

# Krista & Asa



LIVING LIFE WITH  
OUR FAMILY



**IT'S SO  
NICE TO  
MEET  
YOU**

We are deeply thankful you are considering us as potential adoptive parents for your child. It means a lot to us to share our story with you, and we understand the significance of your decision to explore adoption. While we may not know the circumstances that led you here, we greatly respect your choice to proceed with your pregnancy and bringing life into the world.

As parents, we truly understand the special bond between a mother and her child. Rest assured, we will always acknowledge and honor your role in your child's life.

Should you choose us as your child's adoptive family, we pledge to create a nurturing and loving home where they will be cherished and cared for. Expect lots of joy, excitement, and a continuous learning journey for both the child and us.

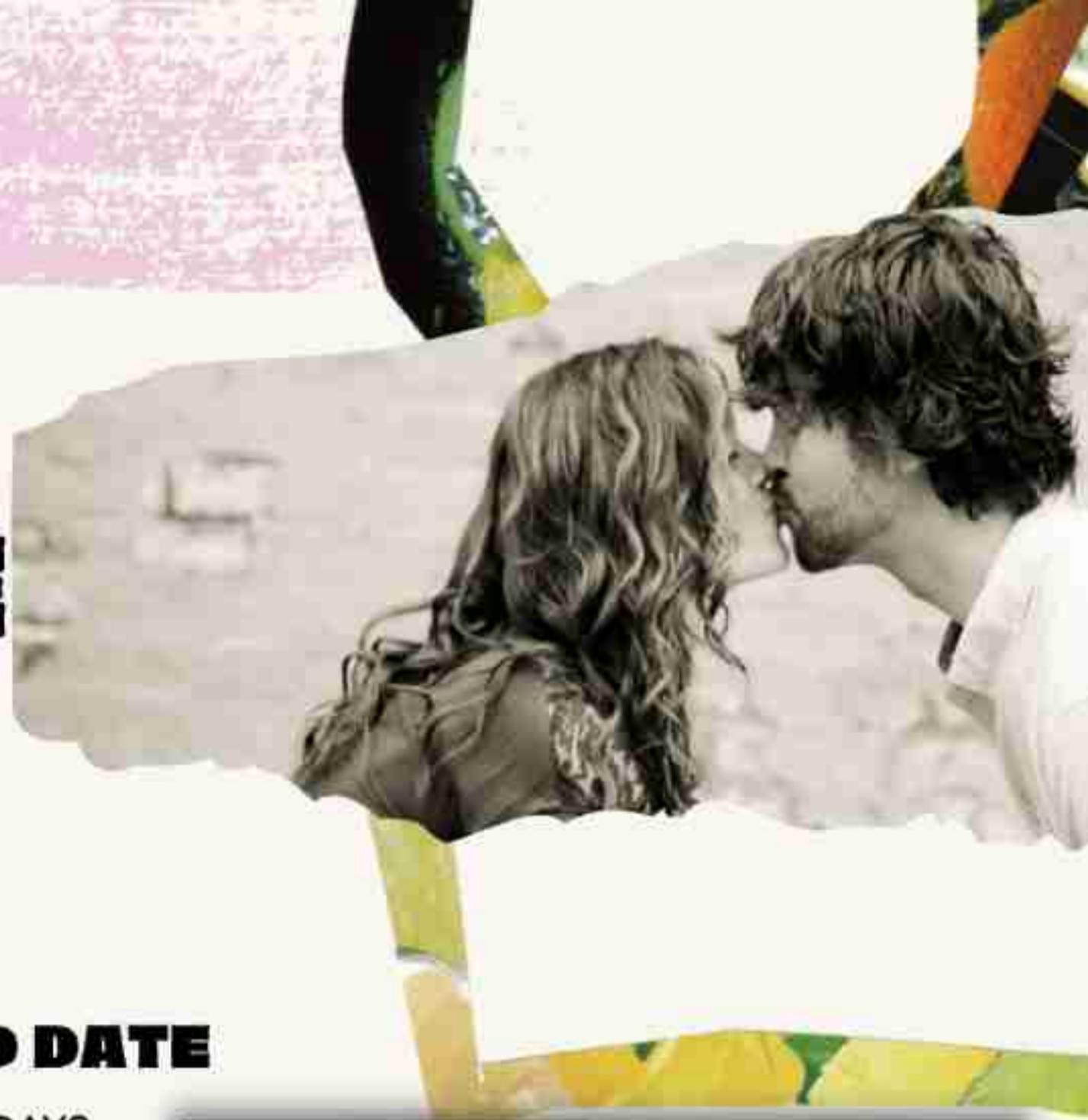
Our thoughts and prayers go out to all mothers navigating the path of adoption. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us.

