



St. John's-on-the-Lake

BEAR ISLAND, LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE

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

The lake is springing to life, and we now look forward to a glorious summer on Lake Winnepesaukee, highlighted by Sunday mornings at St. John's. Our 2005 schedule is enclosed, and you can see we have planned a full slate of services including a laity service in August. Last year this service was a resounding success with ideas and participation from many islanders and was very well attended. Anyone wishing to participate or submit ideas should contact Jim Hanson, 603 279 1005 or, www.jandcrlake2lake@aol.com

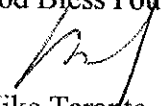
As many of you know, last summer there were several incidents of vandalism on Bear Island including severe graffiti along many of the island trails. Further, over Labor Day weekend, our church had two cut glass side windows broken from the inside. The resulting publicity prompted a spontaneous and gratifying outpouring of sympathy and gifts to help pay for the repairs to the windows. The board is now re-considering security and preservation procedures for our Island Treasure, but in the meantime, we ask you all to remind your guests and renters that the island interior and specifically St. John's are a heritage for all of us and deserving of our stewardship.

St. John's now has a new web site, www.stjohnsonthelake.com and we invite you to visit us on the internet for announcements as well as news of individual services and biographies of our visiting ministers.

As you may know, our Sunday collections do not cover our annual operating costs. We rely on the generosity of our community to fund our regular summer services as well as our maintenance and capitol projects. We ask for everyone's help and appreciate gifts of any amount. If you wish, you may direct your donation to our Memorial Endowment Fund where only the income is used, and your gift keeps on giving. We thank you for past generosity and ask you to consider an increase in your gift this year regardless of which giving vehicle you choose.

Have a great summer and see you at church!

God Bless You All,


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