

adam
AND
emily



Hello,

We are so happy to “meet” you!

We are so honored that you are reading our profile. **We are excited to get to know you, your hopes and dreams for your life and for your child, and for you to get to know us.** We want you to know that we see you and will support you as you navigate this journey. As you carry the weight, and emotions of this difficult decision, please know that we are cheering for you no matter what you decide is best for you and your child!

Our promise to you

We promise that your child will know just how much they are loved each and every day.

We promise to be your child's biggest cheerleader. To walk with them through all that life throws their way; the good and the bad.

We promise to advocate for them especially in the years where they can't advocate for themselves, and even after! We will make sure that they know that their voice, thoughts, opinions, and ideas are valid and important.

We promise to educate ourselves, and learn more about adoption, and listen to the voices of all sides of the adoption triad.

We promise to honor you and your role in your child's life, and to keep showing up for you and your child.

We promise that we will provide a home which is a safe space, filled with an abundance of laughter, love, music, and goodnight stories!

We will do our best to respect your child's story, and they will know that you loved them first. We are seeking an open adoption, **where we communicate via text once a week throughout your pregnancy, and for the first three months after delivery. After that, we will communicate once a month over the phone, facetime, or zoom.** We would be able to visit at least once per year, maybe more if we can meet 1/2 way or if family can come to us. We would for sure be able to make a visit work in the summer as Emily has summers off as a teacher. **During our visit, we look forward to getting together over the span of a couple of days where we could explore what your community has to offer; such as picnics in the park, getting an ice cream cone together, going to the zoo, and shopping!** We want to respect your desires surrounding the openness of the adoption, and are open to re-evaluating as needs change.

Relationships take time and effort, and we promise to do everything in our power to build our relationship brick by brick.

Blessings and Love,

adam and emily

our story...

We met during our sophomore year of high school. We had a mutual friend group, and so we were around each other and hung out together often. We would spend our time going to movies, hanging out at friends' houses, attending High School sporting events, or just going for drives.



We began dating in the fall of 2006, and have been together ever since! We dated for 7 years before getting married in October of 2013.

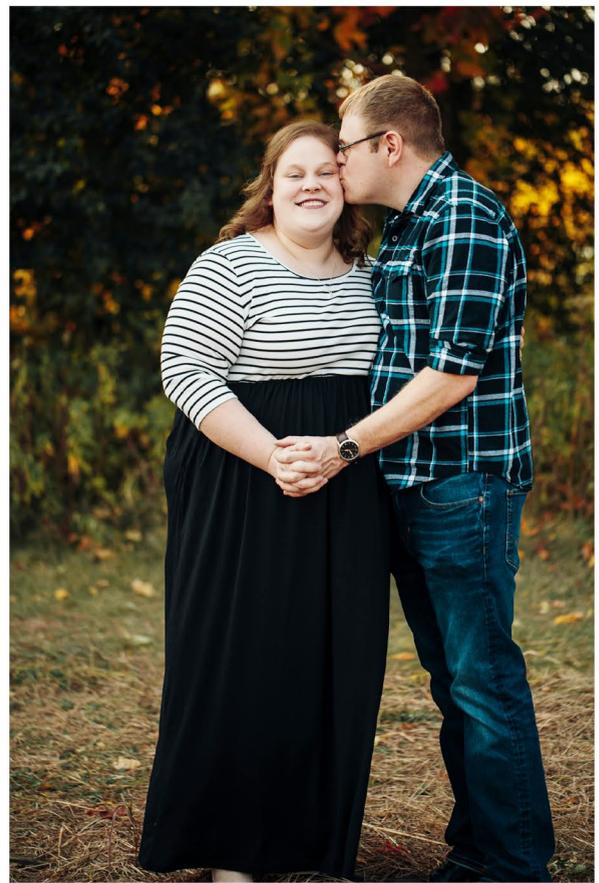


We enjoy spending time together whether it is relaxing on the couch watching TV (we're currently re-watching the Marvel movies in timeline order, and watching through Top Chef on Hulu); to taking Lady, our dog on adventures and exploring Waterloo and Cedar Falls, finding something new to cook together, working on different projects around the house, and going out to eat at some of our favorite places!

“Adam is my best friend, soul mate, and love of my life. There are infinite adjectives that I could use to describe him, but I will try to limit them to a few! **Adam is incredibly patient, he is steady, and he provides a sense of safety, and overall sense of calm and peace.** He is an observer, and a listener.

