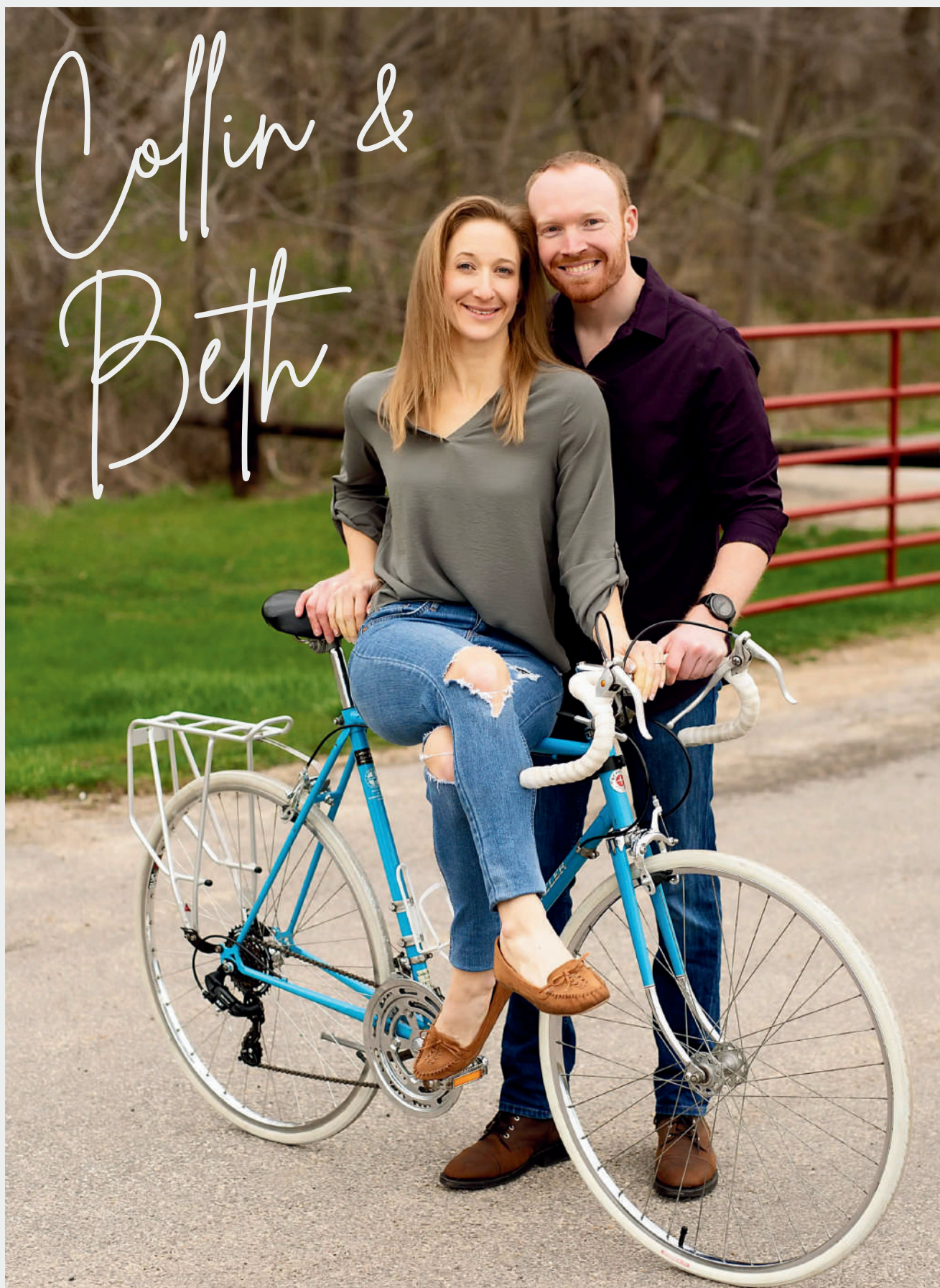


Collin &
Beth





Hello & welcome!

