



JOSH & CANDACE

HELLO THERE!

We are **JOSH & CANDACE**. We have been together for 15 years. Since our family first started, we always knew we wanted to have more children. **We admire the strength and trust it would take to consider placing a baby for adoption.** As you look through our profile, we hope you will see we are a loving family that would offer a child a wonderful home built on love, trust, and faith. ❤️



ABOUT US!

We met when we were working at the Perkins restaurant. Josh grew up in Minnesota with his parents. Candace grew up in South Dakota on her parent's farm, along with her siblings. *Our paths crossed shortly after high school, and we have been inseparable ever since.* We had many differences, but some similarities, and that is what drew us to each other.

OUR FAITH IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR LIFE AND MARRIAGE.



Our children will be raised to know and understand the Bible. We work great as a couple because we trust in each other, communicate well, and support each other emotionally. Over the years, we have been through many ups and downs, but every trial has made us stronger. *We both have large extended families with relatives who have adopted children, so we have seen first-hand how wonderful the gift of adoption is.*





We were blessed with our daughter, Justine, 12 years ago, and have always longed to see her become a big sister. We have struggled with infertility, but we are looking forward to adding to our family through adoption. As a family, we enjoy doing many activities outdoors. In the summertime, you can find us out on the lake paddle-boarding and kayaking. We spend many weekends exploring new campgrounds where we go swimming, play disc golf, and walk our dog on trails. We enjoy camping in a tent or bringing our camper trailer to explore the state parks, in SD, MN, or CO. We love having campfires, which usually include cooking a meal, popcorn for a snack, and s'mores for dessert. In the colder months, we love to go ice skating, sledding and make snow forts. We do spend more time inside in the winter, and our family loves to play board games, card games, puzzles, or a game of pool.



ABOUT CANDACE

BY JOSH

Candace is my amazing wife and my rock. She is the youngest of 5 children in her family and grew up on a farm. *She is kind, trustworthy, and tender-hearted.* She is the best mother, and Justine is who she is because of her. Candace loves caring for people, she is always looking to serve her family however she can. *Family is most important to her, so she spends a lot of time going back to her hometown to see her parents, siblings and nieces/nephews.* For many years, she worked as a caregiver with all ages, from infants to the elderly. It comes so naturally for her and you can tell she was meant to be a mother. When she holds a baby, her face lights up with smiles.

SHE LOVES...

- ♥ reading
- ♥ singing
- ♥ baking
- ♥ researching
- ♥ indoor house plants

She is the teacher of our home and is always wanting to research and gain more knowledge. You can often find her in the sunroom reading the Bible or a book with a cup of coffee. *Candace reads books out loud to Justine every night, even the long chapter books.* Plants are a second nature to her as she loves to take care of her plants. We have a small outdoor garden in the summer. She also has an indoor garden that provides our family with fresh produce grown at home all year long. Candace loves to capture all the memories by taking photos and videos. *Candace works in the office 3 days and from home 2 days a week at a local bank, with a goal of working full-time at home soon.*



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ABOUT JOSH BY CANDACE

Josh is my loving husband and my best friend. He is an only child and has wonderful parents. Josh has a childlike heart and is always ready for an adventure. **He is our provider and will do whatever it takes to make sure his family is cared for.** Josh is a great father and makes sure Justine always feels loved and valued. Josh has many different interests and hobbies. He and his dad love to hunt and fish together, and it is one of their favorite pastimes.

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HE LOVES...

- ♥ hunting
- ♥ fishing
- ♥ woodworking
- ♥ grilling
- ♥ gaming

When Josh and I met, he was a cook at a restaurant and always made me the most delicious meals. **His love for cooking great food hasn't stopped.** **Whenever we have family or friends over for a meal, he prepares us a feast, and everyone loves it.** Grilling on his charcoal grill is his favorite way to cook. Josh also has an artistic and musical side. He enjoys drawing and plays the violin. You will often find Josh doing some sort of home improvement project. He is so handy in multiple areas that we rarely need to call in a professional. Josh also enjoys woodworking. His grandpa and dad taught him all his skills and knowledge. He makes beautiful projects and always builds them the strongest. When he needs to relax and put his feet up, he enjoys some video games like Zelda. Josh works for Viflex and is such a hardworking man who supports our family in every way possible.





ABOUT JUSTINE

Justine is our beautiful daughter who is twelve years old. She is growing up into a kind and loving young lady. She is our greatest joy. Justine is in the 7th grade and we both homeschool her. Josh teaches her science and math subjects, while Candace teaches reading and writing. Justine loves nature and you can find her spending most of her time outside with her pets. She most definitely loves all animals, but dogs and cats are her favorites. She loves to collect different rocks, leaves, and flowers as she explores outside. Justine is involved in our local Scout troop and enjoys learning new skills. Justine loves to read books and has become a strong reader after overcoming eye therapy. Like many children, she loves to watch TV and play video games like Minecraft. Justine loves spending time with all her cousins. She is excited to become a big sister one day.



