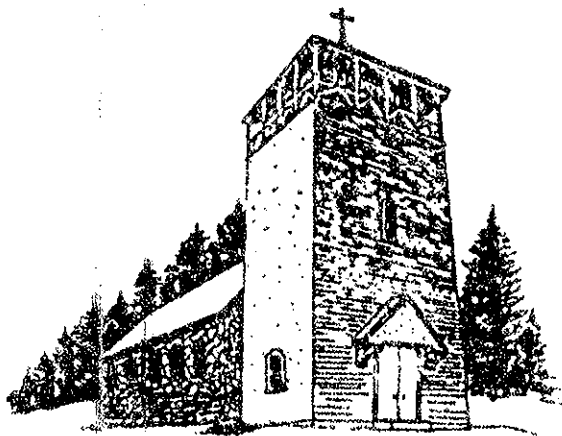


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Dear Friends of St. John's-on-the-Lake

Despite rumors to the contrary, spring did arrive. Our thoughts now turn to summer on Bear Island and that means Sunday mornings at St. John's. As you can see from the enclosed schedule we have a full slate of services and hope you and your family will join us each Sunday. We also hope you will invite your friends and neighbors to share this special island experience. We expect to have two weddings and a baptism this summer. If you are interested in having your wedding or baptism at St. John's please contact Doffy Falk (603 279 6313 or 978 887 8495) or Marjorie Burdette (603 279 5007 or 603 880 8125).

Those of you who arrive by boat at the Church Cove dock will notice a new landing and steps to ease the start of your trek up the hill. Unseen, but just as important, major structural repair was started on the main shore deck. In the future we need to replace more support timbers in that structure. Our long-range plan for the dock also includes replacement of the dock fingers themselves with an eye towards widening the slips to accommodate today's wider boats. At the church itself, new Lexan protective window covers were put in place.

Stewardship of our island treasure is expensive. Weekly collections during the summer do not cover our costs. We rely on your generosity to fund our regular summer expenses as well as our maintenance and capital improvement projects. We need everyone's help and appreciate gifts of any size. We thank you for your past support and ask you to prayerfully consider an increase in your gift to St. John's-on-the-Lake this year.

See you at church.

God Bless You All,

Mike Taranto

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