to give up his wealth and take up the cross and follow him. So are even so many in this poor world. It may not be wealth, but other things which they treasure above all else.

I am sorry to write that our aged

Bro. Pete Schick has not been able to attend church for some time, also our dear Sis. Hulda Inthurn and Sis. Julia Milinkovich. My wife, Julia Dapper has moved to the home at Eureka, and seems quite happy there among the many loved ones . . . also, as soon as I can close up all our business affairs will also be going to join my wife Julia.

The Lord has been kind to us, has blessed us with grace to repent and become a member in the body of Christ, where many happy hours have been spent with many of you whom we learned to know. Thanks to all . . . And may God's will be done in our change of location, and grant his blessing upon it all. So farewell for this time.

I want to add yet our dear Bro. Ben Ammann had surgery, but we are thankful he is again able to assemble with us.

ATHENS AL**Hazel Vibbert**

Many children were happy today, as they got their report cards, and out for a few months. Our graduates are: Bro. Ricky Hildard, Sis. Cathy Kelly, and Pasty Barnett.

We had four dear souls to find peace with God and were baptized: Bro. Winfred and Sis. Unice Kelly and their son, Mike, and David Haggermaker.

A good friend passed away, Melvin Dugger. He left behind his wife and son and his parents.

Bro. Winfred Kelly and Bro. Mike Moore had surgery on their knee; both are home. Mary Perry and Esther Barnett had surgery. Luke Kyle had a stroke and heart attack; he is now in a nursing home. His wife is Sis. Minnie. Gary Vibbert has been in the hospital for 25 days in Germany.

A birthday dinner was given for Sis. Clara at Landersville. She was moved to tears as many spoke of how she had helped them the 22 years she has lived in Alabama.

GOODFIELD IL**Elna Grimm - Verna Hartter**

God's finger touched him,
and he slept.

On Tuesday, May 4, our precious friend and neighbor, Bob Hohulin closed his eyes in death. This brought untold sadness to our community, in spite of the fact that

we were told he could not live. Bob was the kind of neighbor who smiled and waved with feeling, whenever and wherever he met you . . . the kind of neighbor who was somehow, always there, when you needed help . . . the kind of neighbor that commanded love and respect.

Bob was only 35 years old. For months he lay on his sick bed, quietly and patiently suffering. The way he lay there so submissively, yielding himself to the Lord, was a sermon in itself. If ever there was a time that we wanted to reach out and repay someone for all his kind deeds of love, it was then, but all we could do was to stand by and pray. It seemed so little to do, but oh, what prayers were uttered in his behalf . . . And now we believe those prayers have been answered. Bob was relieved of his pain, and though we miss him sorely, yet we believe that he has gone to be with his Lord . . . Surviving are his wife, the former Marilyn Underwood; two small children, Karen, 7, and Jeff, 4, R.R. Congerville; his father, Bro. Eli Hohulin, and his brother, Dick, both of Goodfield. His mother, Lois, passed away in the fall of 1971.

Babies: A boy, Erik Lee, to Bro. and Sis. Ron and Barb Wiegand, R.R. Eureka on May 19. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Dan and Verla Wiegand, R.R. Deer Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Wally Unsicker, R.R. Tremont . . . A boy, Nathan Thomas, to Bro. and Sis. Roy and Jan Wiegand, R.R. Roanoke, on May 22. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Willis Wiegand, R.R. Congerville, and Bro. and Sis. Harlan and Carolyn Bolliger, Tremont.

Hospital patients have been Bro. Dan Plattner, Morton, and Bro. John Streit, R.R. Deer Creek.

We thank Bro. Leroy Huber, Eureka, for ministering to our congregation on the afternoon of May 16.

We are so happy to see Norma Bauman back. She has been to Mayos for extensive surgery . . . "I wish to express my thanks to everyone who remembered me while in the hospital and since returning home, the prayers, calls, cards, visits, flowers and gifts. The food and kindness shown were deeply appreciated." Lou and Norma Bauman.

Bro. and Sis. Jay and Jill Plattner are leaving us the first part

of June, for Oregon, where they will be living.

"I would like to thank all those who sent cards and gifts, also all those who visited, and remembered me in their prayers during my illness. It meant so much to me." Margaret Newlin . . . "Words cannot express our thanks to our family and friends for remembering us during Bob's illness and death. We appreciated the many cards, thoughts, prayers, and memorials of food." Marilyn, Karen and Jeff Hohulin, Eli Hohulin, Dick Hohulin and family.

My Mother

By a sister in the church

Memories, memories from the lane
of yesteryears:

Of the many hurts she kissed
away, and dried my many
tears.

Years have gone, ne'er to return;
she's bent and aged and gray,
Which speak of sorrows, toils
and cares she encountered on
life's way.

Much anxiety and sleepless nights
caring for frail little me.

Surely many a star will be in her
crown, having served so un-
selfishly.

Of all the folks who touched my
life, none can ere compare,
To understand life's problems,
banish every fear.

Thankless toils, unending tasks:
cook, bake, wash and mend,

Doctor, nurse and teacher, ever
a helping hand, ready to lend.

Heart of gold, virtuous, true, hands
work-worn and gnarled,

Humbly serving her Master and
King, as kind deed to others
she rendered.

Ever faithful, loyal, kind, ne'er
thought of self, but others,

With countless daily sacrifice,
unknown to all save Mother.

Rich am I that God did give to me
a Christian mother,

As day after day, she pointed
the way to that heavenly home
up yonder.

golden, our hearts are deeply thankful. Just a few short months ago, those same fields looked as though they could not yield a crop, due to lack of moisture most of the fall and winter months . . . But then God opened the heavens and granted us a bountiful supply of much needed rain, and we again realized that we feeble humans plant and sow, but only our wonderful God is able to give the increase.

Quite a number of our beloved brothers and sisters in faith were hospital patients: Sisters Marie Tucker, Esther Terry, Alice Tanner, Jenny Schrock, and Elizabeth Diel were hospitalized for various tests. Bro. Vern Schurter underwent knee surgery, and Bro. George Diel suffered a serious heart attack. Sis. Bea Diel, who had surgery on her leg last month, is now home and residing at the Kiowa Manor. We are truly grateful to our Lord for granting returning health to those again in our midst.

We wish to extend to Sis. Myrtle Rathgeber and family our heartfelt sympathy at the passing of her brother, E. W. Alberding of Kiowa.

Due to the start of our busy season, midweek services have been cancelled until fall.

Sometimes it is difficult to express in words how deeply we love God for the many blessings He gives us. Sunday the 23rd was one of those times. Elder Bro. Roy Farney, Phoenix, was in our midst, and besides bringing us two stirring messages of wisdom and inspiration from God's word, he and Ministering Bro. Ronald Nelson shared with us in the partaking of Holy Communion. The unexplainable peace and love we experienced for the Lord, when we remembered all He has done for us, and for one another as brothers and sisters in such a precious faith, filled our hearts to such overflowing that no words seem adequate to express the gratitude we felt. A further time of Christian fellowship was enjoyed later in the evening, when a supper was held in the Fellowship Hall.

KIOWA KS Janice Frieden

Harvest is almost here again, and as we look out over the green fields that so very soon will be

MORRIS MN

Joyce Nohl - Corrine Schmidgall
Congratulations and God's blessings to our graduates. They are: Sis. Kathy Dogotch (Bro. Leo and

Sis. Thelma), Dan Durkee (Lloyd and Dorothy), Wayne Heil (Rob and Lucille), Doreen Koehl (Bro. Edward and Sis. Lois), Dan Luthi (Harold and Berniece), Loretta Luthi (Bro. Ray and Sis. Marilyn), James Meiss (Bros. Harold and Sis. Ann), Luanne Schaefer (Bro. Antone and Sis. Verna), Nancy Schmidgall (Bro. Richard and Sis. Corrine), Sue Schmidgall (Bro. Gilbert and Sis. Barbara), and Shirley Wulf (Bro. Leonard and Sis. Violet). Graduating from Inver Heights Junior College, St. Paul, are Barb Joos (Bro. Albert and Sis. Edith) and Sis. Connie Nuest (Bro. Steve). May they seek not only wisdom of this earth but also godly wisdom. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom . . ."

We welcome Bro. Steve and Sis. Connie Nuest to our congregation. They moved from Minneapolis. as Sis. Connie has graduated. We also welcome back Bro. Noah Anliker, as he will be staying the summer with his daughter and son-in-law, Bro. Lyle and Sis. Irene Richs.

Our sympathy goes to Bro. Earl and Sis. Minnie Kussatz on the death of his father, Emil.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Sis. Peg Gramm, daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Ila, to Bro. Dale Gudeman, son of Bro. Willis and Sis. Margaret of Francesville. A July wedding is being planned . . . Roy Nohl and Ginger Loher have announced their engagement. Their parents are Bro. Noah and Sis. Shirley and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Loher of Morris.

Hospital patients were: Sis. Diane Kellenberger (Bro. Mark), Ed Heil, Jeremy Schmidgall (Bro. Keith and Sis. Lois), and Bertha Goll. Janell Schaefer (Bro. Herman and Sis. Eva Jean) had the misfortune of fracturing her leg and has it in a cast. We are happy to report that Sis. Chrystol Luthi (Bro. Reuben) does not have to have surgery at this time.

It was a blessed privilege to witness the testimonies and baptisms of three dear souls, on May 22 and 23 respectively. We welcome Jan Dogotch (Bro. Leo and Sis. Thelma) and Loren and Rhonda Zeltwanger (Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Edna) and (Jack Morton) into the fold. Bro. Leo Moser of Lester assisted our Elder Bro. Paul Fehr in this holy act. We were happy to have with us Bro. Merle Bucher

(La Crosse) and Bro. Le Roy Messner (Winthrop). On this same evening as baptism, we came together to take part in Holy Communion. Bro. Leo assisted Bro. Paul. What a blessed week-end this was, and only a foretaste of what lies ahead for us if we stay true.

"Many thanks to my children for gifts, flowers and food, all making my 82nd birthday such a pleasant one . . . thanks to the other relatives and friends for food, gifts and love shown me . . . Many thanks to the neighbors for their visits." Sis. Louise Mohrman.

PHOENIX AZ

Julie Hoerr

Our congregation was privileged to reap bountiful blessings from the fruits of God's labors May 14, 15, 16. We are grateful to Elder Bros. Ben Maibach and Carl Kinsinger for their help and support shown to Elder Bro. Roy Farney in the undertaking of God's work. We welcome Bro. George and Sis. Christine (Dubach) Schuster back into the fold, as their membership has been reinstated. Truly it is a blessing to have our cup overflowing with the wonderful life as God's child.

Our sympathy is extended to our dear friend, Caroline Clauss Collins, and daughters, Kay and Myra, in the death of the husband and father, Bert.

Hospital patients have been: Sis. Joanne (Herb) Knochel—surgical; Jerome Rokey (Bro. Sis. Erv), medical; and Sis. Kate Blumenschien, outpatient, medical.

Graduates this year are: College, Bro. Doug Schmidgall (Bro. Sis. Kenneth); High School, Bro. Darby Knochel (Bro. Sis. Ted), Rob Beery (Bro. Sis. Richard), and grade school: Sis. Della Martin (Bro. Sis. Glen).

Bro. Kenny and Sis. Mary Jo Schmidgall are happy first-time grandparents of Stelle Anna . . . Parents are Bro. Brad and Sis. Dorene Bahler (Remington).

Bro. Glen and Sis. Josephine Martin and daughters have moved to 8019 N. 5th Ave., Phoenix 85021.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

TAYLOR MO

Lena M. Haerr

Apr. 28, Bro. Roy Sauder, Peoria, was with us and helped Bro. Roy Grimm. May 5, we heard Bro.

Kenny Knapp is our new minister. May God be with them in their new work of the Lord.

May 9—four friends were announced to give their conversion testimony June 12.

Sis. Sherry Grimm, daughter of Roy Grimms, and Bro. Lloyd Stoller, Gridley, announced their engagement May 9.

Bro. Harvey Grimm, Bern, KS brought us God's message May 9.

Bro. Roy Grimm performed the wedding service for his daughter, Sis. Jeanne Grimm and Bro. Bill Leman, Roanoke, on May 16.

Bros. Gene Bertschi, Roanoke; Ezra Feller, Cissna; Todd Feller, La Crosse; Kenny Dietz, Bradford; and Clarence Yackley, Phoenix were our visiting ministers.

WOLCOTT IN

Laurel Widmer - Arles Kropf

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

We were blessed on May 16, by the visit and ministry of Bro. Andrew Virkler of the Bay City assembly.

Bro. Charles Klopfenstein is hospitalized, due to injuries to both legs, sustained when a crop-dusting helicopter which he was piloting crash-landed in a field.

