



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

Welcome to another season at St. John's on-the-Lake! The air is heating up (although the water is still cold), the days are growing longer, and we are warming up for a great summer. In this our first year as co-presidents, we are excited to share news of St. John's with you.

We begin by thanking John and Linda Hopper for their enthusiastic and capable leadership of the Chapel Board for the past three years. They will continue to be a valuable resource to us and a strong presence in the St. John's Community.

We also want to take this opportunity to remember our former Board Treasurer and friend Teddy Taranto as we mourn her passing. Her contributions will long be felt by our community. She will be missed.

This year, our services begin on July 3 and continue through August 28. We welcome back Camp Nokomis to lead us in worship. We have added a second Catholic service. And for the first time we have a singing minister bringing his bluegrass band to the service. We hope to see you often! We will take pleasure in worshipping together while we continue to practice the state Covid guidelines that are indicated. If you are a mainlander and need transportation to the services, email our ferry boat service at bear.island.church.ferry@gmail.com. We depart from Cattle Landing at 9:15. If you and your boat wish to join in this outreach ministry, please email us as well.

We have been active over the winter months making much needed repairs to the church tower. This, in part, involved a floor membrane to prevent water infiltration and new railings. A more obvious improvement will be immediately noticed as you climb the hill from the church docks; safety railings have been added to the path along the steepest section. We thank Board members Mike Taranto and Ripley Forbes for their leadership on these initiatives. On the recommendation of our organist, Valerie Cross, new large print hymnals in a lower key have been purchased; we can anticipate greater ease in reading these by candlelight. We thank each of you as these projects are funded entirely through your donations. We are ever grateful for your generosity! We now ask for your continued support as we strive to keep the Chapel strong and have enclosed a donation card for this purpose. Alternatively, you can respond electronically by visiting our website, www.stjohnsonthelake.org and opening the tab "Donations and Bequests".

One of our goals is to have a **Preservation Fund** sufficient to fund the replacement cost of the chapel in the event of a catastrophic loss. Currently, we pay annual insurance for partial replacement, the maximum our carrier will allow. We welcome support for the **Preservation Fund** through personal legacies, bequests, and planned gifts. This is a wonderful, long-term way to honor our past and keep the Chapel alive for generations to come. Details about these initiatives can be also be found on our website. Last year, we launched the sale of Peter Ferber art to support the Preservation Fund. The original watercolor renderings of the Chapel and most of the signed, museum quality prints have been sold. This project was a great success! We thank you for purchasing these unique works of art. Posters are still available as are a finite limited number of signed, numbered Giclees. Anyone interested in procuring one of these outstanding pieces of art should email Ripley Forbes directly at: rforbes@aol.com Photos of the art appear on our website. All proceeds from previous sales were, and any new sales will be, allocated entirely to the **Fund**.

This year we welcomed three new members to the board, Sandy and Rik Powell, and Holton Falk. We continue to expand our membership with individuals who share our vision for the Chapel. If you have an interest in joining our Board, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Finally, as we prepare to clear the paths and open the doors, we thank you again for supporting St. John's. It is your chapel and we hope this summer will allow you the time and opportunity to visit and worship with us there. It is worth the climb! You will love the fellowship!

For the entire Board,

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