With heartfelt appreciation,

**Asa and Krista**



# OUR TIMELINE



**AUG  
2012** **MET ON A BLIND DATE**  
WE WENT ON 4 DATES IN 2 DAYS

**JAN  
2013** **GOT ENGAGED**  
YUP, AFTER 5 MONTHS

**JULY  
2013** **GOT MARRIED**  
YUP, AFTER 6 MONTHS



**JULY  
2018** **OUR SON WAS BORN**  
AFTER ALMOST 40 HOURS OF LABOR

**JUNE  
2021** **OUR DAUGHTER WAS  
BORN**

SHE CAME MUCH FASTER



# Meet Krista

KITCHEN CONVERSION

US	UK	FL. OZ.	CUP	TEASPOON	TABLESPOON
1/2	1/4	1.25	1/4	1/2	1/2
1	1/2	2.5	1/2	1	1
1 1/2	3/4	3.75	3/4	1 1/2	1 1/2
2	1	5.0	1	2	2
2 1/2	1 1/4	6.25	1 1/4	2 1/2	2 1/2
3	1 1/2	7.5	1 1/2	3	3
3 1/2	1 3/4	8.75	1 3/4	3 1/2	3 1/2
4	2	10.0	2	4	4
4 1/2	2 1/4	11.25	2 1/4	4 1/2	4 1/2
5	2 1/2	12.5	2 1/2	5	5
5 1/2	2 3/4	13.75	2 3/4	5 1/2	5 1/2
6	3	15.0	3	6	6
6 1/2	3 1/4	16.25	3 1/4	6 1/2	6 1/2
7	3 1/2	17.5	3 1/2	7	7
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8	4	20.0	4	8	8
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10	5	25.0	5	10	10

MASSAGES  
1 tsp = 5ml (approx) 1 cup = 240ml  
1/2 cup = 120ml 1/4 cup = 60ml





## A note about Krista (from Asa)

Krista is the most joyful person I know. That's one of the things I love most about her. The circumstances can even be heavy and she can "trace the rainbow through the rain." I can generally find her in a crowd with my eyes shut because of her vibrant laugh. Our kids naturally gravitate toward her, as do most of the folks at her work. She calls me to look upward to God's grace in any circumstance, and even will help me write my sermons and keep them from getting too intense or heady.

Everyone who has watched Krista up close will tell you what a great mom she is to our kiddos. She is inventive and fun and keeps the kids engaged with limitless art projects and "science experiments." She doesn't mind it when the kids make a big mess and encourages their creativity. She loves to bake all sorts of treats, which I in turn take to work to keep from outgrowing my pants, so everyone at my work loves her too.

Krista has worked as a nurse for sixteen years. She has worked in different areas but loves the ICU. She loves to be able to analyze and establish the problem so it can be solved. She has been a preceptor in every job she has worked, helping both new nurses and old to learn and feel comfortable. She currently works part time, meaning two days a week, so that we do not have to use any child care. On the days that I work she is able to be with the kids and the days that she works I care for them. The kids absolutely love "Mommy Days" and, come to think of it, I prefer my time with her too.

# Meet Asa





## **A note about Asa (from Krista)**

Asa is a faithful person. He is very confident in his faith and incredibly studious. We like to joke that my eyes glaze over when he gets to talking about certain subjects because he could go on for hours.

