

Views from the Terrace

From the EDITOR to my dear neighbours

During the Christmas season, we celebrate the greatest gift of all, the light of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ. He was lowered down from heaven, walked among his people on earth as a living light, and then was raised back up to glory.

With the love and light of our Lord within us, let us be bright lights on earth, more than the stars in the night sky above us. Let us raise each other up, until at last, we are all lifted up to the heights of heaven.

Be a star! Shine!

– Linda T.

CHRISTMAS DAY Thursday, December 25th, 2025



Luke 2:14 (ESV)

“Glory to God in the highest...”



Love's Delights

I sometimes think You are the reverse of gravity,
causing everything to rise,
from the heavy earth up to the highest skies,
but You show me that Yours is the work of coming down,
of weighting what is light
so that I, like You, might enter into what is least
and raise it up to sound love's delight
in heaven's proper height.

- by Meister Eckhart (German priest),
rendered by Jon M. Sweeney and Mark S. Burrows

Note from the Editor:

Meister Eckhart (c.1260 – c.1328) was a German Catholic priest and theologian. He didn't write poetry, but many of his sermons had a poetic quality to them. Working from an English translation of the German text of his sermons, Jon M. Sweeney (author, scholar) and Mark S. Burrows (poet, translator, scholar) reworked select excerpts of those sermons into verse.

This poem was adapted from a sermon Meister Eckhart preached on Isaiah 60:1, and meditates on the downward movement of love that raises us up.

Isaiah 60:1 (ESV)

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

SPIRITUAL LIFE Committee

Here's the schedule for Bible Studies in December:

Tuesday December 2nd – 9:30 am
Reverend Erick Schuringa
(Mountainview CRC)

Tuesday December 16th – 9:30 am
Reverend Dick Wynia
(Canadian Reformed Church)



- L.T.

Notes from the desk of the PROPERTY MANAGER

Wow! It's December already, the last month of the year!
How time flies!

This is a special month, a month in which we remember the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I do hope you all have a joyous time with family and friends this month to celebrate Christ and the grace we receive through Him.

On November 19, 2025 Bill and Rita Bax moved into Suite 406. I would like to welcome them to Evergreen Terrace and ask that you all help to make them feel at home here in Evergreen Terrace.

I would like to wish everyone the joys of the Christmas season and blessings in the new year.

- J.V.

911 EMERGENCY

When calling 911:
Remember that these emergency services
(fire and ambulance)
have access to a *master key*
which will *open any door* in the building.



TRASH TALK

Although some K-cup coffee pods (for Keurig style coffee makers) are labeled as being recyclable, did you know that they must be dismantled into several parts in order to be recyclable? Specifically, the **lid must be peeled off**, the **coffee grounds** must be deposited into the **composting bin**, and the **plastic cup** must be **rinsed** and then deposited into the **blue bin**. But that's so much work!!

Instead, we suggest that K-cup coffee pods be disposed into the trash. Thanks!



FIRST DAY of WINTER

Sunday, December 21st, 2025



SAFETY Committee

Important reminders:

- After entering or exiting the parking garage, please wait to ensure that the entrance or exit door has closed behind you, before driving away.
- Do NOT open the front door to strangers.
- The Meals-on-Wheels shelves located by the door of many apartments are to be used for Meals-on-Wheels deliveries only. Nothing else is to be placed on those shelves.
- No decorative items are to be placed on the floor outside your apartment door. This is by order of the Grimsby Fire Department, as well as to facilitate the weekly vacuuming of the hallways. (The Christmas season is considered to be an exception.)
- When bringing compost downstairs, please carry the bag in its container bin, to avoid further unsightly littering and dripping of contents on the carpet or hard flooring in the common hallways. Let's try to keep the wooden and tile floors dry, to avoid slippery, unsafe conditions.

- T.R.



CAR WASH

Does your vehicle need to be washed?? Jack de Roos is willing to wash your vehicle on Wednesdays! A free will donation would be appreciated. All monies collected by Jack will be donated to McNally House Hospice.

Car washing includes: vacuuming and dusting the interior, washing and drying the exterior, cleaning exterior car windows, and cleaning tires!

Contact Jack de Roos (216) to make arrangements.
Thank you, Jack, for providing this service for us!

- L.T.



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FUN FACT **about December**

The name "December"
comes from the Latin word "decem", meaning ten,
as it was the tenth month in the Roman calendar.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Frederika VanHoffen	Leeuwarden, FR, NL	312
7	Diane Adams	Niagara Falls, ON, CA	203
8	Clarence Alkema	Harlingen, FR, NL	405
13	Frances Stegne	SLOVENIA	210
19	Wayne Schoeman	Veenendaal, UT, NL	204
21	Myra Evans	Yorkshire, ENGLAND	215
25	Olga Dekker	Peize, DR, NL	304
28	Cisca DeVries	Rotterdam, ZH, NL	112

Happy Birthday to all!!



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Committee

Counting down to New Year's Eve!

For New Year's Eve, we are looking for some volunteers to organize a get-together for Wednesday December 31st. If you are interested, please contact Audrey Pieters (508).

- A.P.



NEW NEIGHBOURS!

November 19th:

Bill and Rita Bax – Suite 406

Bill: xxx-xxx-xxxx

Rita: xxx-xxx-xxxx

November 29th:

Mike and Moe Moe Fennema – Suite 416

We welcome you into our midst!



- L.T.

ON THE MOVE

November:

Christina Drost

- moved from Evergreen #412
to Tabor Manor, St. Catharines
and then to Shalom Manor, Grimsby

You are missed!

- L.T.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mary Verrips

January 30th, 1937 - November 7th, 2025

Gone from sight, but not forgotten.

- L.T.



RESIDENTS' COUNCIL

Many thanks to Martha VanHoffen for leading six weeks of watercolour art classes for us! Much appreciated!

- L.T.



LADIES' GUILD

Our Evergreen Terrace Ladies' Guild meets every Thursday from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. If you like to knit or crochet for yourself or for charity (we supply wool for charity), please join us for a cup of tea or coffee and friendly conversation!

- O.D.



LAUGHTER

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Q: What did the wise men say after they offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense?

A: Wait, there's myrrh.

Q: What do you call a broke Santa Claus?

A: Saint Nickel-less.

Christmas trees are like seniors – sometimes we lean a little, but we still shine bright!



WORDS OF WISDOM

To strengthen the muscles of your heart,
the best exercise is lifting someone else's spirit.

- Dodinsky

MESSAGE from the EDITOR

Many thanks to all those who contribute to the success of our monthly newsletter.

Sincere thanks to our diligent proof-readers, who work steadfastly behind the scenes, assisting and supporting me throughout the year.

And special thanks to our Property Manager, Jan Visser, for printing our newsletter every month, which amounts to a LOT of pages every month and every year!

You are all much appreciated!!

- L.T.



Shine bright!



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