

Arthur and Kimberly

Dear Birth Parents,

Hello. My name is Kimberly, and my husband's name is Arthur. We are honored that you are considering us as adoptive parents.

This is the most important letter that we have ever written, because it plays a part in a decision that will enrich our lives forever. It is our utmost desire to have children. We would teach them to love and appreciate all of the beautiful things life has to offer.

I, Kimberly, was adopted as a baby. I lived with my adoptive parents from three weeks of age until I got married at age 30. My parents taught me the importance of making God the central point of our lives. I will forever cherish this gift.

I, Arthur, come from a very close-knit family, all of whom live nearby. I firmly believe that strong family bonds are what form individuals and help them move forward in life.

My husband and I met four years ago when a mutual friend set us up on a blind date. One year later, we were married in a Lutheran church, with both of our families in attendance.

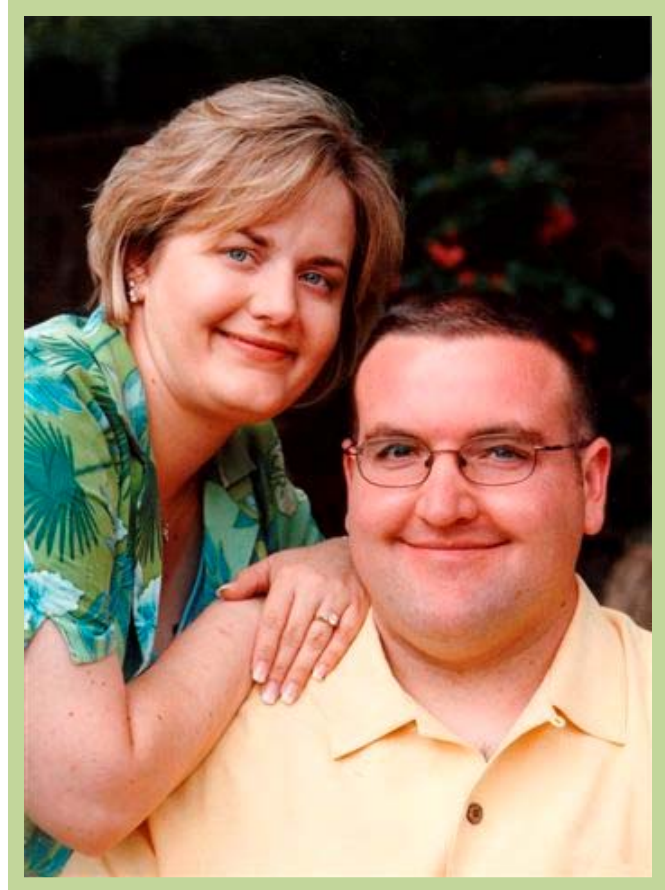
As we began our first year of marriage, our greatest wish was to start a family. I became pregnant, but suffered a miscarriage during my second trimester. We have been unable to conceive since then.

During the week following my miscarriage, the first and foremost question on my mind was "Why?" After hours of Bible study and prayer, my husband and I came to the conclusion that it was God's plan for us to adopt a child. I would feel so fortunate to have a child with which I could share the common bond of adoption. As he/she grows older, I would openly discuss the topic of adoption with them. We will make sure that our child knows that he/she was loved very much by his/her birth parents.

We admire your courage in allowing this child to be born and to enjoy life. May God's blessings and guiding hand be with you as you make this decision. We will be eternally grateful if you decide to make your child a part of our family.

Sincerely,

Arthur & Kimberly



Fun Family Facts



Our Family Life

We started dating in March 2005 and were married in exactly one year later in 2006. Arthur enjoys photography, computer programming, visiting with family and friends. He describes himself as patient and considerate. Kimberly describes herself as thoughtful and loving. She enjoys reading, knitting, cooking and playing with our two dogs. We are ready to be parents, but do not have any children. Right now we enjoy the company of our two Labrador retrievers. They are very gentle and loving. We live in a three-bedroom, 3 bath log home located quiet neighborhood.

Arthur's & Kimberly's weekdays consist of office work in the family's funeral homes. The hours are flexible, allowing us every other weekend off. Depending on the work schedule, we will eat at home, or we will eat with either his parents or mine. Weekends off often involve Kimberly's side of the family, a short trip, or catching up on housework and playing with our dogs. Holidays are divided equally/shared with Arthur's side of the family and Kimberly's. We can't wait to travel with our child.





Our Views on Adoption

We have always known that we wanted to be parents. After miscarriage & unsuccessful fertility treatment, God has led us toward adoption. We plan to raise our child with the knowledge that they were adopted. We will be honest & open with our child & answer any questions that they may have to the best of our ability. We want them to know how we prayed for a child, & that God answered our prayers by blessing us with a child. We will discuss our child's adoption with them as a positive & wonderful experience & that we have deep respect for the decision that their birth parents made.



Our Views on Parenting, Education, & Discipline

We wish to form a strong bond with our child. We will take the role of parenting seriously, letting our child know that they are loved unconditionally. We hope that our child will be active in church, school, & community. Both of us put strong stock in the importance & process of educating children. We will both be involved in this process by reading to our child from an early age, & providing support throughout their education. We hope to instill a love for learning, & will support our child in any extracurricular activities they choose to do. We plan to serve as role models for our child's behavior. We plan to provide & encourage a college education. Appropriate time-outs & loss of privileges can be effective measures of discipline. We will always follow up with letting our child know he/she is loved, & to always communicate with him/her about the consequences of his/her actions & what he/she is being disciplined for.

Our Child Care Plans

Arthur will continue working, but should be able to take a brief paternity leave.

Kimberly plans to be a stay-at-home mother during our child's first four years. We will then enroll him/her in preschool, if we feel he/she is socially and maturely ready. Adoring, loving grandmothers will provide childcare occasionally when Mom and Dad want/need to go on a date.



Religious Life

Arthur & Kimberly are both Lutheran, attending a local Lutheran church with Kimberly's parents. Our values & morals are derived from our religious beliefs.

We plan on baptizing our child.

