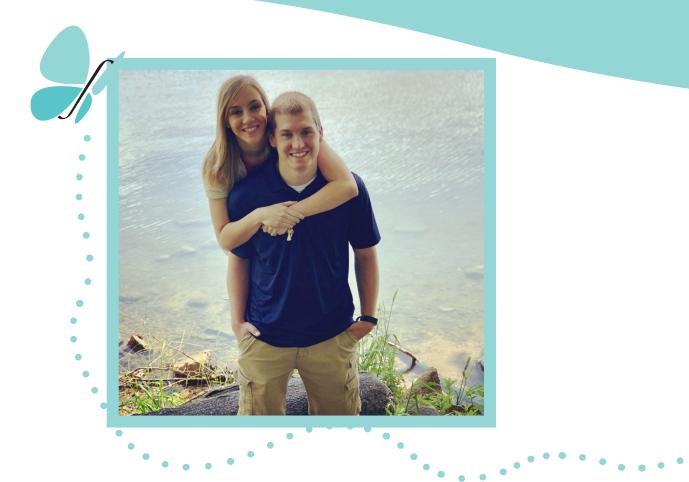
## Hello we are... Steph & Jordan







## Our Hopes and Dreams...

We met more than six years ago while we were in college and have been together ever since. We love to be active, travel, spend time with our friends and family, and can turn anything we do together into a fun activity. We believe our families, experiences, and backgrounds have all played a part in making us who we are today.

We have been blessed in many ways - a Christ-centered relationship, good health, stable jobs, and supportive family and friends, yet we have known something was missing- a child to share our home, love, and happiness with. We have always known that we want to have children, have prayerfully considered adoption, and know that is the right path for us.

Our dream is to be parents. We aspire to be parents that nurture, guide, and encourage a child, just as our parents did for us. We hope he or she will feel support and respect, wrapped in the safety of our love. We are ready to give our time, resources, and hearts to help shape a child into the person they desire to become.

As you read this, we cannot pretend to know your feelings, however, we want you to know that you have our utmost respect. What you are doing is extremely selfless. The decision you are making shows the full scope of a parent's love and what it means to put your child's needs before your own. We pray God is with you and comforting you now as you make this decision and always.

If you do select us to be adoptive parents for your child, we will always think and speak of you with respect and love. We will be open with your child about their adoption story. We would be honored to share our love and time in raising your wonderful, beautiful child and helping them to pursue their dreams.

We look forward to getting to know you and growing our relationship with you.

Warm Blessings,

Steph & Jordan



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# Our values and beliefs as parents...

**Faith** - God is at the center of our marriage and our household. We attend church on Sundays and regularly pray and do devotions at home. We intend to share God's love with our child by teaching Bible stories, going to church as a family, and praying together. Also, we want to teach him or her things we have learned from God like seeking and giving forgiveness, loving our neighbor, and giving back to those less fortunate. While we want to teach our children about our faith, we also encourage them to find themselves in their own faith as they get older.

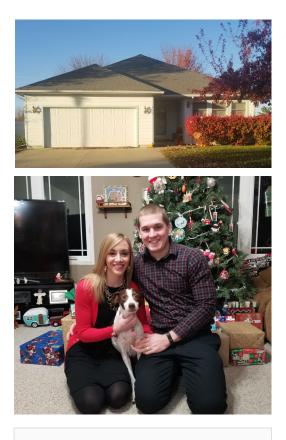
Education - It is important to us that our child learn throughout all stages of their life. We intend to start at home at an early age with books, games, songs, educational field trips, and exploring. Once they are old enough, he or she will attend school to continue to learn in a formal environment and expand their social skills. As they get older, we will encourage them to participate in extracurricular activities and sports to find what they are interested in and learn skills like teamwork. We both have bachelor's degrees and Jordan is also working on his Master's degree, so we will encourage our child to attend a college or trade school to not only prepare themselves for a career they will enjoy but to also gain exposure to new ideas, experiences, and people.

**Fun** - We enjoy life and the time we have together. We are always looking for entertaining, exciting things to do at home, in our community, and through travel. We cannot wait to create fun and memorable experiences with a child from making cookies, playing at the park, going on family vacations, picking pumpkins, and so much more. We look forward to our child playing on our family's farm and making cookies with grandma.

**Family** - We have close-knit and supportive families. We are lucky that we live close enough to our parents, siblings, and nieces that we can see them often and spend quality time together. Whether it be getting together for holidays, birthdays, or just to catch up, we are always having a good time. Family time is filled with laughter, fun conversations, spending time outdoors, and usually lots of games. We cannot wait to bring a child to our family gatherings and have them share time and special moments with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Love and Support - We are very fortunate that we have such a great support system made up of family, friends, and fellow church members. We strongly believe a child needs support and encouragement in their lives and activities. Therefore, we want our child to know we always have their back and support them in anything they choose to do. Being involved by attending little league games or dance recitals can go a long way in building the child's confidence and sense of pride. It is important to us that as he or she goes through life, they know they are loved and supported in activities they desire to do. We vow to attend events and assist in helping them to improve in their passions.

