



MATTHEW *and* LISA



HELLO!

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Thank you for taking time to get to know us. We can never fully understand the decision you are facing at this time, nor grasp the amount of courage and strength you have navigated this journey. This decision is one that is not only one of strength, but a deeply rooted love for your child. As you look through this book, you'll see a few of the most important pieces of our lives and our values.

OUR PRAYER IS THAT YOU FIND PEACE AND COMFORT
IN YOUR DECISION AS YOU DETERMINE THE RIGHT
DIRECTION FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD.

Matthew and Lisa

OUR STORY

OUR STORY GOES WAY BACK AND HAS COME BACK AROUND FULL CIRCLE!

We met at age 11 in the same church youth group that we are now leading together as a married couple 20 years later. Though we met long ago, our love story did not begin until about ten years later after we both had gone our separate ways. Our mothers are best friends and had always wanted us to be together - but the shift for us came when Lisa had a dream about us being together, followed by several confirmations that Matthew was the one for her. Our shared faith served as the strong foundation for our relationship and continues to, to this day.



OUR WEDDING DAY WAS ON A COLD JANUARY AFTERNOON, SURROUNDED BY THE SPECIAL PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES. OUR WEDDING WAS IN OUR HOME CHURCH WHERE WE MET AND OUR PASTOR, MATTHEW'S UNCLE, OFFICIATED. THAT MADE OUR DAY EVEN BETTER! HE PRONOUNCED US HUSBAND AND WIFE BY SAYING, "IT'S ABOUT TIME!"



WE HAVE ALWAYS DREAMED OF BECOMING PARENTS.

why adoption?

During our infertility journey we considered all potential options for starting a family. After much prayer and surrender, we felt God was calling us to step in faith and pursue adoption. Lisa has a co-worker and now close friend that adopted their little girl last summer. Since deciding to pursue adoption, we've encountered several others who were adopted or have adopted children themselves. These people coming into our lives gives us further confirmation this is the right path.

WE ARE EXCITED TO BECOME PARENTS AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT GOD HAS IN STORE FOR OUR FAMILY.



MEET LISA

WRITTEN BY MATTHEW

Lisa is one of the most caring and compassionate people you'll meet. She is always willing to serve others and do anything to help those she loves. She is very intentional about building and maintaining strong connections with those around her. She will be an excellent mother who will support our children in whatever they dream to do. She will surround them with love and ensure that they get the best care and upbringing.

Lisa loves...

Baking • Kayaking • Singing • Exercising • Spending time with family
and friends (going out to dinner, holiday traditions) • Trying new
restaurants • Traveling • Playing with our Goldendoodle, Sadie



MEET MATTHEW

WRITTEN BY LISA

Matthew is a servant leader. If someone is in need, he's jumping in to help right away. Matthew shows his love through serving others and displays that in simple, but intentional ways every day. I am confident he will be a very involved parent, helping our children learn new skills and invest in their ongoing development. He is very caring and always wants the best for his family and will make every effort to ensure that is achieved.

Matthew loves...

Golfing • Wood working • Spending time with family
and friends (cookouts, bonfires, etc.) • Swimming • Kayaking • Playing
music (guitar, bass, drums)



WE LONG TO SHARE OUR HOME WITH A CHILD.

OUR HOME

We built our home in 2022 in a small subdivision close to family and friends. We have a three bedroom craftsman style ranch situated on just over an acre of land. The common areas of our home include a great room and a sun room. While we have quick access to the highway, the wooded scenery of the subdivision gives you more of a rural feel.

With several family members in our same addition, we have a strong community and support system. Our safe environment provides a great opportunity to be outside, take walks and relax.

WE BUILT OUR HOME WITH A FAMILY IN MIND AND CAN'T
WAIT TO WELCOME A NEW LIFE INTO OUR HOME.



MEET OUR SWEET PUP, SADIE!

Sadie is an energetic pup who loves to play fetch, be outside and spend her afternoons perched on the back of the couch watching the outside world. Sadie is our little nugget and just like her mom, loves peanut butter!