Asa works as an associate pastor at our church where he excitedly gets to preach and meet with people to go through God's word. He was previously a youth and children's pastor, so he knows how to teach children well and gets excited when they ask questions about life.

I admire Asa's ability to be up to date on current events and to inform me about everything.

Asa is an exceptional father who spends his time at home with the kids on my workdays. He engages in activities like wrestling, reading to them every night, playing board games, and running around the house. He also teaches John Luther how to fix things around the house. Building models and playing tag are John Luther's favorite activities with him. As for Lorna, her favorite way to bond with him is by charmingly smiling to get him to do whatever she wants. One of the best things about him being a father is that he tells them that he loves them multiple times a day.



# Krista's Favorites

**Season: Summer**

**Holiday: Christmas**

**Color: Blue**

**Sport: Baseball, STL Cardinals**

**Dessert: Chocolate Chip Cookies**

**Hobby: Baking, Exercise**

**Book: Harry Potter series**

**Vacation: New Zealand**

**Movie: Harry Potter series**



# Asa's Favorites

**Season: Summer**

**Holiday: Christmas**

**Color: Blue**

**Sport: Baseball, Atlanta Braves**

**Dessert: Krista's Bourbon Butter Cake**

**Hobby: Brewing Mead, Guitar**

**Book: Lord of the Rings**

**Vacation: Palm Springs**

**Movie: Lord of the Rings**

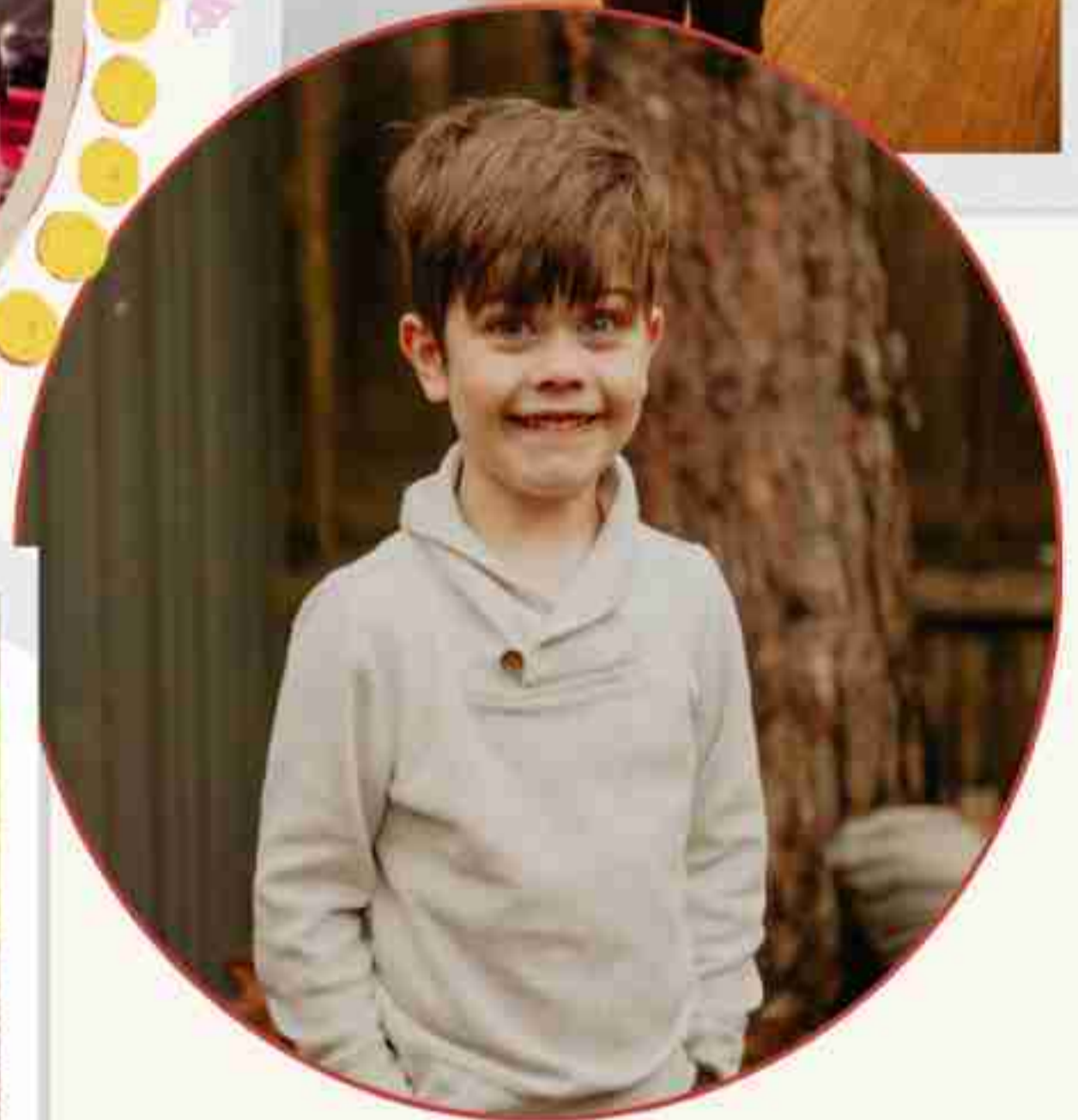
# Meet Our Kids, John Luther & Lorna

John Luther is a great kid with a natural desire to please others. He is very much a momma's boy and is tender-hearted. He loves pretending to be a scientist and doing experiments with food coloring. He always wants to ward off "bad guys." He has done taekwondo soccer, swim lessons, and t-ball so far. During soccer, he mainly picked flowers to give Krista.

Lorna is sweet, sassy, silly, and is very independent. She tries to do anything her brother does, especially painting, running around, and making messes. She loves animals. Lorna loves watching TV but we limit it quite a bit and instead try to play ABC and matching games. She has been involved in speech therapy for the last year.

