



Joe + Whitney

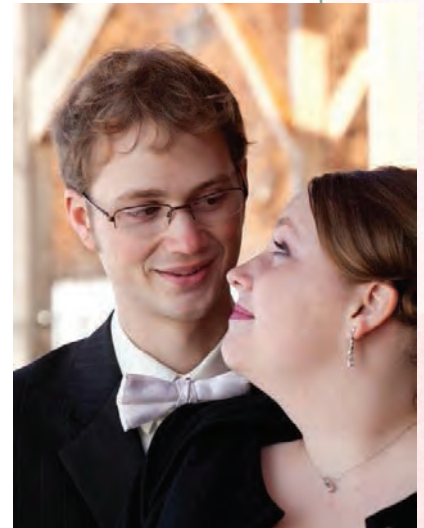
Hello! Thank you for taking the time to learn a little bit about us. We are very excited for our family to grow through adoption! We admire your strength and courage as you navigate this process. We want you to know how appreciated and prayed for you are. We look forward to getting to know you and hope you find peace as you make this decision. ❤️



Our Life Together

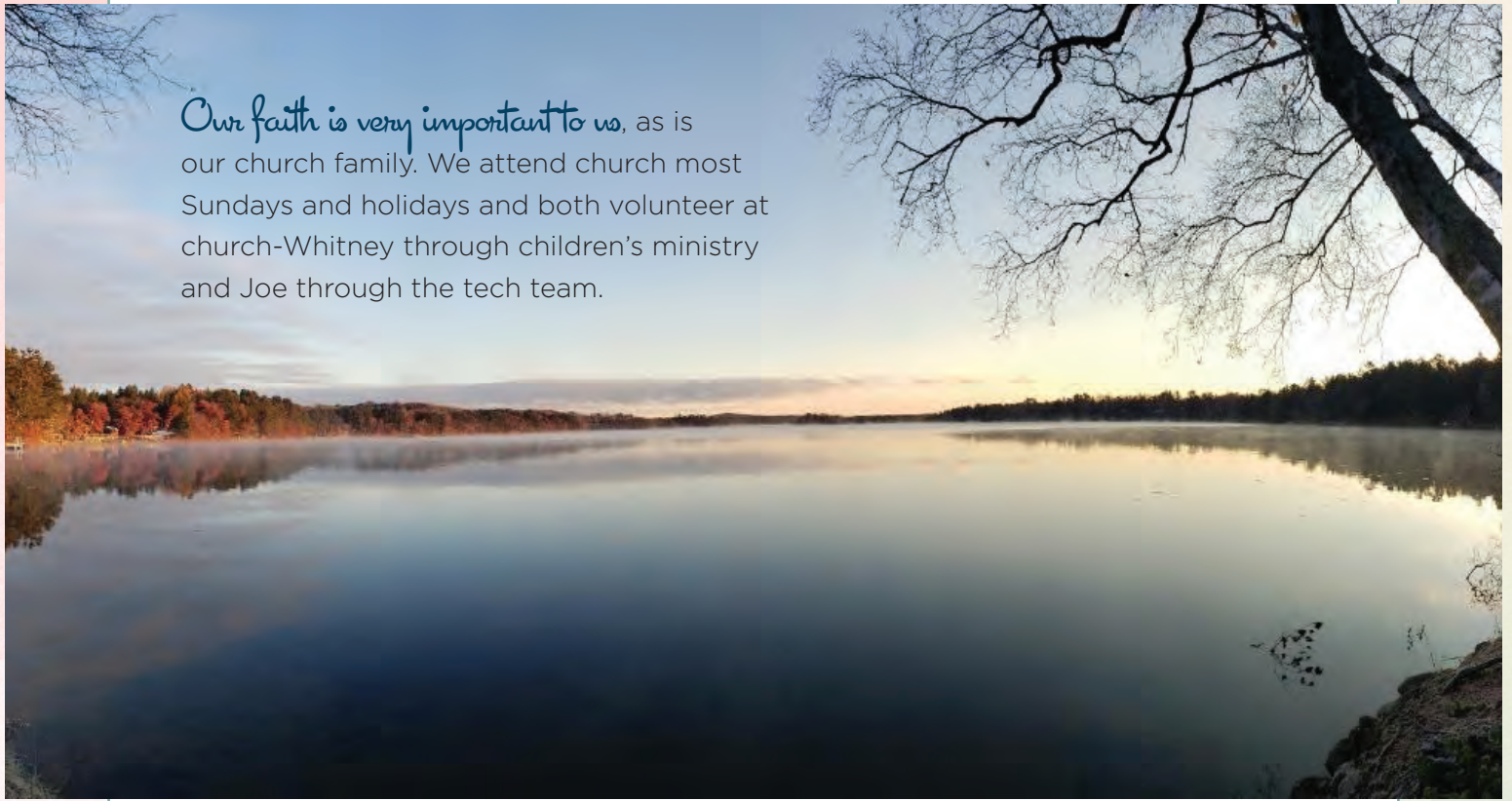
We are high-school sweethearts and began our relationship when we were just 15 years old. We met in high school drumline and soon after fell in love. We became best friends very quickly and have remained as such for almost 19 years. After high school, we continued on to the same college. Joe proposed on his 21st birthday and we were married a year and a half later on a very, VERY cold, Minnesota day in January. We have always wanted children and after several years of fertility treatment, we were unable to have biological children.

We are so excited to welcome a child into our family through adoption.



