

Jon & Denise



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HELLO!

Our names are Jon and Denise. It's nice to meet you! We are grateful that you have taken the time to look at our profile. We admire your courage and selflessness to consider adoption.



WE LOVE EXPLORING THE TRAILS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND BEYOND ON OUR BIKES

We have a deep desire to be parents and have prayed for you and your child.

After years of trying to conceive, experiencing two difficult losses, and exploring fertility treatments, our doctor recommended IVF. Through prayer and reflection, we felt led to grow our family through adoption, embracing this path with hope and love. Our hope is that we can parent a child in a home filled with laughter, fun and joy. Thank you for choosing to read about us. We would love to get to know you more. We are praying for you.



WINTER WONDERLAND IN UTAH!



AT HOME WITH OUR DOGS, XENA AND MAY



ARCHES NATIONAL PARK, ONE OF OUR FAVORITES

Our Story

OUR SISTERS WERE COLLEGE
ROOMMATES, WHICH IS HOW
WE FIRST MET.



PLAYING DISC GOLF TOGETHER IN THE SUN



WE WORKED TOGETHER TO BUILD A SHED FOR OUR BACK YARD



TRYING TO WIN A TENNIS MATCH AT THE PARK DOWN THE STREET

Our sisters both felt like we would be a good couple, and they were right! Denise was attracted to Jon's love of Jesus and strong, quiet demeanor. Jon loved Denise's sense of humor, energy, and humility. On our first date, we kept finding different things to do because we never wanted it to end. We complement each other beautifully, balancing our strengths and weaknesses. Over 16 wonderful years of marriage, we've shared countless life experiences and grown together. Today, our lives are filled with joy as we stay active in our church and spend time with our beloved dogs, whether it's walking them or going on hikes.

LOVING
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COMPASSIONATE
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ENERGETIC
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DEDICATED
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NURTURING



My Wife Denise

Denise is a loving, caring, and energetic woman whose loyalty and compassion for others knows no bounds. She loves to stay active whether that be working on the house or yard, working out at the gym, or getting outdoors hiking or biking.

Her passion for prayer and how it can be transformative in people's lives is shown through her leadership of her church's prayer team.

Denise cares for children by babysitting for her 4 nephews and helping her sister and mother. Denise also safeguards the welfare of children who are in the childcare setting through her job as a Childcare Specialist manager, inspecting and licensing childcare centers.

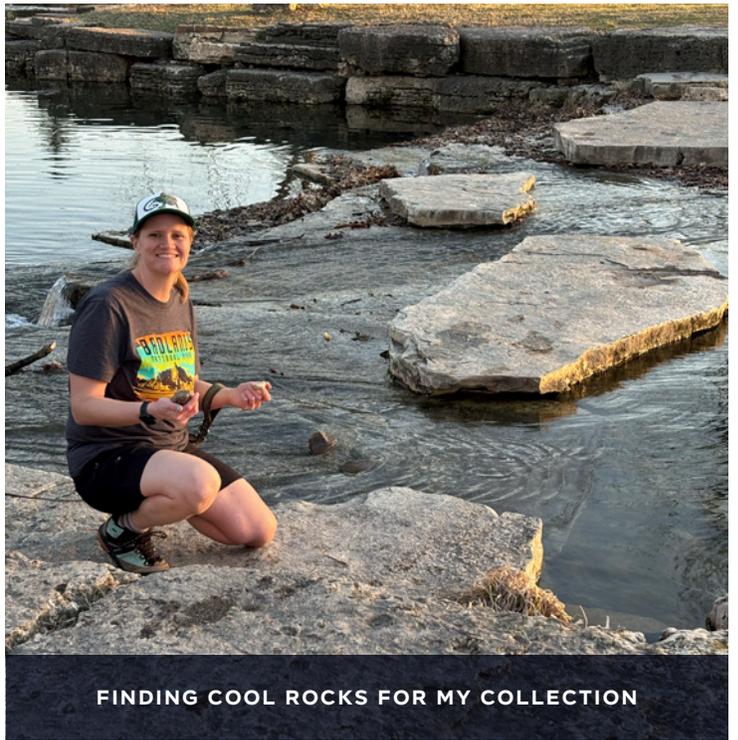
Denise is excited to share the love and compassion she has for others and share and teach love of sports and the outdoors.