Our friend, Kent Blume, son of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Norma, is engaged to Robin Collins of Brookston. A fall wedding is being planned.

Our high school graduates are Jim Furrer and Larry Farney. Other graduates are: Sis. Connie Schieler from Purdue; Sis. Luann Bahler from Ivy Tech, and Sis. Laurel Widmer from St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing.

BERN KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

A time to be born.

We have two joy bundles to report. Bruce David was born May 10 to Bro. Darrel and Sis. Gloria Stoller. Bro. Harlan and Sis. Pearl are first-time grandparents. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Nathan and Sis. Lois Grimm, Sabetha . . . also born May 10 was Dayra Sue Meyer. She joins Allen and Larry in the home of Bro. James and Sis. Jeannie Meyer. Grandparents are

Sis. Pearl Meyer, and Bro. Ervin and Sis. Ruth Metzger, Elgin, Ia.

And a time to die.

Many a heart was saddened, when the word was passed around of the sudden and unexpected death of our friend, Sam Hanni, May 10. Sam was making a rapid recovery from knee surgery, expecting to be home shortly. Sam was a friend to everyone and will be missed, especially by his four sisters, Emma and Sis. Lydia Hanni of the home, Sisters Lena (Lou) Baumgartner and Mary Maurer, Sabetha.

To break thy bread we now are gathered, In covenant to drink Thy wine . . . are some of the words we sang together before partaking Holy Communion. We enjoyed having Elder Raymond Banwart (Ft. Scott) with us and wish to thank him for helping Elder Lester Hartter serve us.

At Fellowship Hall May 16, Bro. Lester Hartter united in marriage Nanette Meyer (Bro. Louis and Sis. Mavis) and Terry Farwell. They will make their home on a farm near Bern.

Sis. Frieda (Aaron) Strahm is a medical hospital patient.

July is Silver Lining collection for Bern.

A change of address: Mrs. Sophia McClanahan, Colonial Manor Nursing Home, 8016 S.E. 15th St. Room 2, Midwest City OK 73110.

FAIRBURY IL Joyce Huber

The Lord Jesus took bread . . . and said, Take eat: this is my body, which is broken for you . . . After the same manner he took the cup . . . saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood. How thankful we are for the atonement, to have both provisions for us—the bread broken, symbolic of Jesus' body being broken, the cup symbolic of His blood being shed, that our soul could be saved eternally. Bros. Leroy Huber and Perry Zimmerman assisted our elder, Bro. Josh Broquard in serving communion, that we might partake symbolically of the broken body and the shed blood.

Mrs. Johanne Wenger (Russell Wenger's widow) has given her heart to take Jesus as her Saviour and Lord of her life.

June is known as a month of weddings, and we have two cou-

ples who will be observing their Golden Wedding Anniversaries: Bro. Herman and Sis. Marie Kilgus and Bro. Eli and Sis. Bertha Moser were each married 50 years ago on June 24.

Sis. Katie (Zimmerman) Zehr, 88, passed away. She married Joseph Zehr in 1908; he passed away in 1948. Surviving are children: Harvey, Sis. Irene Traub, Sis. Dorothy Streib; two brothers, John and Bro. Sam; three sisters, Sisters Martha Koehl, Sara Koehl, and Lillian Zimmerman.

We enjoyed having ministers, (Bros.) Art Gudeman, Vernon Leman, Jim Leman, and Earl Banwart.

We are sorry that Sis. Sarah Steffen is in the hospital. Also, hospitalized were Arlene Farley, Dean Broquard, and Alph Maurer. We sympathize with Alph and Sis. Clara Maurer, whose son Donald was killed in an auto accident.

JUNCTION OHIO Gwen Manz-Betty Manz

Elder Bro. Loren Stoller (Latty) was our visiting minister. He shared the word with us on May 23.

Happy parents of little Brandon John, born May 5, are John and Elaine Manz. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn.

Our high school graduates are Susan Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn), Joseph Rose (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Betty Manz), Bro. Dennis Schlatter (Sis. Juliet), and Lowell Schlatter (Sis. Esther). We wish them well in their future occupations. They received their diplomas without a regular graduation service, because the planned outside ceremony was "rained out". However, the farmers of this area were glad for the much needed rain.

HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD . . ." and "Righteousness exalteth a nation . . ." are scriptural truths which prompt us to take a serious look at ourselves as a nation. A visitor from a foreign land wrote the following about a century ago:

"I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there; in the fertile fields and boundless prairies, and it was not there; in her rich mines

and her vast world commerce, and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness, did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good; and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

Marion (Bill) Unsicker came to live at our Home on March 23, 1973. His parents' names: Sam (deceased) and Katie Zeller Unsicker. Born near Mackinaw, Illinois, he has lived in this area all of his life. Family members include his mother, Katie; one sister, Esther Noah, with whom his mother resides; three brothers, Melvin, Leslie, and Wayne, who live in the surrounding area; and one brother, Ed, of Portland. His quiet presence at our Home reflects both his contentment and our gratitude for having him as a part of our family.

The activity currently taking place in our building project is the laying of all underground utilities. With the completion of this, the pouring of the cement floor will begin.

In scripture is written that we should have an abundant life. Surely the beauty of nature which surrounds us here is one of God's gifts which contributes to making our lives abundant. At present, the Mountain Laurel in the Biblical garden is a profusion of bloom.

MILFORD IN Linda Beer - Coleen Beer

IF YOU WERE TRIED AS A CHRISTIAN, WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT YOU?—Am I a soldier of the cross? A follower of the Lamb? And should I fear to own His cause, or blush to speak His name?

April 29, Bro. Sam Reimschisel was laid to rest, after much pain, but may his wife, Sis. Aldine (Kipper) and three daughters find comfort knowing he is resting in the Lord.

Our friend Oliver Graff, 89, passed away unexpectedly May 10. He was in church nearly every Sunday. May God comfort his daughter, Sis. Ruth (Frank) Beer.

Hospital patients were Sis. Mary Good, Bro. Lou Rassi, Anthony Pelath—infant son of Dick and Becky

(Hoerr) Pelath of Michigan City. We are happy they can again be home. Sis. Aileen (John) Hoerr has been moved to The Fountain-View Place, Goshen.

Our graduates this year are: high school—Mark Sumpter (Jim and Irene), Christi Beer (Bro. Phil and Sis. Millie), Tony Hoover (Don and Sis. Ginny), Dave Doll (Bro. Pete and Sis. Becky), Beth Beer (Bro. Jesse and Sis. Shirley), Ann Kaiser (Bro. Dick and Sis. Clara), Ronn Beer (Bro. Carlton and Sis. Mary Ann); college—Bob Hoerr, Doctor of Medicine, and Fred Hoerr, Doctor of Veterinary, sons of Bro. Bob and Sis. Marguerite and Marty Hoerr (Fred's wife).

Bro. Theodore and Sis. Inez Brooks were honored with a reception by their five children on Sunday, May 30, for their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

"Words cannot adequately express our humble appreciation to the dear brethren and friends, who remembered us in prayer, the thoughtful expressions of sympathy and gifts of love in the passing of our loving daughter, Bonnie." Bro. Walter and Sis. Dorothy Steffen and Family.

Since the passing of our dear Sis. Bonnie, God has stirred the waters, causing souls to turn from this world to the healer of sinful souls. Our prayer is that many more will find grace to yield their lives to Him, saying, **Take my hand and lead me home; I cannot find my way alone.**

PRINCEVILLE IL Ruth Ricketts

Little acts of kindness can be big things.

We enjoyed a most blessed day the last Sunday in April. After several weeks with no rain, we were blessed with refreshing showers. Even though it was very windy and stormy, we found refuge in the sanctuary around the word of God, brought forth by Bros. Wallace Ramsier of Mansfield, Merle Kaiser of Fairbury, Robert Meyer of Bluffton, and Vernon Leman of Eureka. We were given many teachings to treasure. How rewarding it is if we seek the good in any situation, as Joseph who had deep love and compassion for his brethren, even though they sold him.

Since there are no mid-week services in Bradford during the summer months, we are glad for their worship with us. Bros. Roy Ehle and Kennie Dietz left inspiring words to ponder. Our spiritual body must continue to grow and we learn daily.

A beautiful and fitting tribute was paid the mother's on Mother's Day. How deserving they are, for they have a great responsibility. We were especially happy to have Bro. Silas Leuthold occupy the pulpit again. He expressed the appreciation and thanks for the love shown them when Sis. Mary was ill and when she was in the hospital and the Home in Eureka. They are grateful for kindness shown, the cards, gifts, visits and especially the prayers uttered for their behalf. We too are thankful to have Sis. Mary in her home again and able to worship with us. She is slowly regaining her strength, and is now able to get about her home with the aid of a walker.

Our friend, John Wyss had eye surgery. Lavina (Sloan) had eye surgery several weeks ago, then had to have it again, which didn't alleviate pressure, so a week later had it again. With all this, the doctors still don't give too much hope of saving the sight. Lavina is deeply grateful for the love her friends have shown, and said that God has been good to her, and whatever the outcome of her surgery, it will be what God had planned for her. She hopes she will not disappoint Him in accepting whatever might be.

Tammy Wieland, seven-year-old daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Nancy, is in the hospital receiving treatments. Tammy had severe choking spells, shortly after receiving a bad bump on her head. We are thankful that she is much improved and is hoping to get home in a few days.

Gina Christine is the name given to the first child of Kennie and Denise Martin, and first grandchild for Bro. Ervin and Sis. Lorraine Martin and Don and Marilyn Dell. Great-grandparents are Sis. Bessie Martin, Bro. Eli and Sister Lena Grimm of West Bend; Raymond and Ruth Dell; and Zelma Noonon, and great-great-grandfather, George Dell. Gina was born May 6 . . . May 14, another home was filled with joy with the arrival of Janelle Deonne, born to Bro.

Bill and Sis. Joanne Scholl. Janelle has two grandmothers, Sis. Mary Scholl and Sis. Margaret Frank of Tremont.

We were privileged to have many visitors with us the last Sunday in May, with Bros. Bruce Leman of Roanoke and Charles Hemmer of Peoria giving us the inspired word. Children obey your parents . . . we too must obey our Heavenly Father. Father's provoke not your children to wrath . . . we too should not do anything to provoke our Heavenly Father.

Four of our dear sisters reached another milestone. Clara Berchtold was 77 years old, but is still in the nursing home, unable to converse, yet at times bright and able to commune with her loved ones. Ollie Ricketts reached her 92nd year, Lydia Feucht her 91st, and Nellie Woertz her 81st. The latter three have all been able to worship with us. We feel richly blessed that God has granted us faithful sisters who are an example and inspiration to us.

Seven of our young folks are high school graduates, and have received a Bible as a gift from the church. The graduates are: Carol Martin, daughter of Bro. Nathan and Sis. Esther; Barbara Streitmatter, daughter of Bro. Alfred and Sis. Virginia; Brian Elsasser, son of Bro. John and Sis. Lillian; Steve Leuthold, son of Bro. John and Sister Shirley; Ricky Musselman, son of Bro. Phillip and Sis. Mary; Merle Endress, son of Sis. Mildred and the late Bro. Levi; and Mark Herrmann, son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Betty.

The second collection for Silver Lining for Princeville is July. If you have not paid in January I will be glad to take care of it.

REMINGTON IN

Amelia Schini - Mildred Clauss

Surgical patients were Loren Wilson and Bro. John Knobloch. We are happy both are assembling with us again.

First-time parents are Bro. Bradley and Sis. Doreen Bahler. Little Estelle Anna's grandparents are Bro. Edwin and Sis. Lois Bahler from here and Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Mary Jo Schmidgall of Phoenix.

Bro. Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka was our visiting minister. God richly provided His blessings for

our flock that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Weist of Wolcott have announced the engagement of their daughter Tammy to Rex Clauss. Rex is the son of Sis. Lorene and Bro. Marvin Clauss. Rex helps his father farm, and they will move into his parents' home. Marvin and Lorene will move into their new home near the farm.

Keep It Out

All the water in the world
However hard it tried
Could never, never sink a ship,
Unless it got inside.

All the evil in the world,
The blackest kind of sin,
Could never hurt you one least bit,
Unless you let it in.

ROANOKE IL

Mae K. Hodel - Edith Sauder

"A wise son heareth his father's instruction . . ." We give a special tribute to our Christian fathers who have brought us up in the fear and admonition of the Lord! It is an extra special blessing to have had this privilege. May God bless all fathers.

There is a time to be born and a time to die . . . Our dear friend, Leslie Moser (16 years old) was unexpectedly called from this life. He was the son of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Barbara (Nohl) Moser. He is survived by two brothers, Greg and Todd; three sisters, Mrs. Gladys Carr, Sis. Shirley, and Susan.