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#### · Both non-smokers

#### Hobbies:

#### Adoptive Mother:

Reading, baking, walking the dog, spending time with friends and family, attending and watching sporting events, volunteering in the community

#### Adoptive Father:

Gardening, canning, spending time with friends and family, walking the dog, video games, fantasy sports, attending and watching sporting events, cooking, slowpitch softball, woodworking, exercising, brewing beer

#### Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Branch Manager Adoptive Father: Software Product Manager

#### Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

### Our home...

From the moment we stepped inside our home, we knew our search was over and we had found the place to make our home. It fits us perfectly and is a wonderful place to raise a family. Our house is very welcoming and laid back with many handmade decorations, family photos, and personal touches. It has high ceilings, natural light, and large-open rooms making it the perfect place for children to run around and play in.

The nursery is one of the largest room in our house, and we envision it being a fun space for him or her to live, learn, and play. It will be joyful and bright with the book shelves filled with stories. One piece of decor we will incorporate into the nursery is a sign that says "Without the rain, there would never be rainbows". This motivational quote has stuck with us as we have struggled through infertility. Our child is our rainbow after a little rain.

We are flexible, laid back people and ready to face the needs of a child. Our favorite time of the day is evenings when we are able to unwind and relax through cooking supper, playing board games, and curling up on the couch to watch sports or Netflix. We are excited to develop a new routine for a child and continue to evolve that routine as the child grows. Night time routines are something we are really looking forward to. We envision this as a special time when we can gather together as a family to eat supper, enjoy bath time, and read books before bed. We also are very excited to enjoy playing together and making memories in our backyard.

We have a large, fenced in backyard with a garden. This is a great space for a child to play with our dog and enjoy the fresh air. There is a lot of room for a kiddie pool and even a swing set. Jordan is excited to have a helper in the garden and share the excitement of a seed turning into a plant.

We love to entertain and have our family and friends over to our house. There's plenty of room for everyone whether we are enjoying the backyard or staying inside. Our deck is perfect for socializing and having meals. We also enjoy playing backyard games like croquet, bocce ball, corn hole, catch, and volleyball. We try to do this as much as possible when the weather is nice. If not, our guests usually spend time with us around our table eating or playing games.

There are always lots of children bike riding and playing together in our neighborhood at the park. The park near our house has a big jungle gym, swings, basketball court, and two large grass areas. However, we also see children playing in neighbors' back yards and shooting hoops in drive ways.

The town we live in is very diverse and has a lot to offer families and children. There are always events and activities in our town and we look forward to experiencing them with a child. Such as attending the farmer's market, going to the library, catching a movie at the theater, having a fun day at the aquatic center, or participating in the local parks and recreation activities. We also are lucky enough to be able to attend sporting events and concerts in our town.



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We met more than six years ago when we were in college and working together. While dating we learned we shared many interests, values, and beliefs, and that we brought out the best in one another. It wasn't long until we knew we were meant to be with each other forever. After two years of dating, we got engaged, and a year later we were married.

We are so in love, best friends, and have fun in anything we do. Steph is compassionate, generous, and the planner of our relationship. Jordan is hard working, reliable, and seeks adventure. Together, we are very open, communicate easily, support each other, and are honest.

We enjoy being competitive and active. We love to play board games, go for walks, shoot hoops, disc golf, play backyard games, and bike ride. Most weekends you will see us spending time with family and friends, catching up on projects in and around our house, and spending time outdoors. We also love to watch and attend all sorts of sporting events, such as; football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, and the Olympics.



We want to continue to be active once we have a child. We will introduce him or her to the hobbies we love and are also excited to discover their own interests. It is our dream to go on family vacations and outings like camping, hike at national forests, attend amusement parks and zoos, go to pumpkin patches, and so much more.

Our families are very close-knit and supportive. We enjoy camping and going on vacations with Jordan's family. With Steph's family, we enjoy having everyone come stay at our house at different times throughout the year. We also enjoy doing a fun summer activity each year like going to the zoo, aquatic center, or fair.

There are many family traditions we have that we look forward to sharing with a child. Most of our traditions relate to the holidays like hosting a big Thanksgiving meal, baking Christmas cookies and goodies together, eating fondue, picking pumpkins, driving around to look at all the Christmas lights, attending Sunrise Easter service, drinking green milk on St. Patrick's Day, and watching fireworks while grilling kabobs on the 4th of July. We are excited to do these things each year and see what new traditions we create along the way.

We are excited for our child to spend time with their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. We are so happy we live close enough that they will be able to do that often. Our family will love this child unconditionally and will always show their love through their words, quality time, and actions. We know he or she will be very spoiled by our extended families. We foresee our child swimming, playing outside, and making cookies at Jordan's parents' house. Steph's parents live on a farm, and we are excited for him or her to be able to explore all the farm has to offer including all the animals.



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