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Year-End Giving Goal | **\$1.4 Million**
November/December 2017

Current Total
\$330,721


SOUNDS of CHRISTMAS

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

 stjstl.net/sounds

New Year's Eve

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTY


December 31 • 8:30PM - 12:30AM
\$25 per Student



HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

JANUARY 12 - 14, 2018

High Hill Christian Church | High Hill, MO
Register at stjstl.net/hsretreat

SCHOOL OF THE arts

Give the gift of music
this year!

Next session starts January 8.

Private instruction in guitar (bass, electric, acoustic), drums, vocals, and piano.

Visit stjstl.net/sota for details.



WAYS TO GIVE



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WEEKENDS AT ST. JOHN

Worship Times

Saturday, 5:00pm, *Sanctuary*

Sunday, 9:00am* & 10:45am*, *Sanctuary*

December 2 & 3 | Doug Mauss

Take It Personally; Luke 1:26–38

December 9 & 10 | Dion Garrett

Remember the Bigger Picture; Luke 1:5–25

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.

Middle School Students meet for CORE at 10:30am in our Cornerstone building on the second floor. The Summit, our High School Ministry in On the Town this weekend. Visit stjstl.net/students for more information.

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.

Photography & filming crews operate within St. John Church. Images may be used for promotional purposes for St. John Church and its ministries. For further information, please visit our Information Station in the lobby.

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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 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.

KIDS & STUDENTS

Best New Year's Eve Party in Town!

- Any 6th, 7th, and 8th grade student
- December 31, 8:30pm–12:30am Cornerstone
- Reptile Adventure, New Escape Rooms, Climbing wall and MORE
- \$25 per student; \$45 for two siblings
- Registration form and more information at stjstl.net/students

The High School Retreat: For all High Schoolers

- January 12–14, High Hill Christian Camp
- We will devote thine selves unto the practice of Scripture absorption.
- Each morning we will wake with a 5am prayer to the Lord most high.
- J/k it's gunna be fun.
- Registration form and more information at stjstl.net/students

SERVE

Empower parents, encourage children at Christmas

This Christmas, we will again empower Bryan Hill parents to choose gifts for their children, AND we will encourage children to be generous by choosing a Christmas gift for their parents.

- Select a tag from the Christmas trees in the lobby TODAY and purchase the item on the tag. Please return UNWRAPPED items with the tag attached under the trees in the Sanctuary lobby on weekends or to the Ministry Center lobby weekdays 8:30am–4:00pm by December 13.
- Forget your tag? Find the list at stjstl.net/joy-with-a-toy

It's a Bryan Hill Christmas!

- Help Bryan Hill Elementary support their families by allowing parents and children to shop for each other's Christmas presents!
- Bryan Hill Toy Shop: Saturday, December 16, 10:00am–2:00pm
- Eagle Christmas Store: Monday, December 18 and Tuesday, December 19
- Sign up for both events at stjstl.net/serve/love

Get Involved with Christmas at St. John

- Christmas is the time to feel good and give back. You can do both of these when you join the Hospitality Team for one of our Advent or Christmas services! We have opportunities for you and your family to serve from the parking lot, to the coffeehouse, and everywhere in between.
- The hospitality that we provide during Christmas is extremely important because we will have many new faces on our campus!
- Sign up at stjstl.net/servechristmas or contact Dorothy if you're interested at dgeisz@stjstl.net or 636.779.2357.

ADULTS

Advent by Candlelight

- Come be inspired by speaker, Rebecca Pierce at the next Women of St. John event on Sunday, December 10 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary.
- Serve as a table Hostess, invite friends, neighbors and family to join you or sign up and we'll place you at a table.
- Tables of 8 cost \$64 and individual tickets are \$8.
- Don't delay; Ticket sales close on December 4.
- Tickets are now on sale at stjstl.net/abc

Trailblazers December Meeting

- A SWEDISH HOLIDAY—A presentation of Swedish traditions, music, costumes & foods...followed by Christmas Bingo!!!
- Please bring Christmas cookies to share for dessert.
- Trailblazers is a monthly gathering for those 55 and over, but ALL are welcome to attend.
- Monday, December 11, 2017 at 11:30am, Ministry Center, 2nd Floor, Room 250.
- Lunch is \$10. For lunch reservations, call Patti Hubbell at 636.227.6516 by 12/7/17.