Sis. Anna (John) Mangold passed away. Surviving are her husband, Bro. John; her daughter, Sis. Kathryn Hodel; five brothers, and one sister.

Wedding: Jane Sauder and Jim Thompson were united in Holy Matrimony May 8.

Hospitalized and home again are Sis. Helen Mangold and Sis. Esther Weyeneth. Bros. Joe Zimmerman and Bill Klaus.

Bill Klaus Jr., Deborah Diggle, and Don Leman have found peace and are ready to give a testimony of their faith. We are happy for each one that answers God's loving call.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Ron Heiniger and Everett Hari (Bloomington), Ed Aeschleman Union City, Elder Bros. John Bahler (Rockville), Ezra Feller (Cis-

sna Park), Leroy Huber (Eureka) and others who were here for Sis. Anna's funeral.

AKRON OHIO

Lynda Pamer

Bro. Roy Luginbuhl (Rockville) visited us and brought us the true word of God.

Recently announced was the engagement of Sis. Lori Graf (Bro. Leon and Sis. Janet) and Bro. Leon Rufener (Bro. Orin and Sis. Anna) of Rittman.

Sis. Fredda VonGunten (Bill) and Bro. Bob Graf were hospitalized for tests.

"I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for cards, gifts, and prayers during my hospital stay and at home." Sis. Mary Baumgartner.

BURLINGTON IA

Edna Pohl - Mayme Gerst

Now it is accomplished . . . God has so richly blessed us in making it possible to have this new edifice. With grateful hearts we thank all who gave us their support. The month of May has been a precious one. We had open house the 9th and the 16th, meeting and greeting loved ones from different places. Visiting ministers were Elder Bros. Herman Kellenberger, Ed Hohulin, and Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger. Bro. Herman mentioned the children singing in Sunday School, "Is my name written there?", and that is why we are here to become fitted and prepared to have our names written there.

On the 23rd, our new church was solemnly, yet joyfully dedicated to the Lord's service. In the message of dedication, Elder Bro. Sam Anliker mentioned that, as Solomon raised his voice to heaven and committed the beautiful temple to God, (Who assured him that as long as they would be obedient and would yield to His word and direction He will bless them, but should they depart it would only spell out disaster). Other visiting ministers were Elder Bros. Roy Sauder, Perry Zimmerman and Paul Butikofer, all giving us wonderful teachings, and ALL of them stressed the need for LOVE and OBEDIENCE, Bro. Perry saying he can feel it when there is love and peace. It is our prayer that this, our church can be that kind of a church . . . One that can be handed down to our

children in that same way. We had the pleasure again to have about 250 eating with us on that day.

The following Wed. evening, another blessing was having Bro. Noah Herman bring the word of God . . . he mentioned the bricks in our building, all a little different, but put together with mortar to hold them together, and likened us members as these bricks, all a little different, but can be held together with the mortar of God's love.

The 30th was another joyful day, when we heard the testimony of Kent Oberman, son of Bro. Bill and Sis. Rosella (Massner) Oberman. That was our first baptism in our new church, and we are happy to welcome him into the fold. After the baptism, and eating together, we had our first communion in our new edifice. Sis. Sarah Gerst (Julius) came in a wheel-chair, brought by her daughter-in-law. Also Lydia Kupferschmid, who also has been in a wheel-chair for a number of years. Since there are no steps to climb at the church it makes it possible, for which we are most grateful. Four of the brothers carried her in her wheel-chair to a van provided by Bro. Bob . . . Elder Dave Kieser spent the day with us, helping our elder, Ed Lanz, with the proving and communion.

Sis. Joyce Pohl was a surgical patient at Mayo hospital, and Sis. Mayme Gerst was a patient at Burlington hospital. They are again able to assemble in church, and they both wish to thank all for their prayers, flowers and cards.

EUREKA IL

Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Holy communion was held May 2, with Bro. Perry Zimmerman helping Bro. Leroy Huber. This should make each one who partook of the bread and the wine remember the suffering that our Saviour went through for us. Let us all be more awake in the spirit and more fervent in our prayers. The communion service was observed at the Home the same afternoon for the dear ones who are unable to come to God's House.

Among the ill who have been in the Eureka Hospital and are

home again are: Sisters Dorothy Hari—Bro. Gottlieb's wife, medical; Marie Klaus—Eureka and Peoria Hospital—surgical; Mildred Hodel—Bro. Harold's wife, surgical; August Mogler, medical; Tom Zimmerman, medical . . . Bro. Theo. Stoller is still a patient in Eureka Hospital (Sis. Amy's husband).

Our visiting ministers were (Bros.) Perry Zimmerman, Clarence Kachelmuss, Forrest . . . Willis Wiegand—Goodfield.

Engagement—Sis. Patricia Rocke and Bro. Mike Rinkenberger from Congerville. Her parents are Bro. and Sis. Richard and Marge Rocke; his parents live at LaCrosse.

Convert: Cyndee Rocke—daughter of Bro. and Sis. Richard and Marge, is seeking the Lord in repentance. We hope and pray for many more souls to come to Him while He is still calling—"Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest."

Plans are being made for Vacation Bible School for the first part of June, for two weeks in the evenings, beginning June 7.

Birth: A baby boy, to Ted and Donna Blunier, on April 11. He is the first child, and named Brian Vernon.

New residents in our "Home" are Sis. Julia Dapper, wife of Bro. John of Maywood and Sis. Minnie Bittner.

FRANCESVILLE IN

Helen Huber - Sharon Neihouser

April 25 was the wedding day of Sis. Mary Overmyer (Bro. Lee and Sis. Velda) and Bro. Mike Schieber (Bro. Harold and Sis. Alma) of Congerville. We were privileged to have Ministering Bros. Joe Schrock and Frederick Knapp of Congerville share with us.

The engagement of Bro. Dale Gudeman (Bro. Willis and Sis. Margaret) to Sis. Peg Gramm (Bro. and Sis. Harold Gramm) of Morris was announced.

Our congregation was saddened by the passing of Sis. Teresa Stefan. She had been ill several weeks. She leaves to mourn one daughter, Sis. Marion (Jim) Gutwein. She displayed many talents and will be greatly missed.

On a Wed. evening, many gathered for a Graduation Program to honor those graduating from high school: Karen Bogart (Jim and Eleanor), Sis. Wendy Gudeman

(Bro. Wendell and Sis. Marcella), Sis. Monica Gutwein (Bro. Nate and Sis. Ad), Olga Nazel (foreign exchange student from Chili living with Edwin and Mary Gutwein), Connie Wuethrich (Bro. Rich and Sis. Nola), Darrell Boehning (Stanley and Maxine), Bro. Tim Gudeman (Bro. Jim and Sis. Lois Ann), and Dave Huber (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Carol). They were each presented with a Bible, which is the best textbook one can study.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Linda Gutwein were blest with a little boy April 23. He has been named Kevin Carl. Grandparents are Bro. Carl and Sis. Yvonne Gutwein and Bro. Bob and Sis. Norma Pfladderer.

Sis. Julia Boehning has undergone surgery and remains hospitalized . . . Bro. Ben Anliker had surgery, but we are happy that he is again able to assemble with us . . . Sis. Anna Banwart has suffered a stroke . . . After a long illness, we are happy that Sis. Sara Anliker is able to assemble with us. Sis. Louisa Welker is hospitalized.

Bro. Mick and Sis. Colleen Culp and boys have moved to Francesville, from Gridley, and we welcome them.

"I wish to thank all who remembered me with prayers, gifts, cards and visits, while I was in the hospital for the fracture of my foot and while recuperating at home." Minerva Wuethrich.

July is Silver Lining collection for Francesville.

INDIANAPOLIS IN

Patrick and Judy Dubach

For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

We were privileged to gather around God's table again to partake of Communion. Serving us were Bros. Alf Bahler, Wolcott, and Perry Zimmerman, Forrest . . . Truly an enjoyable occasion for all.

Other ministers who joined us were Bros. Vernon Schwab, Wolcott; Ed Bahler, Remington; and Wendell Gerber, Bluffton.

We have been blessed with another birth. Bro. and Sis. Keith and Kathy Steffen have a new son, Todd Michael, born May 10. Todd was warmly welcomed by big brother, Tommy at home.

MOVING? LET US KNOW.

LA CROSSE IN

Marilyn Zeltwanger - Carolyn Levy

Announcements were made of the betrothal of Bro. Mike Rinkenberger to Sis. Pat Rocke of Roanoke . . . also engaged are Bro. Ed Troxel and Sis. Carol Schrenk, of Chicago.

Bro. Elmer Bucher (Francesville) spent a Sunday afternoon with us. We enjoyed the spiritual message he related to us.

Our high school graduates are: Sis. Jill Nuest (Bro. Jack and Sis. Vera), Bro. Curt Frank (Bro. Ed and Sis. Leah), Bro. Jeff Fritz (Bro. Harold and Sis. Sherry), and Dan Rinkenberger (Bro. Charles and Sis. Martha).

Our dear friends, Ted and Theresa Kipfer have been announced as having peace. How thankful we are that God is still calling souls unto repentance.

Sis. Melva Bucher (Bro. Vernon) has been able to assemble with us half days. It is good to have them back in our midst.

Several young members from Lester and Elgin (IL) assembled with us Sunday, May 30. What a joy to hear these young voices blended together in songs of praise to God.

LAMONT KS

Jane Isch

"Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." Our Elder Bro. Sam Anliker served us Holy Communion on May 2. We certainly felt humble and thankful, as we were led to Calvary and were able to partake in this holy sacrament.

We enjoyed the visits of Bro. Henry Grimm of Morton and Bro. Dennis Warner of Lester.

Bro. Ron Isch spent a few days in the hospital for tests.

Our friend, Emma Enz, has returned to her home, after spending the last few months in a rest home.

John Wernli, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Betty, is our only high school graduate.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Barb Landes

"And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are."

To be one in the Lord truly is one of God's richest gifts. The fellowship which we share at ISU is a wonderful part of our lives which we will never forget. The month of May brought the 1975-76 school year to a close. Graduating seniors were Sis. Kathy Hoerr, Barb Kaiser, Jana Knapp, and Judy Sauder, and Bros. Kevin Knapp, Bill Le-man, and Ken Yordy. Nursing graduates were Sis. Sandy Barth, Margaret Koch, Sonie Streitmatter, and Jeanette Zimmerman.

Elections were held for new Bible Study officers. Bro. Gary Rassi was elected president, Bro. Dave Oberfel vice-president, Sis. Barb Hoffmann secretary, and Sis. Ann Stoller treasurer. We want to thank Bros. Ken Hoerr and Bruce Lemman for worshipping with us during the month of May.

LATTY OH

Diane Stoller - Karen Klopfenstein

Hospitalized were Sis. Emma Klopfenstein, Mike Stoller and Ricky Plummer. All are home and doing fine.

Little bundles of joy in our congregation are Mandie Sue, born to Kevin and Lisa Stoller. Grandmother is Mrs. Dallas Stoller . . . Christopher Matthew Laukhuf is the son of Bro. John and Sis. Marcia, born May 14. Grandparents are Bro. Merle and Sis. Dolly Laukhuf.

It's hard to lose the ones we love,
To see them pass away . . .
The sweetest and the kindest gone,
While others are left to stray,
But if we had a garden
With roses fair and bright,
We'd often pick the loveliest
And think it to be right,
And so it is with Jesus
In his earthy garden here.
He often picks the fairest flowers,
The ones we love so dear.
The flowers that are picked by him
Will never fade away.
We know they'll live forever and
We'll see them some sweet day.

God has opened his merciful arms to our dear Jacob Stoller. His sons are Roy, Bro. Loren, Bill and Delmar. His sisters and brothers are: Sisters Emma Klopfenstein, Nettie Stoller (Latty), Ida Rocke (Cissna Park), Albert and Bro. Emil Stoller (Latty). Bro. Jake served our congregation as a faithful pillar for many years.

May 16 was the wedding day of Bro. Bob Dotterer (Rittman) and Sis. Mardel Stoller. Parents are Ministering Bro. Henry and Sis. Martha Dotterer and Bro. Delmar and Sis. Marguerite Stoller.

Ministering brothers were Sam Schlatter, Rudy Graf and Eugene Fetter.

Through faith God has brought together two hearts, Bro. John Gerber (Rittman) and Sis. Ricki Kipfer. Parents are Sis. Mary Ellen Gerber and Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Marilyn Kipfer.

