



ST. JOHN'S-ON-THE-LAKE

Founded as an Episcopal chapel in 1927, St. John's-on-the-Lake became an Association in 1954 and provides non-denominational religious services for worshippers of all faiths.

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Dear Friends,

The lake ice has melted and the migratory birds have started their return. Soon volunteers will be opening St. John's-on-the-Lake for the 2009 summer season.

This summer we have scheduled another series of distinguished clergy for nine services beginning June 28 with our dear friend and Bear Islander Rev. Sandor Farkas. Our Catholic Mass will be celebrated on August 9 by Father Jack Hurley and on August 16, Rev. Victoria Wood Parrish will return to lead a "Blessing of the Animals." Our traditional youth service led by Camp Nokomis will be held on August 2nd.

The primary responsibility of the **St. John's-on-the-Lake Association** is to protect and maintain the chapel and organize the program of summer worship. St. John's-on-the-Lake Chapel is an 80 year old structure constructed to surround an observation tower built about 1900. The financial demands of maintaining the chapel from the harsh winter conditions are costly. Last fall we undertook a series of repairs that included replacement of supporting joists for the main chapel floor as well repair of structural timbers in the tower.

St. John's-on-the-Lake depends upon your generous contributions and annual pledges to continue our summer tradition of Sunday worship as well as a site for summer weddings and baptisms. St. John's is an historic structure but more importantly, it is a vital, living memorial to past and future generations of islanders who see summer time not as a respite from their faith, but an opportunity to harmonize their spiritual lives with the natural beauty God has provided.

Please find enclosed the 2009 Schedule of Visiting Clergy and contribution card. On behalf of the St. John's-on-the-Lake Association I hope you will consider a generous tax deductible gift of support to St. John's and that you will join us at church this summer.

Sincerely,

Ripley Forbes
President, St. John's-on-the-Lake Association

St. John's-on-the-Lake Association
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