



Jake & Ashley
HARLOW + JUDAH





Hello



Thank you so much for taking the time to learn more about our family and for considering us as you navigate the difficult decision of who will parent your child.

Adoption is woven into our story, but we never expected that we would one day also be adopting. God has made it very clear to us that after struggling to get pregnant with our third child, He had plans for us to adopt.

We are praying for you as you walk through this journey! We know that you are brave and facing a time where you need courage to make a loving decision for your child. We pray that the decision you make brings you peace in your heart. There is a big sister & brother, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, and little cousins that are all excited to welcome a new little one with open arms. We hope that as you read these pages, you can learn more about who we are and hopefully see right where your child would fit perfectly into our family!

WITH GRATITUDE

Jake & Ashley





Our Story

We were both born and raised in Minnesota in towns very close together; however, we didn't meet until our college years at a friend's Christmas party. We were about 20 years old when Jake messaged me on Facebook and that conversation turned into a date. That date turned into many more, we got engaged on the North Shore in MN and in 2012, we were married.

In 2016, Ashley graduated from nursing school and started working at the Hospital near our family. The following year, 2017, Jake started his position as a youth pastor at our church in MN. We love our church and being close to family.

Harlow was born in April of 2020 during COVID, it was a tricky time but we were so grateful for her. In September of 2022, Judah joined our team. It's a joy and privilege to be able to raise our children, and we are all looking forward to welcoming another child into our home.



Life is

FULL OF FUN



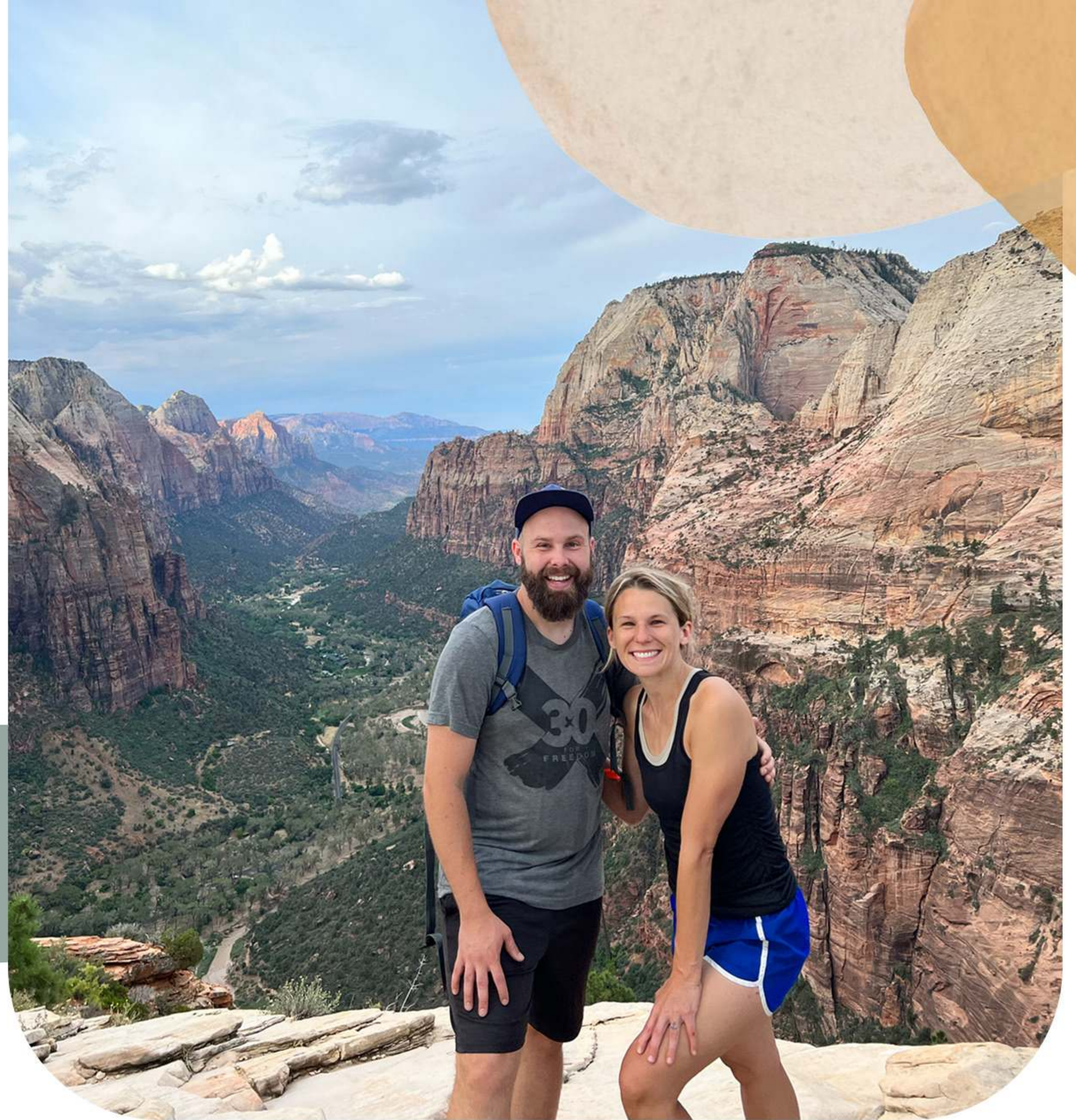
We value family time, creating memories, and traditions. We look forward to family days, and consistently make them a top priority in our week. We take this time to get things done together as a family, but also have lots of fun along the way; playgrounds, waterparks, or simply staying home to watch a movie and eat popcorn are some of our favorites. Then during Christmas time, we always go out and cut down a real Christmas tree as a family, and Ashley and the kids decorate it. On Sundays in the fall, we cheer on the Minnesota Vikings football team and often go over to friends houses for the kids to play with friend's and to watch the game together. In the summer, we spend lots of time at the lakes all over Minnesota, we sometimes camp, sometimes rent a cabin, sometimes go just for the day, but cabin days are our favorite! We rent an AirBnB cabin twice a summer, once for each of our families to go and hang out and have extended family time together.