High School graduates are Sis. Cindy Rager (Bill and Sis. Elsie), Sis. Lois Grant (Bro. Tom and Sis. Delores), Sis. Diane Stoller (Bro. Russell and Sis. Melvane), Kevin Stoller (Mrs. Dallas Stoller), Shelby Stoller (Bro. Dennis and Sis. Nola), Lee Klopfenstein (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Ellen), Leon Klopfenstein (Bro. Raymond and Sis. Catherine), Bonnie Riggenbach (Sis. Delores and Harlan), Gaye Laukhuf (Bro. Bob and Sis. Iris), LaNae Laukhuf (Bro. Lester and Sis. Vera), Cindy Stoller (Bro. Darl and Sis. Iva) . . . College graduates are Bro. Rod Stoller, Sisters Dixie Stoller, Ricki Kipfer, Mardel Stoller and Joyce Klopfenstein.

Sis. Caroline Zeltwanger has moved from our congregation to the Tucson congregation.

LESTER IA

Alice Metzger - Donna Metzger

We know the door of Grace is still open, for we have a new convert, Lois Leuthold, daughter of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Estelle. Not one of us can afford to bypass the opportunity God has given . . .

Accompanying a group of visitors from Congerville was our visiting minister, Bro. Vernon Wettstein.

A steering committee has been appointed to study the possibility of expanding our church building.

On May 22, a baby girl, Laura Beth, was born to Bro. Gary and Sis. Beth Metzger. On May 28 a baby girl, Rae Lynn, was born to Bro. Bob and Sis. Rosella Metzger.

The engagement of Sis. Jeryl Mogler, daughter of Bro. Phil and and Sis. Lydia, to Bro. Doug Grimm, Sabetha was announced . . . also announced was the engagement of Sis. Judy Metzger, daughter of Bro. Roy and Sis.

Evelyn, to Rod Getz, Sarasota.

We miss our dear young couple, Bro. Bruce and Sis. Audrey Messner, who have moved to make their home in Winthrop.

Hospital patients were Jody Kellenberger, Dave Moser, Dana Metzger, Sis. Janice Mogler and Bro. Ronnie Kellenberger.

We have 17 high school graduates, namely: Loren Feucht (Ernie and Sis. Martha), Doug Knobloch (Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary Ellen), Rick Moser (Bro. Frank and Sis. Verna Mae), Bro. Wes Moser (Bro. Leo and Sis. Leona), Harlan Wulf (Bro. Jake and Sis. Alice), Ida Metzger (Bro. Ernie and Sis. Ella), Marlys Metzger (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Mariann), Sis. Julie Wulf Schmidgall (Bro. Bill and Sis. Leona), Esther Feucht (Bro. August and Sis. Martha), Stephanie Gerber (Bro. Bob and Sis. Nancy), Suzette Kellenberger (Bro. Henry and Sis. Elaine), Sis. Charlene Knobloch (Bro. Martin and Sis. Zelma), Sis. Marvella Knobloch (Sis. Iola), Polly Moser (Lou and Tina), Shelley Wysong (Bro. Jack and Sis. Janet), Martha Leuthold (Bro. Art and Sis. Emilie) and Joyce Cordrey (Bro. Ray and Sis. Carol).

Our college graduates are Sis. Shirley DeHaan, Sis. Audrey Moser, Sis. June Mogler and Ronda Knobloch.

Bro. Herman and Sis. Evelyn Stickling wish to thank everyone for the letters, cards, gifts and flowers and especially prayers during our extended stay in Rochester . . . We are happy that Bro. Herman assembles regularly and is getting along real well after his surgery.

The family of Sis. Pam Knobloch wish to express our thanks for the kind deeds, words of sympathy, cards, food and money given following the death of our loved one. Most of all, we are thankful for the many prayers which we certainly felt and need. In memory of Sis. Pam we enclose this written by her cousin, Sis. Ann Knobloch. Oh, I Miss Her So . . .

I can't believe she's gone—quite yet;
She meant so much to me.
She was my . . . true friend
And always made me happy.

We'd sit and talk all night long
About things that hurt us so.

It wouldn't be 'till our eyes would
drop

When sleep would come—oh no!

I loved those talks more than ever;
So much she taught by them.

The help and love that God can
give,

Only touch His garment—the
hem!

She was young when she departed
Into the Gloryland,
But God sure had a reason
For taking her by the hand.

She's gone to be with Him above,
Free from hurt or pain.
She'll be smiling down upon us
In the sunshine or the rain.

LEXINGTON KENTUCKY

Glenda Huber

Our God is the God of the super-
natural and impossible. Why should
our life be so limited and so un-
worthy of His greatness and His
all-sufficient grace? ALL POWER,
He says, is given unto me in heav-
en and in earth . . . And it is still
true in this sense as well as a high-
er sense that **Unto them that look
for Him shall He appear.**

Let us expect great things from
God.

"The things which are impossible
with men are possible with God."

On the first week-end of April,
we were grateful to have with us
Bro. Joe Zimmerman, from Mor-
ton, to minister to us. A blessed
week-end was enjoyed by all.

Easter we had a Sunrise Service
and also a program by the Sunday
School children. It is always a
solemn moment and revival time
for a converted soul to be remind-
ed of our Lord's death and resur-
rection.

Bro. Wendell Gudeman was with
us in April. We all appreciated his
message on being more set apart
and dedicated in our service to the
Lord.

We are happy to have Mike Hu-
ber home on leave for a week. He
has orders for England.

MORTON IL

Emma Knapp - Peggy Joos

Because every converted soul
needs continual refreshing and re-

newal, we thankfully partake of
the Lord's Supper. Elder Bros. Ben
Maibach and Leroy Huber assisted
our own Elder Bro. Joe Braker and
Bro. Henry Grimm in serving Holy
Communion on April 25. This bles-
sed sacrament was again served at
Restmor on May 16.

Another precious bundle has ar-
rived to bless the home of Bro.
Jim and Sis. Carolyn Isbell April
30. Little Sara Jean was welcomed
by Becky, Joan, Andy and Jackie.
Grandparents are Bro. Myron and
Sis. Anna Springer and Mrs. Leota
Isbell of Brimfield.

May 16, the following engage-
ments were announced: Sis. Deb-
orah Rae, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Rae Rinkenberger of Tre-
mont to Bro. Gary Rassi, son of
Bro. Eli and Sis. Pearl Schweigert
Rassi . . . Bro. Hans Schuon has
chosen Sis. Kathy Jo to be his com-
panion. Parents are Roger and Dor-
othy Fahlberg and Bro. Karl and
Sis. Elsa Schuon.

Congratulations to Tom and
Cheryl Menold, who were united
in holy matrimony on May 22. Par-
ents are Bro. Herman and Sis. Ole-
ta Honegger Menold and Mr. and
Mrs. Ray Blackloch.

Showers of blessings continue to
fall as we witnessed the pres-
ence of God in our friends. Willis
Belsley was baptized on April 21
. . . Ed Fritz (Sis. Martha and the
late Bro. Emil) Gigi Powley (Joe
and Linela Powley), Jan Neukomm
(Bro. Alvin and Sis. Jerry), John
Roche (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Odal),
Mike Zimmerman (Bro. Russell
and Sis. Lavina), and Rita Wyss
(Bro. Carl and Sis. Lydiann) were
taken into the fold on May 22.

Our love and sympathy are ex-
tended to the Ray Frank family.
Bro. Ray's funeral was held on May
24. He is survived by his wife Sar-
ah; two sons, Raymond Jr. and Ro-
bert; five daughters, Dolores Tay-
lor, Anna Miller, Sis. Marilyn Byrd,
Donna Frank and Sis. Mildred
Knapp.

Thank you to Elder Bros. Ezra
Feller (Cissna Park, Ben Maibach
(Detroit, Sarasota), Leroy Hu-
ber (Eureka), Gene Marti (La-
mar), and Bros. Earl Zeltwanger
(Bremen), and Joe Aberle (Saba-
tha), who visited our congregation
and ministered to us.

Those hospitalized were Roxie
Rapp, Jean Kaiser and Jeanine
Pero. Sisters Olive Rein and Lola

Strunk . . . Holis Roby, Frank
Hoffman and Bro. Frank Stephens.

Apostle Paul said, "Finally, bre-
thren, farewell. Be perfect, be of
good comfort, be of one mind, live
in peace; and the God of love and
peace shall be with you."

OAKVILLE IA

Phyllis Siegle

Sunday evening, April 25, we
shared a very blessed and sacred
event. Holy Communion was serv-
ed unto us by our Elder Bro. Ed-
ward Lanz and Elder Bro. Roy Far-
ney, and what a blessing we receiv-
ed from this holy sacrament, in re-
membering our Lord's suffering
and death.

He came for just a little while
And brought such love and joy.
You also found how wonderful
Can be a little boy.

But other plans were made for
him;

An angel came one day
And very unexpectedly
Your Jon went away.

And when at last you meet again,
In that fair, happy land,
Where God wipes all the tears
away,

You then will understand.

Nine-month-old son of our
friend, Joseph, and our Sis. Carol
(Massner) Bonnesen passed away
April 26 from injuries received in
a car accident. Little Jon Joseph
was born July 11, 1975. We are
deeply thankful Jo and Carol were
spared further injury, but the en-
tire Oakville congregation share in
the great loss of their little son.
Grandparents are Bro. Earl and
Sis. Ada Massner and Mr. and Mrs.
Lloyd Bonnesen of Wapello, Iowa.
Great-grandparents are Bro. John
and Sis. Bertha Wagenbach.

A son was born to our friends,
Dwight and Jan Strassheim. He
was named Matthew Dwight and
has two precious sisters, Kelly
Lynn and Leslie Diane to wel-
come him to this family. Grand-
parents are Sis. Mamie Gerst and
Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Wallman,
Yarmouth, Iowa . . . A baby boy
was also born to our friends, Phil-
lip and Ramona Heiniger. This
bundle of joy was named Bryan
Philip, and his grandparents are
Phil and Pauline Heiniger.

The engagement of Bro. Tom Steiner, son of Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose, and Sis. JoAnn Schmidgall, daughter of Bro. Hartzel and Sis. Marion, was made known May 2.

The beautiful hymn *I Need The Prayers* is truly the feeling of our hearts, as we meet each trying hour in life. Our dear Sis. Phyllis Massner has related to me that one just can't imagine the feeling of closeness and love a person has for ones of like faith when we really need them. She, her husband Bro. Bill, and family would like to take this opportunity to thank the dear ones in faith for remembering them in prayers and kind deeds since their tragic accident five years ago, April 18, 1971. They are truly grateful, and have felt our support, which tells us that God's love is surely among us. Phyllis still has much pain, but bears it so patiently, and has been a real inspiration to us.

My father, Bro. Fred Siegle, would like to thank the loved ones in faith, relatives and friends in our own congregation and those from many others who remembered him during his recent illness. May God's blessing be upon each and every one for your prayers, love and concern.

We have been truly grateful for Elder Bro. Roy Farney's presence among us, and also his dear wife Sis. Minnie. They have been visiting their daughter and family. We were sorry when they had to leave us but know they are a blessing in Phoenix too. We welcome them to live among us whenever they can again.

Many thanks to Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield), Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger (Elgin, IL), Elder Bro. Paul Butikofer (Elgin, IA), Bro. Bill Gerst (Alto), Elder Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont), Bro. Bob Pohl and Bro. Uriel Gehring, (Burlington) for their labor of love.

We wish God's blessing upon the engagement of Bro. Keith Kuntz and Sis. Beverly Grimm. Bro. Keith is the son of Sis. Ruth and (the late Bro. Roy) Kuntz and Sis. Beverly is the daughter of Bro. Mark and Sis. Margaret Grimm.

SABETHA KS
Mrs. Joe Steiner

Take time to pray . . . it helps to bring God near, and washes the

dust of earth from your eyes.

Visiting ministers have been our elder, Bro. Gene Marti; Lamar; (Bros.) Perry Zimmerman, Forrest; William Gudeman, Elgin, Ill.; Virgil Metzger, Champaign; and Lester Hartter, Bern. Bro. Perry assisted Bro. Gene in serving us the Lord's Supper.

Sis. Mary Aberle, 95, passed away April 12, at the A.C. Home in Sabetha, where she had resided for the past 8 years. She is survived by 3 daughters, Sis. Martha Fritz—Morton, Sis. Alma Aberle—Sabetha and Sis. Mary Wiegand, Goodfield; four sons, Henry of Wichita, and Bros. Joe, Ben, Alpha, all of Sabetha; one brother, Bro. Dan Steiner, 103, of the A.C. Home in Sabetha. Memorial services were held in Sabetha on April 15, with Bros. Gene Marti and Sam Huber officiating. Burial was in the Sabetha Cemetery.

