



# NOTES

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**RAISING GENEROUS KIDS**  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 6PM-7:30PM  
REGISTER AT [STJSTL.NET/PIGGYBANK](http://STJSTL.NET/PIGGYBANK)

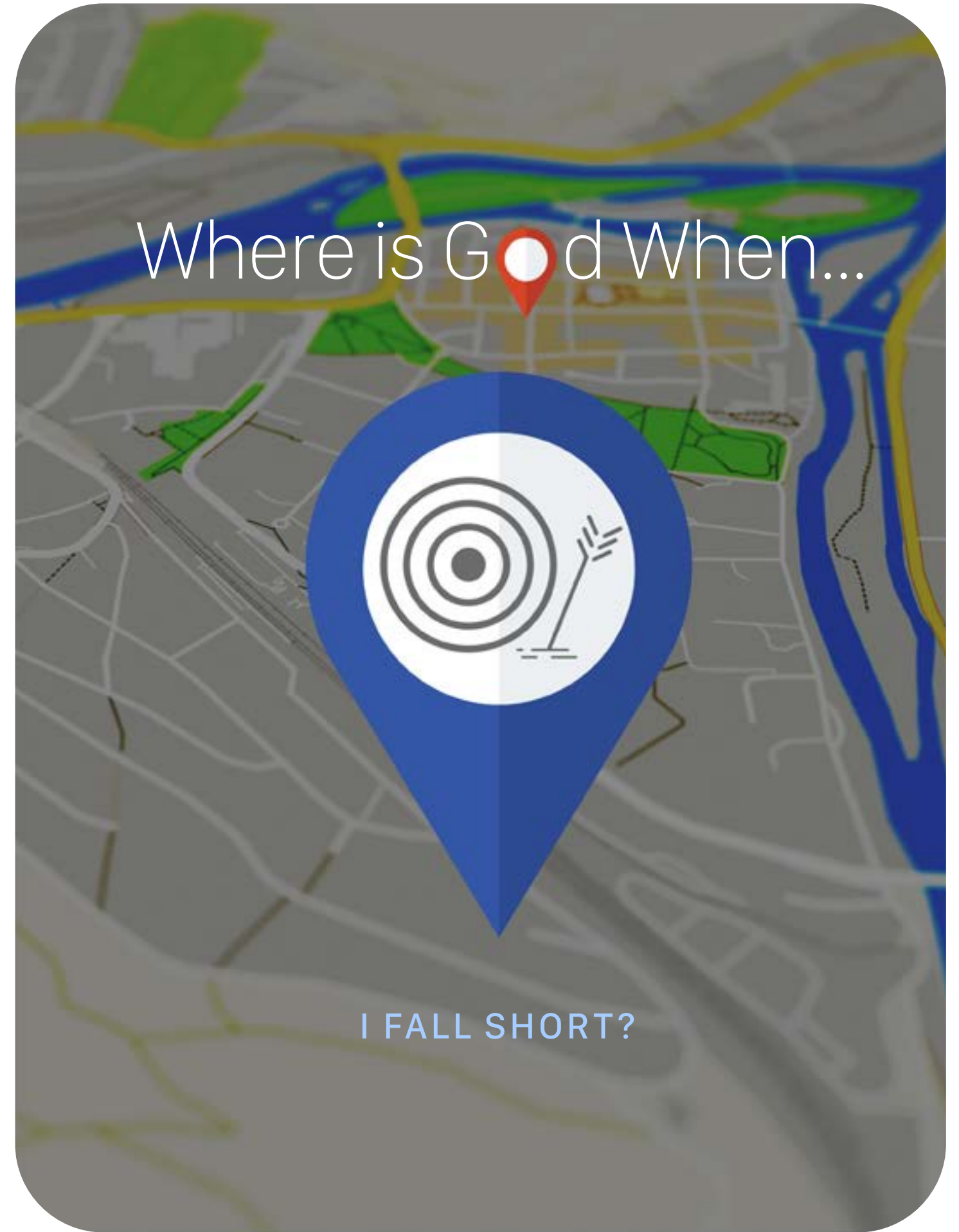


**SERVE @ STJ**  
Opportunities at  
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**CIRQUE D'IGNITE**  
Come be amazed by blend of aerial and flying artistry, dance and uplifting music you and your family will love. As seen on America's Got Talent and True TV's FakeOff.  
November 5 | 4pm • FREE to the Community  
[stjstl.net/familyforward](http://stjstl.net/familyforward)



MOPS  
**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE**  
Saturday 11 November  
9AM-1PM CORNERSTONE ST. JOHN CHURCH  
[STJSTL.NET/MOPSHOLIDAYBOUTIQUE](http://STJSTL.NET/MOPSHOLIDAYBOUTIQUE)



## WEEKENDS AT ST. JOHN

### Worship Times

Saturday, 5:00pm, *Sanctuary*  
Sunday, 9:00am\* & 10:45am\*, *Sanctuary*

**October 14 & 15 | Dion Garrett**  
**October 21 & 22 | Stephen Hower**

*Children's Ministry options are available at the times marked\*.  
Children may worship with their families, too. A parents' room is available in the Sanctuary lobby if you need to step out for a moment.*

*Kid Packs can be found at the back of the Sanctuary. There is also a kid's table with activities in the lobby for families.*

### The Lord's Supper

At St. John we believe God gives us Holy Communion for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26–28) and the deepening of our relationship with Him and also each other. All who share in our profession of the Christian faith are encouraged to partake in Holy Communion provided they:

- have received Christian Baptism (Acts 2:36–38),
- recognize and confess their sinfulness (Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:8–9),
- forgive others (Matthew 5:21–24; Matthew 6:12) and
- believe the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are truly present, offered under forms of bread and wine (1 Corinthians 10:16; 1 Corinthians 11:27–29).