Both of our kids will attend preschool from the ages of 3 to 5. After that, they will attend a private Christian school that is hosted by our church. Our family attends the church regularly on Sundays, and we give our children the option to either stay with us during the service or attend Sunday school.





**John Luther is already a terrific big brother and couldn't be more excited to welcome a new sibling into the family!**

# Our Families

## Asa's Family

Asa is one of five children. They live all over the world; a brother in Japan, a sister in Europe, a sister in South Dakota, and brother in Tennessee, where his parents live as well. We usually go on an annual trip together (this picture is the most recent from Jan 2024) and people come to visit in between. Despite the geographic distance, they remain involved in each other's lives. A text thread keeps them connected almost every day, and there are often phone/video calls. Everyone is excited that we have chosen to adopt, we are not the first ones in the family to start the process.



**Everyone is excited about an addition to the family!**





## Krista's Family

Krista's mom, Noreen, lives in St. Louis and is semi-retired. We video call regularly. She has one brother who also lives in St. Louis. He is a fun uncle who loves sending sporting presents. Her father, Gary, and sister, Lauren, are deceased.

We recently took a trip to Florida with most of the Whittenbergs and enjoyed being with our aunts, cousins, and our newest nephew!

We enjoy visiting St. Louis to see her and experiencing what STL has to offer; like STL-style pizza, the arch, the city museum, and the Cardinals.



# Our Additional Family



## The Boomers

We live far away from our family but we have been brought into the Boomers family. We are lucky enough that they snagged us soon after we moved out here. They watch the kids for us once a month so we can go on a date night and we often spend holidays with them. They are both retired nurses. Elaine (Nammy Elaine) is a great baker and hostess. "Papa Ralph" is a woodworker and tinkerer.

## Leia

Our dog was brought into our family in May 2023. We got her from a no-kill shelter, but she previously lived in Mexico. She likes to herd us when we play and she protects the children when she thinks things are getting too rowdy. We don't know for sure what kind of dog she is, but we assume some cattle dog. She is patient with the kids and loves running around our back yard keeping the squirrels away.



