



# 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,

Spring has arrived on Lake Winnepesaukee and volunteers spent part of the Memorial Day weekend removing window shutters and cobwebs to prepare St. John's-on-the-Lake for summer worship.

This summer we have scheduled another series of distinguished clergy beginning on June 27 with The Rev. Franklin E. Huntress. Youth Sunday, led by Camp Nokomis, will be held on August 1 and our Catholic Mass will be celebrated by Father Jack Hurley on August 8. Services will continue on Sunday's throughout the summer concluding on August 29 with The Rev. Terry C. Thomasen.

This year I wanted to share with you our growing concern over the need to develop a fire prevention and defense plan for St. John's. Last year a downed tree on an electric line, combined with high winds, ignited a potentially catastrophic fire on Bear Island. We were fortunate the fire took place during a busy holiday weekend. Islanders were available to alert the Meredith Fire Department and work to slow the fire until the professionals arrived. Had the fire not been contained close to shore we were advised it would have been impossible to defend the chapel if the high winds had driven the fire across the island. This summer we will be working to identify steps necessary to reduce the risks of fire and to help fire professionals more effectively fight a fire that threatens the Chapel. We will keep you informed about the discussions.

As you know, the primary responsibility of the **St. John's-on-the-Lake Association** is to protect and maintain our beautiful and historic Chapel. The financial demands of maintaining such a structure are costly and we depend upon your generous contributions to maintain St. John's as a place for summer worship, weddings and baptisms.

Please find enclosed the 2010 Schedule of Visiting Clergy and annual 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

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