**BIKING ON THE RIVER DES PERES GREENWAY,
WHICH STARTS AT OUR STREET**



DENISE LOVES TO MAKE NEW CREATIONS



FINDING COOL ROCKS FOR MY COLLECTION

JUST FOR FUN

Denise loves collecting rocks

**Loves staying active, in the rain
or shine, including sledding,
playing tennis, and hiking**

Loves drinking coffee

**She's cheering for the
St. Louis Cardinals**

**Her dream job would be a
chaplain or art therapist**

She can juggle with juggling sticks



My Husband Jon

Jon is calm, funny, compassionate, and has a servant's heart. He is Denise's greatest support and encourager. He has a wealth of knowledge on a variety of topics and is always teaching her something new. He is handy around the house, always fixing things.

When Denise first met Jon, she knew he was the one she had prayed for. He is her calm when life gets rocky.

Jon is a psychiatric nurse who sees the forgotten people in this world—those struggling with mental illnesses—and shows the love of Jesus to them through his work. He has great patience and cares deeply for others.

Jon's nephews all love him, and their faces light up when they interact and play together. They love their Uncle Jon.

Jon is excited to teach his child how to swim, build things with their hands, and play sports.

CALM

SUPPORTIVE

COMPASSIONATE

WITTY

KNOWLEDGEABLE



JON ENJOYING HIS FAVORITE SEASONAL ACTIVITY OF APPLE PICKING



PREPARING THE GARDEN FOR SPRING PLANTING

JUST FOR FUN

Jon loves woodworking projects

Loves reading about other cultures (*favorite authors include Joseph Conrad and Ryszard Kapuscinski*)

Cheers for Buffalo Bills and St. Louis Cardinals

Loves taking long walks with the dogs

Likes baking apple pies

Loves playing tennis, disc golf, and swimming

JON AND THE DOGS AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS



Our Home



WE SHARE
OUR HOME
WITH OUR
DOGS, MAY
AND XENA,
AND OUR
SWEET OLD
CAT, TABU

We live in St. Louis, the city where Denise grew up. We live in a small and quiet neighborhood just outside of Maplewood, MO. We love living near Maplewood, which has many different events and festivals throughout the year. We also love being so close to the St. Louis Zoo, Art Museum, and Science Center. We have lived in our current house for eight years; it is a two-story house with a lot of character and charm and with a big back yard for our two dogs. We have a small garden as well that we love to grow spinach, lettuce and peppers from.

We love that we get all four seasons in St. Louis. Denise especially loves snow and the chance to go sledding down Art Hill in Forest Park. We have many different parks nearby, including Forest Park.

The Great Outdoors



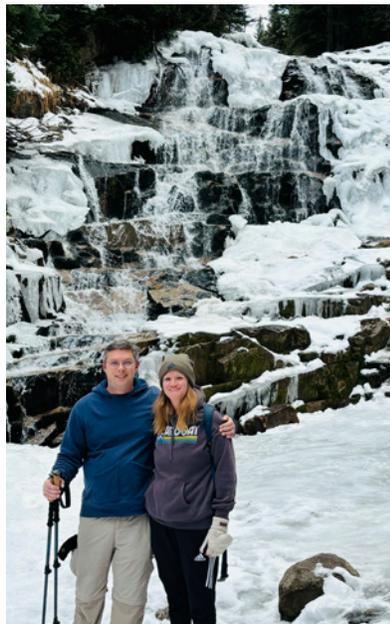
HIKING IN THE BLACK HILLS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

We love to travel to National Parks on our vacations and go hiking.