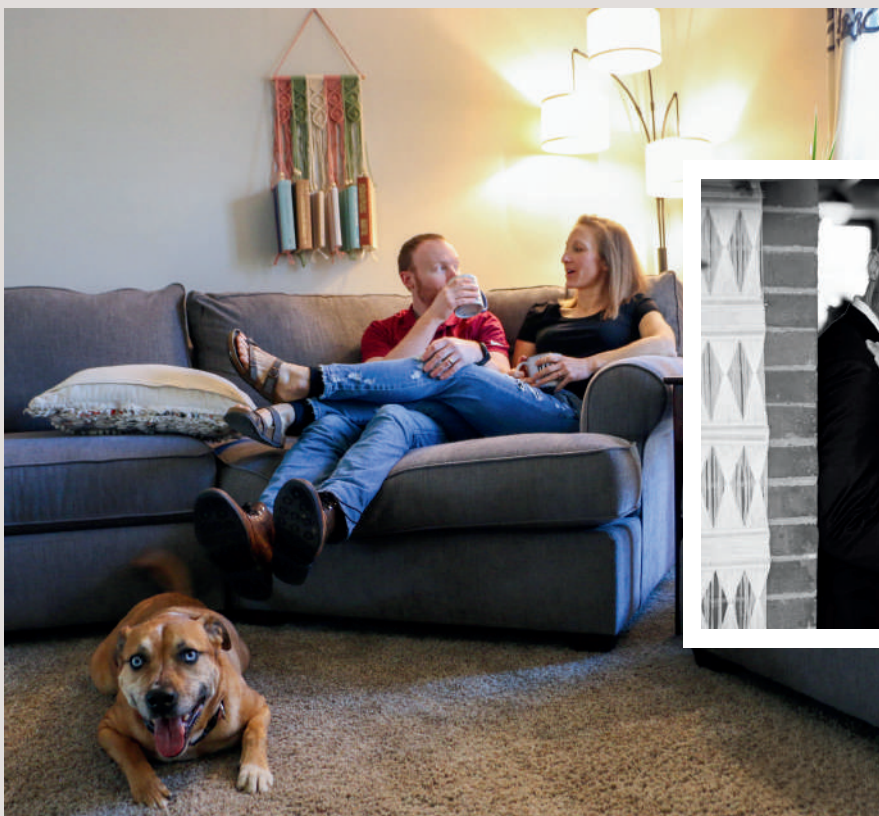
Dear Expecting Mother,

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us as you consider us to be the adoptive parents of your child. We haven't met you or your child yet, but we've been praying for you both. We understand that this is a hugely significant decision, and while we don't know your situation, we are so amazed at your selflessness as you consider what is best for your child.

We understand that every adoption is unique, and we want to make you as comfortable as possible with this process. If an open adoption is something you're interested in we would love to include you in the life of your child. We will be completely transparent with your child about their adoption and would love to give them an opportunity to know you and learn about their heritage. However, if you would prefer a different arrangement we are prepared to respect your wishes. We will support you in whatever decision you make, but we will make sure your child knows the amazing gift his or her courageous mother gave us.

Collin and Beth

OUR HEARTS FOR ADOPTION



We have always known that we wanted to be parents and grow our family. We married each other later in life, so we were excited to start the process of having children early in our marriage. Collin has a sister with twin boys who has faced a lot of difficulties in her life. Soon after our marriage we had the very real possibility of adopting Collin's twin nephews. We were overjoyed to even be considered, and were excited about the prospect of bringing these sweet boys into our home. In the end, Collin's sister was able to work through a lot of obstacles and continue to care for her children. We of course were elated by this and excited to support them as a loving aunt and uncle.

While the situation with Collin's nephews unfolded we also tried to conceive naturally. Unfortunately after two years of testing, hormone treatments, injections, prayers, and tears we were told that natural conception wasn't an option for us. While this news was hard to hear, we have peace that God has different plans for our family. The desire to grow our family through adoption has become so dear in our hearts and we can't wait to see how God writes this next chapter. These past few years of difficulties have not only created a stronger bond between us, but also solidified how much we really desire to be parents.

As we think about growing our family and the process of adoption we keep focusing on the concept of love. One Scripture really sticks out to us in the book of 1 Corinthians in the Bible. It says, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."



The Story of Us



MET NOVEMBER 2020 | ENGAGED DECEMBER 2021

OUR STORY - BY BETH



We met on an online dating app during Covid when everything was locked down and all social meet ups had moved to zoom calls and online forums. Once things eased up we had our first date at a coffee shop. We both knew there was something special when we talked so long and only left because the coffee shop was closing for the night! Covid very much prepared us for whatever life had to throw at us. It was an extremely difficult time, and we were able to work together through situations and bumps in the road that were new for everyone. One of our favorite things about our relationship is how well we balance each other; Collin's strengths compliment my weaknesses and vice versa. He is laid back and patient during my times of stress and I push him to work hard to pursue his passions.



