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Messenger

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Our Purpose

*To bring the light, love and joy of
Jesus Christ into this world – by living the written
word, sharing the living word, and loving without
exception.*

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The Blind Horse

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each looks like every other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing.

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing.

If nearby and listening, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray. When she returns to the shelter to the barn each evening, she stops occasionally and looks back, making sure her friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping other to see.

Good friends are like thisyou don't always see them, but you know they are there.

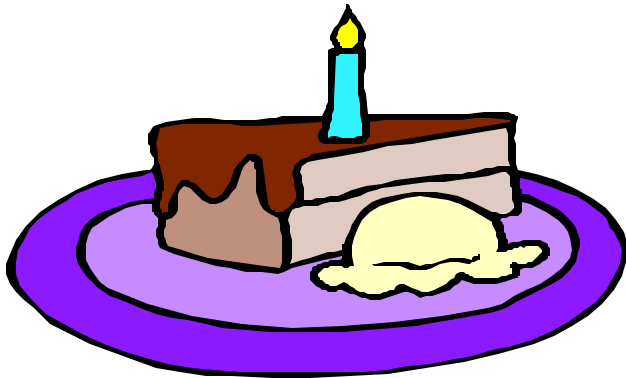
Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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Happy Birthday to:

5th Pat Jarosz
6th Donna Weekley
6th Georgia Peden
13th Bea Bidell
16th Lee Shatzel
21st Matthew Eckle
23rd Loretta Bidell
27th Bob Crump
28th Peggy Gorczyca



March 1st

The anniversary of Deacon Shirley Trail's ordination
to the Diaconate

PARISH NEWS

From the Vestry:

Just a note to let everyone know the **financial** state of St. Michael and All Angels: the income for Jan. was \$6,234 and the expenses were \$4,168, for a profit of \$2065. Thank you to all that kept their pledges up to date. Hopefully we will have another good month so that when a "not so good" month comes along we will not have to worry.

The Vestry has developed a Search Committee that is starting to gather information. A **Profile** Committee (that is part of the Search process) will be distributing a **survey** for all the parishioners to complete and return to the church within a week. During the survey process, if you have any questions or concerns, that is the place to put that information. If you want to talk to a Vestry member, please don't hesitate to contact one of us. We don't have all the answers but we will definitely research your questions and get back to you on it. Next Vestry meeting is on March 10th.

Lastly, for those of you who forgot, March has 5 Sunday's and on March 29th, we will have a **breakfast** after the service. At this time you can ask questions and get more information about the Search process. Meanwhile, please keep on making our Deacon and supply priest's feel at home with our St Michael's hospitality.

Thank you,

Michael Ham
Senior Warden

Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday, March 4th at 10:00 am:** Every Wednesday (at least during Lent) there will be a service of Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing followed by a Bible Study and a light soup lunch.
- **Wednesday, March 4th: WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING**
Lunch provided at 12:00 noon; meeting to follow.
- **Sunday, March 8th 9:30 am:** Holy Eucharist – Father Sam
Daylight Savings Time begins
- **Tuesday, March 10th – 7:00 pm:** Vestry Meeting
- **Wednesday, March 11th – 10:00 am:** Every Wednesday (at least during Lent) there will be a service of Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing followed by a Bible Study and a light soup lunch.
- **Sunday, March 15th - 9:30 am:** Service of Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing with Deacon Shirley
- **Tuesday, March 17th: HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
- **Tuesday, March 17th: Judges' Row Block Club Meeting**
Guest speaker will be the Honorable Byron Brown – please try to attend.
- **Wednesday, March 18th at 10:00 am:** Every Wednesday (at least during Lent) there will be a service of Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing followed by a Bible Study and a light soup lunch.

- **Sunday, March 22nd at 9:30 am:** Holy Eucharist – Father Sam
- **Wednesday, March 25th at 10:00 am:** Every Wednesday (at least during Lent) there will be a service of Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing followed by a Bible Study and a light soup lunch.
- **Sunday, March 25th at 9:30 am:** Morning Prayer with Holy Eucharist from Reserved Sacrament. 5th Sunday Breakfast to follow the service (\$5.00 donation).
- **Saturday, April 4th:** Altar Guild Meeting

