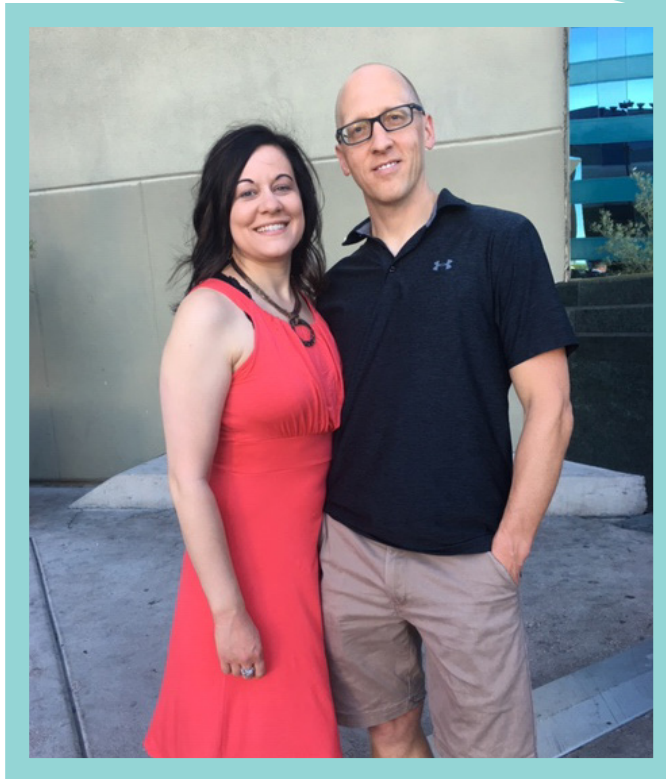


Hello we are...
Britt & Karl



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

Our dream is to continue to grow our family through adoption and to experience all of the love and joy that children bring to a family.

Ever since we met, over thirteen years ago, we dreamed of having a family. After discovering that we could not conceive on our own, we immediately turned to adoption. Adoption was an easy decision for us as we have watched many of our close friends and family be blessed by adoption. We are humbled that God chose this path for us as it is an amazing journey that so very few get to experience.

We were blessed with the miracle of adoption when our son was placed in our arms by his beautiful and loving mother. We share Tevyn's adoption story with him each and every day, reminding him how much he is loved by us and his birth mother. Our home is filled with laughter and tears, hugs and kisses, and an infinite amount of unconditional love. We are a happily married couple who cannot wait to share our love and energy with another child.

Your child will be exposed to sound morals and values, a quality education, and a faith-based life with ongoing support and encouragement. They will have the opportunity to experience life through vacation and travel opportunities as well as adventures in our community. We are excited to watch our children grow and develop in their personality. We will cherish our everyday moments with our children including reading to them each night, morning coffee and cuddles on the deck, and evening snuggles by the fireplace.

We are humbled by your selflessness and understand that this is the toughest decision you will ever make. We promise to love your child unconditionally and support them through all of life's journeys. We want nothing more than for you to be strengthened by God's peace, knowing that your act of love will never be forgotten.

With love and respect,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



Faith - Our faith in God is the foundation on which we have built our marriage. Without our faith, it is hard to imagine where we would be today. The peace of mind that comes with knowing that we are not alone through life's journey is unsurmountable. We were both raised in our respective Lutheran churches and attended Sunday School and Confirmation. When we met, we started attending our church together, met some of our closest, lifelong friends through bible study, and were so blessed to be married by our close friend, Pastor Dan. We are blessed to be a part of a family-centered church that encourages and supports many family events and are excited to watch our children grow in their faith and become disciples of God.



Education - We both grew up in families that modeled the value of education each and every day. As a former teacher, Britt has witnessed firsthand how much of a struggle many face when education is not a priority. As lifelong learners, we are committed to supporting our children in their education by being their number one cheerleader, encouraging them to participate in activities and meet new friends, and holding them accountable for the decisions they make. We look forward to the many teachable moments that we will have with our children whether it be learning their ABC's, experiencing a new life skill, or meeting adversity for the first time.

Family - We have a strong support system that we call our family. We were both fortunate to grow up in an environment where time was shared between immediate and extended family and we continue to foster this special time with our family as adults. We take advantage of any excuse, big or small, to get together with our family whether we are gathering for dinner, celebrating someone's birthday, going on a camping trip, or just dropping by for a visit. Our children will always be surrounded by unconditional love and support.



Serving Others - Ministering and serving others in our church and community is central to who we are. Reaching out and lending a helping hand to our friends, family, and neighbors is part of our everyday life. Britt serves on various community boards such as our local foundation for education board and our local Mothers of Preschoolers board. Karl serves on our local planning and zoning board and is a member of our church council board. We believe that we best serve God by serving others and we strive to make service a regular part of our lives.

Healthy Lifestyle - We are beyond blessed and humbled by God's creation and the amazing bodies we were given. We commit to God every day to engage in a healthy lifestyle to preserve the body He gave us. It is not only a commitment to ourselves, but also to our children and friends and family that we protect our bodies spiritually, emotionally, and physically. We model healthy eating and staying active. As a family we enjoy taking walks together, riding bikes, and engaging in group fitness classes.