Open communication plays a large role in our relationship and has allowed us to grow and strengthen our marriage. We check in with each other daily and ask how we can pray for and support the other throughout the week. When we feel there is an issue at hand we come together and express our feelings in an open and honest way to deal with little things before they grow to be big things.

Fun Fact: For our honeymoon, we rode across the state of Iowa over the course of a week on bicycles - a total of 462 miles!

As for the future, we are excited to see what God has planned for our family. We are always working on creating an environment of love and safety with each other and know that will carry over when we become parents. We know that adding a child to the family can come with challenges, but we feel if we keep God at the center of our relationship our marriage will only become stronger as we work together to raise our child.

MARRIED JUNE 2022

COLLIN IN BETH'S WORDS



What first attracted me to Collin was his selfless, caring nature. He always puts others' needs before himself and continually works on being the best husband and leader of our family. What I love most about him is his faith centered approach to life and his relationship with God. **Even when we first started dating, he was very upfront that his biggest dream and purpose in his life was to have a family and be a father.** I know he will make an excellent father. He is easy going, always brings laughter into our home, and is patient whenever a difficult situation arises. I see the infectious joy he has with children, whether talking to the youth at our church about their faith or playing wrestling with our nieces and nephews. I believe it is his strength of loyalty and perseverance that sets him apart. No matter what issue arises good or bad, he always puts his family first and strives to show the unconditional love of Christ.



Family has always been an important part of my life and is a value that my parents fostered at an early age. Having a family that you love, trust, and depend on is so important in a world where nothing is ever perfect.

One of the challenges of being in a military family growing up was that my father was not as present as he could have been in my childhood. This is something I am looking forward to being able to improve upon for my family. **I can't wait to play catch, attend concerts, go to sporting events, or simply have a family movie night. I am so excited to just be present with my family and share all our life moments with our child.**

I believe that the best way to love and respect my wife and children is to always meet them where they are at. We all go through so many different ups and downs. I want to be a father and husband who understands where they are at and provide them the love and care they need in that place. **I believe I honor them through it all by standing beside them no matter what; always celebrating their successes and never making them feel like they have any less value because of their failures.** I want to ensure they know I appreciate them for the very simple fact that they are my family.

MEET COLLIN

career

I'm a **systems engineer**, and primarily work on designing and building avionics products. I've been given incredible opportunities to travel internationally to support both our customers and the committees which has given me a lot of perspective and opened my mind to the incredible possibilities there are. I've really enjoyed the flexibility my work offers. The benefits my company offers support family life, with four weeks of parental leave for fathers, four weeks of vacation, and other outlets for time off if needed

hobbies

- **Gravel cycling races**
- **Coffee rides with friends**
- **Long weekend rides with Beth**
- **Playing computer games**
- **Hosting cookouts for friends**
- **Watching teen drama shows (Vampire Diaries is my favorite) and building shows on youtube**

Fun Fact: I've read the Twilight saga books multiple times!

Collin is energetic, reliable, and outgoing

I cannot even begin to imagine how difficult of a decision it is to place your trust in another family to raise your child. However, what I can imagine is the profound love you must have for your child and amazing desire for them to have a good life. God has created this life, intentionally, deliberately, and for a purpose. It is my every desire to love and walk with your child so that they can see and fulfill that purpose.



BETH IN COLLIN'S WORDS



I truly cannot imagine having a better partner in life than Beth but as much as I love her and having her as my partner, I am most excited to see her take on the role of motherhood. **She is the most compassionate person I know and that is represented in the way she serves everyone she loves in her life.** She is so passionate about caring for others and going out of her way to make sure they are seen, heard and loved. At church, you can always find Beth talking with the youth girls, checking in on how life is going. She goes out of her way to make sure they know they have someone who will always be there for them no matter what. I know this kind of love will be tenfold with our child. **She will be a wonderful mother as she has a heart for serving others and creating a family.** Beth is always looking for new, fun, and exciting things for us to do and encourages me to be more adventurous. Beth is so excited to dive into this new phase of life as we grow our family.