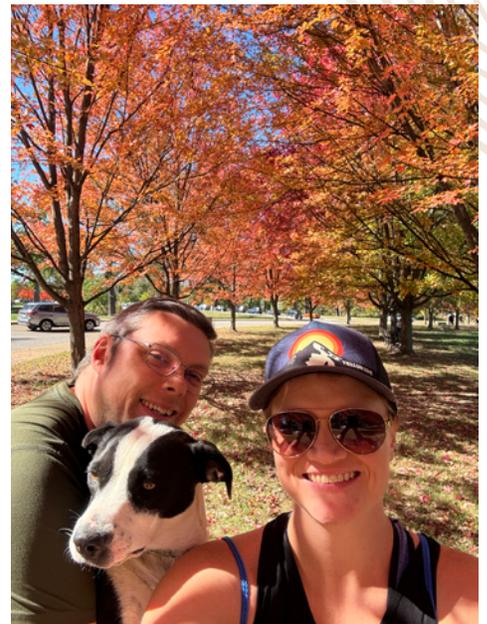
We have been able to experience so many wonderful sights and would love to be able to share those experiences with our child. We have learned patience and teamwork through our travels together. Visiting all National Parks in the US is on our bucket list. We are looking forward to raising a child who is curious about the world and sees life as an adventure.



TAKING THE TRAIN TO THE TOP OF PIKE'S PEAK



WE HIKED TO A FROZEN WATERFALL IN COLORADO!



ENJOYING THE COLORS OF FALL



THANKSGIVING DAY FUN!

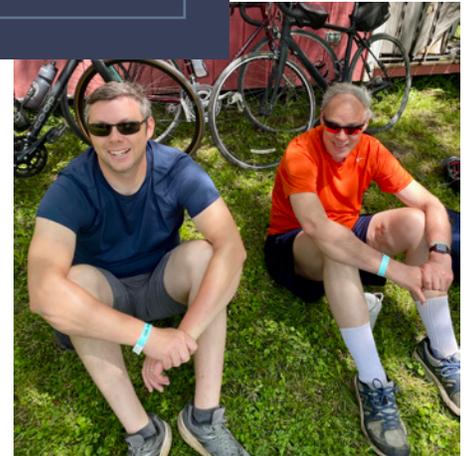
Loved Ones



A BIT TOO MUCH FUN BUT
A SPRINKLE OF FUN



PICNIC IN A PARK WITH JON'S FAMILY



JON AND HIS DAD TAKING A
BREAK ON A BIKING EVENT

Denise's sisters and mom are always laughing together and having fun. Denise is the middle child. They all love playing sports and games together and can make anything a game, like trying to flip a plastic water bottle half-filled to land right side-up. They enjoy attending events around the St. Louis area together and spending holidays together. Jon's family is close knit and caring. He has three sisters, each of whom are intelligent, compassionate, and full of love. Like Jon, his parents were both in the medical field. Jon's family loves learning and board games. They are a good complement to Denise's equally caring but energetic family. We cherish celebrating life's special moments with our families, along with our yearly traditions. Some of our favorite events include apple picking, attending the St. Louis Balloon Glow, exploring art exhibits, and enjoying the enchanting displays at The Garden Glow at the Missouri Botanical Gardens.