We value being part of our church community and, our kids absolutely love the kids programming and look forward to it every week. We are very well connected and look forward to introducing our future child to our church family.

*We would be
honored to walk
alongside you on this
journey...*

We love

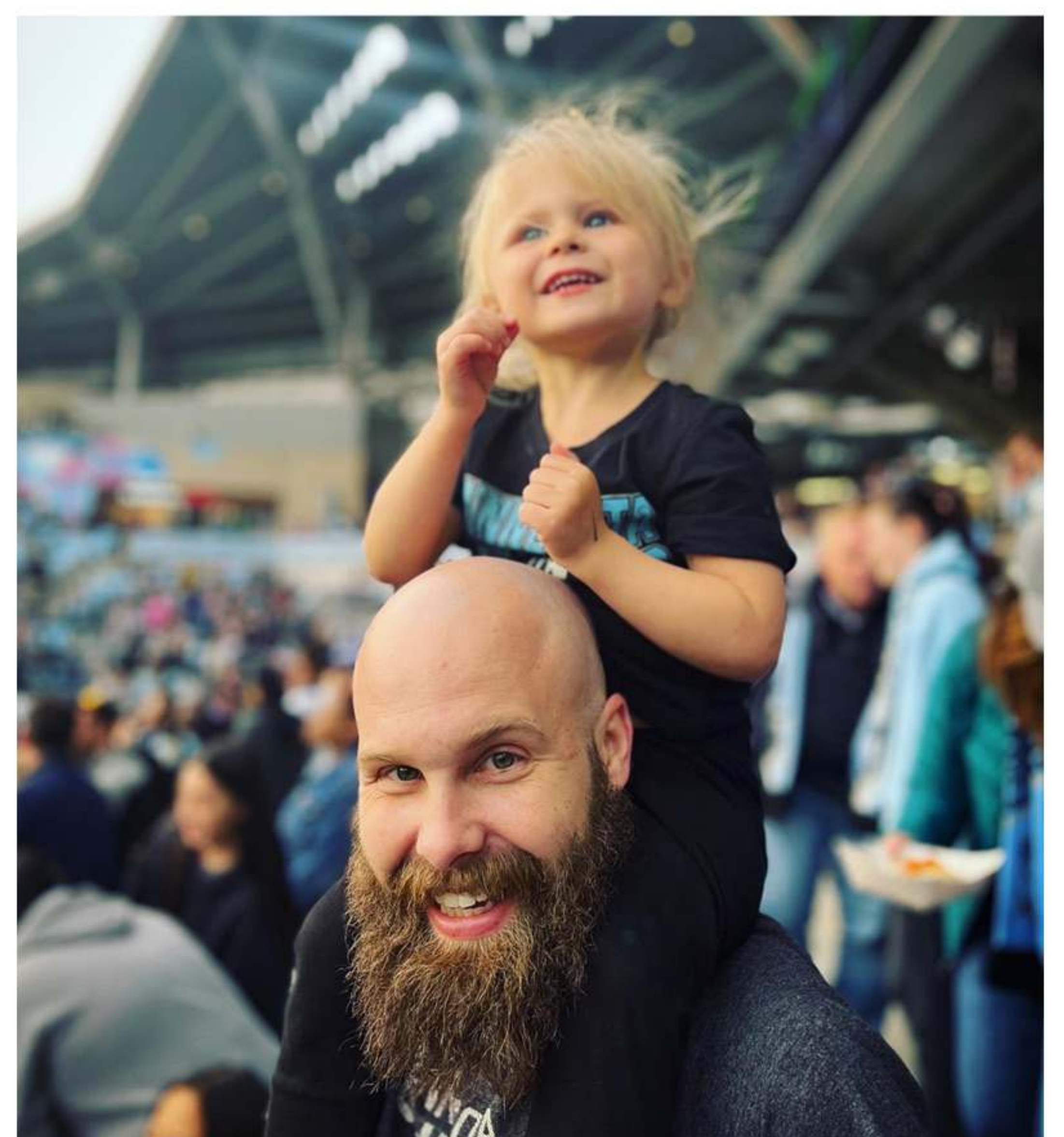
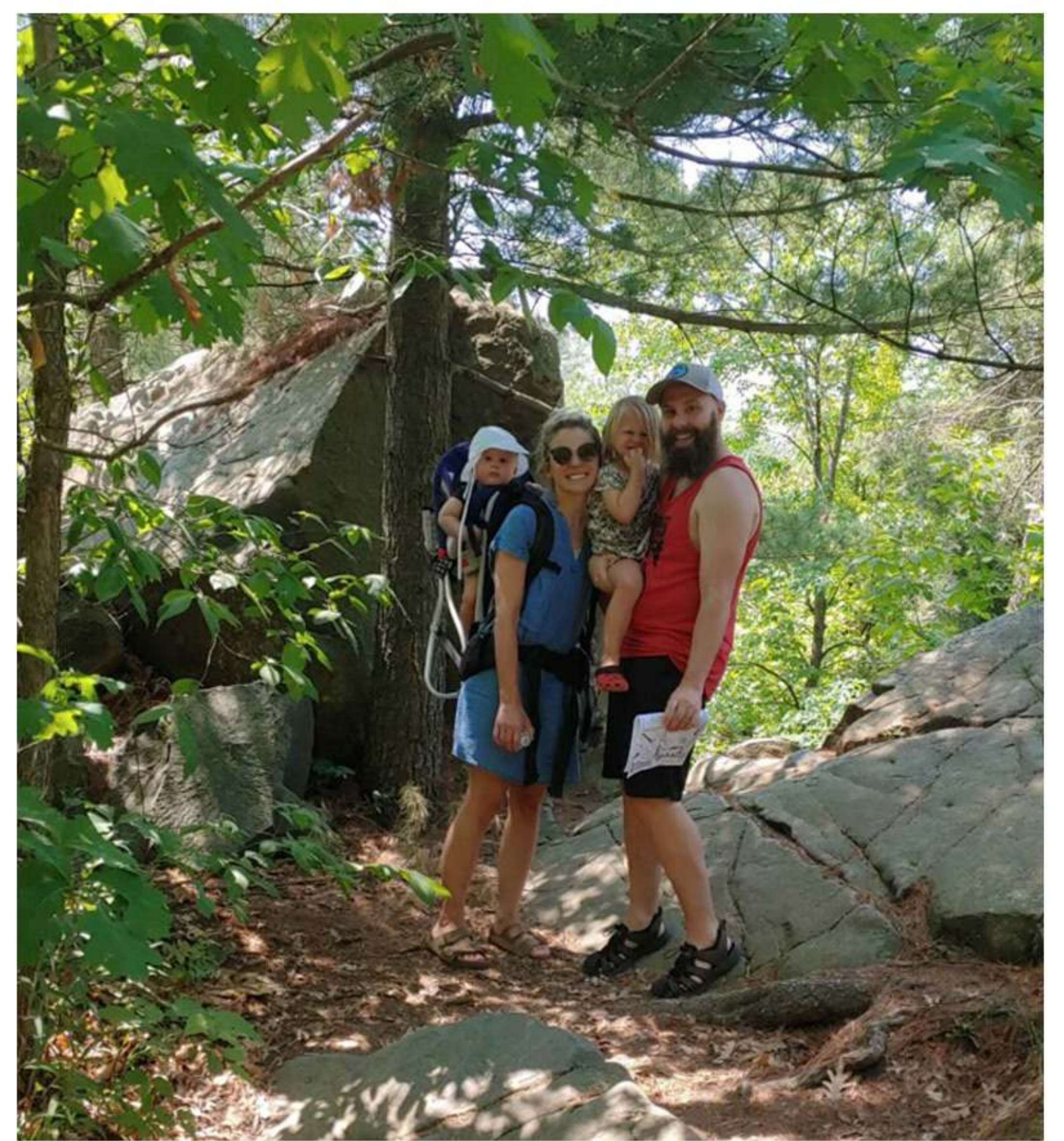
EXPLORING + ADVENTURE