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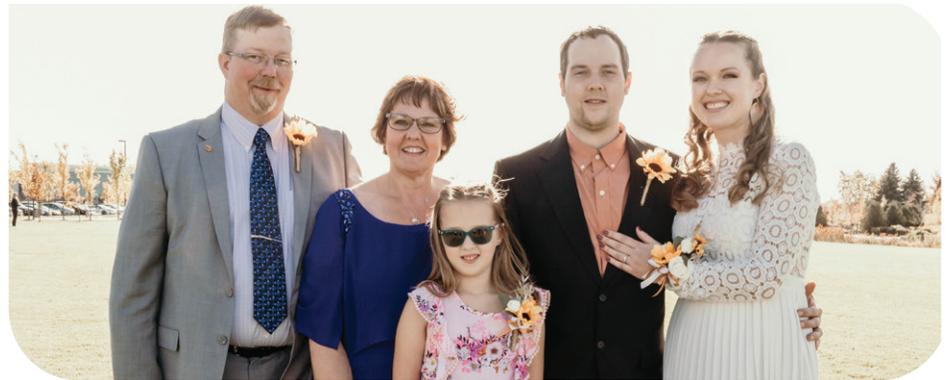


OUR HOME

We live near Lake Madison. Our home is located on a few acres and the home is over 100 years old. We love the character it has and all the mature trees that surround the property. There is a small stream that flows through the back of our land. The swing that Josh built is our favorite spot to watch the sunset. We love living in the country as it is so peaceful and quiet. We chose to move to this area so we could be closer to both of our families. We also have the best group of friends who always support us.

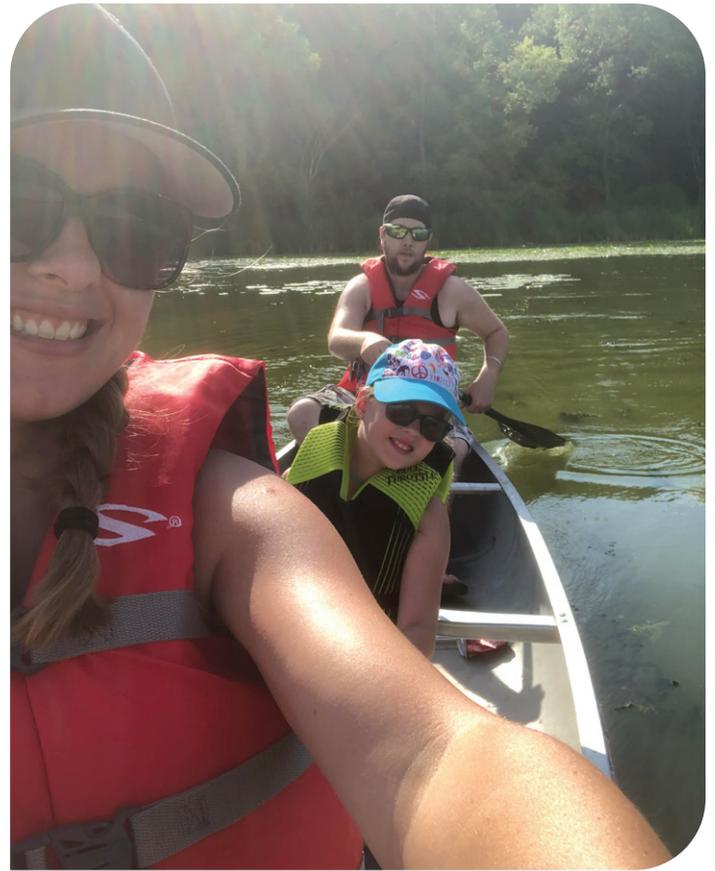


OUR FAMILY



OUR THOUGHTS ON ADOPTION

We would be extremely blessed to adopt a child. Our plan is to be completely honest about who their biological parents are. We would love to share photos and updates as the child grows. We would share with them how brave and courageous their mother was to place them for adoption. We are ready to help support a birth mother in any way possible. Our hearts would be overflowing if a mother entrusted us to raise her child. We would love any child unconditionally and forever.



WHAT WE HOPE TO OFFER A CHILD..

- ♥ foundation in faith
- ♥ trust
- ♥ great communication
- ♥ stability
- ♥ love
- ♥ opportunities





THANK YOU!

Thank you for taking the time to read a brief summary of our family. We hope we gave you a good understanding of the loving family that we are and would provide for another child.

We hope that this may be the beginning of a new chapter in our family's story.

❤️ **JOSH & CANDACE**