JON HAVING FUN WITH HIS NEPHEW



DENISE WITH HER SISTERS AND BROTHER-IN-LAW WHILE HIKING IN ARKANSAS



TRICK-OR-TREATING FUN WITH A MARIO THEME

FAMILY TRADITIONS

Annual Easter egg hunt

Christmas mornings gathered at our parents' houses

Lighting the Advent candle

Celebrating holidays

Family outings and adventures

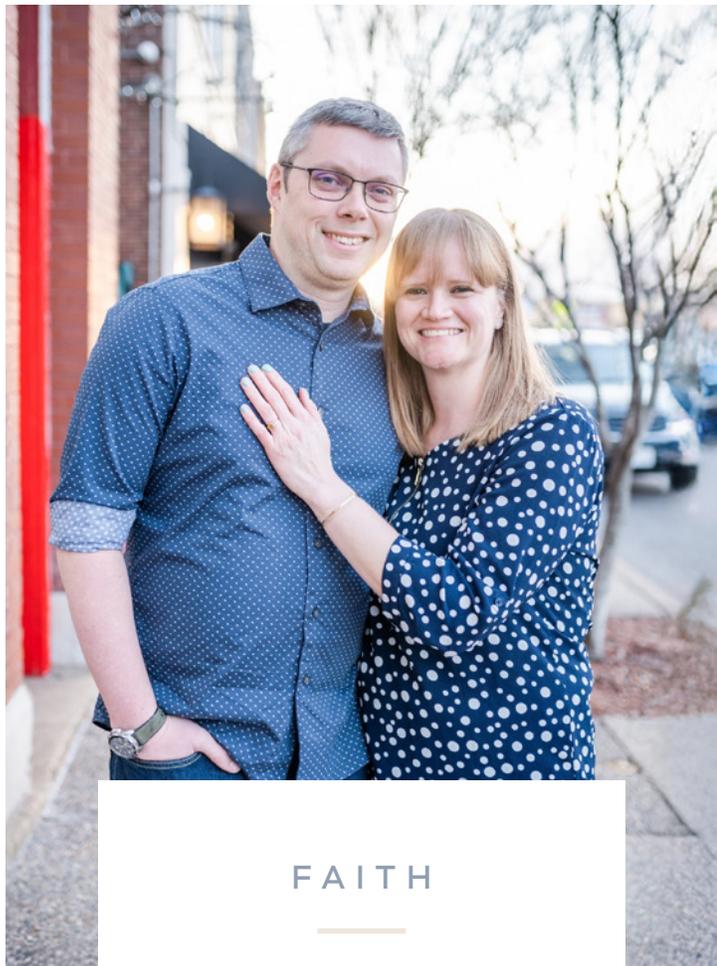
Love, Values & Parenthood



Our faith in Jesus Christ is the most important thing to us, and we both like to stay active in our church. Through life's challenges, His love and compassion have been our strength, and we trust in His wisdom and guidance. We actively participate in our church community and will raise our child to know and love Jesus by leading through example. Life with Him brings freedom and joy.

As parents, we will teach our child to love Jesus and love their neighbors. We will nurture values of kindness, respect, humility, honesty, and forgiveness. Hard work and perseverance are important to us, and we want our child to feel encouraged to try new things, knowing that success isn't measured by perfection but by growth and effort. We want to share our passion for worship and prayer, our passion of nature and exploring God's creation, and our passion for helping others.

We are excited for the journey of adoption and pray for an open and meaningful relationship with our child's birth parents. We would love to include you in our lives through annual visits, as schedules allow, and through letters, pictures, and texts throughout the year. We will do our best to respect your wishes as well as navigate this relationship. We embrace whatever plans God has in store for us and our child, trusting in His guidance and wisdom.



FAITH
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DEVOTION
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PERSEVERANCE
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COMMUNITY
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GUIDANCE



J O N

Occupation
Registered Nurse

Education
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Religion
Christian

Date of Birth
December 9, 1984

Hair Color
Brown

Eye Color
Hazel

Height
6'1"



D E N I S E

Occupation
Child Care Compliance Supervisor

Education
Bachelor of Science in Education
(Art and Design)

Religion
Christian

Date of Birth
November 6, 1985

Hair Color
Strawberry Blonde

Eye Color
Green

Height
5'9"

Family Information

Date of marriage: July 5, 2008

Interests and hobbies: Together, we enjoy exploring National Parks, hiking, spending time in nature, and riding our bikes. Jon likes walking our dogs, swimming, and enjoys reading on a wide variety of topics. Denise likes collecting rocks, sledding, prayer journaling, and crafting.

Home: We live in a 2 bedroom, 2-story home in the city of St. Louis. The home is centrally located near many parks, downtown, the St. Louis Zoo, History Museum and Art Museum. The home is right outside of Maplewood MO. The house is located on a dead-end street near a local park. There is a bike trail that begins at the end of our street.

Pets: We have two dogs and one cat. May is a border collie mix, Xena is a blue heeler mix and Tabu is a tabby cat. The dogs are active and enjoy long walks.