From the day we got married we vowed to travel and adventure together. We have shared many fun explorations together and now we are so excited to bring our kids along with us on the adventures. We believe making memories and experiences are so much better than big gifts. We look forward to taking all our kids on many fun adventures all across the country as they grow older. You might find us visiting the mountains in the summer or flying to the beach in the winter, taking in all the local food and culture!

Jake is an avid sports fan and absolutely loves soccer; he played and then coached for over 10 years. Every year we take our kids to a couple soccer games to cheer on our local professional team, Minnesota United. We also support our local high school team, as Jake is still friends with many of the coaches at the high school. We love staying active and getting as much time outside as possible whether it is exploring a new area, or simply kicking the ball around.

Experiences last a lifetime, and we want our kids to love every minute of it. We can't wait to add another little adventure buddy to our crew!



MEET

Ashley

COMPASSIONATE

LOVING

DEDICATED

LOYAL



“I look forward to celebrating life, the little moments and the big moments. I look forward to celebrating after dance competitions or after soccer games. I’m excited to take surprise trips, just because we want to explore. I also look forward to loving a little one, being there to meet their needs, and tucking them in at night while reading them a bedtime story. We look forward to our little one knowing you as much as you want to be known & honored, and sharing in their story together.”

MEET

Jake

DRIVEN

PASSIONATE

ADVENTUROUS

DEPENDABLE



“I love being a dad, I have dreamed of being a dad and adopting since I was in high school. I love my kids with everything in me and look forward to adding another one to our little team. I am so grateful to even be considered by you. I look forward to creating an environment where our children can grow, thrive, learn and be successful in whatever they desire to do in life. To show them love and compassion to those around them and learning to be a reflection of Christ to everyone they interact with.”

MEET

Harlow

4-YEARS OLD

VERY HELPFUL

PLAYFUL

CARING



"I am so excited for my new sibling. I will share all my toys, clothes, and books. If they are crying, I will hold them and hug them and let them know they are okay. I will protect them and tell them that I love them so much. They will be my new best friend. I wonder if they like to play at the playground or go swimming. I will teach them how to swim. They can use my floatie and I will cheer them on. I wonder what their favorite food is? We can have picnics together on my Frozen blanket. I am so excited."

- Harlow's true thoughts and feelings she shared on being a big sister.



MEET

Judah

2-YEARS OLD

ENERGETIC

GOOFY

KIND

Judah just turned 2 years old and he talks a lot but is often hard to understand, haha. However, he is very excited about a new baby, he loves other little kids and playing with them and his sister. He is very much an extrovert and wants to go play with whoever wants to play with him.



more about

ASHLEY



When I thought about the career I wanted to pursue, the first thing I thought of was, "I want to help people." I decided to go into nursing because the experiences I had growing up with my mom and her health issues with MS (Multiple Sclerosis). Today, I serve as an RN and work as a Charge Nurse at our local Hospital, where I have been for the last 8 years. I love my job and being able to help people, but my top priority has always been my family. I have continued to take different shifts, work part-time whatever I had to do to make my family top priority.

Many of my days are spent outside on warm MN summer days with my kids, going hiking or going to the lake. I love connecting with other moms and kids, going to the park, having people over for playdates or a bonfire. I work to make sure every day is intentional with my kids whether it is story time at the library, playing at the gym, or simply coloring with chalk outside. I'm excited to welcome another little one into our home to create some fun memories with them.

"Ashley's heart for other people is incredible. She is such a great friend. She is especially sweet to me and is my greatest encourager. After over twelve years of marriage, she gets more beautiful every day. Ashley's love for others, and especially our children, constantly impresses me of how truly of an incredible mother she is to our kids and I am so grateful to have her as my partner in life, my amazing wife."

