Karl & Grace
We are grateful you are taking the time to learn more about our family. We look forward to getting to know you and to build a loving relationship with baby and birth family. We hope that this profile will give you a preview of who we are and more importantly the life the child would have growing up with us as part of our family.
My name is Grace. I just entered my 30's. I live in SE Minnesota with my husband. I graduated from high school and furthered my education at college, where I got my Associate in Applied Science Degree.

I work at a parochial school as a Church & School Secretary. I really enjoy my job! The benefits of working at a school is seeing children everyday. I am a fun, creative, loving, honest and caring person.
My name is Karl. I am in my early 30's, I graduated high school and community college with an Associate in Applied Science Degree. I work for a John Deere Dealership. I have been there for 13 years now.
About Us
Grace has hazel eyes with brown hair. She is half German and half Dutch.

Karl has blue/green color eyes with brown hair. He is half German and half Norwegian.

We are both six foot tall and in good health. We do not smoke.

Up North Boundary Waters

Memories

Visiting Forestville State Park
We meet 12 years ago through a mutual friend and have been happily married for 9 years.
Things we do for fun together: Camping, Fishing, Hunting, and Traveling

Visiting the Badlands
**Grace's Interests:**
Quilting, Needlepoint, Crochet, Scrapbook, Gardening, Canning, Farmers Markets, Baking, Cooking, Go to Garage Sales, Craft Sales, Bowling, and Showing items at the County Fair.

**Karl's Interests:**
Ice Fishing, Buying items to restore them or to sell them, Fix Items, Go to Auctions, Bowling, Watching Football, and Help run Farm Equipment.
Our Reason to Adopt

With both of us coming from bigger families, we knew that we would want a couple children someday. Sometimes though, life does not always go as planned and anyone’s life plan can change in a minute. Family is not just by blood. It is anyone that you love and care deeply about. After deep thoughts and consideration about adoption we knew it was the right choice for us. We are willing to work out an open adoption plan with you. We have a lot of love and care to give your child and would be honored to be chosen to parent your child.
Our Home

Our home is a three bedroom house with a large living room, so there is plenty of room to play but yet cozy enough to cuddle on the couch. We also have a large dinning room to have family meals. We have a big yard, so there is plenty of room to play outside. In the yard there is a garden and a few flower beds. Once a month we go camping in our camper. It is our home away from home.

During the summer months, Grace works part-time which would allow her quality time to teach and play with the child. Karl works from 7:30-5:00. He plans to have quality time to teach and play with the child when he gets home. Our city just built a new daycare facility where the child can learn, make friends, and play as well. The child would be attending daycare when Grace works full time.
Our Community

We live in a family friendly small town (about 1,000). There are many families with young children around our safe & quiet neighborhood.

We are located within walking distance of a local park and an excellent school. Our community has a town celebration, a couple parks, camping & hiking trails, with a swimming pool and a County Fair near by. We can not wait for our child to join us in all the activities that our community provides.
Our extended families are pretty large. Grace has her parents, two sisters, one brother in-law, one step niece, one step nephew, four aunts, five uncles, and 11 cousins.

We do have a dog named Bud. He is a collie mixed bred. He stays at Grace's parents because he is more of a farm dog.
Karl's family is even bigger. He has his parents, three sisters, two brother-in-laws, four nephews, one grandmother, one grandfather, four aunts, seven uncles, and 27 cousins.
Traditions
We attend the Christmas Eve Service where the school children sing and tell the story of Christmas. During the spring we enjoy celebrating Easter. We do this by coloring eggs and having an egg hunt with the nephews. We enjoy spending Thanksgiving with either family. The 4th of July we celebrate Karl's grandfather birthday by watching a community parade and fireworks.

However, our two favorite traditions are going to Northern MN fishing and camping at different state parks with Karl's parents & nephew.
Touring Red Wing
Riding a tire pony
Walking a trail

Traveling different places as a family is fun!

Corny at Corn Palace
Touring Wisconsin Dells

Resting at a shelter on the trail
Lifting the portage pack
Outside Chik Wauk Museum
Fun Facts About Grace
Favorites

Team: Minnesota Vikings
Sport: Softball
Food: Cheesecake
Place to be: Up North at Boundary Waters
Book: Harry Potter Series
TV Show: Young Riders
Movie: Fast & Furious Series
Board Game: Chinese Checkers
Past Time: Sewing
Things to collect: Willow Tree Figurines & Rocks from different places I have traveled.
Fun Facts About Karl
Favorites

Team: Minnesota Vikings
Sport: Football
Food: Brats
Place to be: Outside
Book: Repair Books
TV Show: Duck Dynasty
Movie: Tombstone
Board Game: Monopoly
Past Time: Fishing
Things to collect: Tractors
In our spare time we both enjoy volunteering our time through our county and community.

Karl is on the county fair board. He also helps run antique equipment at the community celebration. He enjoys helping an elderly farmer out.

Grace helps out with the open class exhibits at the county fair and participates at our county relay for life. She also makes crafts to sell at our local farmer markets.

Our faith is of Lutheran background and we plan on raising the child in that faith.

Community Involvement & Faith

We attend church a couple times a month. There are opportunities for the child to learn about the faith by attending Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and a Christian Day School.
Our Values

The values we were taught growing up were being honest, trustworthy, responsible, hardworking, and to get a good education. We plan on teaching our child these same values. With these values they should be able to do anything they want to in life with our loving support.

Having fun is just as important as hard work. Whether it is playing a sport, going to a sporting event, going to the movies, going bowling, sitting around the campfire at night or just hanging around with family and friends is our way to relax from work. These are things we would like to teach the child as well.
THANK YOU

Thank you so much for taking the time to learn more about our family and for considering us to parent your child. We hope that through this book you will be able to see the love we have for each other, our family and our future child.

We want you to know how much love and respect we have for you already. We know that you want the best for your baby and we pray that you will find us to be the best fit for your child.
Adoption

Where families are united by God and chosen by each other. A bond sealed with a pledge to love unconditionally no matter the storms they face.