Graveside services for Bro. Jake Meisner, Lester, were held at the Sabetha Cemetery on April 13. He was formerly from Sabetha.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Jeryl Mogler (Bro. Phil and Sis. Lydia), Lester, to Bro. Douglas Grimm (Bro. Nathan and Sis. Lois) of Sabetha. A June wedding is planned.

Many were hospitalized these past two months. Some were for medical reasons and others for surgery. We trust that all are on the way to recovery—Colleen Hartter, Sis. Verna Strahm, Sis. Lydia Wenger, Sis. Vila Meyer, Bro. Otto Rauhaus, Gale Kellenberger, Andy Yackley, Bro. Virgil Hartter and Bro. Carl Hartman.

VALPARAISO IN
Cam Feller - Marie Heinold

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say REPENT: for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Our dear friend, Todd Ames and his wife Evelyn have found it in their hearts to answer this tender call. Our prayers are with them during this time of repentance—finding peace through our Lord and Saviour . . . and also Mrs. Byron (Sue) Frieden, all wishing to be joined to the fellowship.

We have again seen the work of the Holy Spirit in two dear souls who were baptized, to arise to a new life in Jesus Christ. Our now

sisters in faith, Viola (Nuest) DeHaven and LaVina (Knapp) Schmeckpepper gave their testimonies and were baptized May 23. Elder Bros. Ed Hohulin and Ed Frank carried out this work of the Lord. Then together with our new converts, we shared together in remembering the broken body and shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion.

Thanks to our visitors from Pulaski, Taylor, LaCrosse and Francesville. The loving Mother's Day message of Don Sauder, Roanoke, was enjoyed.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon this earth. While we celebrate the special days for mother and father, let's not just take them out to dinner or buy them a card—let's give them a very special "thank you" for all the joys, sorrows, trials, headaches, and smiles the whole time we were growing up . . . And pray that God will give them a special blessing.

The Best Day—Today.

WEST BEND IA
Mrs. Melvin Fehr
Mrs. Raymond Anliker

Where would this ship be without the lighthouse? May we keep our ship from being shipwrecked. Thankful are we to our guest ministers for their inspiring messages proclaimed to us. Our guest ministers were (Bros.) Dale Moore, Elgin, IA, Alpha Strahm, Bern; Alpha Moser, Morris; and Cleo Rinckenberger from Pulaski.

Our graduates are James Wirtz, son of Bro. Verner and Sis. Beverly; Susan Schmidt, daughter of James and Sherry; Rhonda Banwart, daughter of Bro. Vic and Sis. Marilyn; David Gerber, son of Bro. Noah and Sis. Emma; and John Bruellman, son of Bro. Gene and Sis. Evie.

Precious bundles from heaven are welcomed in the following homes: A first child, born April 27, a daughter, to Wayne and Marilyn Shellhammer. Grandparents are Glen and Marge Shellhammer and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Esther Banwart of Morton . . . A daughter, Joan April, born April 30 to Bro. Larry and Sis. Marvella Wickman. Grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Helen Zaugg and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wickman of Rodman . . .

A son, Brandon Roy, born to Bro. Duane and Sis. Elizabeth Metzger; grandparents, Bro. Ortie and Sis. Verna Rocke of Oakville and Bro. Arnold and Sis. Alice Metzger, who are double grandparents to a son born to Bro. Harlan and Sis. Shirley Metzger. Bro. Glen and Sis. Edith Stoller of Latty are the maternal grandparents . . . Joel and Teresa Kellenberger are the parents of a baby girl, Jeni Mae, born May 25. Grandparents are Melvin Perkins and Bro. Ernest and Sis. Edith Kellenberger.

Bro. Victor and Sis. Marilyn Banwart wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rhonda, to Roger Reker.

Our hospital patients were Sis. Mabel (Walter) Zaugg; Sis. Ella (Lawrence) Schneider; Pat Fournier from France, who is making his home with Bro. Wayne and Sis. Kathy Fehr; Collete, baby of Bro. Wayne and Sis. Kathy; and Brandon Metzger, baby of Bro. Duane and Sis. Elizabeth.

After spending some time in the home of Bro. Gary and Sis. Sue Schneider as foster children, Sheila and Melody have now rejoined their family.

"We would like to thank our relatives and friends for well-wishes and birthday cards sent to us." Chris and Sis. Ida Schmidt . . . "I would like to thank those who cared for my family and who sent cards, food . . . and your prayers while in the hospital." Sis. Barb (Robert) Fehr.

LEO IN Mrs. Elias Souder

The following are 1976 graduates: Lynn Stieglitz, son of Marvin and Joann; Jim Garman, son of Louis and Ruth; and Myron Pfister, son of Levi and Lillian. Elizabeth Souder, Phil Bollier, Lester Stoller, Brent Klopfenstein.

We have had another announcement of one of our friends, Connie Liechty, to give her witness and become a member of the church.

Our friend, Gary Garman, who also has been announced, is still critically ill at the hospital . . . Mary (Mrs. Joel Souder) is spending some time at the hospital, after a fall in her home, when she broke one of her shoulder blades.

Ernie and Dean Stoller were honored with a dinner at the Fellowship Center on their 25th Wedding

Anniversary.

Mothers and daughters and others of the Leo church enjoyed a wonderful dinner and get together at the Dutch Mill Restaurant at Bluffton.

Goldie (Mrs. Nelson) Klopfenstein passed away. She is a sister-in-law to Bro. Lloyd.

BAY CITY MI Carolyn Schamback

Truly the angels in Heaven are rejoicing—for our congregation, in the past two months, has added nine new souls to the fold! They are: Stan Virkler (Bro. Andy and Sis. Maxine), Jay Schlatter (Bro. Bob and Sis. Betty), Kathy LaLonde, William Freidinger, Jesse Hodder (Sis. Millie), Tina Wackerle (Bro. Wallace and Sis. Alvina), Bob Brageil (Frank and Sis. Irma), Linda Ramseyer (Bro. Earl and Sis. Mary), and Cindy Jackson (Bro. Richard and Sis. Yolanda). What an uplifting feeling to know the Lord is still calling souls. Elder Bros. Ed Ringger (Gridley), Joseph Ramsier (Rittman), and Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) assisted Elder Bro. Joe Waibel in this wonderful work.

After the second set of baptisms, we were privileged to partake of Holy Communion. What a awesome ceremony this is; we ought to go to the Cross more often, remembering what our dear Saviour did for us.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Margaret Wieland are first-time grandparents. Doubly! Bro. Brad and Sis. Vera have a son, Traever Bradley (maternal grandparents are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Minnie Grusy, Congerville) . . . and Bro. Brace and Sis. Brenda also have a son, Jaret Brace (Brenda's parents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Pat Ringger, Gridley). Sis. Linda and Norm have a new baby girl, Kerry, who is welcomed home by her brother and sisters. Sis. Doris Knochel is Kerry's grandma.

Bros. Eli Schlatter and George Eisenmann were hospitalized. Bro. Emery Molnar and family wish to thank all who remembered him with cards and prayers during his illness.

BREMEN IN Marian Germann

As our country approaches its 200th birthday, God's word re-

minds us that, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." May the prayer in each heart be for God's peace and love to be with us always.

We were able to hear God's word through Bro. Walter Rager and Elder Bros. Loren Stoller, David Bertsch and Wendell Gudeman.

Doug and Ginger Traub are the happy parents of a precious baby boy, Shawn Michael. His sister, Nicole welcomes him home. Grandparents are Fred and Sis. Barbara Traub and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Crothers.

Sis. Pauline Clauss would like to thank all that remembered her with cards and letters on her 94th birthday. She is no longer in the nursing home, but staying with Sisters Ernestine and Mildred Meister . . . Bro. Ed Germann has been in the hospital.

Several of our congregation have had accidents, but praise God, not one death occurred. Bro. Si and Sis. Pauline Laidig and Bro. El and Sis. Mae Schumacher were involved in an auto accident. Mae was the only one severely injured. She has just been able to come worship with us, even though she is confined at present to a wheelchair. On May 29, Sis. Kay Gramm was seriously injured as she was hit by a car, after getting off a bus and crossing the street. A fractured pelvis bone and a broken thigh bone were the major injuries.

God blesses us every day. How often do we praise Him?

CHAMPAIGN - URBANA IL Howard and Diane Leman

News this month is again dampened as we report that Joe and Sis. Karen Baker have left our congregation for Chicago. Joe will be doing graduate work up there. Bro. Steve and Sis. Ann Hauter and their baby Sara, have also left, for their hometown of Morton. Hopefully, fall will bring new faces to our small group.

At our annual business meeting, we elected Sis. Virginia Bodine and Sis. Nada Leman as Sunday School teachers. Bro. Wayne Banwart will serve as our Sunday School superintendent. Our new trustee is Bro. Ben Blunier, and Bro. Paul Bodine is now an usher.

June 14-18 will be our Vacation

Bible School for all the children in our Sunday School classes.

Our thanks to our Elder Bros. Ed Hohulin and Roy Sauder for serving us Holy Communion in May.

"I want to express my thanks to the many people for prayers, cards, gifts, and thoughtfulness during my surgery." Bob Simpson.

CHICAGO IL Kathy Schlatter

There's a story about an older married couple driving along behind two newlyweds. The newlyweds are sitting quite close to one another; the older couple are sitting each one fairly close to the car door. The older wife comments to her husband, "See how close they're sitting to each other up ahead. Remember when we used to sit together so close." And her husband gently remarks, "I haven't moved." When we repented, we too stayed close to our Lord and waited intently on His will. God doesn't change — but have we moved?

We enjoyed our visitors so much. Sun., April 25, we welcomed the Peoria Choir and glimpsed a bit of heaven through their song worship . . . We thank Bro. Ed Aeschliman, Union City, who ministered to us Wed. evening April 28, and Bro. Phil Sauder, Cissna Park, who

engineering; and Ken Foxe (son of George and Velda), who is now in the army.

Sis. Verna Stedman has been in the hospital, but is feeling better . . . And we will miss the bright eyes and sweet smiles of Bro. Rich and Marilyn Hermann, Lori, Joe, and Doug, but we rejoice that the Lord is guiding them in their move back to Peoria.

Sat. May 15 many hands made light work at our annual church house cleaning. To correct an impression last time, 7 brothers (2 from Chicago and 5 from Forrest) helped move that freezer to the World Relief Center at Wing school not just my husband. That's where the thanks and the true brotherly love in action came in.

CROGHAN NY Alice Virkler

Bro. Ted Virkler Jr. and Sis. Mae have welcomed a new bundle from heaven into their home and lives. Little Renata Mae was born on May 13, and has three brothers to help care for and love her. They are Tim, Noel and Paul. Her grandparents are Bro. Floyd and Sis. Loretta Graves and Bro. Ted Sr. and Sis. Amelia Belle Virkler. She also has a great-grandmother, Mrs. Tina Farney.

Arthur Woolshlager has returned home, after being a hospital medical patient for several days. Evelyn Farney (Urban) has returned home from the hospital, after undergoing major surgery. Sis. Barbara Virkler is now residing at the Extended Care Facility of Lew-County General Hospital in Lowell.

Congratulations and best wishes to our high school graduates. They are: Norbert and Noreen Farney, son and daughter of Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice; Linette Virkler, daughter of Bro. Lowell and Sis. Amelia; Bradley Herzig Jr., son of Bradley and Sis. Regina; Jim Virkler, son of Bro. Clyde and Sis. Lois; and John Widrick, son of Gilbert and Betty.

FORREST IL Kathryn Steidinger Beverly Eisenmann

We rejoice with the families of our boys who have heeded God's call and came in repentance. They are Rodney Anliker (Bro. Wayne and Sis. Judy), David and John

Schmidgall (Bro. Dave and Sis. Alma Jean), and Ernie Leman (Bro. Robert and Sis. Donna).

Many precious teachings from God's word were spoken to us through visiting ministers Bros. Willis Wiegand (Goodfield), Joe Stoller (Princeville), Ken Schneider (Remington), Roy Wernli (Lamont), Ken Hoerr and Chuck Hemmer (Peoria), Virgil Metzger (Urban), and Byron Stoller (Gridley).

We extend our sympathy to Sis. Gladys Koehl of our congregation, who lost her brother, Don Maurer, in a car accident.

Little Robbie Mueller (Robert and Sis. Elaine) was again hospitalized for surgery. Sis. Ida Kaisner (Bro. Joe) had cataract surgery. Bro. Bill Kupferschmid is recuperating at home, after a stay at the hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with Friend Karen Huette (daughter of Bro. Harve and Sis. Leona Leman), who has had major surgery.