- JAKE



more about

JAKE



I serve as a Pastor at our church, I was a youth pastor for 5 years and now oversee all departments from Infants to Young Adults. I serve in a position of leadership at my church, overseeing multiple staff members and help to lead a thriving church that has a passion for kids. I am valued by my church and my co-workers, and I consider many of my peers to be like family. My job provides me with paternity leave to take care of a new child, which I anxiously wait to meet.

As a pastor, a personal relationship with God is of much importance to me, we not only pray as a family, but it is part of everything that we do. I also love sports, especially soccer! I coached for 10+ years and have played in a mens league in the summer with the same guys for 4 years. My favorite past time though is having fun with my family, whether it is playing board games, watching sports, or enjoying a day at the pool. I enjoy finishing the day by cuddling with my kids before bed time and talking to Ashley about life and our days.



“What drew me to Jake was how he believed the best in every single person he met. He has proven to be a man of his word and has lead our family with humility. He is truly the anchor of our family, as he constantly puts others before himself. I not only love him more than the day I married him, but I have such a tremendous respect for him as a leader of our family and our children.”

- ASHLEY



more about

HARLOW + JUDAH



Harlow is such a compassionate little girl. At only 4 years old she already has such a big heart. She feels what others feel, and wants to make sure everyone is doing okay. She holds her family closely and just loves hanging out with her grandparents and cousins. Being outside is one of her favorite things to do. It could be the playground, splash pad, biking, or playing "house" in the backyard. Her best friend is truly her brother and he is always the first thing she asks for in the morning. Harlow loves her family and having another sibling would be her greatest honor and joy. She would hold them so dear and close.

Judah is a little ball of smiles. He is an easy going 2 year old that loves to laugh. Some of his favorite things are soccer, cars, and playing with his sister/little friends. Jake leads and plays on a futsal league in the summer, and Judah wishes he could be right in there playing with them. He has a sweet little heart that he will share with anyone, and wants to be everyone's friend. You will see him waving at the stranger at the grocery store or asking that little kid to play at the playground.

“Harlow and Judah are 2 loving kids that care so much about each other, family, and friends. They have been talking about having another sibling for a while now, and will be so excited and honored for whenever that day comes. They simply want to add another best friend that they get to do life with every single day.”

- JAKE + ASHLEY

in the words of our friends...

"It is with the highest sincerity that we recommend Jake and Ashley to be chosen to move forward in this adoption process and become parents of a child of their own. They are the kind of family you want to be around. The atmosphere is sure to be full of joy, laughter, good conversation and you always know you're seen with them. They are the kind of people who will celebrate the big moments with you or walk right with you through the really hard ones too. They love those around them so deeply and we are grateful to call them friends."

- Nick + Rachel





JAKE'S FAMILY

I am the oldest of 3 kids, my immediate family consists of my mom, dad, and my 2 sibling Jordan & Kari. Kari is married to her husband Jonathan, and they have a 3 kids and 1 on the way; Chloe (4yrs), Jack-Jack (2yrs) & Russel (1yr).

We all live 30 minutes or less from each other in Minnesota. Me and my siblings grew up in the same house my parents own and live in today. We have so many memories there from our childhood, we now getting to watch our kids make memories there as well. From decorating Christmas cookies and opening presents, or Halloween dressing up and getting candy, to Easter Egg hunts and Scavenger hunts. We have always enjoyed doing a bunch of things as family. My parents will just stop over to visit the grandkids and say hi, or bring donuts or fruitsnacks (my dad loves to spoil the grandkids, haha). We go camping in the summers, go swimming at the family pool together, and are always looking to make new memories together.

My dad, Tom, retired in 2020 from being a bus manufacturer. He is 1 of 12 kids. He grew up on a farm and loved construction, being a hard worker all his life. Since retiring he built a chicken coop and a garden so he could go back to his farming days. He now enjoys watching baseball & footall and spending as much time with his grandkids as possible.

My mom, Renae, works as a HR director but will be retiring in May 2025. She is 1 of 4 siblings. She enjoys family meals, traveling, and playing games. She has the biggest heart of anyone I have ever met and is often putting her friends and family first. She loves to take Harlow & Judah (and her other grandkids) on special outings like, out to breakfast, sleepovers, or festivals.



ASHLEY'S FAMILY

I am the oldest of 2 kids, my immediate family consists of my mom, my dad, my step-mom Leela (my parents were divorced in 1995) and my brother Tyler. Tyler is engaged to his fiancée Anna and we are so excited to add her to our family. She is so sweet and caring to our kids.