For questions about Communion or for parents of children wishing to receive Holy Communion (who have not yet received Lord's Supper instruction), please speak with a pastor after the service. You may also go to [stjstl.net/communion](http://stjstl.net/communion) for further study.

Note: Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the blue section of the communion trays and gluten-free wafers are also available at all communion stations for those with special needs.

**Prayer Partners** are available after each service at the front of the Sanctuary. Please feel free to approach our pastors or a member of the worship team. They'll be humbled to pray with you.

## DID YOU KNOW

We had a HUGE but amazing problem to solve for the Middle School Retreat- more students than ever signed up for the retreat (116 to be exact!) and we ran out of room on the buses.

*How were we going to get everyone to the retreat?*

Four of our incredible mentors (adults who spend time with our middle schoolers weekly) stepped up and offered to drive their own cars and transport students to the retreat. They are our heroes!

Please pray for us; even as you read this, students are processing what it means for Jesus to love them and want a relationship with them. Hearts and lives are being transformed this weekend, and we are celebrating!

Please pray for:

116 students, 19 mentors, 4 band members, 3 staff members, and 1 Guest Speaker. We all need as much of Jesus (and energy) as we can get!

## ADULTS

### Fall Congregational Meeting

- Hear about the impact being made by the various areas of our ministry and what is coming NEXT.
- Financial results from the previous fiscal year and the first quarter of the current fiscal year will be presented as well.
- Monday, October 23, 7:00pm, Next Generation Center, Lower Level
- Please arrive early to provide time for you to check-in at the registration tables.

### Thinking about Christmas Already? Save these Dates.

#### MOPS Holiday Boutique

- Don't miss out on a great shopping opportunity at this year's holiday boutique.
- Saturday, November 11, 9:00am–1:00pm, Cornerstone

#### Sounds of Christmas

- Make room in your schedule now for the final year of Sounds of Christmas. Plan now and invite friends to join you.
- Tickets go on sale Saturday, October 21 for \$6 per person at [stjstl.net/sounds](http://stjstl.net/sounds)
- Production dates are:  
**Wednesday, November 29 | 7:00pm**  
**Friday, December 1 | 7:00pm**  
**Saturday, December 2 | 2:00pm**  
**Sunday, December 3 | 2:00pm & 5:00pm**

#### Advent by Candlelight

- Plans are underway for another meaningful evening as the Women of St. John invite their friends to this annual event.
- Please note, this year, Advent by Candlelight is moving to the second Sunday of December (December 10).
- Tickets go on sale October 28 on our website.

### Thinking about Baptism for you or your child?

- If you would like to learn about baptism and how to make the most of your child's spiritual LIFEjourney, join us on November 12 at 10:45am in Commons D
- If you're a teen or adult who's interested in Baptism, we'd love to talk to you, too.
- Contact Julie at [jlorenz@stjstl.net](mailto:jlorenz@stjstl.net) or 636.779.2343.

### Want to learn more about St. John? Not sure where to start?

- Attend Getting Started, a 90-minute orientation to St. John on Sunday, October 8, 9:00am
- Register at [stjstl.net/getting-started](http://stjstl.net/getting-started) or contact Julie at [jlorenz@stjstl.net](mailto:jlorenz@stjstl.net) or 636.779.2343
- Childcare is available with pre-registration

### Dig deeper into this week's message by doing the daily Growing Deeper

- Request a daily email version by sending your email address to [growingdeeper@stjstl.net](mailto:growingdeeper@stjstl.net).
- Download it from [stjstl.net/growing-deeper](http://stjstl.net/growing-deeper).
- Pick up a printed copy at the Information Station in the Sanctuary lobby.
- Like us at [facebook.com/stjstl](https://facebook.com/stjstl) to share it with friends.

### 500: A Reformation Celebration

#### Who doesn't like a celebration?

- Who doesn't like a celebration? And, when it's the 500th anniversary of The Reformation, it's even a bigger reason to celebrate!
- Join us as we honor this significant movement built on grace alone, through faith alone, on account of Christ alone, with music, both classic and current, as well as other meaningful moments of praise, reflection, and thanksgiving.
- Saturday, October 28, 2:00pm, Sanctuary (This event will not be live streamed.)
- Don't miss it. It won't happen again for another 500 years.

