



SETH  
&  
NIKKI

THIS IS OUR STORY

## Dear Expectant Parent,

**HELLO.** Whoever you are and whatever your story, first and foremost we want you to know how much we admire you. Choosing to place a child for adoption is filled with courage and sacrificial love. We are incredibly thankful and humbled that you would consider us to parent your child.

We think it would be helpful for you to know that adoption has always been a part of our family dream. We pictured having biological children before adopting, what we didn't know was that the Lord was going to take us through a season of infertility and waiting to grow our family. In fact, we acknowledge that God's story for us was not the story we would have written for ourselves. But now we wouldn't change it for anything. Five years ago, we adopted our daughter Eden. She's full of love for life! One of our greatest joys has been seeing her personality, talents, and interests develop and getting to celebrate and encourage every aspect of who God has created her to be. We're certainly not perfect parents, as life is messy, full of beauty and brokenness for all of us. But with the help of the Lord, we seek to become better every day. We continue to learn the complexities of adoption, and we embrace that transracial adoption has additional layers. We strive to do our best to raise children who not only hear and understand their adoption story, but also connect to and take pride in their ethnicity and culture.

We believe that Jesus offers an identity that only he can provide. It is this identity that we hope to instill in our children. We often tell our daughter that there is nothing she can do that will make God (or us) love her any less, or any more, than she is right now. She is perfectly loved! That same promise extends to you. So whether you choose us or not, know that we are still thankful for you, and praying for you! But if you do choose us, we want you to know that we will do our best to love your child unconditionally, the way we believe that God loves each of us.

We hope that through these words and pictures, you get a glimpse into the type of parents and family we aspire to be, as well as our deep love for God and others. Please know that along with many friends and family, we are praying for you! Our prayer is that you would seek the Lord and rest in his love for all of us, especially for you and your child. Whatever you discern is best for you and your baby, we trust that God is faithful and that He is with you. Should you so choose, we would be honored to walk this next journey with you.

With Love and Respect,  
Seth and Nikki



# about us

We met in 2010 while interning at the same church. After Seth's patience had been thoroughly tested, Nikki finally agreed to date! In September 2011 surrounded by many friends and family, we were married.

After settling into marriage and a season of enjoying the freedom of not having kids, we were ready to grow our family! Although we had dreamed of having both biological and adopted children, God's plan was different. As this was revealed to us we eagerly began the process of adoption and brought home our daughter Eden as a newborn in 2018.

We feel fortunate to have lived in wonderful places with lots to do and many adventures to be had! While we don't get to travel as much as we like, it is something we both deeply enjoy and hope to one day be able to do with our kids. We love to be active and enjoy being outside, but can equally appreciate a conversation over a good cup of coffee, a big bowl of popcorn while watching the latest flick, or a game night with friends around the table.



## THINGS WE ENJOY TOGETHER

Traveling  
Coffee Dates  
Campfires  
House Projects  
Trying New Restaurants  
Laughing  
Daily Life





# *meet* SETH

Seth was adopted as an infant into a wonderful family. He is wise, adventurous, and deeply compassionate. He is always the first to cry in movies, but also the first to laugh. He can brighten any room he walks into. Becoming a father has brought out both his tenderness and his silliness. The best part of any day is coming into the room and hearing Eden shout “Dada!” as she barrels across the room tackling his legs. He loves to be outside, whether to play a sport, climb a mountain, or simply read a book. Some might say his love for coffee is a bit extreme, and he would agree. But as with coffee, he loves to share his passions with everyone he meets. Whether it is fly fishing, how to swing a golf club, the word of God or how to be a follower of Christ, he loves to teach and invest in others. Above all, he loves the Lord and desires to point others towards the same grace and truth he has found in Christ.