Our hearts were saddened, as we sang a farewell song after services Sunday, May 23 for two families who are moving from our community. Bro. Marv and Sis. Virginia Huette have made their new home in Bloomington. We hope to see them often, since they have not gone too many miles from us. Bro. Albert and Sis. Mara Jean Edelman and their four children have moved to Gridley, Kansas. Though the miles be great between us, we hope to remain united by God's love.

We look forward to having Bro. Terry, Sis. Peggy, and baby Tom Young in our community, as they are moving here from Rittman.

July is Silver Lining collection for Forrest. Please pay Larry or Cynthia Kaisner.

The engagement of Sis. Marlene Plattner (Ed and Sis. Mary Ann) and Bro. Steve Lau of Chicago was announced.

Darl Leman (Bro. Harve and Sis. Leona) and Laura DeBoer have exchanged wedding vows.

At this time of year, we think of our fathers and thank God for providing us with someone who taught us right from wrong and someone in whom we can confide. A Christian father is truly a loving blessing from above.

" . . . wish to thank the J.O.Y. circle of Francesville for remember-

ing me while in the hospital." Bro. Eli Walter.

FORT SCOTT KS
Aleta Banwart

Our hospital patients have been Sis. Lydia Hawkins and Bro. Joe Banwart. We were very happy to welcome Sis. Lydia back into our midst last Sunday.

Bro. John Lehman was our visiting minister. We always enjoy the blessed messages that are inspired by the Lord.

May 29, the Sunday school classes from Kiowa, Bern, and Sabetha met at Ft. Scott for a picnic and evening of fellowship. Sunday morning, they joined other Kansas Sunday school's at Lamar. Elder Bro. Joe Braker of Morton had the morning services for the Sunday school children. They had a very enjoyable week-end of fellowship, and hope they can have another meeting very soon.

Let us not forget our beloved fathers on FATHER'S DAY!

GRIDLEY IL
Mrs. Perry Klopfenstein

We who in Christ's name are here assembled

Solemnly do clasp our hands,
That Christ's death and suffering
be remembered,
Faithfully for Him to stand.

These simple, impressive words of the Zion's Harp hymn were a fitting opening tribute to our Holy Communion service. Bro. Perry Zimmerman of Forrest was here to assist our elder, Bro. Edwin Ringger.

The marriage engagement was announced of Bro. Lloyd Stoller of Gridley to Sis. Sherry Grimm of Forrest.

We appreciated the services of Ministering Bro. John Bollier of Leo.

Karen Kiefer, daughter of Bro. Larry and Sis. Barb, was in the hospital for surgery. Sis. Rosie Gramm (Mrs. Mike) was also a surgical patient.

Congratulations to our high school graduates: Bro. Lynn Stoller, Sis. Linda Meiss, Roger Gramm, Mary Aupperle, Janet Gramm, Donna Kuntz, Barbara Schmidgall, Diane Stoller, Sis. Deanna Marti, Kathleen Zimmerman and Laura Wagner. Whatever paths you fol-

low, may you find the strongest faith and brightest hopes that heaven can impart, serenity and wisdom, an understanding heart.

PULASKI, IOWA
Ernestine Wuthrich
Janice Rinckenberger

Bro. Edmund Kloter from Goodfield was our visiting minister.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Wilma Teubel had two children graduating this spring, Paul from high school and Nancy from the eighth grade.

Bro. Albert Wuthrich was in the hospital for tests. He is home now and doing OK.

NAUMBURG NY
Eleanor Herzig

Hospitalized this past month were Sis. Corrine Virkler, Sis. Clara Merz, and Bro. Arthur Herzig.

NEW MARTINSVILLE WV
Minnie Weltz-Della Witschey

Weather here has not been too favorable for planting and growing; we have had so much cold winds, and cool to cold weather at times. Crops are far behind in growth as in past years.

The annual all-day meeting will held at the country church on June 27, with services to begin with a song service at 10:30-11:00 (Eastern Daylight Time), lunch to be served beginning at 11:30, and the afternoon service to start at 1:00. Unless other arrangements are made, the main speaker for the day will be Farmer Ben Maibach of Detroit, with many other able speakers expected to be present also. Everyone is invited to attend.

Miss Della Witschey remains patient in the local hospital; she was removed to her home on May 25, but was not able to remain home, and was taken back to the hospital on May 26. Her address: Wetzel County Hospital, Room 34, New Martinsville WV 26155.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berger, Jr. and Mrs. Edward Berger and Mrs. Lillian Hindman attended the services at the Sardis church on May 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Miller and children of Sardis visited with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berger one evening during the month . . . Frank Bart of Parkersburg visits with his family here each Sunday. Mrs. Ed Hart and son, Jack of Brownsville

Pa., visited with Minnie Weltz and Mary Ann Brothers on May 21. Glenn Frumm of Alexandria, Va., visited with his aunt, Miss Della Witschey, and other relatives on May 26-27. Margaret and Elizabeth Witschey visited with relatives in Parkersburg and Charleston, WV over the holiday week-end.

PORTLAND OR
Connie Steffen

The Lord has heard and answered our prayers, for faithful brethren to help and encourage the Oregon churches, in sending two families to the Portland area. Bro. Jeff and Sis. Sue Groom and their son, Joseph, have safely arrived from Kiowa to be with us, and Bro. Jay and Sis. Jill and their two little girls, Holly and April, Plattner (Goodfield) will arrive (Lord willing) the first part of June. We thank the Lord and them for their moving here, and we pray we will be a blessing to one another in years to come, that the churches and our fellowship may be strengthened.

ROCKVILLE CT
Carlton J. Lanz

Inasmuch as our nation, of which we all are a part, is celebrating its 200th birthday of American independence, it would seem timely and

dent, when some had suggested that Franklin would be the one to write it, because he was a known writer. Not all thought this a wise decision, for Mr. Franklin might insert a joke, they feared.

Young Thomas Jefferson was finally chosen to write. However, a piece of draft was found in 1943. On it, 43 words of the original 156 words were changes. The work was done. The Declaration of Independence proclaimed to all the world a new nation, the United States of America.

In one of Thomas Jefferson's speeches, he quoted a verse from the 33rd Psalm, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance."

We acknowledge the passing of our dear Bro. Noah Schrock who for many years had the oversight in churches where he lived. In earlier years he was a frequent visitor here, and was warmly received. His time finally came when he could lay aside the things that pertained to earthly matters, but now has gone to his reward. His wife, Sis. Hattie and his children have our sympathy.

Bro. Carl Kinsinger, elder of the California churches, visited, assisting our elder, Bro. John Bahler in serving Communion to the Body of Believers. It appeared that a real effort was made, for the attendance was large.

Born to Bro. Richard and Sis. Betsy Hany a girl, Emily Jean, their first child. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. George Erickson, Rockville, and the late Bro. Arnold and Sis. Hilda Hany.

SARDIS OH

Linda Indermuhle

An afternoon of singing was enjoyed by everyone, when loved ones from Mansfield visited us.

Don Riggenbach and Joyce Indermuhle are June high school graduates. We wish them God's blessings.

TUCSON AZ

Gloria Bauer

Our summer weather has begun here in Tucson. Our temperatures rise to the 90-95 degree mark daily. The evenings are cool, and we were blessed with some refreshing showers this week.

The last week-end of May, our

Bible Class and young members were guests of the Altadena church. Altadena was the host church for Phoenix and Tucson. Saturday until Monday was full of many activities. The young people will always remember the love and warmth shown to them.

When we think of all the planning and preparation a week-end like this involves, we realize we should be planning and preparing for a far more important day. Our prayer is that each one would be prepared and ready when Jesus comes.

Praying Hands

There are hands that help and comfort,

Hands that plan and teach,
Hands that rest, and hands that strive

For a goal just out of reach . . .

But PRAYING HANDS are dearest

In the sight of God above,
For in their sweet and earnest clasp

Is reverence and love.

No hands can do an unkind act
Nor cause another care,
Nor sin against God's love
When they are clasped in prayer.

"I wish to thank you all for the prayers, gifts, and tokens of love."
Sis. Francis Schrenk.

WICHITA KS

Glennis Allenbach

Love, Love, Love. That's the word from the choir's trip to Illinois.

Bro. Al mentioned in his sermon, that it took a blending of hearts, minds and physical effort to make it a success, and it certainly was that.

I tried to listen to the comments Sunday, from the ones who made the trip and "put it all together", and it came out LOVE.

I'm reminded of a sign in a place of business that I patronize. It reads: "There are no strangers here, only friends we have not met." Let's change the words a bit in connection with our churches and say, "There are no strangers here, only brethren and friends we have not met."

The other day I heard a young

man speak of how boring it must be for God, since he knows the beginning and the end and there is nothing left for him to learn, He knows everything! I have to think he didn't consider that God is perfect, so how could imperfect boredom be found there!

I read of a family that moved to a new city and lived in a hotel until they could find a house. The children played in the lobby and halls. One day someone pitied them and asked if they didn't have a home. They answered, Oh yes, they had a home; they just didn't have a house to put it in yet.

The thought came to me — We have a heavenly home, we just haven't reached the point of occupying the house.

WINTHROP MN

Delores Messerli - Marcelle Dapper

Now I have vowed to fear and love Thee,

And to obey Thee, Lord, alone;
I feel Thy Holy Spirit move me.
Take full possession of my soul.

This baptismal covenant was made by these dear souls on Sunday, May 2: Nancy Van Deest (Bro. Elmer and Sis. Hazel Schmidt), Mary Messner (Bro. Don and Sis. Viola), Stanley and Janeen, Sharon Messner (Bro. Ray and Sis. Bernadine). We welcome them as brothers and sisters in our most precious faith. Elder Bros. Leo Moser and Paul Fehr carried out this sacred and holy act. Also visiting ministers were William Gudeman (Elgin), Clifford Grimm (West Bend), and Noah Miller (Minneapolis).

Beatitudes for a father:

Blessed is he whose feet leave the soiled problems of his workday at the door mat of our Lord, for he will discover room in his heart to listen to the needs of others.

Blessed is he whose home is built upon the word of God, for his roof will be shingled with happiness, and all who pass by will see the goodness of the Lord.

A prayer for guidance was offered, and we voted . . . for Sunday School teachers, re-electing all of last year's teachers . . . Sis. Delor-

es Messerli, your reporter.

Graduation time is here: From high school — Mabelle Messner (Bill), Bonnie Witt (Don), Pam Bruns (Marvin), Jill Nelson (Al), Becky Messner (Jim), Nancy Messner (Marlyn), and Keith Hawk (Roy). Dean Messner (Roland) finished Architectural Drafting at Dunwoody Institute, Minneapolis, and David Messner (Bob) graduated in Metals Testing from Hutchinson Vocational. May you ever be aware as on earth you trod, knowledge comes from learning, and wisdom comes from God.

Joe Messner, son of Bro. Marilyn and Lois, had appendectomy surgery. Sis. Carrie Messner sends her Thank You for the many prayers offered in her behalf during her illness, also for visits, cards and letters of encouragement.

Bro. Bruce and Sis. Audrey (Metzger) Messner have moved to Winthrop from the Lester congregation.

ALTADENA CA

Linda Cooper

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, In whom the world rejoices . . .

May 23, Bro. Dale Hackenjos and Sis. Laurie MacDonald were united in marriage. The Lord blessed them with a beautiful day, and the beautiful love of Christ was present in the wedding ceremony. They are now living in Flagstaff, Arizona, and so we had to say farewell to them. It's hard to part with those to whom we are closely bound. May He grant our request that The Fellowship of His Holy Spirit abide with us all.

Bro. Bill Dotterer from Phoenix shared our Lord's word with us on a visit to our congregation.

What a wonderful time our congregation enjoyed over the Memorial Day week-end when young friends and members, and their Sunday school teachers from Tucson and Phoenix made a visit to California.

Friend Naomi Howard was announced as to having peace with God and man, and looks forward to being baptized when the way is open.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL IL

Paula Knapp - Ann Kellenberger

May 19, we partook of the bless-

ed Lord's Supper, and were reminded of his suffering on the cross for us. Elder Bro. Ed Hohulin (Goodfield) assisted our Elder Bro. Dan Koch in this holy sacrament. We trust God's blessing will rest upon all the brothers who traveled for some distance to share God's teachings with us . . . Phil Sauder (Cissna), James Leman (Roanoke), Roy Grimm (Taylor), Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest), and Dale Eisenman (Chicago).

May 1 we gathered to hear the testimonies of three dear souls. Ron and Donna Hodel and Brian Zimmerman (son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Judy) were then added to the fold on the following day.

May 30, many gathered for the wedding of Bro. Jim Howell (Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howell of Harvey) and Sis. Eloise Stoller (Sis. Lucille and the late Clarence Stoller of Gridley).