I am both excited and nervous about becoming a mother. I know I will not have all the answers and being a mother will seem daunting at times, but I know I will love our child unconditionally.

I grew up in a family where I knew no matter what happened or what life choices were made; my parents would love and accept me. My greatest prayer is that I will provide an environment in which my children will come to know the unsurpassed grace and love of Jesus Christ.

Being a mother is not something I take lightly and understand that it is a full-time commitment. I will always be available when a need arises for our child whether it be physical, mental, or emotional and am ready and more than willing to shift the priorities in my life to focus on our child's wellbeing and development. I will love them through providing an environment in which they feel safe and will nurture them so that they feel free to grow up as a unique individual. I will strive to model a Christian life full of love and compassion. **I believe that actions speak louder than words, while words are important, putting your beliefs into practice is far more impactful.** I want to show our child the joy of a life that focuses on loving God and loving others, and the peace that comes from trusting in Him. This is not an easy task, and I will not be perfect every single time, but I will wake up each morning renewed to be the best person and parent for our child.

MEET BETH

career

I am a **registered nurse** at a Rheumatology Infusion Clinic. I work with patients who suffer from autoimmune disorders and provide infusion treatments to help with their conditions. I love my job as I have a passion for working with and helping treat the older population. We see our patients on a monthly basis, so I love that I am able to form relationships and hopefully make their day a little better. I specifically chose this job because of the flexible hours. I work Monday through Thursday. I plan to continue working as a parent and my parents have graciously offered to provide childcare after we go back to work.

hobbies

- **Cycling**
- **Reading (I'm in a book club!)**
- **Running**
- **Gardening**
- **Watching cooking shows**
- **Visiting coffee shops**
- **Spending time with our dog, Chet**



Fun Fact: I love cycling and running, so I trained for and completed a Half Ironman in 2023!

Beth is loyal, passionate, and adventurous

Motherhood is a wonderful gift and I know God has amazing things planned for your life. This precious, selfless act of allowing your child to become part of another family is allowing another woman to share in that joy of motherhood. I can not express enough how much respect I have for you and this decision.



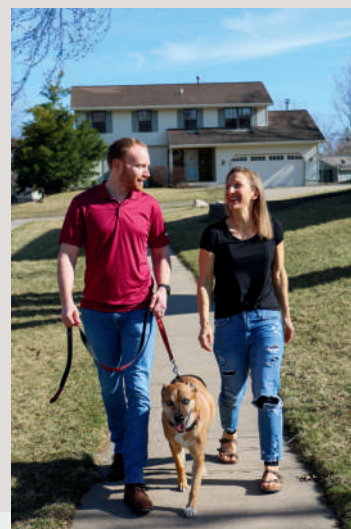


home sweet home

Our home is located in a quiet neighborhood full of families at various stages of their life. **On warm nights it is not uncommon to see the neighborhood full of kids playing and the sidewalks busy with neighbors walking their dogs.**

We share our home with an energetic, loyal dog named Chet. He loves going on walks around the neighborhood too and chasing the squirrels in our fully fenced in backyard. His other favorite activities include belly rubs, performing tricks for treats, and playing with our nieces and nephews. Chet has spent quite a bit of time around children and is gentle and cautious. He loves children of all ages, but especially the little ones that drop food!

When the weather turns colder, we love spending time in the family room near the warmth of the fireplace. There are four bedrooms upstairs that we currently use for friends and family when they visit, but hope to fill with children.



our community

We absolutely adore where we live. **We both grew up in the Midwest and love the culture of "Iowa Nice" with down to earth living and a strong sense of community.** We specifically chose to live in a neighborhood where we would be proud to raise children. Multiple parks and nature trails are just a quick walk from our home as are the schools our children will attend. It is known for being safe, fun, and academically challenging. There are lots of opportunities for involvement at school including sports, drama, music, engineering, and lots more.

"We have worked hard to make our house a home and will love it so much more when we can start filling it with childhood memories, bedtime stories, and laughter."

We live in the suburbs, so it is just a quick drive to downtown to enjoy the urban life of weekend farmers markets, cultural festivals, and holiday parades. We are very fortunate to live only a mile away from our wonderful church that is committed to community outreach and building up the town in which we live.

ur biggest dream has always been to have a family and fill our home with children.