## HOBBIES

Golf  
Softball  
Fly Fishing  
Reading  
Coffee

## FAVORITES

Sport | Baseball  
Season | Fall  
Holiday | Christmas  
Movie Genre | Sci-Fi  
Team | Chicago Cubs  
Ethnic Food | Everything!  
Snack | Chips and Salsa  
Dessert | Frozen Double  
Stuffed Oreos  
Housework | Mowing  
Getaway | Mountain River  
Want to Visit | Greece

## EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree  
Biblical Studies

Seminary Degree  
Master of Divinity  
Counseling

## CAREER

Lead Pastor





## HOBBIES

Soccer  
Paddleboarding  
Hiking  
Photography  
Flipping Furniture  
House Projects  
Cooking  
Baking Sourdough

## FAVORITES

Sport | Soccer  
Season | Fall  
Holiday | Christmas  
Movie Genre | Action  
Ethnic Food | Indian  
Team | WI Badgers  
Snack | Popcorn  
Dessert | Marble  
Cheesecake  
Housework | Cooking  
Getaway | Mountain Lake  
Want to Visit | Italy

## EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree  
Kinesiology | Athletic Training

## CAREER

Connections Ministry Assistant



# meet NIKKI

Nikki loves to escape into nature, explore new places, meet new people, and engage different cultures. Whether it's playing soccer, paddleboarding, taking pictures, or flipping furniture, she is a doer! After many years working as an athletic trainer, she stepped away to be home with Eden during her early years. She enjoys taking Eden on adventures, but also relishes snuggling up and reading books under a cozy blanket. In her free time, she will likely be found in the kitchen trying out a new recipe or in the garage working on a project while listening to an audiobook. Her love for nature has slowly crept inside as her houseplant collection grows, something Seth frequently cracks jokes about. Nikki is creative, adaptable, and hardworking. She is passionate about issues of social and environmental justice and seeks to always be listening and learning. More than anything, she desires to invest in others, walk with them, and show them a bit of the incredible love that God offers each of us.







*meet*

## EDEN

Eden is passionate, smart, creative, and has enough energy to light up the moon. She is such a joy and brings a smile to everyone she meets. She loves to be goofy and will have you laughing within minutes from the unexpected things that come out of her mouth. She loves to read books, color, and get crafty with just about anything. She is imaginative with her stuffed animals as they go on crazy adventures in her room. Since she was a newborn, she has rarely stopped moving. She loves to ride her scooter, often attempting stunts. Whether it's swim lessons, soccer, or dance, she is up for just about anything where she can be active! Her favorite outing is going to the zoo. (Especially when grandparents take her, and she gets an Icee AND a ride on the carousel!) Although shy at first, Eden loves to be with other kids and makes new friends easily. She is kind, caring, and although rambunctious at times, she is incredibly perceptive, observant, and thoughtful. Eden cannot wait to be a big sister and will be a wonderful playmate, helper, protector, and friend.





**HOBBIES**  
 Soccer  
 Dancing  
 Drawing/Crafts  
 Reading  
 Exploring Outside  
 Scooter Riding  
 Play Kitchen  
 Playing with Stuffedies



**FAVORITES**  
 Sport | Soccer  
 Season | Spring  
 Holiday | Christmas  
 Movie | Frozen  
 TV Show | Miraculous  
 Team | Chicago Cubs  
 Ethnic Food | Indian  
 Snack | Fruit Snacks  
 Dessert | Vanilla Cake  
 Housework | Helping Cook  
 Getaway | Beach  
 Want to Visit | Trinidad



