

Views from the Terrace

DEAR RESIDENTS of the TERRACE:

During the Advent season in December, we focus our thoughts on the Lord Jesus' ministry here on earth. Why was he willing to leave his glory in heaven and come to live with mankind as a human being? The familiar verse of **John 3:16** (NIV) describes that reason:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

People who are not sure of their salvation can write their own name in place of whoever.

We read in **2 Peter 3:9** (NIV):

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

It is humbling to read what God said in **Genesis 1:26** (NIV):
Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness..."

He gave us the privilege of fellowship with him in adoration and worship. But that also gives us a spiritual responsibility. How does that relationship with our creator affect our values, our attitudes towards people, and our priorities in life?

We never want to show off as "holier than thou". The people of Israel claimed that Jehovah was **their** God, and not the God of all the people he created, regardless of background, race, or colour. We are still challenged today to see that all people have the potential to be saved, because God created **all** of them. We can choose to try to love all people the way that God loves them.

We think about how important it is how non-Christians see us. Remember the phrase: "Your actions speak so loudly that I cannot hear what you are saying." It is possible that the only Christ some people will ever meet is the one they see in us.

In this Advent season, may we have and use the opportunity to share the Gospel with someone who needs to hear about God's love for them, that they too may have the assurance of his righteousness.

We wish you all a blessed Christmas.

- B.L.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25th, 2021



Luke 2:14 (NKJV)

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!

WORDS of WISDOM

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working,
do you just throw it away?
Of course not.
You change the batteries.

When a person messes up or finds themselves
in a dark place, do you cast them aside?
Of course not.
You help them change their batteries.

Some need **AA** – attention and affection;
some need **AAA** – attention, affection and accptance;
some need **C** – compassion;
some need **D** – direction.

And if they still don't seem to shine...
simply sit with them quietly and share your light.



**Notes from the desk of the
PROPERTY MANAGER:**

From the Board

We have hired Jake Sulyma as custodian, to fill the vacancy and the void left by the retirement of John Kralt. I think that many of you have already met Jake. Please make him feel at home and part of the Evergreen Terrace family.

New Residents

No new residents have moved in at the time of this writing, but Evelyn VanderMeer is scheduled to move in on November 29th, 2021. Please make her feel welcome when she arrives.

Sold Suites

No units have sold since our last newsletter. There are currently four units for sale: Suites 102, 305, 310, and 503. If you know anyone who might be interested in the Evergreen lifestyle, let them know so we can get our building fully occupied again.

Water

Thursday November 18th, 2021 was a day that I would like to forget. Forget I shall not, but I will remember some valuable lessons. When making any plumbing modifications, we cannot take any short cuts or use any substandard parts. Equipment we use needs to be inspected periodically and replaced, because nothing lasts forever. For example, laundry hoses should be checked regularly, and it would also be a good idea to turn off the water to the washer if you are planning to be away for an extended period of time. We will be having those who are changing the furnace filters and checking the apartments to add this item to their list of things to check.

Until next time. Wishing you all God's blessing in this our Evergreen Terrace community. -J.V.

ON THE MOVE

Some of our neighbours have moved:

Tena Hoiting

- from Evergreen #208 to Florida

In November:

Heather Shrimmer

- from Evergreen #305 to Shalom Manor

Sweis Brouwer

- from Evergreen #310 to Vineland

You will be missed!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Peggy Skursky	N. IRELAND	219
1	Freddy Van Hoffen	Leeuwarden, FR, NL	312
3	Bob De Haan	Surhuisterveen, FR, NL	111
7	Diane Adams	Niagara Falls, ON, CA	203
8	Clarence Alkema	Harlingen, FR, NL	405
13	Frances Stegne	SLOVENIA	210
21	Margaret Spoelstra	Zwaagwesteinde, FR, NL	214
25	Olga Dekker	Peize, DR, NL	304

Happy Birthday!!



Oh, Christmas tree!

Thanks to the Decorating committee for decking our halls!
Fa-la-la-la-la!

LAUGHTER

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Q: How does Christmas Day end?

A: With the letter Y.

Q: What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

A: The Christmas alphabet has no-el.



“VOICES OF CHRISTMAS”

Our selection this month is an adaptation of a stage production performed frequently at the **Sight and Sound** theatre in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Although the audience is more intimately involved in a stage production, several of the **Sight and Sound** productions have now been brought to the screen. Among the stage productions that have been adapted to the screen are: ***Jonah, Jesus, Samson, Miracle of Christmas,*** and ***Voices of Christmas.*** Our December movie, ***Voices of Christmas,*** has eleven chapters, including Scrooge, Toy Shoppe, Drummer Boy, Silent Night, and Handel’s Messiah. ***Voices of Christmas*** will be shown on **Friday, December 17th**. If there appears to be enough interest, we will have two showings, the first at 7 p.m. and the second at 8:30 p.m.

The Visual Arts committee is somewhat embarrassed that the November movie ***The Book Thief*** came to an abrupt ending during the showing. The movie was played again the following evening without any difficulties. The equipment we are using is old, and a decision will have to be made soon about a replacement. But we will plan for the December movie as announced above.

- B.VH.



SAFETY committee:

The Safety committee had a meeting on November 9, 2021, after no meetings since the spring of 2020.

Chairperson: Gertie de Roos
Secretary: Tina Ravensbergen

- 1) The increase of COVID-19 was discussed. Everyone is encouraged to remind others to wear a face mask, if seen not wearing one in common areas.
- 2) When there is a blackout, please do not use candles. Make sure you have flashlights in your unit.
- 3) Each floor has safety leaders, who will be wearing safety vests when required due to fire, blackouts, etc.



1st Floor:

Reinhard Mech (101) and Tina Ravensbergen (115)

2nd Floor:

Francis Stegne (210) and Gertie de Roos (216)

3rd Floor:

John Koornneef (309) and Geradine Kegel (320)

4th Floor:

Eric Stieva (409) and Maynard Smid (420)

5th Floor:

Dick Vermeer (505) and Don Dennis (517)

- G.dR.

RESIDENTS’ COUNCIL:

A brief ceremony will be held for the commemoration of the memorial plaque in honour of Bill Kegel, on Wednesday, December 1st at 2:30 pm, at the dogwood tree near the gazebo.

- L.T.



Wishing you all the blessings of the Christmas season.



Editor: Linda T.

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