## KIDS & STUDENTS

### Want to parent or grandparent generous kids?

- Attend Raising Generous Kids Workshop
- Thursday, October 26, 6:00pm–7:30pm
- Ministry Center, 2nd floor, room 250
- Kids (accompanied by an adult) ages 4–10 years are welcome with supervised activities
- Hands-on learning with pizza and giveaways
- Questions? Contact Renita Wold at [nitawold@gmail.com](mailto:nitawold@gmail.com)

### As seen on "America's Got Talent"...

- St. John brings you...Cirque D'Ignite! A contemporary cirque-style show featuring a spectacular blend of aerial and flying artistry, dance and uplifting music that you and your family will not want to miss.
- Bring your family & friends to this FREE event with the opportunity to try aerial flying LIVE on-stage after the show!
- Sunday, November 5, 4:00pm, Sanctuary
- For more information, visit [stjstl.net/familyforward](http://stjstl.net/familyforward)

### Save the Date for St. John School's Fall Open House

- Just like St. John Church, our full-day Christian School provides a dynamic environment for your children.
- We cultivate imagination, a love for learning, and the leadership and character traits that are only found when your child is immersed in a school that openly talks about Jesus.
- Thursday, November 16, 7:00pm, Sanctuary
- We'd love to schedule a private tour of our school for your family.
- Contact us at 636.779.2325 or [stjstl.net/school/admissions](http://stjstl.net/school/admissions)

## EMPLOYMENT

### St. John School is seeking candidates for the following position:

#### Substitute Early Childhood Teacher Aide

This part-time position is responsible for assisting the Lead Teacher in developing and implementing activities that promote social, emotional, physical, and spiritual growth. Will be scheduled as needed based upon school needs typically between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm.

#### School Lunch Worker

Invest in the lives of children by assisting with the preparation and clean up for school lunch. Hours are 10:00am–1:00pm typically 5 days a week during the school year.

To apply send your resume to [tdunn@stjstl.net](mailto:tdunn@stjstl.net) or visit the employment section of the website at [stjstl.net/employmenttopps](http://stjstl.net/employmenttopps) to complete an employment application.

## SERVE

### Volunteering is one step to finding wholeness.

- We love our volunteers. For those of you who have already discovered the benefits of volunteering, "Thank you!"
- Want to get on the fringe benefits of volunteering? Wondering what they are?
- Studies show that people who volunteer build community, end loneliness, strengthens job skills, and have more fun.
- Want to get in on this? Check out this month's featured Serve at STJ Opportunities.
  - Hospitality
  - Communion Preparation
  - Worship Production Team
  - Children's Ministry Check-in
  - MOPS Caregivers
  - Special Needs Buddies in Children's Ministry at 10:45am
- Check out the details at [stjstl.net/servestj](http://stjstl.net/servestj)

### Your Presence Will Make A Difference

- You can be a part of a team that makes sure every person who is on our campus on Saturday and Sunday knows they are special to us.
- Join one of the Hospitality Teams. Stop by the Hospitality Boards in the lobby and find the perfect way for you and your family to help.
- Questions? Contact Dorothy at [dgeisz@stjstl.net](mailto:dgeisz@stjstl.net)

## PRAYERS

*Please submit prayer requests at [stjstl.net/prayer-requests](http://stjstl.net/prayer-requests).  
Our staff will pray for you during the week.*

**Ill:** Dan Hines; Bob and Bonnie Hoeken; Pat Hoffman; Lori Reed; Jovie Disterhoft; Bill Ellison; Betty Keune; Claudine Osborn; Phil Orth

**Sympathy:** For the family of Karen Bausch as they mourn her passing on Sunday, October 8

**Wedding:** Danielle Marquard and Cameron Yuan married on Saturday, October 14 at St. John

**Additional Prayers:** Forgiveness and understanding for those who make mistakes; For Karen and family as they deal with tremendous loss; For those suffering from fear and depression to be set free, including Pam; For Jeff and Brianna, comfort and peace from God as they mourn the loss of their 6 month old son; Wise discernment for a judge as he settles a child's case; For Terry to recover well after her hip surgery; For Tyler, healing for his eye; For Ashley and others who are grieving the loss of a loved one; For Steve's hip to heal; For joy and family as she battles cancer; Ryan, a child battling Leukemia; Direction for those who can't find their way; For loved ones who are battling addiction; For Stronghold Cambodia and God's Word to continue to reach people there; We ask you to open our eyes to opportunities that we have to help those who need it whether they be our neighbors or victims of disasters

**Military:** Protection for them, including those from our church community: Nick Adams; Kenny Aston; Josh Baehr; Daniel Boren; Mark Breckenridge; Scott Dye; Eric Englert; Phil Harris; Clint Henderson; Sam Jerome; Christian Knowel; Steven Kwentus; Jose Lara; Richard Lencz; Frank Lencz; Alan Marsh; Adam Meadows; Daniel McClusky; Nicholas Mennillo; Dani Myers; Keith Phelps; Jeremy Poley; Felicia Roberts; Kyle Roe; Christopher Ryan; Kevin Sabourin; Christopher Shelton; Tyler Southern; Mark Tegtmeyer; Justin C. Van Buren; Bryson Werner; Luke Werner