We specifically chose to live in Iowa near family, because we want our children to have a strong network of support as they grow. We can't wait for our family to open their loving arms and be a part of our children's lives. We are very excited to become parents and at this time will wait and see what God has in store for us as to how big our family will become.

In addition to family, we are excited to bring our child into our circle of community full of fun, laughter, and faith. **Our friends, church community, and cycling community have already expressed how excited they are to be part of our child's future.** We know that growing up is never easy or perfect, but we will work to give them a childhood and life you would be proud of.

Our faith is at the center of our lives, and we plan to incorporate this in raising our child. We believe God loves us unconditionally and provides support and guidance throughout our lives. We intend to share these values with our child as they grow so they can have a relationship with God and lean on Him in all circumstances. We can't wait to read them Bible stories before bedtime, help them to love their neighbors, and find strength in God.

We are lucky to live in an area that has an abundance of quality public schools. We believe having our child attend public school allows them to develop both strong social skills and have a wide variety of academic experiences. We also live in an area that allows school choice. If we were to ever feel like our child was not receiving the best education or having issues socially, we would not hesitate to find a school that fits their needs.

We are both college graduates and while we believe that education is very important, we are also very aware that not every child needs to go to college to achieve their dream career. **We believe that it will be our responsibility to support our child in their interests and passions so that they can determine their educational path.** We have seen the negative outcomes of people going to college just for the sake of going. If college is the path our child wishes to pursue, we will ensure we support them both financially and emotionally.

Collin's family



My family lives about an hour away, but that doesn't stop us from always being there for birthdays, holidays, and family get-togethers. I **was very close with my aunt who fostered many children throughout her life. My family is no stranger to opening their homes and hearts to children and making them feel a part of the family.** I have two twin nephews who are an absolute blast and will be so excited about an addition to our family. Both of our families are extremely supportive and are committed to providing our child with an opportunity to grow up embraced by family and always knowing how loved and precious they are. My family is eager to welcome another member into our large extended family. They can't wait to share in their traditions of baking cinnamon rolls with grandma to spoiling them with Easter baskets and Christmas stockings.

Beth's family



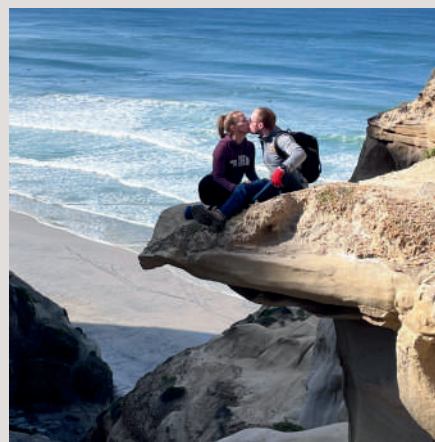
OUR FAMILY MEANS EVERYTHING TO US AND THEY ARE THE HEART OF WHO WE ARE

My parents and my sister, Mallori, and her family live in the same town and they all specifically chose to move to Iowa because they wanted to be a part of each other's lives. We are a tight knit family and I see my family multiple times a week and communicate daily through texts. From having coffee every Friday morning to movie and trivia nights, I stay close with my mother and big sister. Our future child will not only become a part of our family but be welcomed with wide arms into a larger family with seven nieces and nephews and two extremely excited grandparents. **My parents and siblings have been praying for you and your child from the moment we started this process. They understand the beauty, but also the gravity of the decision you are considering.** They want you to know that they will be a part of your child's daily life, from summer bonfires, family trips to the lake, to cousin playdates.



We love being active and outside during the summer and our favorite activity is cycling. We are so excited when spring comes around as we know that we can enjoy rides through the countryside. **We have become part of a cycling family/club, and we spend many weekends riding with friends throughout Iowa and enjoy exploring small town life.** We also have fun taking our dog to the local dog park to play or walking him around to explore the neighborhood.

During the winter it's a little quieter and we get to enjoy indoor life. We work on our home and relax with Beth catching up on reading and Collin playing computer games. **We do try to have a routine throughout any season.** Beth usually starts her morning at the gym before heading to work. Collin wakes up and heads to his reading corner and does his daily devotional before he is off to work. Beth gets home first and is immediately greeted by our dog, Chet, for some belly scratches. Then they go for his daily walk around the neighborhood. Once they get home, Beth starts making dinner and by the time it is just finishing up Collin is home from work. We sit down as a couple and talk about our day and any plans we have coming up. We pick out a show to watch and relax in each other's company. Pretty soon it is off to bed to read and wind down before the next day!





