

Helene Ballard reports from Birchwood

By Helene Ballard

Here I am back again; sorry I missed two weeks ago but I did not have much to write about. (The first half of this article

did not run last week due to lack of space).

On Saturday, December 5, we were happy to be able to listen

Church Listing

Schreiber

Grace Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev. Jim Johnson. Phone 824-2402.

Sunday School: all ages- 10 a.m. Morning worship service: 11 a.m.

Sunday evening service: 7 p.m.

Bible Study and prayer: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Nursery provided for all services.

Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church

Pastor: Father Jan Rademaker, O.M.I. Phone 824-2010.

Sunday Masses: Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 10 a.m. Rosspport, noon.

Confessions: Saturdays, 4-5 p.m. in Schreiber.

Pays Plat Prayer Group: Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

St. Andrew United Church

Minister: Ernie Hunt. Phone 825-3346 or 825-3396.

Morning Service and Sunday School are at 11:15 a.m.

Communion Service is the first Sunday of every month.

A nursery for infants is provided.

St. John Anglican Church

Pastor, Bob Elkin. Phone 824-2771.

Morning prayer at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

All welcome.

Terrace Bay

Community Church

Minister, Ernie Hunt. Phone 825-3346 or 825-3396.

Worship service is every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m.

Church School is also at this time.

Communion service is every first Sunday of every month.

A nursery is provided. A warm welcome awaits all.

Lutheran Church

Pastor, Rev. Mark Moss.

We will be meeting every Sunday at 2 p.m. in the recreation room at Birchwood Terrace.

For more information contact: Rev. Mark Moss, 887-3020 (office), 887-2612 (home), Lloyd or Hilda Hiebert, 825-3897 or Cathy Withers 825-9495.

St. Martin of Tours

Pastor, Father Bernard Campbell. Phone 825-3231.

Confessions are on Saturday from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses are on Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Birchwood Terrace, 1 p.m.

Terrace Bay Gospel Assembly

Pastor, Rev. Keith Milne. Phone 825-9098 or 825-9368.

Family worship is on Sunday at 11 a.m.

Wednesday night is Action Night from 6:30-8 p.m.

Friday night is YOUTH ALIVE at 7:30 p.m.

If you would like to include a message with your listing, contact the News at 825-3747.

once again to the North Shore Community Band under the direction of Mr. Doug McIlwain.

After several selections by the band we had a 'sing-a-long' of Christmas carols followed by more selections by the band.

It was indeed an enjoyable afternoon and put some much-needed pep into our lives.

We want to thank the members of the band and their director for coming to Birchwood; please come again.

On Tuesday, the 8th, our faithful card players came in for an afternoon of bridge; our thanks to these devoted ladies.

On Thursday, December 10, the Ladies' Auxiliary to Birchwood was present for a luncheon with all our residents; a big thank-you to Leon and his staff for a delicious meal well-prepared and well-served by his staff.

After a short meeting of the auxiliary, these ladies served the residents a 'Christmas' tea, after which the ladies gave each resident a Christmas gift.

These ladies work all year for us to bring us entertainment of all kinds.

This is all volunteer work and believe me, these ladies give of themselves for our comfort and I know a simple 'Thank-you' is very little to express how we feel about them; but I know they except our heartfelt thanks for all they do; God Bless all of you and bring you a Happy New Year.

Now that we are getting into the 'ice and snow age', please be careful; there are a few things that can be done to be safe.

Last week, the 9th, I received several phone calls from folks asking me to please say something about the sand and salt, or rather the lack of it- there is one place on the sidewalk between Costa's store and the bank that is always slippery and a real hazard; so whoever is in charge of spreading sand when needed, please don't count the grains; I know it's not very nice to get that on our boots and then bring it inside, but if you stop and think about it for a second, it beats a fall resulting in broken bones and even a law suit. Thank-you.

Our 'home' sure looks like Christmas and we want to thank our staff for their hard work.

I'll have more next time, so until then, this 'wee joke';

"I like my bifocals,
My dentures fit me fine.
My hearing aid is perfect,
But Lord, how I miss my mind!!
Author unknown.

Part II

Well, it won't be long now before old Santa will be here. I suppose all the children can hardly wait- it sure would be wonderful to be a child again but for some of us that is just a memory.

Things are starting to come alive at the home too. On Tuesday the 15th, our faithful card players came in for bridge with the residents and that is always a nice afternoon for the home- our

thanks to our friends.

Our monthly birthday party was held on Dec. 17; we had three 'Birthday Kids'; Elsie Dodds, Hugo Hygvist, and Gabrielle Gauthier.

Our party was hosted by the Ladies of the C.W.L. of Schreiber. After coffee and cake we had a penny auction which all our residents enjoy. We wish to thank the ladies for their kindness to us.