This union of our hearts
Shall stand through grace in Jesus;

We walk the path of life,
While cheer and trust increases.
Where God in truth abides,
Where two join hand and heart,
We find a three-fold cord,
Not lightly rent apart.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to Bro. Ed and Sis. Eunice Schupach on the loss of Bro. Ed's mother, Sis. Marie Schupach (Cissna).

BLUFFTON IN

Ruby Gerber - Rhonda Steffen

Bro. Ed and Sis. Jennie Schwartz welcomed into their family their first son, Rick Edward, Bro. Mich and Sis. Connie Cupp their first son, Robert. Bro. Steve and Sis. Renee Reinhard were blessed with their first child, Katrina Renee. The maternal grandparents are Bro. Claire and Sis. Mary Jane Yergler. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Glen and Sis. Leota . . . Mr. and Mrs. David Fleming (Judy Beer) are the parents of Daric David.

We were very pleased to hear the engagement of Bro. Ed Maller (Bro. Eugene and Sis. Delores) to Sis. Rhonda Leman (Wallace and Sis. Marilyn) . . . also, Bro. Mark Nicholas to Sis. Marsha Gerber (Bro. Wendell and Sis. Wanda).

We were pleased to have Bro. Walter Rechklau in our midst.

Hospitalized were Ked Gerber, Sis. Velma Kipfer, Sis. Salome Kipfer, and Bro. Ezra Reinhard.

Sis. Delva (Ezra) Reinhard, 81, passed from this life and is now with the Lord in her mansion. Surviving are 5 sons: Bros. Ezra, James, Dale, Kenneth, and Daniel, and four daughters, Mildred (Elmer) Badiac, Betty (Carl) Macklin, Sisters Adula Reinhard and Edna (Gene) Moser; one brother, Bro. Noah Aschliman, and four sisters, Sis. Sylvia (Joe) Isch, Dulla Gerber, Mary Fiechter, and Aldine Heyerly.

Denise Steffen and Joel Maller were united in holy matrimony. Denise is the daughter of Bro. Leonard and Sis. Dean Steffen, and Joel is the son of Bro. Robert and Sis. Gladys Maller.

CISSNA PARK IL

Grace Bauer - Marilyn Knapp

Whenever you come to the Lord
with an earnest prayer,
He is there;
When you come with a contrite
heart or a human fear,
He will hear.
Though you may have little to give,
bring Him your best.
He supplies the rest.

Our aged Sis. Marie Schupbach passed away April 30, at the age of 92. She was laid to rest May 2 at our church cemetery. Survivors include six daughters: Clara Kaufman (Mrs. John), Esther Reutter (Mrs. Dale), Anna Gudeman (Mrs. Wilbert), Rossella Bauer (Mrs. Andy), Sis. Lucille Steffen (Mrs. Emmanuel), and Sis. Frieda, who made her home with her mother; three sons, Bro. Walter, George and Bro. Edwin; one sister, Bertha Egger of Switzerland.

Funeral services for Friend Orville Farney were held at the Knapp Funeral Home. Bro. Ezra had the services, and burial was at our church cemetery. Survivors include four daughters, four sons, and one sister.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Jim Hoerr, Ben Fehr, Edwin Bahler, Walter Anliker, Wendell Gudeman, Virgil Metzger, Everett Hari and Art Baurer.

Friend Keith Knapp was announced for proving and baptism. He is the son of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Verena. On May 9, Keith and

Friend Terri Steffen, daughter of Bro. Eldon and Sis. Blanche were proved and baptized before a cloud of witnesses. We rejoice with them. May the Holy Spirit, faithful Guide ever lead and guide them.

Sis. Ollie (Mrs. Ezra) Feller had surgery and is now getting along all right.

Our congratulations are extended to our 8 graduates from high school.

A daughter was born May 21 to David and Sue Walder. They named her Amy Susan, she has a brother, Timmy, to welcome her home. Grandparents are Sis. Lucille Walder and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Marshall.

Sis. Ella Scharlach is now a resident of the Fairbury Nursing Home . . . Bro. John Otto has been moved to the Watseka Residence Home, and is getting along fairly well.

Sis. Elsie Ehman had the misfortune of falling and fracturing a couple of bones in her foot . . . Ministering Bro. Phil Sauder was injured in a fall, and received a sprained ankle and some bruises.

PEORIA IL

Betty Miller

Praise ye the Lord, He is king over all the creation! Praise thou the Lord, O my soul, as the God of salvation! (Zion's Harp). With enthusiasm and thankfulness, salvation was claimed by Carl Hoerr, son of Bro. Carl and Sis. Ev; Dan Waibel, son of Bill and Sis. Joyce; Bethany Stoller, daughter of Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Evie; Sara Unsicker, daughter of Bro. Les and Sis. Eunice; and Steve Vaughn and Mark Sceggel, whose parents are not from our church. Their baptisms were May 9.

Sunday, May 30, Jeanne Haefli, daughter of Bro. Robert and Sis. Ilene; Ruth Hoerr, daughter of Bro. Carl and Sis. Evie; and Rich Balcom were announced as having repented and seeking baptism.

Bros. Art Baurer, Bruce Leman, Ed Hohulin, Harvey Grimm, Max Reimschisel, Al Langhofer, Joe Aberle, Noah Herman, and Dave Kieser visited and proclaimed the word as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Hospitalized due to sickness, injury, or needed surgery were Sisters Matilda Hoerr, Connie Triplett, Sally Schlipf, Donna Ferrero, JoAnne Hoerr, Dorothy Schneider,

Rosemary Gramm, and Dorothy Haefli, Bros. Ben Stickling Jr., Al Domnick, Joe Heinsman, Oscar Hoerr, Jake Simon, Sam Eberhardt, and Ernest Haefli, and Friends Bertha Siebenthal, Marie Heller, Karen Huette, and Heidi Haefli.

Bro. Joe and Sis. JoAnne Hoerr have a baby boy, Joseph Edward III, born May 6. Kristi is the baby's sister, and grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Gladys Binkele, and Bro. Joe and Sis. Wilma Hoerr.

Bro. Alfred Hoerr passed away May 7. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife, Sis. Mabel, and their daughters, Sisters Louise and Roselyn (Martin) and Shirley (Kaspar) . . . The funeral of Mrs. Lillian Emser was May 28, at the funeral home. She lived at the A. C. Home for about eight years and was related to church people . . . May 29 Elmer Berchtold was buried. He is Sis. Mary Berchtold's son.

Sis. Bertha Frank and Barbara (Mrs. Reuben) Herman of Peoria have our heartfelt sympathy in the passing away of their son and brother, Bro. Raymond D. Frank of Morton.

We want to express our thanks to our friends and relatives for expressions of thoughtfulness, love, and kindness during the illness and death of our husband and father, Alfred A. Hoerr." Sis. Mabel Hoerr and family . . . "I would like to thank everybody who remembered me while in the hospital, with lovely cards, thoughts, and prayers." Sis. Martha Langjahr . . .

Sis. Susan Zeller wishes to express her sincere thanks to the loved ones who remembered her while in the St. Francis Hospital for three weeks, when she had surgery, for the prayers, visits, gifts, cards, and deeds of kindness . . . Bro. Chris and Sis. Lena Schafer extend their thanks for the gifts received at the Open House, held in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary May 16.

"I wish to thank those who remembered us with thoughts of sympathy, flowers and memorials in the loss of my son, Bro. Raymond D. Frank of Morton." Mrs. Bertha B. Frank (A.C. Home, Peoria) and family.

This being the last time I'll be writing the Silver Lining news, I would like to thank Bro. Chuck Hemmer for providing me with

news of the sick, visiting ministers, funerals, marriages, baptisms and other activities over the past three years. I thank Sis. Carol Rieker for news of new babies . . . I'd like to thank everyone who helped by letting me know the news.

July is Silver Lining collection for Peoria.

Writing the news will be Sisters JoAnn Rieker and Barb Geyer, Peorians. Please direct news to one of them: Mrs. Tom Rieker, 1204 E. Wilcox, 61603, 685-9881 . . . or Mrs. Dale Geyer, 3909 N. Harmon Ave., 61614, 685-9537.

Communion was held at the A. C. Home April 29. Quite a few gathered for this spiritually strengthening experience.

Peoria choir went to Chicago April 25. Wichita choir came to Peoria May 22. The beautiful singing and Christian fellowship were enjoyed by all.

A farewell supper was held at Fellowship Hall May 21 for Bro. Mel and Sis. Margaret Getz and family.

High school graduates are Marcia Baer, Dorene Haefli, Nancy Haefli, Sis. Joanne Hemmer, Brian Hoerr, Sis. Julie Hoerr, Sis. Diane Hohulin, Lester Koehl, Linda Miller, Sis. Mary Sue Rieker, Sis. Ann See, Sis. Kathy Stoller, Kenneth Wagenbach, and Michael Wiegand . . . Linda Unsicker graduated from nurse's training, and now has a job as county nurse . . . Bradley University graduates are Jill Honegger Ganglof and yours truly.

TREMONT IL

Lydia Rassi - Mary Jane Leuthold

We were richly blessed, Sunday, April 25, as Bro. Dan Koch, assisted by Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont church) served the Lord's Supper. How very much we need to be renewed in our faith from time to time.

We thank Bros. Dale Eisenmann, Noah Herman, Kenneth Dietz, Vernon Wettstein, and John Steiner for their visits to our church and their inspiring messages.

A little daughter, Rebecca Lynn, came to live with Robert and Virginia Lockwood, Bloomington, April 9; she also has two sisters and a brother to love her. Grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Ruth Frank . . . Little Janelle Dawn has given much joy to Bro. Bill and

Sis. Joan Scholl, Dunlap. She was born May 14. Her grandmothers are Sis. Margaret Frank and Sis. Mary Scholl.

A little son, James Alan, made his arrival May 17 to Dan and Connie Schweigert. He has a brother, John. His grandparents are Bro. Chris and Sis. Ida Schweigert and Mr. and Mrs. James Call, Washburn, Illinois . . . Bro. Roy and Sis. Jan Weigand are the happy parents of their second son. Nathan Thomas was born May 22. Grandparents are Bro. Harlan and Sis. Carolyn Bolliger and Bro. Willis and Sis. Betty Wiegand.

Several dear ones have been hospitalized and are home again. Sis. Louise Wagenbach has assembled with us again. Bro. Ernie Schaefer's leg is improving. Vernon Wenzler is improving. Bro. Weldon Staker is home again.

Bro. Weldon and Sis. Doris Staker will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary June 5.

We are happy Sis. Phyllis Lang is well again and in our midst. "We wish to express our appreciation for the deeds of love shown during my stay in the hospital and since I am home." Sis. Phyllis Lang . . . Sis. Emma Springer has been able to assemble with us. "I wish to express my thanks for the prayers, cards, gifts, flowers, visits and food during my stay at the hospital and upon returning home." Sis. Emma Springer.

Doris Pulfer, daughter of Bro. Leslie and Sis. Wilma, was hospitalized and is home again. Sara Gchwind, daughter of the Aaron Gchwinds, has a leg injury. Dale Glueck, son of Bro. Karl and Sis. Velda, has a shoulder injury.

The engagement of Bro. Gary Rassi, son of Bro. Eli and Sis. Pearl, to Sis. Debbie Rinkenberger, daughter of Ray and Cletus, plan to be married Aug. 1 . . . Also announced are Bro. Jerry Zuercher, son of Bro. Curt and Sis. June, to Sis. Kathy Schaefer, daughter of Bro. Ernie and Sis. Frieda. They have chosen July 25 for their wedding day.

Twelve young people from our church have completed their high school education: Bro. David Aberle, son of Bro. Walter and Sis. Vera; Dick Beutel, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Carol; Sis. Susan Huette, daughter of Bro. Bill and Sis. Marilyn; Sis. Marjorie Kaiser,

daughter of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Marlene; Connie Koch, daughter of Bro. Jesse and Sis. Amy; Bro. Dennis Rassi, son of Bro. Arnold and Sis. Lydia; Kenneth Sauder, son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Elizabeth; Marvin Wagenbach, son of Bro. Bob and Sis. Dorothy; Margaret Gchwind, daughter of Aaron and Iris, Neil Schmidgall, son of George and Grace; Cindy Sauder, daughter of Bro. Merle and Sis. Nancy; and Mike Endress, son of Fred and Ruth.

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: the LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." Our dear friends, Jim Lang, son of Bro. George and Sis. Phyllis, Randy Schmidgall, son of George and Grace; and Kevin Pflederer, son of Bro. Chris and Sis. Ruth, were proved and baptized May 22 and 23. We thank Bro. Leroy Huber, who assisted Bro. Dan in this work.