OUR ADVENTURES

Our most recent trip was to Glacier National Park in Montana. Being immersed in the heart of the Rockies was a life changing experience. Our love for the outdoors grew immensely during this trip as we stood in awe of God's creation, blown away by the mountains, forestry and wildlife. Since this trip we have been discussing where our next trip will be, knowing it will likely be somewhere to hike or visit another national park and we look forward to adventuring with children some day.

OUR FRIENDS

WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH A SUPPORTIVE AND DIVERSE GROUP OF FRIENDS, MANY OF WHOM ARE RAISING YOUNG CHILDREN – SOME THROUGH ADOPTION!

Outside of our family and church, we have a few sets of friends whom we are very close to. Three couples attended college with Lisa and we have all become very close. More recently, we've bonded with a co-worker of Lisa's who recently adopted their daughter. We enjoy going out to dinner, trying new restaurants and casual time together at one of our homes.





OUR COMMUNITY

WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY OF CLOSE FRIENDS AND FAMILY. Matthew's parents, aunt and uncle live in the same subdivision providing a close knit community for visiting, supporting one another and close watch for safety. We are very close to our families with fun traditions such as Sunday lunches after church, and summer trips to the lake.

We are actively involved in our church where several family members also attend (Matthew's uncle is the pastor). In 2020 we became the youth leaders of the teen group. The teens hold a special place in our hearts and have brought us a lot of comfort, strength and hope through our infertility.

We have several lakes and hiking trails nearby allowing for good outdoor time. We live near a college town which provides a variety of activities and opportunities for outdoor dining, walkability and trying new things.



PERHAPS YOU WERE
MADE FOR
such a time as this.

ESTHER 4:14

fun facts about us!

1 • MATTHEW IS A 2ND DEGREE BLACK BELT IN HAPKIDO.

2 • MATTHEW IS A SINGLE CHILD BUT HAS A CLOSE EXTENDED FAMILY.

3 • LISA IS THE BABY OF THREE WITH 7+ YEARS AGE DIFFERENCE.

4 • LISA HAS BEEN SKY DIVING.

5 • MATTHEW IS MORE RESERVED WHILE LISA IS MORE OUTGOING .





6 • LISA IS A SINGER.

7 • MATTHEW PLAYS THE GUITAR, BASS AND DRUMS.

8 • LISA'S FAVORITE HOLIDAY SEASON IS CHRISTMAS AND PUTS UP 4 CHRISTMAS TREES IN THE HOUSE.

9 • WE TAKE AN ANNUAL FAMILY CAMPING TRIP TO LISA'S FAMILY PROPERTY OUT OF STATE AND LOVE GOING OFF THE GRID FOR A FEW DAYS!

10 • MATTHEW HAS COMPLETED THE RIDE ACROSS INDIANA AND LISA HAS COMPLETED THREE 5KS.

OUR FAMILY

Our families have known each other for almost two decades and our extended families feel a part of each others own family. Both do our families are full of laughter, love playing games and gathering together for holidays or weekend meals. Even though Lisa's family is more spread apart, we are intentional to make time to get together.

WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO FILL THESES PAGES.





OUR PROMISES



We promise to love your child always - no matter what and provide a home that seeks joy even in difficult circumstances.

We promise to provide a home environment that they feel safe in mentally, physically, spiritually and emotionally.

We promise to embrace their history and their bond with you, providing open dialogue about their story and maintaining an open relationship with you.

We promise to provide a financially safe environment that supports future aspirations, ensure continued growth and development with life skills and education, and surround them with a loving family and community of friends.

We promise to teach your child how to love and serve others, hope in Jesus and honor you and our commitments to you.

A lifelong connection between you and your child is something we hold great value to. To support that, we would hope to have 2 to 4 visits with you a year visiting your hometown as well as ours. While also exchanging photos and videos of milestones, and sharing letters as they continue to grow.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO GET TO KNOW US AND OUR FAMILY A LITTLE BETTER. OUR HOPE AND PRAYER IS THAT YOU RECEIVE THE PEACE AND CONFIDENCE IN KNOWING THE BEST DIRECTION FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD.

ALL OUR LOVE,

Matthew and Lisa



