

MICHAELA *and* JOSH



Hello

As a couple, Josh and I have always known that we wanted to adopt. This is the way we desire to grow our family. We know this is not an easy decision for you, but please know that we will love and cherish your child as if he or she were our own flesh and blood. We want you to know we do not take this decision lightly; we are in this for the long haul. Even after your child is a grown adult we will still be there for whatever they may need. Both sides of our family have experienced adoption. We are familiar with the process and understand the difficult decision you are facing.

We want you to know that we have thought, talked, and prayed about this decision and we know we can love, care, and nurture your child. We come from a big family with a lot of children so there will always be playmates around. Your child will have so much love and affection from them; there will never be a shortage. We want you to know that we are praying for you and thinking about you through this journey.

All Our Love,

MICHAELA *and* JOSH



THIS Is Us

We met through mutual friends at the County Fair. Essentially, Josh's friend Kyle was asked by his then girlfriend (Michaela's friend) to come down to the fair. He said he would go only if she brought a friend for Josh to hang out with. That friend ended up being Michaela and the rest is history.

Josh proposed to me in the shop where we now spend some of our free time. He lured me out to the shop to "show me a couple things he was working on". He told me to open the top of the tool cabinet to look at some stickers that he had stuck to the inside of the lid.

He had placed the box containing the ring inside. After I opened it and turned around, he was on one knee and popped the question.

We had a traditional wedding in Josh's church, with a reception that followed at the local legion hall with family and friends. We would describe our relationship today as "strong and unbreakable". We have been through many obstacles together and have come out stronger and more in love with each other. We have come to manage the differences in our relationship through a good strong line of communication.



OUR HEARTS **For Adoption**

Josh and I are no strangers to adoption. We both have members of our families that have been adopted. I knew early in my life that I would want to adopt due to fertility issues due to a childhood condition. I just sat down one day with him well into our relationship and told him how I felt and how I wanted to build a family. To my surprise he was totally on board. This decision was easy for us to make and we knew it was the right path for us as a couple. We are excited to see our family grow through adoption.

Through our lives and marriage, we see God with us every day. We attend church regularly with our families and take time to reflect with God. We intend to raise our children in the Lutheran faith by attending church and Sunday school and letting them know God is with them no matter where they are.



MEET

Michaela

Age 32

Michaela is hard-working and always strives to do her best. I love her never-quit attitude. I also love the fact that she finds me funny and understands my sense of humor; otherwise I would probably get slapped in the arm a lot. What initially drew me to her was that I found her interesting and wanted to get to know her. Funny thing about Michaela is she sometimes gets words mixed up, at which point I apparently give her a certain look, she realizes her flub, and we laugh about it.

Michaela is great with kids. She has lots of opportunity to practice with our many nieces and nephews. She is always willing to babysit any age, and play along with any games they want to play.

Michaela is in sound health. She likes to stay healthy by staying active outside and working on projects around the farm.

Josh on Michaela:

I appreciate Michaela's work ethic, her never-quit attitude, and her perseverance. She is someone who works harder than most people I know. Her determination and willingness to do whatever it takes is something I admire.



Michaela on Josh:

I appreciate Joshua's compassion and understanding. He is always there for me. I am confident that his love and commitment to me are at the same level I have for him. Self-confidence and trust are the solid foundation our marriage is built upon.



MEET
Josh

Age 35

The things I appreciate the most about my husband are how caring and understanding he is, as well as his willingness to be there for me. I believe his main goal every day is to make me smile. This man cares for me as deeply as do I for him. He always wants what is best for me personally and professionally. Not a day goes by that I am not grateful to have him in my life.

Josh is one to say some of the most off-the-wall random things, which always make me laugh and keep me on my toes.

We have many nieces and nephews of all ages. He is no stranger to hanging out and playing with kids. He is easy to get along with and is always willing to play along with whatever it may be.

Josh is in sound health. Like myself, he likes to stay active outside and work on projects around the farm.

FUN Facts



I'm a triplet

I like to watch sports (football mostly)

I'm a huge Green Bay Packers fan

I help my husband work on cars (I'm the assistant)

I love to be outside working on my yard

I am a good cook (I make most of our meals)

I want to go to a Green Bay Packers game or a Red Sox game

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*I enjoy singing and *still* like Legos*

I know an unnecessary amount of Star Wars facts and an absurd amount of Simpson's quotes

I like to work on cars and participate in car shows

I enjoy working on construction projects on the farm even though it would probably go a lot smoother if we hired someone more skilled/qualified

I like to farm and go to auctions

I am skilled in electrical work

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OUR HAPPY **Home**

Our 4 Bedroom, 3 full bath, farmhouse sits on an acreage with a lot of space. The house was built in the early 1900's. Many updates have happened to the interior over the years. Replacing the exterior siding is next on the to-do list. This house has a special meaning to us. Josh's grandparents and great-grandparents used to live in this very house. The house is full of history. Outside, the acreage provides lots of space for fun and adventure.