Together, we like to travel, go to plays and musicals, and play games around our kitchen table. We also enjoy doing projects together—crafting and home repair. We enjoy many traditions together such as New Year's Eve. Each year we go to Whitney's family's cabin and go out on the lake at midnight to bring in the new year — no matter how cold. We also love our annual Christmas cookie baking day and our flower planting day each spring to plant all of our pots for our deck. We love visiting the North Shore in Duluth, MN. *Christmas is a big celebration in both of our families and is our favorite time of year.* We also go to the Minnesota State Fair every year.

Our faith is very important to us, as is our church family. We attend church most Sundays and holidays and both volunteer at church-Whitney through children's ministry and Joe through the tech team.



♥ PETS

We have two, 11-year old cats: Our black cat is named *Monte* - he is super sweet and cuddly. We joke that God attached his tail backwards as it lays flat on his back when he is happy and he is the only cat that we've ever known to not have a meow - just an open mouth squeak, that is- until there is food involved. We also have a grey tabby named *Sully* -- he is playful and spunky. He likes to sit on Joe's shoulders while Joe enjoys his morning coffee and snuggles up with Whitney at night. We also have an 8-year-old border collie mix named *Diesel* - he is playful, energetic, and sweet. He was the best humane society find and has brought so much joy to our lives. He loves to be outside and help Joe in the garage, fish from the pontoon in the summer or play frisbee in the yard. He was living his best life when Whitney got to work from home during the start of the pandemic and really became a cuddle bug.



Family



Joe's family enjoys spending time together regularly. We often get together to celebrate birthdays, holidays and special occasions. We have fun playing games together, going on family weekend trips or just sitting around a bon fire. Joe's mom likes taking photos of everyone during our family get-togethers and loves spending time with her grandchildren. Joe's dad is a handyman and can be found helping all of his kids on their home projects. Joe enjoys fishing with his older brother Sam while Whitney bonds with his wife Kristin over crafting. We love spending time with our nieces, ages 6 and 3. Their parents, Joe's brother Peter and his wife Christina, play soccer together every week and are always good for long conversations. Anna and Jordan, Joe's sister and brother-in-law, are a compassionate couple with whom we love playing games.



Whitney's family is close and enjoys trying new things together. Whitney's mother is an energetic helper who will never turn down a chance to spend time with those who call her "Nana". Whitney's dad loves to make people laugh. He can often be found reading a good book. Whitney has only one sister, Heather. Heather and her husband Tim are an adventurous couple with two energetic little boys. We are godparents to both of them, and we enjoy spending time at the family cabin together.



About Whitney

in Joe's words

Whitney is one of the most thoughtful people I know. She always thinks about other people in her life and often puts their needs ahead of her own. As a speech and language pathologist in an elementary school, she works with children with special needs to develop communication systems. *She loves working with children of all ability levels* and is skilled at connecting with kids and discovering their needs when others can't. Whitney enjoys traveling and experiencing new things. She has been to Europe several times but also loves exploring the Twin Cities by going to various events like mystery dinners, escape rooms and museums.



things that make
my wife happy

BOOKS

ANIMALS

Especially ELEPHANTS

GAMES

CRAFTS

TRAVEL

Whitney is a talented crafter and enjoys making new Christmas ornaments every year. She has made several quilts and blankets and has recently started working with leather. Whitney's faith is very important to her. *She teaches Sunday school and volunteers at Vacation Bible School each summer.* Whitney has a huge heart for animals (especially elephants) and loves spending time with our two cats and dog. She can't wait to share that love with a child of our own.



About Joe

in Whitney's words



Joe works for a landscaping company as the operations manager. He enjoys working with the machinery. He is a talented woodworker and handyman. Joe loves to garden and do anything outside including camping, fishing, hiking, canoeing and rock climbing. Joe is a gifted pianist and often plays our piano in his spare time. He likes to play soccer every week on a community league and volunteer at church on the technology team. *Joe is a very kind, calm, generous, loving, patient, gentle and thoughtful person.* He is the first to offer help to friends and family when they need it and never expects anything in return. Joe has a great sense of humor and is easy-going. When spending time with our families, he can often be found playing and being silly with our nieces and nephews, and they just love spending time with Uncle Joe. Joe doesn't let much bother him, and he is a dedicated, hard-worker. Joe is a do-it-yourselfer for sure, even making wooden toys for our nieces and nephews for Christmas. Joe is the most loving, supportive and accepting person I know, and *he will make a great father.*



things that make my husband happy

COFFEE

PLAYING GAMES

OUTDOORS

OUR DOG DIESEL

WOODWORKING





What we hope to offer a child...

Over our long relationship, we have often talked about all of the things we want to teach and experience with our children. Most importantly, *we want to raise a child to be empathetic, kind, and generous.* We want to raise them in a loving home filled with lots of cuddles, reading, outdoor adventures and learning. We know how important it is to provide an affectionate and dependable environment so children can thrive. We can't wait to take our child on adventures with their cousins. Whitney is excited to share her love of children's books and arts and crafts. Joe can't wait to teach them how to play piano, rock climb and fish. We are a faith filled couple that is very involved with our church and look forward to sharing that with our child. We have several people who we are close with at church and in our personal lives that have or plan to welcome children into their families through adoption. We feel this will be a great environment for our child to connect with kids like him/her.

We are a faith filled couple that is very involved with our church and look forward to sharing that with our child.



Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to learn a little bit about us. We are very excited for our family to grow through adoption! *We admire your strength and courage as you navigate this process.* We want you to know how appreciated and prayed for you are. We value and feel it is important that our child always knows how they joined our family and the decision made out of love to choose us as their forever family. We want them to know that you made such a *selfless, loving choice and gave us the greatest gift* we could ever hope for. We would hope to be able to share photos and updates with you and would like to share with our child how much you love them as they grow. We thank you for considering us and look forward to getting to know you. We hope you find peace as you make this decision.

Joe + Whitney