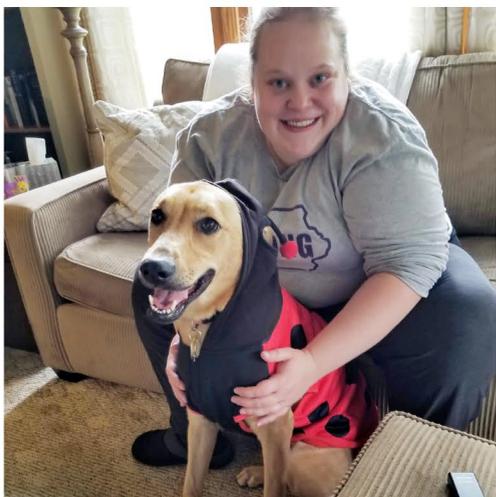
He is empathetic, warm, and caring. He demonstrates an intense love of learning and is often reading books, or watching YouTube videos providing instruction on how to do a variety of things (from cooking videos/books, woodworking, beer brewing, kombucha brewing, building computers, etc.).

I cannot wait to embark on this journey with him, and I know that he will be **an amazing dad.** I’m excited to watch Adam pass on his love of learning to future children!”



“I’ve known Emily since we were 16 years old. **She is absolutely my favorite person in the whole world.** We make a good team and she is always willing to help me with anything. Emily is silly and fun to be around, she's got a fun sense of humor. **She is caring, thoughtful, and is always here for me.**

I am looking forward to watching Emily become a mom. **Emily will be a patient, fun, and nurturing mom.** I can't wait to grow our family together through adoption!”



meet emily...

Ever since I was little, I have wanted to be a mom. I love kids, which led me into my current profession! I work as a Special Education teacher in an Elementary School working primarily with students in first grade. I am continually learning from my students and colleagues, and I enjoy the challenges and rewards of being a teacher!



Some of Emily's favorite things...

- Spending time with family, friends, and our dog Lady.
- Catching up on the latest Netflix or Hulu shows, or rewatching some favorites (The Office, Grey's Anatomy, The Great British Baking Show, and various true crime documentaries/TV shows).
- Playing Board Games or Card Games. We have an insane collection of 100+ games!
- Sour Candy (insert pucker face here!)
- Listening to music, podcasts, and going to concerts. We have seen Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals in concert several times, Regina Spektor, Ray LaMontagne, and Iron and Wine with Caexico, to name a few!
- Organizing and decorating: Cleaning out, organizing, and decorating both home spaces, and work spaces, gives me a great deal of joy!

meet adam...

I am trained as a social worker, and graduated with my Master's in Social Work in 2013. I chose to go into social work because I enjoy helping people. I had thought about potentially studying psychology, but as my classes progressed I found social work to be a better fit!

I work as a medical social worker. Prior to my job now, I worked with children and adults with disabilities.

I really enjoy building relationships with my clients and their families.

Some of Adam's favorite things...

Peanut butter M&Ms or Reese's Eggs
Reading (usually non-fiction books about food, though I like a good fantasy book such as the Game of Thrones series by George RR Martin)
Cooking
Listening to music (Ben Harper, Lord Huron, Incubus) and podcasts (The Joe Rogan Experience, Critical Role, Fine Woodworking)
Video Games
Woodworking
Beer making
Coffee

In my spare time, you'll usually find me in the kitchen experimenting with a new recipe I found, or in the basement making something out of wood. I recently completed building a workbench, and several sets of wooden floor vases.

I enjoy computer games as well, some of my favorite games include Halo, Skyrim, Outer Wilds, and Subnautica. I also play Dungeons and Dragons every couple of weeks with some friends online.

I am beyond excited to become a dad, and to teach our children new things!



We have the best support system!

We have an extremely tight knit community; they are all some of the best people you could ever meet. They are such a source of encouragement, and love.



Our friend groups are amazing! We love any chance to get together with friends and enjoy weekend brunches, celebrate holidays together (Halloween, Friendsgiving, Christmas, Fourth of July...) birthdays, and more.

It's been wonderful watching our friends grow their families, and we have fun getting together for family days too where we play minute-to-win-it games, grill/eat delicious food, have bonfires, play in the sprinklers, and soak up the sun! They are all very excited to have a new addition to our tribe!



our home sweet home

We live in a one and a half story (single family style) house in Waterloo, Iowa. Our neighborhood is really close to a park, public pool, and golf course.