Having Fun - As the old saying goes, "Laughter is the best medicine." We couldn't agree more and believe that many of life's challenges can be solved with a good laugh! Having fun is an essential part of our life and so important for our mental health and perspective on life. As parents, we will work to ensure our children have abundant opportunities to have fun and enjoy life.

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- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Yoga, volleyball, writing, reading, baking, cooking, crafting, traveling, playing board games, camping, spending time with friends and family.

Adoptive Father:

Cycling, volleyball, golfing, reading, watching sports & movies, traveling, grilling, yard projects, camping, spending time with friends and family.

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Stay At Home Mother
Adoptive Father: Assistant General Counsel

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor’s Degree
Adoptive Father: Doctoral Degree

Our home...

Our community is filled with many child-friendly attractions including a beautiful state park nearby, campgrounds, a local zoo, waterpark, science and history museum, and many playgrounds and hiking trails. Karl was on the committee that raised funds and worked with our local parks and recreation department to construct the first and only universal playground in our community to allow equal play for all children. It is an absolutely beautiful playground!

Our home is our favorite place to be! It’s in a quiet neighborhood on the outskirts of town. There are many young children in our neighborhood who enjoy playing together. Many of our neighbors have swing sets, trampolines, and swimming pools that the neighbor children enjoy playing together in. We are also lucky to have an elementary school nearby and a new park just a block away.

We have a large backyard with abundant space for our children to run and play. We have several backyard toys and games. We recently purchased a play set for the backyard and can’t wait to watch our children play together someday. One of our favorite places to be is on our deck in front of our fire table, drinking coffee. We love to be outside grilling and hosting our friends and family for barbeques in the summer and challenging each other to a yard game.

Britt is a stay-at-home-mom. She spends her days playing with Tevyn, visiting our local playgrounds, hosting playdates, and reading many good books. Our children will always be at the heart of our family activities and we look forward to watching them learn and grow firsthand through everything we do. We feel it is imperative to include our children in everyday activities such as helping to prepare a meal or picking up toys at the end of each day. We love to incorporate children’s activities into all of our travel plans, such as finding children’s museums, playgrounds, and other fun activities to do as a family. We all look forward to another child joining our family fun and having the advantage of a stay-at-home mom.

The nursery is ready and waiting for our second child. The crib and changing table are a dark, espresso brown, and pink and blue blankets accent the crib, ready for whatever plan God has for our family. On our recent family vacation to Florida, Tevyn picked out and built a bear for his new brother or sister at the Build-A-Bear Workshop and the bear is sitting in the rocking chair until our child arrives.

We cannot wait to have another person to love and to watch grow and develop in their personality and the energy they will bring to our home. As Benjamin Franklin once said, “Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.” Involve me is just what we love to do most. We cannot wait to read to our children every night and have been hard at work adding more books to our home library!



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Our family...

We met more than 13 years ago as part of a blind date. Karl had just moved in across the street from my cousin Heather and her husband Brett and while I was babysitting their kids, I noticed him coming home for lunch. For about 6 months, I would conveniently make sure that whenever I was babysitting, the kids and I were playing outside right around the noon hour so I could get a glimpse of the neighbor guy. I hoped and prayed that he would notice me, but unfortunately he was in his own little world! But God's hands were in this, because as Brett and Heather grew to know Karl, they thought we might be a perfect match. They invited us both over one night and we hit it off, leaving their house around midnight and exchanging phone numbers in the street while Brett and Heather spied on us from the kitchen window. A week later he asked me out on our first official date and the rest, as they say, is history!

We have many strengths as individuals and are even stronger as a couple. Britt has a non-judgmental heart and a ton of unconditional love for everyone she meets. She is forgiving, organized, detail oriented, and an excellent writer. Karl is unbelievably thoughtful, always putting others before himself.

He is level-headed, an excellent leader, humble, and selfless. As a couple, we take a team approach to life and parenting. We are active in our community, honest and supportive of one another, flexible in all that we do, and are excellent listeners and communicators.

Our time together is always beautiful. As a couple, we enjoy playing co-ed volleyball, attending church and hosting bible studies, cooking, and hosting meals at our house. As a family, we enjoy camping, traveling, taking walks, reading, attending community events, and spending time with friends and family.

We have many traditions that we enjoy and intend to continue as our family grows. On Thanksgiving night, Teyvn receives a gift of Christmas jammies and a book to kick off the holiday season. We cannot wait for this Christmas to dig out our Elf on the Shelf and experience the magic of Christmas through our children's eyes. Independence Day is a major celebration in our community. People travel from all over the country to attend our Independence Day parade, rodeo, and vendor fair. Not only is it a strong tradition for our community, but also in our family. Britt's parents host a barbeque after the parade every year and many friends and family attend.

Every September, we host our annual family reunion camping weekend at a beautiful state park just thirty miles away from our home. Smoking ribs, one of our favorite meals, is by far one of the highlights of the weekend, along with playing games, taking naps, and roasting marshmallows around the campfire. We also take an annual trip to the beach with Karl's family every winter. We spend our time on the beach, building sand castles, eating tons of seafood, and visiting our favorite children's museum, all while taking a break from life to relax.

Our families are beyond excited to have another child to love and cannot wait to officially welcome our newest addition to our growing family. Our family will embrace our children and will always love them unconditionally. There will never be a doubt in our mind that they are not loved by everyone.



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