Holidays are spent with our extended family. For Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are lucky enough to be able to split the time between our two families. Thanksgiving holds a special place in Beth's heart as her extended family always made sure to spend time together. Their tradition is having everyone, including the nieces and nephews, write down on slips of paper what they are thankful for and then put them in a jar. We pass the jar around and pick out a slip of paper to see what people are thankful for the year and try to guess who wrote it.

Collin's family loves Christmas and every year they have an annual Christmas Family reunion. The house is always full of laughter and delicious treats. We have created our own annual Christmas tradition as a family. Every year we go on a hunt for an ornament to go on the family tree. The day is spent drinking hot cocoa while we go in and out of local shops to find the perfect ornament. We cannot wait to create more memories and traditions as a family. We are extremely excited for Easter egg hunts with the nieces and nephews, the annual Santa appearance at Collin's family Christmas party, and celebrating the first snowfall of the year by getting ice cream sundaes.

T R A D I T I O N S



Faith - God has been an integral part of our relationship and we strive to honor Him in our daily lives. His unconditional love for us has shaped who we are, and we try to be an outpouring of His love to those around us. We attend church weekly, participate in Bible Studies, and currently we lead the Middle and High School youth group at our church where we get to pour into the lives of students.

Family + Friends - They have always been there for us making the good times better and making the bad times easier. We are blessed to have a strong network of friends that support each other and celebrate with each other. We also have family that lives in town, and extended family that lives an hour and a half away.

Cycling - We both find so much joy in being outside in nature, either on our casual coffee date rides or our strenuous hilly gravel riding across Iowa. We have had so many great memories and adventures on the bike and we are excited to share these adventures with our future child.

Celebrations + Traditions - These have always been our favorite time of year, to be able to have the whole family together and celebrate our traditions. From family Easter egg hunts with all the nieces and nephews, to finding our annual Christmas ornament, we love celebrating holidays with our family. We also enjoy local events like our Arts Festival, Chocolate Walk, and our annual Labor Day bicycle ride to a pancake fundraiser.

F A M I L Y V A L U E S

COMMITMENTS + PROMISES



1.

Unconditional love & support

There will be nothing they could say or do that would tarnish how much we care for them and love them. We will do everything in our power to support your child. We will be their biggest cheerleaders and always there to help them achieve their dreams. **We are fully invested in creating an environment in which your child feels free to express themselves and have the confidence to be who they are meant to be.**

2.

God centered home & community

We have been transformed by our relationship with Christ and plan to make that an integral part of your child's upbringing. We will be devoted to raising them in a healthy and loving community full of family and friends. **We believe that it takes a village to raise a child and are fortunate to have the support of friends and family to make this a reality.**

3.

Cultural & biological connections

We will be dedicated to honoring your child's birth culture and will give them every opportunity we can to connect with it and always support them when they want to learn about their roots. We think this is such a vital part of allowing them to grow into the individual they were meant to be. We would love for you to be a part of your child's life if that is something you are comfortable with. **The level of involvement would be completely up to you, but we would love for your child to know the extraordinary woman who loved them so deeply and allowed for two families to come together to form a bond.**



before you go

We cannot express how thankful we are that our paths have crossed. We know that this decision that you are making is full of courage and also heartbreak. Being pregnant and giving birth is not an easy choice, and we are so proud of you for choosing life and a loving family for your child. We have been and will continually pray for you during this difficult journey and throughout your life.

We know this is a difficult, life changing decision and want to support you in any way we can throughout this process. We want you to know that if you choose us to raise your child, we will work every day to honor your decision. If chosen, we know there will be an everlasting bond between two families because of this precious child.

Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions, we would love to connect with you during this journey. You will continually be in our prayers as we pray for blessings and protection for you, and thankfulness for the joy that you brought into our lives.

Collin + Beth

P.s. If you choose us, we want you to know your child will grow up in a home filled with love and laughter. We are ready for the joys of parenthood, but are also prepared for the sleepless nights, the diaper changes, the teething, and all the ups and downs along the way. Your child will be so loved by not only us, but other caring family members as well. We are so blessed to have grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who live just a few minutes from us and are all waiting to welcome this child with open arms.