We had a nice Christmas luncheon on the 22nd with our staff. It was so nice to sit and visit with them; they are always busy on other days, but today was different; we could relax and chat.

On behalf of all the residents I would like to say a big "Thank-you" for your work and care of all of us.

On Sunday afternoon Noreen Boujelois came into our home and six of her piano pupils played for us and after the residents had a nice time singing Christmas songs; we want to thank them for coming.

In the early evening of Dec. 15, a group of Brownies, Girl Guides, along with their leaders, Cathy Notwell and Tracy Shaw, gave us another happy time when they sang Christmas Carols. Miss Anita Netherton was at the piano.

Born to Die

The celebration of the birth of Jesus this Christmas season is but the opening footnote in the life of the greatest man the world has ever, and will ever know. More books have been written about Jesus than any other man in history. Never has anybody been as controversial.

Jesus' birth marks the beginning of His earthly ministry among mankind and for mankind. Jesus alone was able to live a life that pleased God. And it was Jesus' blood alone that paid for the redemption of sinners, through His innocent suffering and death.

Without the shedding of blood no atonement is made. The fundamental principle of life is that life must be given for life. Consider the foods that are on your table; blood had to be shed. The furs and feathers used in clothing; blood had to be shed etc. Christ gave life to save and perpetuate life.

"You are bought with a price," says Paul in 1 Corinthians, 6.

A farmer was found kneeling at a soldier's grave. Someone came to him and said, "Why do you pay so much attention to this grave? Was your son buried there?" "No" he said. "During the war my family were all sick. I knew not how to leave them. I was drafted. One of my neighbours came over to me and said, 'I will go for you; I have no family.' He went. He was wounded at Chickamauga. He was carried to the hospital and died. And, sir, I have come a great many miles

We wish to thank them for their visit.

Wednesday afternoon, the 16th, some of our residents went to the rec centre for the "Under 100 Years" bowling league and I understand our friends did well.

Pam Jones was in charge of the Birchwood players. Werner Ziegler and Marg Morrill each won a box of chocolates donated by Tony Costa.

Ann Rybak and Cliff McDonald each won a cash prize donated by Pam Jones and Dolly Sitko.

We wish to thank these lovely people for their time and donations.

Well dear readers, and friends, I hope you all have a real nice Christmas; just remember, please don't drink and drive; make sure you have someone to do the driving if you take 'a wee drop too much'. Thank-you.

"The wise guy who said 'Go West' never had to figure out how to do it on a cloverleaf intersection."

And now to all my friends, may I wish each one of you 'A Merry Christmas', 'Joyeux Noel', and 'Felix Navidad'.

Until next time, Cheerio.

that I might write over his grave these words, "He died for me." -- Christ was our substitute. He went forth to fight our battles. He died. Oh, that we might write over His grave, each one of us, "He died for me." Have you come to faith in Christ and written this in your heart?

A highland widow was threatened with eviction. She set out with her son to walk ten miles over the mountain pass to the home of friends who she knew would help her. When she started, the weather was balmy and mild. But on the mountain pass she was caught in a blizzard. She never reached her destination. She was found the next morning at the summit of the pass, where the storm had been the fiercest, lying in the snow, stripped almost to nakedness, dead. In a sheltered nook nearby was her only child, safe and well, wrapped in the clothes the mother had taken from her own body. She died that he might live. Jesus is like that widow. Jesus died that we might live.

The tale is told of the pelican that dwells in the African solitudes.

It loves its tender young, and cares and toils for their good; it brings them water from fountains afar and fishes the seas for their food.

In famine it feeds -- what love can devise? -- with blood from its bosom, and feeding them dies.

So Christ died that we might have life. Blood was drawn from His heart most precious, and sprinkled over our souls that we should see death nevermore.

As our substitute, negotiator, Jesus made mankind "at one" with God. He effected our atonement. We refer to this so great sacrifice in our stead as the "vicarious atonement." And when a man repents of his sins and in faith clings to this vicarious atonement he then receives forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life.

This is the real underlying message in the Christmas season.

TURENKO

In Loving Memory of my wife, Inez Turenko, who died Dec. 20th, 1986.

God saw you getting tired when a cure was not to be, so he closed his arms around you and whispered come to me.

You didn't deserve what you went through. So he's giving you a rest, God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best. Lovingly remembered by

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THANK YOU

I would like to thank Dr. Wilkes and the nursing staff for the excellent care I received while a patient in McCausland Hospital. Also all those who visited and sent flowers. Your care and concern are greatly appreciated.

Marg Godin

In Loving Memory of Inez Turenko who died Dec. 20/1986.

Always in our thoughts,
Always in our hearts.
Fondly remembered by:

Steffie, Jenny & Wally