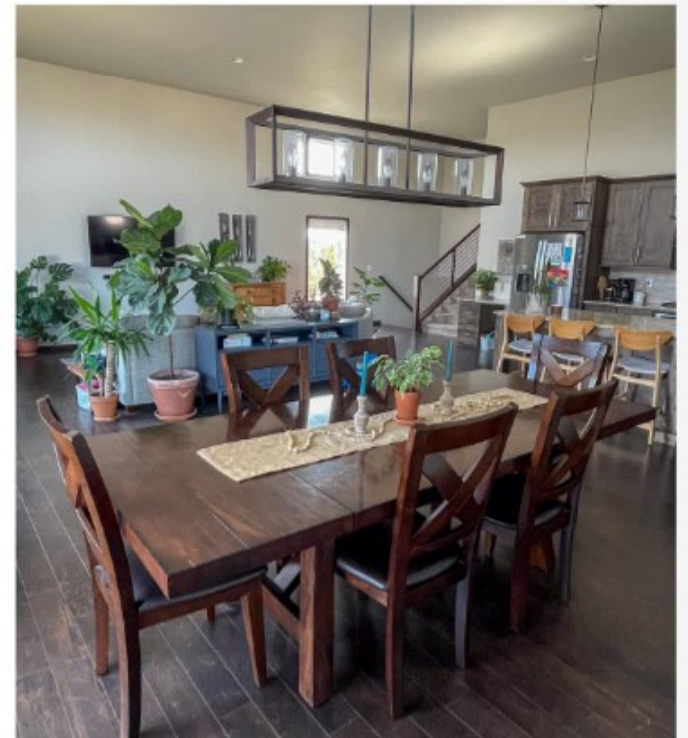
**EDUCATION**  
 Kindergarten

**CAREER**  
 Future Veterinarian  
 (And part time employment  
 at the Icee Stand for  
 unlimited Icee consumption.)





HOME





We are so blessed to own our cozy home and love spending time together as a family. We appreciate that the open concept on the main floor allows us to both be present with one another and host others. We are fortunate to have four bedrooms and a lower level TV and play room. Eden will soon upgrade to a downstairs bedroom so the newest child can be in the room pictured below next to mom and dad's room.





## LIFE AT HOME

- Reading
- Legos
- Board Games
- Watching Dude Perfect
- Playing Outside
- Grilling
- Bonfires
- Playing with Kenai
- Getting Messy!



Kenai is our sweet tempered Siberian Husky and wonderful family dog. Since Eden was a baby she loves to be right by her. Give her popcorn and you'll be her best friend.



## *our city & neighborhood*

Our neighborhood is on the edge of a medium sized city that embraces the growing diversity in the area. Though it has a small town feel, it has all the perks of a large city with great medical care, high quality schools, libraries, and community enrichment programs. With pools, parks, and lots of festivals there is always something to do with the family. From the open fields and wonderful neighborhood schools, to the parks and bike paths, this is a great place to live.



# Our Church

We are so blessed to have the incredible church community that we do! We feel humbled and privileged to be able to get paid to do what we love with people we love. Our church is multigenerational and multiethnic, which enriches our lives and relationships. It has a thriving kids ministry offering lots of opportunities for kids to be encouraged, affirmed in their identity in Christ, learn what it means to love Jesus, and have lots of fun together!





## *meet* OUR FRIENDS

We have wonderful friends who we love doing life with together! We are grateful to have friends in all different stages of life that walk with us, teach us, and encourage us. We can't imagine our lives without so many wonderful friends both near and far!







SETH'S  
EXTENDED  
*family*



Seth's family loves to laugh, and enjoys exploring, games, and good food. He has one brother who is married and recently welcomed their first child into the family!





NIKKI'S  
EXTENDED  
*family*



Nikki's family is adventurous and fun, but also has a reflective and creative bent! She has one sister who is married with two boys that love to explore and play with their cousin.



## adventures

Whether it's around town, or in a new place, a coffee shop or trail, we love to adventure together! We are grateful for a family cabin to get away and refresh. Every summer we enjoy drinking our coffee on the beach, playing in the sand, catching frogs, paddleboarding, painting rocks, fishing, roasting s'mores, and star gazing! But more than that, it's a place for the family to just spend time together without the distractions of our daily lives. We look forward to a new cabin being built next year! Although life can get busy, we are sure to carve out time to have fun as a family and build memories!

# FAMILY TRADITIONS

As a family we have many traditions, some passed down, and some brand new to us! As we learn more about our children's ethnicity, culture, and birth families we love to create new traditions. These may be as simple as new recipes or as significant as new holidays to celebrate! We look forward to all of these with the changing seasons.



Apple Picking  
Pumpkin Carving  
Trick-or-Treating  
Cutting Down a  
Christmas Tree  
Gingerbread House  
Valentine's Day Jello Hearts  
Dying Easter Eggs  
Hot Cross Buns on  
Good Friday  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Juneteenth Celebration  
4th of July Fireworks  
Saturday Morning Swedish  
Pancakes  
Homemade Roti  
Donut Dates  
Family Movie Nights  
Family Game Nights

WE CAN'T WAIT TO  
ADD MORE TO THIS  
LIST AS WE WELCOME  
A NEW MEMBER TO  
OUR FAMILY!



## *Our promise to you...*

We know that you are likely facing the most difficult decision of your life. Whatever you choose for you and your child, we pray that you find hope in the midst of your story, and in time both joy and peace.

If we are a part of that story, rest assured that your child will be loved and cherished with the unwavering love of Christ. We promise to always tell them of your bravery and the sacrificial love with which you are making this decision. Whether you desire to be an active part of our lives or not, we will honor your wishes, but know that we will always consider you a part of our family. We are humbled that you would take the time to learn about our family. Thank you.

With Gratitude,  
Seth & Nikki