## The guineas

The newest members of our family came in December. Chase and Marshall have been very patient with the kiddos, especially when they get treats (which is every day). They are cute to look at and like their cage cleaned daily.

# Travel

Our children are proficient fliers already. One of our most exciting trips was to New Zealand where we went to several sites of Lord of The rings including the Shire. We also went on an amazing hike near "Mt. Doom" (that Krista made him do).

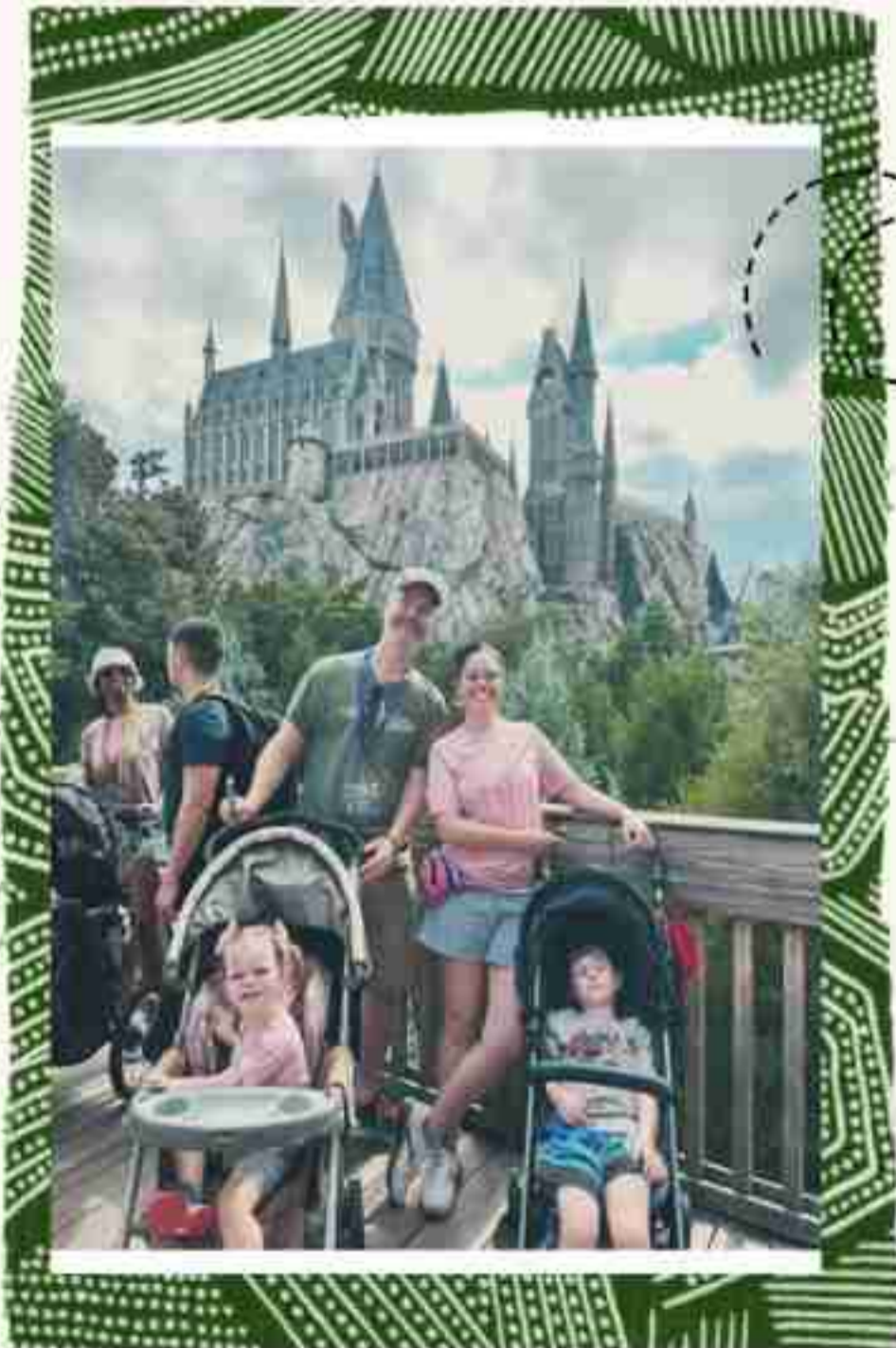
Krista has been to 10 different countries  
Asa has been to 8



In the summer of 2023, we went with Krista's family to Disney World and Universal where we had a VIP experience.



