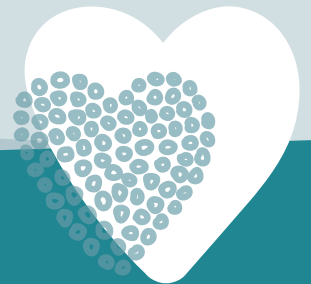




Sam & Ethan

OUR JOURNEY TO ADOPTION



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ABOUT US

We have been together for 12 years and married for eight (nine years in August 2023). We met in college through a mutual friend (Sam's college roommate) and have been together ever since! Ethan happened to be in the same music fraternity as Sam's older brother. Sam works as an executive administrative assistant, and Ethan is a medical lab scientist. Sam is the outgoing, free soul, and Ethan is the quiet old spirit. In our free time, we love to go fishing, spend time in our garden, explore city attractions, and relax with family and friends. Sam loves reading and doing crafts, while Ethan enjoys house projects and listening to podcasts. We purchased our current home in August of 2021 and have a cozy deck where we grow our herbs and grill every chance we get.



better together



OUR HOME & PETS

We moved to a small town in South Dakota after we were married in 2014. We love our little town! The street we are on has quite a few families with children ranging from newborn to high school. We are just blocks away from both the elementary school and middle/high school. Even better, we are down the street from a playground and the community pool! Our town is just a short drive to a larger city where we have a zoo, butterfly house and aquarium, and tons of bike/walking trails! We are definitely an animal-loving family with three cats, one dog, and two aquariums.

what led us to adoption

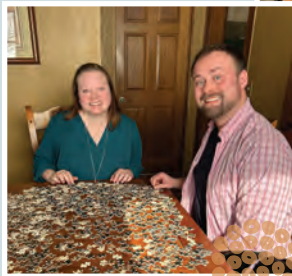
We have always talked and dreamed about being parents and raising a family; however, after actively trying for years with no success, we strongly considered adoption. We have been fortunate to find careers we love and have been able to afford a home that can accommodate a growing family. We are so excited to begin our adoption journey and welcome a baby into our home. We have friends and family who went through the adoption process and see the love they have, not only for their children but for the family that chose them.



our photos



hopeful parents

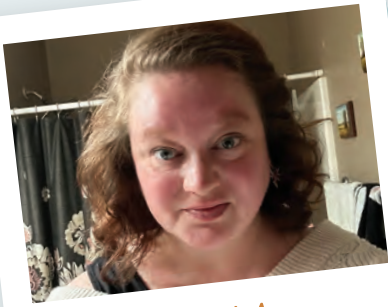


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sunny days

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SAM



OCCUPATION: Executive admin assistant

EDUCATION: BA in theater arts

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Spiritual/Christian

SPORT: Baseball (Go Twins!)

FOOD: Pizza

HOBBY: Gardening, assorted crafts

TRADITION: Attending Renaissance Festival

MUSICAL GROUP: Country, Broadway

MOVIE: *Brigadoon*

DREAM VACATION: New Zealand

HOLIDAY: Christmas

TV SHOW: *Friends*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: English

BOOK: *The Importance of Being Earnest*

OCCUPATION: Medical lab scientist

EDUCATION: BA in biology, MS in genetics

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Spiritual/Christian

SPORT: No favorites

FOOD: Anything with potatoes

HOBBY: Video games, music

TRADITION: Annual LOTR moviethon

MUSICAL GROUP: Alternative rock

MOVIE: *Grumpy Old Men*

DREAM VACATION: Scotland

HOLIDAY: Halloween

TV SHOW: *Expedition Unknown*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Biology

BOOK: *Sand County Almanac*



ETHAN

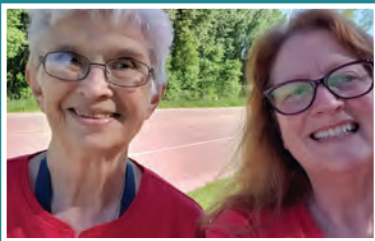


OUR FAMILY & *Traditions*

Sam has a large extended family that spreads across the United States. Her mother has seven siblings, and all are married with children. Her father has two brothers, and one has children. Sam has an older brother who lives in Wisconsin and a younger sister who lives in New York. Christmas is our favorite time to get together because Sam's siblings come back to the family farm, and we have movie and game nights.

Ethan has a large extended family in Minnesota and Wisconsin. His mother and father both come from families of seven siblings, and he has many cousins. While we keep in contact with Ethan's parents and older sister, we don't see them often. That doesn't change the fact that we have a large family full of love, support, and traditions. His parents still live on their farm in Minnesota, and his older sister has two daughters.

Sam's parents live on the family farm in Minnesota and are only 45 minutes away. We often get together for weekend adventures and hangouts. Our families are excited to support us on this journey and to welcome a child with open hearts and open arms.

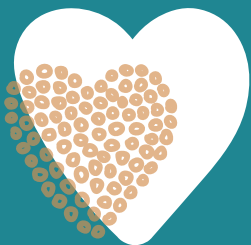


making memories



family fun





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EXPECTANT MOTHER

We cannot begin to imagine how difficult this decision is for you. Please know we are forever humbled and in awe of your strength and incredible heart. It takes an extraordinary person to do what you are doing. If you choose us, we will be there to support you through the multitude of challenges and emotions you will face and are so excited to go through this process with you.

We want you to know your child has an incredible journey ahead of them full of family, laughter, and never-ending unconditional love. We were heartbroken when we couldn't get pregnant. We felt like we had failed, and for a long time, we didn't know what to do. One day it just clicked, and we knew there was a person out there waiting to choose us to forever love their child and help us grow our family.

We picture game nights, bonfires in the backyard, swimming lessons, bedtime stories, dance parties in the living room, trips to the Renaissance Festival with Grandma and Grandpa, family outings to the zoo, and so much more. We will provide room to grow and explore and create a safe place for your child to thrive. There will never be a shortage of hugs, encouragement, and love.

Thank you for considering us.

Samantha and Ethan



Ethan & Sam



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