Michaela loves having the space to do a lot of yardwork. We both enjoy quiet (but busy) country living.

We plan to keep the baby crib in our bedroom until the child is old enough to sleep in their own room.

We live in a rural community; the area Josh has lived all his life. Michaela has lived in the area for the last 10 years. We live about 8 miles from town. In town, you'll find a pool, parks, and a movie theater. There is a great school system. The town is continuing to grow and develop with increasing diversity.





OUR WONDERFUL **Family + Friends**

Josh grew up with both parents and 3 older sisters on an acreage a few miles from town. They have always been a close-knit family and remain that way today. Faith is important in their family and his parents were loving yet disciplined.

Michaela grew up with both parents, one fraternal twin brother and one identical twin sister in a small town. Her identical twin sister passed away at the age of 8 months due to complications with pneumonia. They are and always have been there for each other. She also has 2 older half-sisters who were adult age by the time she was born (they didn't live in the house she was raised in). She talks with them on occasion. What was important in her family was that they all supported one another through anything. She was raised with discipline when needed, but also respect and responsibility.

We live about 8 miles from both sets of parents: Josh's to the east and Michaela's to the west. We are close with both sets of parents and see them about once a week and talk to them frequently. Both of our families are excited and supportive of adoption.

HEAR FROM PEOPLE

Who Know Us

“*Michaela is smart, talented, a go-getter, willing to be there/help, and doesn't let anything stop her from trying. She perseveres and does her best.*

-Dave and Shirley

Michaela is funny and enjoyable to be around.

-Zach



“*Josh and Michaela are always willing to be there to talk, listen and help out. They are also hardworking and trustworthy people.*

-Kaitlyn

“*I enjoy Joshua's sense of humor and admire his love and dedication for family.*

-Brenda

Joshua is confident, loyal, dependable, caring, loving, and an all-around great son.

-Jeff





This or That?

Michaela

Vacation or **Staycation**?

Friday night out or Friday night in?

Beach or **mountain** vacation?

Introvert or extrovert?

Call or text?

Morning dove or night owl?

Book or **movie**?

Passenger or driver?

Fiction or **nonfiction**?

Plans or surprises?

Josh

Vacation or Staycation?

Friday night out or Friday night in?

Beach or **mountain** vacation?

Introvert or **extrovert**?

Call or **text**?

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A FEW FUN
Favorites

Michaela

*Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
because it is a good series*

*Lake house
because it is relaxing*

*The Longest Ride
because I relate to it*

*Steak and Potatoes
because it's my favorite meal*

*Christmas
because its cheerful,
happy, and I love seeing
Christmas lights*

MOVIE

**VACATION
SPOT**

BOOK

FOOD

HOLIDAY

Josh

*Star Wars
because I like Star Wars
and it reminds me of
my childhood*

*Lake house
because it is a place to
spend time with family*

*Jurassic Park
because I was extremely
interested in dinosaurs as a kid*

*Mashed Potatoes because
I like potatoes and it reminds
me of Sunday dinners with
my Grandparents*

*4th of July
because of fireworks
and time with family*

FUN FAMILY

Traditions

If Josh or I find a good movie or show we'll watch it together. We enjoy simply cruising the backroads on a nice summer night, jamming out to our favorite tunes. We truly enjoy each other's company. Josh and I have a weekly date night every Friday night. It's just what we need after a long week.

We typically get together with Josh's parents on the holidays along with his entire extended family. We get together with Michaela's parents as well, typically either the week before, or the week after (less people to coordinate). We usually spend the 4th of July at Josh's parent's lake house and watch the fireworks.





Jobs + Future Plans

We plan on raising our children in the Lutheran Church and sending them to public school. College will be their choice. Some personal goals for us are to do some updates to our home and some farming after Josh's dad retires. Professionally we plan to continue on with our careers and see where they take us (Josh as a Plant Engineer at a manufacturing facility and Michaela as an Office Manager at a hardware store).

Josh enjoys his job as Plant Engineer at a manufacturing facility, with career aspirations to eventually move to management. Josh has a B.S in Mechanical Engineering.

Michaela enjoys her job as an Office Manager at a hardware store, recently reaching the level of where she wants to be at this job. Michaela has a Diploma as a Veterinary Assistant.

We intend to take time off when the baby arrives.

Before You Go

We promise to pour all our love and attention into your child with hopes of giving them the best life possible.

We promise to provide encouragement and opportunities to grow and learn.

We promise we will always be there for them. No matter the situation, the age, or the distance, we will always show up.

We promise to be the best parents we can for them.

We promise to strive to give them an enjoyable life with many chances for opportunities.

We promise your child will never be put down or told they can't; if they want to go for something we will support them to the best of our abilities.

We promise to honor you and we will love your child passionately as though they were our own.

We promise we will never stop loving them; forever and always.

God's blessings on you and your path,

MICHAELA *and* JOSH





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