I grew up in Minnesota, I didn't have the greatest home life but I think it's important for you to know that this has helped shape how important family is and it has made me become the mom I am now. My parents were separated by the time I was 3 years old, and I was in and out of different families' homes, landing with my Grandma June for an extended period of time. I grew super close with my grandma and miss her a ton to this day, as she passed away in 2020. I eventually moved in with my dad as I got older and my relationship with my dad grew stronger than ever. We have fought through the ups and downs and our bond is stronger than ever because of it. Growing up I remember being in dance, getting to know our awesome neighbors, and going snowmobiling with my dad. He remarried in 2014, to my step-mom, Leela and she is the most amazing grandma to our kids and we are so grateful to have her as a part of our family. We continue to build great memories as a family with cabin trips, downhill skiing, and making meals and playing games together.

My dad, Neal, was a machinist his whole life and owned his own business. He retired early a few years ago and now spends time traveling, working on classic cars, watching his grandkids, gardening with Leela, and riding his motorcycle.

My mom unfortunately walked out of my life a long time ago and isn't in the picture any longer. It hurt for a long time, but it is the thing that pushes me to be the greatest mom I can be today!



HOME SWEET HOME

Eight years ago we purchased a house for not just us, but our family. We have loved sharing in the joys of life together and now with our kids. We have 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. We have a good sized yard in a quiet cul-da-sac, with a deck and bonfire pit, and incredible neighbors. We have an extra living room that we turned into a playroom where we color, play kitchen, and run around to get out our energy in the winter months.

Our neighborhood is quiet with many of our neighbors living in their houses before we moved into the neighborhood. We have a playground within walking distance from our house that we go to regularly in the summer. Our city is very family friendly so we have tons of parks, walking paths, splashpads, playgrounds, as well as a communtiy pool within 5min of us. The area has many young families and we will often see friends and people we go to church with when we are out and about. We enjoy biking to the nearby park in the summer time, spending tons of time at the pool, splashpad or the slip'n'slide at home. We are not far from the zoos, museums, or beaches, and often visit these places as a family.



COMMUNITY



We attend an Assembly of God church where Jake pastors at, it is very similar to a non-denominational church, and we have a wonderful faith family. We regularly attend and serve as a family, and Harlow and Judah have so much fun in their children's ministry class. Jake and I have been a part of many small groups, have hosted small groups at our home, and Jake runs a small group and podcast for parents. Ashley is involved with BSF (Bible Study Fellowship) and enjoys weekly play dates with other young moms and kiddos. We enjoy hosting get-togethers to build relationships. We both are mentors in our church and often have people over that we are sharing life with and helping them grow in their relationship with God.

We have many wonderful and supportive friends surround us. We know many local families that have adopted themselves. We are thankful for their experiences, advice, and support during this process.



OUR PROMISE



We hope that we've been able to give you a glimpse into who we are, what we value, and how much family means to us. We want you to know that we will love your child unconditionally and will devote our lives to providing them with all the love, security, and joy we can offer. We will provide an upbringing in which God is a central figure and values such as generosity, kindness, and respect for others are taught every day. We will celebrate all of their accomplishments whether they are big or small.

We want your child to always know their story and where they came from. You will always be an important part of their life, as we plan to raise them with an understanding and appreciation for the sacrifice you made out of love. Thank you for making this brave and loving choice. We know it cannot be easy but we promise that if you choose us to be your child's parents, they will always know how much they are loved.

A photograph of a man and a woman in a field. The man, on the left, has a full beard and is wearing a light blue sweater. He is smiling and has his arms around the woman. The woman, on the right, has blonde hair and is wearing a blue and white floral dress. She is also smiling and looking down at something in her hands. They are sitting in a field of tall grass and wildflowers. The background is a soft-focus forest.

*"we love because
He first loved us..."*





before you go ...



We hope this booklet shared a little bit more into our life, but even more, I hope it showed you our heart for family. I want you to know that we would love and protect this child fiercely. It would be our greatest honor and one that we don't take lightly. We want to honor and support you in any way that we can and in ways that you feel comfortable. To us, you are family and we want you to know you have our full support and love. No matter what your final decision is, I want you to know we have been praying for you. You are incredibly strong and choosing life is one of the greatest demonstrations of love. Thank you for taking the time to read our book and hear more about our family.

WITH LOVE,
Jake & Ashley

