



DEREK & KRISTEN

Hello! Thank you so much for considering us as parents for your child. We are excited to be called mom and dad. We have long dreamed of having a child, but it wasn't in God's plan for us to conceive so we are choosing to adopt.

We are eager to meet you, hear your story, and partner with you.

ABOUT US!



We met online in 2020 and married at the end of 2021. We bonded over our love of sitcoms, good food, and MN State Parks. Our life together consists of home projects, playing games (cribbage, board games, or Mario Party are our favorites), time with our families, and trips “up north” to Nisswa, MN.

We enjoy Mexican food, homemade chocolate chip cookies, pizza, and bread. We love watching Minnesota sports and never pass up an opportunity to go in person.

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Derek

People would describe Derek as **servant-hearted, an encourager, and a great listener!** He also enjoys “Lord of the Rings,” “Star Wars,” and playing video games. As the primary cook, Derek likes trying new recipes, making salsa, and smoking meat on his smoker. With his college degree in history, Derek enjoys listening to podcasts and audio books on historical topics. **He currently works in manufacturing at a local company.**



Kristen

People would describe Kristen as **committed, selfless, and joyful!** Kristen is known for her laugh and joy. As a Chaco sandal enthusiast, she loves to be outdoors, hug trees, take photographs, and watch “Dancing with the Stars” and “Gilmore Girls.” Kristen is a **youth director at her church** and loves working with teenagers! She loves to lead worship services with her guitar or piano with her gift of music.



Taking in local theater



Trip to Duluth



Christmas Eve Church

Our Values

We are both college educated and **value education** for our future child. We are **practicing Christians** and are **active in our church** community (Derek is in the choir and has served on our church council, while Kristen leads youth group and mission trips). Our faith is central to our life together, and our church family means the world to us! **We intend to raise a child to love Jesus, to be a light to the world, and to inclusively care for all people.**

Our Community

We love our local and church community and are thankful for the support we have received in our small town, just an hour west of the Twin Cities. We greatly **value our families**, and they are so excited about our adoption plans! Kristen’s family lives in the Twin Cities, loves to play mini golf, go on cabin vacations, and enjoy local theater. Derek’s parents reside in Florida, and visiting them is like a vacation! **Our child will have many aunts, uncles, and cousins, as all three of our siblings are married and are starting to have children.**

Thank you!

Please know that we appreciate you! The choice you are making is a **courageous and selfless gift**. We will be praying for you on your journey. Thank you, again, for considering the possibility of us as your child’s parents!

We wish you nothing but the best, Kristen and Derek.

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