We love living in Waterloo! It is a **culturally diverse town**. At the school Emily serves, there are over 8 different languages spoken by the children and families (Marshallese, French, Vietnamese, Spanish, Burmese, Karenni/Karen, Bosnian, Swahili, English). Our **community has many great recreational activities for families that we can't wait to explore with a little one!**

meet lady



We have one dog named Lady. We rescued her from our local humane society in February of 2020. She is a mixed breed, and from what we know she is mixed with German Shepherd. She is a little over three years old. **She is a very sweet dog who enjoys giving kisses, eating (especially treats), cuddles, belly rubs, and playing tug or fetch with her many toys.** She enjoys going for walks and car rides, as well as protecting the neighborhood from squirrels and rabbits! **She's a very well-behaved dog, and has always been gentle with kids and their grown-ups!**

EMILY'S FAMILY

Family has been, and always will be very important to me. My mom is a retired school teacher who worked with various grade levels including special education. **She is someone I greatly admire.** My mom is steadfast in her faith in God. **She is incredibly kind hearted, supportive/encouraging, funny, nurturing, and generous (among many other wonderful qualities).** She is someone that I seek out regularly for advice, for ideas, and for support. My dad was a pastor for the United Methodist church up until his death in 2004 following a year long battle with Leukemia. He had an infectious laugh, a real love for science fiction and fantasy books and movies, Jesus, and love of dessert (ice cream, and a good slice of pie). **He instilled and modeled values such as kindness and respect for all others despite differences.** Their marriage was a true partnership full of love, and respect for each other. **They provided a house full of love, faith, and laughter.** I am the oldest of two children. **My sister Rachel is one of my best friends!** She lives in Ohio with her boyfriend Nate, and we love to make the trip there to see them whenever we can. We enjoy hanging out together, exploring local restaurants, playing board games, and enjoying the outdoors (especially on their screened in porch, or restaurant patios!) **Though my immediate family is small, we are very close, and talk to each other on Zoom every Saturday morning!**

We would do a lot of things together as a family including attending church, church functions, movie nights, play games, take road trips, go shopping, go out to restaurants, and go visit family. Some of my favorite memories of our family were the various summer vacations we took together, we went to places such as Duluth, MN (where my mom's father, my grandpa was from), Colorado, South Dakota, and Florida (Disney World). We enjoy getting together with extended family to celebrate holidays including a family appointed holiday "RibFest" where my Aunt Karen cooks her famous rib dinner and we eat, play games (like bags/cornhole, ladderball, cards), laugh, and enjoy each other's company. **My sister and I are the youngest of our cousins, but now several of them have kids of their own which adds a whole new layer of fun and love!**



ADAM'S FAMILY

I grew up in a small town in Iowa. I am an only child. I was lucky enough to have both sets of my grandparents within 30 minutes of me throughout my childhood. We would get together with my family (grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins) often. **Holidays were especially fun**; for Memorial Day we would get together with my Dad's parents and grill out. Christmas Eve was always with my Mom's parents where we would usually have lasagna and open presents that night too. Growing up, we went on several fun vacations as a family. Some of my favorite places we visited included: Okoboji, and the Wisconsin Dells. **I look forward to taking family vacations with future children!**

My mom works as a Registered Nurse, and my dad works at a factory that makes plastic parts for various companies. **My parents have been married for 35 years.** Their marriage has taught me how to treat someone in a relationship. **If I were asked to describe my mom in three words I would say she is generous, comforting, and happy.** She enjoys taking road trips, spending time in the garden, and swimming in their pool on hot summer days. My dad enjoys working on restoring a 1973 Oldsmobile, and watching sports (football, and Nascar are his favorites). **I would describe my dad as friendly, hardworking, and calm.** They are looking forward to being grandparents!

My mom's mom, my grandma, lives near us and we get together often! She is an incredibly loving and generous person. She enjoys sewing and crochet projects, and is always working on something! She has even been giving Emily some sewing lessons! I have several aunts, uncles, and cousins (and their families) as well that we see on occasion (not nearly as often as I'd like)!

I enjoy seeing family whenever we get the chance whether it is driving through their towns, or on holidays.



Why we chose adoption...



We had actively tried to grow our family since our wedding but had no success in getting pregnant.

We've been to various specialists, and **after numerous appointments** decided to look into growing our family through adoption which has led us here!

We are open to adopting a child of any gender and any race into our family. We would like an open adoption, and an ongoing relationship with our future child's first family.



We are so excited to grow our family through adoption!

This will be our first child, and first grandchild on both sides of the family!

	<i>Adam</i>	<i>Emily</i>
Born:	1988	1988
Height:	6'	5'6"
Religion:	Christian	Christian
Education:	Master's Degree	Bachelor's Degree
Occupation:	Social Worker	Teacher
Paternity leave:	2 weeks, then 2 weeks part time	2 months