



St. John's-on-the-Lake

BEAR ISLAND, LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE

MAILING ADDRESS
P.O. BOX 1012
MEREDITH, NH 03253

Dear Friends:

June, 2000

I am sitting here looking out at beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee from the kitchen of our weekend getaway on the most gorgeous island in the world (of course, Bear Island) and all I can think about is how fortunate we are to be here. The Lord blesses us in many ways throughout our lives but being here has to be close to the top of the list.

When I tell people about our unique situation with our church here on Bear Island, I detect a wide range of reactions from "astonishment that someone built a church on an island" to "how can I get there". We need to share our experience with as many people as possible by inviting them to come to our services whenever possible.

This is my first year as president of your church so I hope I can keep the traditions alive that have made St. Johns-on-the-Lake the spiritual attraction that it is for so many people. You may have noticed the different stationary. We have decided to simplify our lives and save some money by not reprinting new stationary every year when the officers or committees change. We will list the officers and phone numbers in this letter so you can contact any one of them with any questions.

There will be a short meeting of the officers and board members at the church immediately following the service on July 2 to make sure everything will run smoothly this year. Please be prepared to raise any questions or issues of immediate concern.

Keelers have again agreed to host our church picnic this year which will be held on Sunday August 27 following the last service of this summer. Details will be posted later at the church. Make sure you mark your calendar for this fun event.

Special music has become a highlight of our services thanks to the talent and flexibility of our organist Valerie Cross. Anyone wishing to perform, contact her at 603-253-7785. We also are hoping for repeat visits from our very own St. John's Tabernacle Choir which all interested people are encouraged to join.

Anyone wishing to use the church for a special event can contact any of the officers.

Our Sunday offering usually accounts for about 1/4 of the annual operating expenses without any exceptional repairs. At present we are solvent thanks to your generous giving in the past. Please continue to give in order to keep the St. Johns-on-the-Lake experience going forward for future generations. Enclosed is a pledge card as well as the summer schedule. Your contributions can be mailed to:

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We look forward to seeing you at the worship services to share in the fellowship of your neighbors and in the wonders of the Holy Spirit.

Sincerely,

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A non-denominational summer chapel serving as religious center for all Christians, providing services on Sunday and administering to the religious needs of the large and scattered population of Lake Winnepesaukee.