Karen (Rock Island), daughter of Leroy and Jackie Sauder, Clifton, Ill., is engaged to John Alan Sitler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sitler, Moline. Karen is the granddaughter of Sis. Minnie Sauder.

ELGIN IL

Mary Moser

Bro. Dave Scheitlen and Sis. Denise Steffen were announced for engagement. An August wedding is being planned . . . On May 30, the engagement of Sis. Carol Schrenk of Chicago to Bro. Ed Troxel of La-Crosse was made known. Parents are Bro. John and Sis. Pauline Schrenk and Bro. Phillip and Sis. Mary Troxel.

Bro. Dave Wiegand from Champaign visited and delivered the word of God to us. Ministering Bro. Willis Wiegand from Goodfield spent a Wednesday evening with us.

The hospital patients include Carol Braun, Helen Reber, Sis. Martha Hugh and Bro. Charles Schambach.

A boy, Jeffery Alan, was born to Chuck and Carolyn Feucht. Grandparents are John and Florence Feucht from Elgin and Bro. Herman and Sis. Oleda Menold from Morton.

We welcome Sis. Sandy Leman from Roanoke. She has found employment in the Elgin area. Her

address is: 1048 Todd Farm Dr Apt 202, Elgin.

We have a number of high school graduates: Elaine Schambach (Bro. Bill and Sis. Cora), Vicki Schmidgall (Wilbur and Marion), Dorene Leman (Bro. Leroy and Sis. Florence), Brenda Weiss (Bro. Morey and Sis. Janice), Gail Weiss (Bob and Eleanor), Dale Schock (Bro. Frank and Sis. Lois), Tom Graff (Henry and Marion), Ed Stoller (Chuck and Ella Mae), Bro. Tim Kellenberger (Bro. Jerry and Sis. Marilyn), Bro. Kevin Kilgus (Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeannette), Curt Weiss (Bro. Cal and Sis. Dena), Steve Scheitlen (Bro. Albert and Sis. Joan), Dennis Schambach (Bro. Ed and Sis. Jennie).

Sis. Debbie Steffen and Sue Steffen graduated from Nurse's Training at Elgin Community College. Vicki Weiss graduated from ISU and plans to continue her education. John Steffen also graduated from ISU and is now a teacher. Bro. Richie Schock has finished his medical training in Detroit. He plans to take his internship in Rockford, Ill. We will be glad to have his family assemble with us. Their address in Rockford is 911 Woodland; phone 815 226-5670.

IOWA CITY IA

Lynn Banwart - April Wiegand

"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Someone once put it, "We forget kindnesses far more easily than we forget injuries, for we unconsciously regard a kindness as something that is our due, while we regard an injury as undeserved, even when it is not." How much better if it were kindnesses that were remembered and not taken as our just due and injuries forgotten.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Joe Kaisner (Forrest) and Bro. Harvey Heiniger (Oakville). We are grateful to all those who find it worthwhile to travel many miles to gather with us.

LAMAR MO

Gail Banwart - Becky Hohulin

Elder Bro. Joe Braker (Morton) was visitor Sunday, May 30. Also present was Ministering Bro. Carl Hartman (Sabetha).

That Sunday was an extra special Sunday, as the Lamar Sunday School hosted the other Sunday School children from all our

churches in Kansas. This included: Ft. Scott, Wichita, Kiowa, Gridley, Sabetha and Bern. Some from a distance were with us on Saturday night, while the others came on Sunday morning for breakfast. Breakfast was served at the Lamar Park. Sunday School was held outside on the church lawn, with Elder Bro. Joe Braker giving the message for them. Supper and a time for fellowship was held at one of the local schools. We wish to thank all the youth that made an effort to come, and we were especially thankful for the ministering brothers that day.

One dear sister told me, "It was worth all or any of the problems I have had as a Sunday School teacher, just to be able to witness and enjoy a week-end like this."

"...whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God". May 2, the engagement of our dear Sis. Gail Banwart to Bro. Phil Strahm (Gridley Ks) was made known. Gail is the daughter of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Ruth Banwart, and Phil is the son of Bro. Loren and Sis. Liseten Strahm. They are planning their wedding date for June 20.

A precious bundle, Gary Wayne, was adopted to brighten and gladden the home of Bro. Gene and Sis. Linda Banwart. This is their first child, and he surely is a precious soul sent from Heaven. Grandparents are Bro. Arthur and Sis. Ruth Banwart (Lamar) and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Juanita Sinn (Ft. Scott).

In the hospital was our dear Sis. Marie Stewart. She is home now and seems to be recovering. A group of us went to sing for her one eve and it's hard to tell who was the most richly blessed; as we who sang to her, were surely uplifted. Our older members have so very much to offer us, and we would be greatly benefitted if we would talk and commune with them often.

Our high school graduate was Bro. Rex Frieden.

No more I ask the reason why,
Although I may not see
The path ahead, His way I go;
For though I know not, He doth
know,
And He will choose safe paths for
me.

TOKYO JAPAN

Yoshio Yamazaki

I met very lovely child when I was walking on the street the other day, and I gave him a piece of candy because I love children very much. Then that little boy followed me about 10 or 15 meters. Probably he knew I loved children very much. When his mother saw this, she was very much afraid because he was coming after me. She thought I was a kind of kidnapper and wanted me to go to the police with her. I tried to explain to her that I just tried to give him candy, that's all, because I love all children, not only hers. But she got excited and didn't listen to what I said. Then I went to the police with her car and told the police about it. It was really fortunate that the police knew me very well, and he told the boy's mother that I am a man of the Christian church. Finally she understood. I really thanked God and the police. Now I could understand the mother, how scared she was, because she didn't know me. However, it's really wonderful if we can believe and love everyone as Jesus does for us.

Bro. Willis R. Ehnle and Sis. Lois and family plan to visit U.S. this summer, and we surely believe both of you, all brethren in the States and them, will have wonderful fellowship together during their visit.

CHILDREN'S HOME

Children's Home Open House
July 17-18 from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Some ten years have passed since a group of brethren shared the heartfelt concern for homeless and unfortunate children. From the first planning stages to the final construction of the homes, your prayers, contributions, donated labor and materials have brought the project to completion.

We now pray for the Lord's guidance as Bro. Terry (administrator) and Sis. Mary Farney and Bro. Doug and Sis. Sue Kellenberger will be receiving and welcoming the children to their new home. We surely give them our prayerful support.

The final papers have been filed with the state for licensing the home, and the various agencies will be making their final inspection to give approval. The filtration plant plans and cost were more extensive than first anticipated, but will

now meet all government requirements.

We give a heartfelt invitation to all congregations, members and friends to visit the Children's Home during the open house.

We wish to thank each one for the help, contributions and prayerful support, and ask for your continued support as the children are welcomed into the home. We pray for the Lord's continued blessing for the work.

The Children's Home Committee

FT LAUDERDALE FL

Bert and Karen Aeschliman

One thought this month . . . While our country celebrates its Bicentennial, we are especially thankful to God that we enjoy a religious freedom in this country which is unparalleled anywhere else in the world.

Bro. Bob Huber has again submitted to knee surgery, and Sis. Arelene Wieland has been hospitalized for several days in the latter part of May. Both are home again.

We rejoice with Bro. Bob and Sis. Doris Huber, as their daughter, Lory has given her heart to the Lord. We are thankful the door of grace remains open.

Ministering brethren who were with us include Elder Bro. Ben Mai-bach, Bros. Ed Aeschleman (Union City), & Al Schneider (Rockville).

ELGIN IA

Eleanor Butikofer

Now is the time for hay-making, caring for the fields of corn, cooking rhubarb, for viewing the rose buds and blossoms. The latter are most gorgeous. At the moment, we have a yellow rose blooming most abundantly, giving fragrance to our garden. In the 19th Psalm we find: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." How evident this is when we view the sky, moon and stars and all the plants, trees, flowers, animals and birds.

The wedding of Julie Brahme and Eugene Moore took place. Sis. Elizabeth Moore is Eugene's mother and the Jerry Brahmes of Arlington are Julie's parents.

Those of our congregation unable to attend services due to illness are Sisters Elizabeth Schneider and Alta Thoman. Our friend, Mary Pulfer is now in a nursing home in West Union. We miss not seeing her in our midst on Sun-

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days. We were delighted to see Bro. Fred Marti in our church service attendance last Sunday.

Among the students graduating from our local high school were Bro. Lonnie Butikofer, son of Sis. Beulah and Bro. Bert; Mike, son of Sis. Norma and Bro. William; Eugene Moore, son of Sis. Elizabeth and the late Bro. Werner.

We extend congratulations to the Roger Loftsgards on the arrival of their baby boy. He has been named Jeremy Ray. Roger's father just recently passed away. His name was Ray. Sis. Norma and Bro. William Butikofer are the grandparents on Joni's side. Roger's mother too has passed away; this was a few years ago.

"Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times."

GRIDLEY KS

Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

Bro. Frank Beyer, 81, passed away, after spending the previous Sunday in church. Services were held May 15, conducted by Bros. Sam Anliker and Lois Strahm. Survivors are his wife, Sis. Elizabeth; sons, Bro. Ivan, Willis and Vernon of Gridley; and daughter, Beulah Wenger of Los Angeles.

Roy Dreyer has been released from Mayos Clinic . . . Bro. Felter Young has been released from a hospital at Wichita.

On May 2, Bro. Loren happily announced the engagement of their son, Bro. Phil Strahm to Sis. Gail Banwart of Lamar, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Art and Ruth Banwart.

Welcome to Bro. Albert and Sis. Mara Jean Edleman of Forrest to

our congregation. They have bought a nice home near Lebo, around 20 miles from here.

Mary Jane Kraft graduated from high school, and Richard Kraft from the 8th grade. They are children of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Nadine Kraft.

Mark Andrew, newly-adopted son of Roger and Janice Shannon, was born May 21, and is the grandson of Bro. Ivan and Sis. Ada Beyer. Sis. Elizabeth Beyer is the great-grandmother.

Vacation Bible School began June 7, with around 23 students and three teachers, Sisters Dorene Metzger, Wilma Young, and Julie Strahm.

We enjoyed visiting ministers: Bros. Raymond Roth of Kiowa, Dennis Warner of Lester, and Henry Grimm of Morton.

DEAREST SPOT FROM NOW

Henry Souder Jr.

Of all the places on earth, where would you like to go? Where the golden glow and the sun's setting is wondrous vacationland? Where green pines whisper and blue waters glisten? Where home is contentment, and the place you'd rather be? Better than all these together and more is where God's family goes. Now, when they pass on.

Once-in-a-lifetime, do we get this opportunity. Arrival time there has no equal in earthly light. We have tasted of it; it's been revealed. When it breaks in full splendor, ah try and get that child to want to leave!

Astronaut nor astronomer never can see here. The word says God spreads a cloud. It is hidden from prying eyes, but revealed to His own. As we look into that "glass, darkly", a mirror with beautiful outlines, reality's color in sure shapes are there.

God loves beauty. He likes the far-off look and the flaming sunset. Through hope we see His lovely mountain, Zion (a mountain has and will figure in His plans on earth too.) In heaven is the city of

the living God. Does it rise tier upon tier, so lovely to look at? Its summit how does it look? Is His beautiful palace there, capped and glorified with that Beauty surpassing our best dreamings?

Further wondering . . . (may its hope delight you in pleasure) . . . The sea. How far does it reach? Where does it go? What inlets and isles rest their comfortable loveliness? Its waters — the colorful expanses find their equal nowhere here. Part of the description: ". . . as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire." Giving delight to our spirits. Joyful are the wonders of God's mighty hand.

The chums we find here, ties of God, are all there, and in everlasting, enduring love. Kindred hearts are brought together of God for His very own purpose. Ties deepen in ageless happiness. The beautiful city has every detail and all of love that God has given. We shall know even dearer and clearer. Look at the detail, the walk and talk of our dear resurrected Lord. Look at the glad details of the transfiguration . . . the perception of Abraham and

Lazarus in Luke 16 . . . and those glimpses the Lord affords in John 8:51 and 56.

What is the city's Central Attraction? the home and haven of our innermost heartbeat? Our God. Our life, our light, our all. His light is beautiful—so brilliant. It is unapproachable as we are now. It couldn't be done. When scripture says our God is a consuming fire, it means it. Up there is our Father. His glory is as the rainbow. There, really, actually, with flesh and bones, with His own personality is our very own Jesus.

We take our trip, and find we are really home. We really fit. Like an old shoe . . . with dear loved ones, together in our Father's house. Go the world around. There is nowhere we'd rather be. Having before us the kindly countenance that has made every dear one of His kindly, and like Him.

With Him, joys are jubilant; there is happy chorus . . . pleasures enthrall for evermore . . . and yet there is so much more. Look in His wondrous word!