



Joe  
*and*  
Lucia  
*our story*



# about us

We are Lucia and Joe from Minnesota. We met through our workplace and have been inseparable since. We were married in June 2019, and our marriage has been incredibly fulfilling and fun. Our Catholic faith is important to us, and Lucia is the choir director at our church. Lucia keeps busy singing, giving music lessons, and working part-time at a bank. Joe has his hands full working full-time as a manager in a meat market and is a quarter owner of his family apple orchard. We make time for ourselves and our family life. We go for walks, visit friends and family, and have a blast the whole time. We have four cats who always find our laps when we play a board game or watch a movie together.



## OUR HOME & PETS

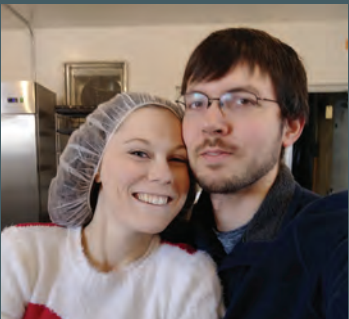
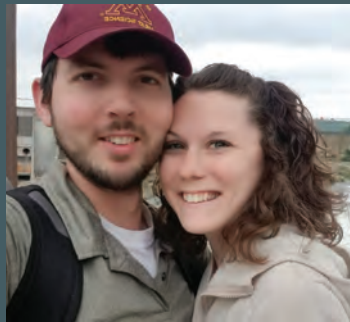
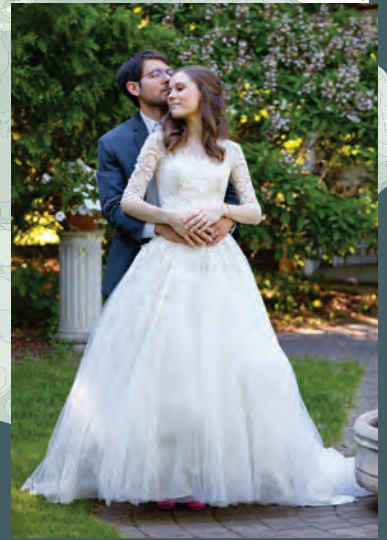
We live in Minnesota in a suburban neighborhood on a very nice, quiet street. We have four housecats we rescued. They are the sweetest cats with the strongest personalities. They are so much fun to have around. They often look out the windows to admire the many bird feeders we have and watch us while we work in the yard and gardens. We have a beautiful park and play area, a community pool, and trails, all within walking distance from our house. We often walk through the park, feed the ducks, and then walk to a great little ice cream shop in town.

## WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

We have tried to have children for over four years. Unfortunately, the two times we have been pregnant ended as miscarriages. During this journey, we decided to be open to adoption. Adopting is something we would love to do. To be able to give a child a wonderful home and happy life is what we long for. We have a niece and nephew who are adopted, and we think it's such a beautiful thing! We are so excited to start this journey and hope we are given a chance to give a beautiful baby a wonderful home and family!



*our life*  
**together**



*more about*

# Joe

**Occupation:** Store Manager

**Education:** Bachelor's degree

**Race:** Caucasian

**Religion:** Catholic

**Sport:** Biking, baseball, badminton

**Food:** Mexican food, anything homemade

**Hobby:** Apple orchard work, reading, board games

**Tradition:** Weekend get-togethers with friends

**Musical Group:** Whatever makes Lucia sing

**Holiday:** Christmas

**TV Show:** Frasier

**School Subject:** History



*more about*

# Lucia

**Occupation:** Banking /Choir Directing

**Education:** High school degree

**Race:** Caucasian

**Religion:** Catholic

**Sport:** Bowling, volleyball, badminton, biking

**Food:** Fruit, dark chocolate, homemade stew

**Hobby:** Opera singing, sewing, gardening, crocheting

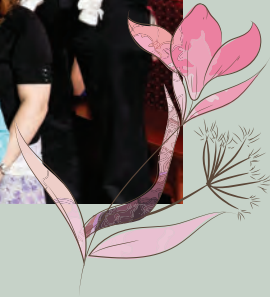
**Tradition:** Singing around the piano

**Musical Group:** Josh Groban, Il Divo, classical

**Holiday:** Easter, Thanksgiving

**TV Show:** Bewitched, I Love Lucy, White Collar

**School Subject:** Algebra, science



# our family & traditions

Joe's parents have been married for 38 years and live close by. Their backyard is a 2,000-tree apple orchard, and his mom makes the best apple pie! Joe has three siblings. All three live close by, and we visit often. There is no shortage of friendly competition when the board games come out. We are very close to Joe's grandma as well, and we love to look at all her old photo albums. Her life story is fascinating as she grew up in Austria during WWII. We love Oma's stories!

Lucia's parents have been married for over 40 years and also live close by. Lucia is the ninth child of her family of ten children. There are fifty nieces and nephews who are all very close and always have someone to play with. Joe can talk just like Donald Duck, and the kids get a good laugh out of it. We enjoy many family functions, from sitting around a campfire singing folk songs to playing board games and family baseball games. Come Christmas every year, the entire family gets together to open gifts as a family tradition. It's one full house!





*dear*  
**expectant  
mother**

The decision you are facing must feel like the weight of the world is on your shoulders. You must be an incredibly strong person to have the strength and courage to make this decision, and we admire you so much for that!

We hope and pray it gives you comfort in knowing that if you were to choose us for your child, we would do everything we possibly could to give your child love and a happy, full life. We would educate your child to the best of our abilities. To be parents and nurture a child is something we are very excited to do. Your child would be surrounded by people who would show so much love. Your child would never be short on friends with our large family. We would do our best to give your child the best home he or she could have!

Whatever your decision is, thank you for even considering us. It humbles us so much that you would even consider us for your child. To be given the chance to raise your child would be an amazing honor for us! We will pray things happen the way they are meant to. Whatever you decide, we know you will be doing the right thing. Thank you again for your strength and your consideration!

**WITH LOVE,  
JOE AND LUCIA**