



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

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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Lake Winnepesaukee
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May 23, 2008

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

The ice is out! Soon St. John's volunteers will be opening the chapel for the summer season and the beginning of our eighth decade of worship for Lake Winnepesaukee's island residents. Last summer, at a special service to recognize our 80th anniversary, speakers noted that no matter how much has changed on the Lake, the Chapel continues to serve the spiritual needs of the summer island community.

The primary responsibility of the St. John's on the Lake Association is to protect and maintain our unique Chapel. St. John's is an 80 year old structure constructed to surround an observation tower built about 1900. The financial demands of maintaining such a structure have become increasingly costly and we depend upon your generous contributions and annual pledges to maintain the chapel as a place for Sunday worship as well as summer weddings and baptisms.

This summer you will notice some changes at St. Johns. Major repairs have been completed to remove and replace the observation tower sills which were seriously damaged by years of exposure to punishing winter snow and water. The steps entering the church have been restored and a new step added to make it easier for our less agile members to enter the chapel. The deteriorating portico roof has been replaced. Fortunately, we were prepared to undertake these repairs because of your past generosity. Pictures of the completed work can be seen on our web site at StJohnsontheLake.com

St. John's is an historic structure but even more important, stands as a 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, God-given beauty that is all around us. Please find enclosed the 2008 Schedule of Visiting Clergy and contribution card. On behalf of the St. John's-on-the-Lake Association I hope you will consider a 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

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