

Andy and Jenn

Dear Birth Parents,

We have been married for five wonderful years. Since we were married, we have been waiting anxiously for the opportunity to welcome a child into our family. Due to infertility, we have chosen to pursue adoption. We know that God has a child planned for us, and we cannot wait to meet him or her!

Andy has seen and already lived the blessings of adoption firsthand when his sister made an adoption plan for her child, thus becoming a birth mom. He and his family lovingly supported his sister when she chose adoption for a child she was unable to care for at that time in her life. We are so filled with respect, admiration, and especially gratitude for what you are considering! We promise to raise your child in a loving, Christian environment and to provide all they need to be successful in life. Thank you for taking time to consider us as a potential family. We just wish you God's peace and guidance in your journey.

We live out in the country and really enjoy the peace and quiet. When we have spare time we like to go camping, watch TV, and hang out with friends. Andy also enjoys hunting, fishing, farming, and weight lifting. Jenn enjoys reading, scrapbooking, playing piano, and running. Our summer weekends usually involve barbecues, fish fries, or antique tractor rides.



We both teach in the same Lutheran school in a small town 20 minutes from home. We can honestly say we love our jobs! Being around children creates an even stronger desire for us to have children of our own. Because we are teachers, we will have lots of time to spend with our child over the s and holidays. As they get older, we will be on the same schedules as far as days off and breaks which will be wonderful for planning family times and vacation times! If you choose us, your child will be welcomed whole-heartedly into our entire family. Besides us, there are grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, great aunts, great uncles, cousins, and many other friends waiting with open arms! They have

Andy's parents at least once a month, and his siblings as often as we can. We attend church and go to dinner with Jenn's immediate family every Sunday. We see many of the extended family members frequently as well. Besides hanging out on the weekends, we spend all major holidays, birthdays, and other celebrations with our families. But there's always been a part missing...bringing our own child to share in these celebrations.



We take family vacations yearly. In 2009 we went to the Great Smoky Mountains.

We want our child to know their special story of how they became part of our family. We will begin sharing their story with them early in their lives. They will know that they have another mother and father who care about them also. We want them to know that you made your decision because of your great love and concern for them.

There are not enough words to say "Thank you" for what you are considering for us and our dream of having a family! We know you have put a lot of time and love into your decision to provide a loving family with the blessing of your child. Again, thank you for taking time to consider us! We wish you God's peace and guidance.

Sincerely,

Andy and Jenn



3 bedroom ranch on 5 acres adjoined to our family farm

Fun Family Facts



Our Pets – Tater (the dog) and Aurora the cat. They've been great with all the children we've had visit our home!

Our Child Care Plans:

Since we are teachers, we will be able to stay home with our child throughout the summer. When the child is older, they will be able to "help" Andy and Jenn's dad on the farm. During the school year, Jenn's mom will be the primary caretaker. When she is not available, we have various other family members to rely on.

Our Family Life:

We both are very close to our families, and get along with each other's family very well. Jenn's immediate family lives about 7 minutes away, and most of her extended family is within 30 minutes. Andy's family is more spread out, but his parents are only 1½ hours away. Family always comes first for us. We celebrate all major holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, and other life accomplishments (baptisms, confirmations, graduations, etc.) with our family. We know our family is always there for us when we need help, and we don't hesitate to be there for them when they need help. We both exhibit the values and behaviors we learned from our families, and cherish our time with them.



Our Personality

His: outgoing, supportive, humorous, affectionate, dedicated, frugal

Hers: organized, compassionate, sensitive, "giddy", strong-willed



Views on Parenting, Education, & Discipline:

Our child will be raised in a Christian home, knowing how much God loves us and how we should treat others to reflect that love. We want our child to know that choices they make are important. Our child will know our expectations for their behavior and accomplishments. But more importantly, we want them to know that we are always there to encourage and support them so they can meet those expectations. We will use positive reinforcement and consequences when appropriate, but want our child to understand why they are being praised or punished. The morals we teach at home will be reinforced in our child's education as they will be attending the Lutheran school where we both teach. They will be able to start school at the age of 3, and we hope to keep them in the local Lutheran schools through high school. We will encourage them continue into higher education once they have graduated high school.



Our Religious Life:

We were both baptized, confirmed, married, and now serve in a Lutheran church. We attend church weekly and teach in the school associated with the church. We try to be involved in church activities

Our Hobbies & Interests

His: hunting, working out, playing guitar, wood working

Hers: reading, playing piano, cleaning, scrapbooking

Together: camping, "country road cruising", playing with our pets



Our Feelings About Adoption

Adoption is a blessing to both families involved, and especially the child. Adoption opens a door to couples who are not able to have biological children, but have an abundance of love and desire to raise children. Adoption not only allows a child to be loved by their birth parents, but by the family they become a part of. It is important that the child know their story of adoption, and for them to understand how lucky they are to have so much love. We will always be open to our child's questions, and share with them whatever information we are able to. We will also want the child know how grateful we are that they were brought into our lives, and that we have the opportunity to be their Mommy and Daddy. We are willing to meet birth parents, exchange names, share pictures and letters.