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Dear Friends,

A quick visit to the chapel has revealed that all is well, despite front-page news of ice storm damage in the Northeast. We look forward to a delightful summer season celebrating God's gift of warmth and water, friends and family, beginning with Rev. George Alexander on June 28.

The Board is grateful to all of you who have supported St. John's in any way, be it through your attendance, your volunteer work or your donations. Because of you, the chapel is able to begin its eighth decade as a place of worship.

Since the last letter, two members of our church community have passed away. Last summer we lost John Collins, husband of past president Pattie Jean, and a tireless behind-the-scenes supporter of the chapel. We miss his humor and boundless energy. Louise Drew, wife of William Drew, Bear Island resident, and a regular attendee, died on February 17. We will miss her and her wonderful smile.

Ralph and Audrey Mosher, Co-President and Secretary, have sold their Bear Island cottage to become full-time Florida residents. It will be lonely without their warmth and friendship, and the building will miss their constant care.

On August 10, a beautiful stained glass window was installed, in memory of Bertram and Kay Saurbrunn, who helped bring the chapel back to life in the 1950's. Be sure to stop in to see this addition.

We are hoping to complete two important projects this year. We have scaled down our reshingling project to one side of the tower. It should be done in the fall. If you have pledged towards that job, please fulfill the pledge. Additional donations are welcome. At this point, \$1000 has been received and an additional \$1100 is pledged for this work. We also hope to re-do the front step, which is crumbling.

Perhaps our biggest problem now is dock space. We are becoming known in the region, and visitors wish to come. All too often, they arrive to find the docks full. As our shorefront is limited, we do not seem to be able to increase the dock space. Therefore, we are asking our regular members to dock at the homes of Bear Island residents and walk to church if they can, allowing space for visitors from other islands or the mainland.

The Board will meet briefly after the service on July 5. We welcome any of you with opinions or ideas to join us.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Burdette