Getting Connected

- Come join us for a night of appetizers, drinks, games, and community! Getting Connected allows anyone at St. John to meet others who might be interested in joining or starting a LIFEgroup.
- Sunday, January 21, 6:00pm–8:00pm, Ministry Center 250.
- Register at stjstl.net/gettingconnected/
- Questions? Contact Janice at 636.779.2348 or jschultz@stjstl.net

School of the Arts is Hiring!

- School of the Arts is hiring additional piano instructors to accommodate our fast growing program.
- If you or someone you know is interested in teaching piano here, please contact Laura at 636.779.2386 or lcook@stjstl.net

PRAYERS

Please submit prayer requests at 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; Joyce Loehr

Sympathy: For Spencer Peregoy and family on the passing of his mom Natalie on November 26, 2017

Additional Prayers: Successful surgery for Chris with a quick and painless recovery; Thanksgiving for Sydney's Faith and Trust in Jesus; Complete healing for Wendy's knee; For Margie just diagnosed with Stage 3 Lung Cancer; For Jessica dealing with a MS diagnosis; For Gail and also Lindsey, healing; For Joe, peace that passes understanding and complete healing; Thanksgiving for Margaret's new pacemaker; For Emily's mom to have a full recovery from breast cancer and a successful surgery; For AJ's headaches to be eliminated; Healing, comfort and peace for Phyllis and her family during this difficult time; For all special needs children and adults and their caregivers; For Daniel to not give up on school; For Dave with the strong faith in God to get a job; For Frank, show him direction and open his heart to forgiveness; God's Peace to surround Victor and Don; For Steve's full recovery after hip surgery; Godly relationships for those seeking them; Employment for those who need it most; For Kelly, healthy baby and delivery; Peter and his staff; A diagnosis for Roy; For those suffering from fear and depression to be set free; For Tyler, complete healing for his eye; For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one; Ryan, a child battling leukemia; For those who feel alone and overwhelmed, let them know God cares about them; Direction for those who can't find their way; For loved ones who are battling addiction to drugs or alcohol; For those in our community who need to know Jesus, an invitation from one of us; For Stronghold Cambodia; Thanksgiving and gratitude for God's favor; Thanksgiving and protection for all serving in the military

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sounds of Christmas

- Music, Dance and Art fuse together to create a dynamic Christmas production leading us from our need for a Savior to the birth of Christ. Plan now and invite friends to join you.
- Tickets are now on sale for \$6 per person at stjstl.net/sounds
- Final Two Shows:
Sunday, December 3 | 2:00pm & 5:00pm

Advent Midweek Services

Wednesday, December 6 | 7:00pm
Wednesday, December 13 | 7:00pm
This service will also feature our Early Childhood Center children.
Wednesday, December 20 | 7:00pm

St. John School Christmas Production

Jingle Bell Beach
Thursday, December 14 | 7:00pm

Special Weekend Worship Services: Featuring Erik Nieder

Saturday, December 16 | 5:00pm
Sunday, December 17 | 9:00am* and 10:45am*
Songwriter. Storyteller. One of Erik's greatest joys is seeing the power of song challenge and encourage hearts. After years in ministry, it was during his college years where he decided that his future was called to share the Gospel through music. eriknieder.com

Christmas at St. John

- **An Early Christmas Eve Celebration**
Saturday, December 23 | 5:00pm | Dion Garrett'
This service is identical to the Christmas Eve 5:00pm and 7:00pm services.
- **Family Christmas Eve Service**
*Sunday, December 24 | 11:00am**
Gather the family together for this multi-generational, kid-friendly Christmas service with a blend of drama and Christmas music featuring our Children's Ministry kids.
- **Christmas Eve Celebration**
Sunday, December 24 | 3:00pm and 5:00pm | Dion Garrett'*
Come together for an uplifting and celebratory Christmas service with a blend of traditional and modern elements.
- **Candlelight & Communion**
Sunday, December 24 | 11:00pm | Dion Garrett'
Celebrate the evening with a candlelight service blending classic and contemporary Christmas elements.

*While the service format of the 11:00pm is distinctively different than the 5:00pm/3:00pm/5:00pm services, the message presented by Pastor Garrett will remain the same.

- **Christmas Day**
Monday, December 25 | 10:00am

***These services will be live streamed at stjstl.net/streaming**

PLEASE NOTE:

Children's Ministry for ages PS3–5th grade and Student Ministry will be on break on Sunday, December 24 and 31.

Our Nursery program will be on break on Sunday, December 24. Our Nursery programs will be available on Sunday, December 31 at 9:00am and 10:45am for our infants through three year-olds.