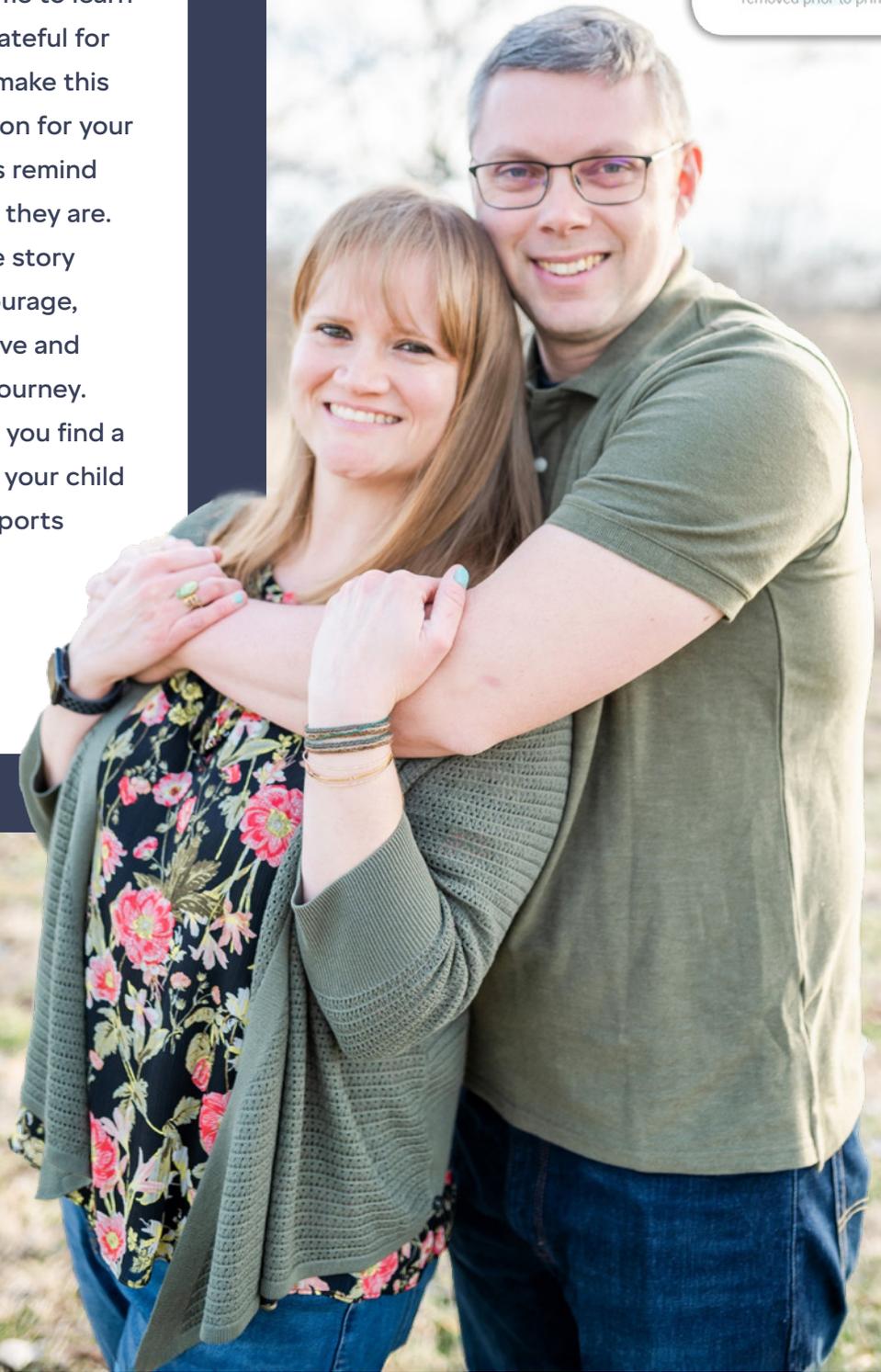
Why are you interested in building your family through adoption? We have chosen to build our family after trying unsuccessfully to have a child ourselves. Adoption has always been placed on Denise's heart knowing that one day the Lord would make a way.

Openness to birthparent(s): If you wish, we plan to keep in contact regularly through pictures, letters, texts, and visits.

Childcare plans: We plan to utilize childcare part-time, and adjust work schedules the remaining days of the week. Family is also available to help if needed.

With Gratitude

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We are deeply grateful for your consideration as you make this incredibly important decision for your child. We promise to always remind our child how deeply loved they are. We will share with them the story of your selfless love and courage, and we will raise them to love and honor you as part of their journey. Our heartfelt prayer is that you find a family who not only adores your child but also cherishes and supports you, because you are truly important and valued. And we are praying for you.



OUR
chosen
CHILD

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