In January of 2024, we went to Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks with family.



# Traditions



## Celebrating Birthdays

We decorate the kids' doors and the downstairs area. They put on a special shirt with their new age, then we have donuts and enjoy running and playing somewhere fun. We go to their favorite restaurant for lunch and dinner, or if they prefer, they can choose what they want for dinner at home. They also get to pick the kind of cake they would like, and Krista bakes it. Of course, presents are an exciting cap on the day!

## Celebrating Christmas

Christmas is celebrated throughout the entire month. We have an advent calendar that we open each day, with treats inside. We also visit Christmas light shows and make lots of Christmas crafts. On Christmas Eve, we have a fancy dinner and everyone gets to open one present. On Christmas Day, we start with Asa's French toast breakfast and then open presents.



## Family Movie Night

About once a month, we gather in the living room to enjoy dinner and popcorn while watching a movie together.

# Our Hearts For Adoption

Even before we got married we both knew that we wanted to adopt, it was something we had in common early on. We had seen many people in our church go through it and knew it was something God was calling us to and that we wanted to do. Our son came along as a little bit of a surprise, but because we adored him so much we wanted to try for a girl too. We tried again and were blessed with our daughter. We now feel we are ready to add to our family once again and hope to do that through adoption. We want to provide a safe home and family for this sweet baby, and to put their mother at ease, knowing that their child will be well cared for and loved.



# Our Home



Our home has three bedrooms and two bathrooms. We bought the home in 2018 shortly before we welcomed our first kiddo to the world. Every year we do some sort of upgrade to the house. One of the best was adding central air conditioning!

Our home is comfortable and cozy. We have furniture that is constantly climbed on, and toys and books can be found in every room. We have a fenced-in yard full of large trees and space to run around. During the summer we set up splash pads and run around with our dog Leia. What we love most about our home is the large dining room that has a table Asa made, making it possible to host family and friends for meals or play tag running around it. We also enjoy the month of May when our rhododendron trees bloom.



Within a couple of blocks, we have multiple playgrounds, schools, and a community center where John Luther plays soccer. We are only an hour away from both the beach and the mountains and thirty minutes to good hiking and waterfalls. We also enjoy the many u-pick fruit farms in the summer and the flower festivals in the spring.



# On Parenting

We desire that all of our children know they are loved unconditionally by us. But more than that, we want them to know that they are loved by God. We want them to understand that God had a plan for them that included joining our family and that they are adopted into our family just as we have been adopted into God's family. We strive to parent our children with the same grace and love that Jesus offers to all of us. We believe that prayer is powerful, and we pray with and for our children every day. Our family is filled with love, and we would be honored to extend that love to your little one.



## Family time

Time is important. We do not use daycare, so we already can have time during the day with our children. We prioritize family dinners. We even have "family movie nights" where we make popcorn and watch a movie. By emphasizing the significance of spending time together we can understand and support our children better. We use our normal day routines to teach them. For instance, I teach the kids about cooking while I'm making dinner and Asa teaches them about tools while he fixes the sink.

## Patience and Grace

We believe in continuous learning and strive to instill this in our kids. We give them patience and teach them to be patient with those around them and themselves. We encourage them in their strengths. We teach that life often doesn't go how we expect, but that we can express our feelings and also find joy in dark times. Additionally, we promote respect for others as an essential virtue.





**Thanks for  
getting to  
know us.**

**We hope you have gotten a glimpse of who we are as a family. We prayerfully will start this journey with you. We will always honor you, and speak well of you. You are their heritage.**

**With Love,**  
*Asa, Krista, John Luther, and Lorna*