

Andrew
+ Laura







We can't imagine what you're going through. The decision you are making is one of the hardest life has to offer. If we could jump off this page and give you a hug, we would.

Thank you for being open to adding us to your family in this way. For decades we have both prayed for our future family and longed for the chance to love a child. You are making this prayer a reality and we can't wait to help a child grow into a unique, fun, talented little individual.

After years of trying to conceive, we realized that our dream of adoption was becoming a faster approaching reality. We know, without a doubt, we can give a child a good home, lots of love and snuggles, tons of unique experiences, and help them foster an appreciation for everything around them.

Thank you for wanting to get to know us. Even though we don't know you, we love you and your baby and hope we get to meet you one day. Until then, we are praying for you and sending love and hugs your way.

Love,

Andrew + Laura

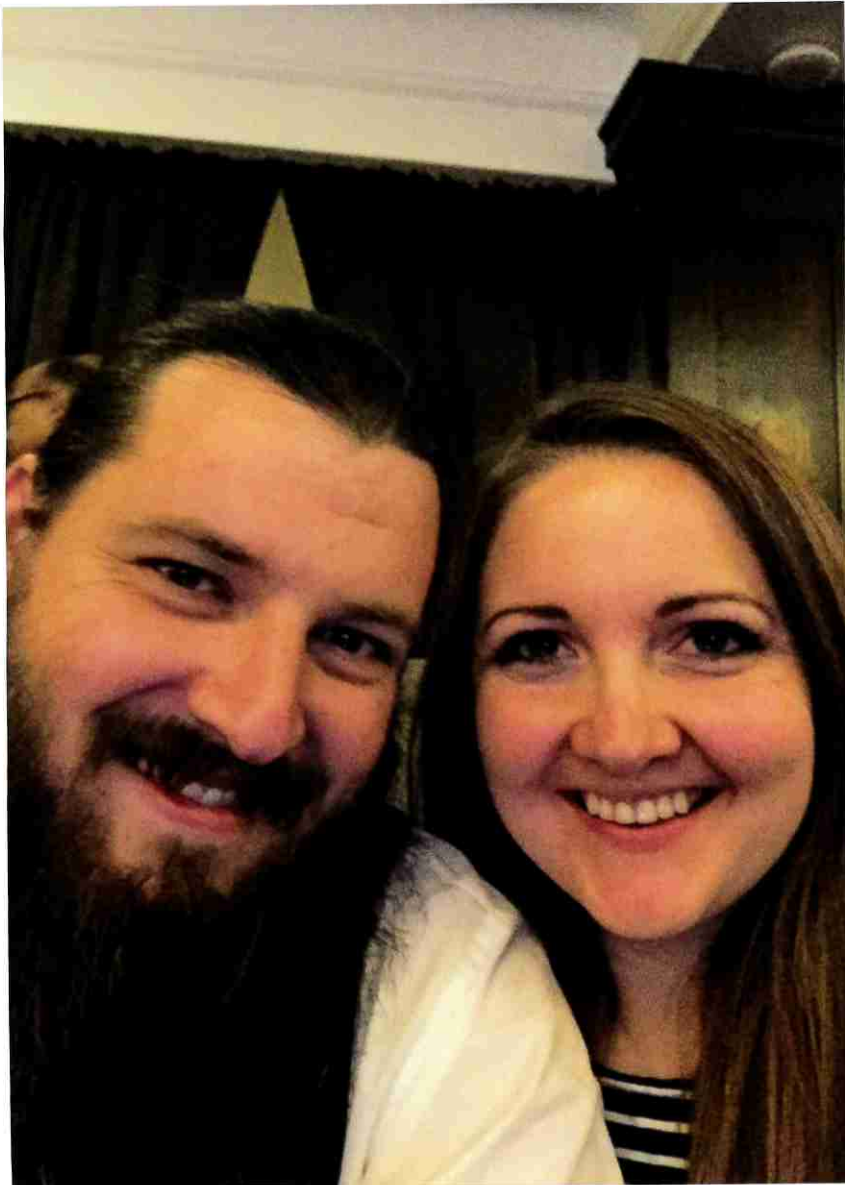


Our Story

We met years ago in college. Andrew wasn't the type of guy who would have ever caught Laura's attention. He was a textbook nerd/geek with a computer constantly in front of him and he made jokes about Star Trek, Star Wars, and other things Laura still doesn't understand. Andrew had a crush on Laura during this time but never said a word.

Fast forward 10 years: Andrew took a leap of faith and reached out to Laura via Facebook. We grilled some food on his patio and we both knew pretty quickly we'd found our person. We've been married for 5 years, changed jobs numerous times, added our best furry friend Winnie to the gang, built enormous Lego structures, planted huge gardens, played at the lake, camped & hiked, and loved each other through joy and grief.

Andrew, Winnie, and Laura count themselves pretty lucky to get to do life together. The adventure has only just begun and as you can see below, Winnie can't wait to share her stuffed friends with a new buddy.







What He Loves About Her

Laura is the coolest gal I've ever met. She is witty, intelligent, empathetic, and kind. Her charms work on everyone and she cares deeply about everyone around her.

Laura is always keeping herself busy. Be it planning and maintaining our gardens, sewing, crafting, or Legoin, her hands are never still.

She is dedicated to her family and friends with a fierce loyalty that cannot be shaken. And she laughs at my terrible jokes, which is a personal gift all on it's own.



Hi, I'm Laura

I grew up in Minneapolis, not far from where we live now. We lived in a northern suburb on a big plot of land filled with gardens and flowers. My dad owned his own business and my mom stayed home with my brother and I.

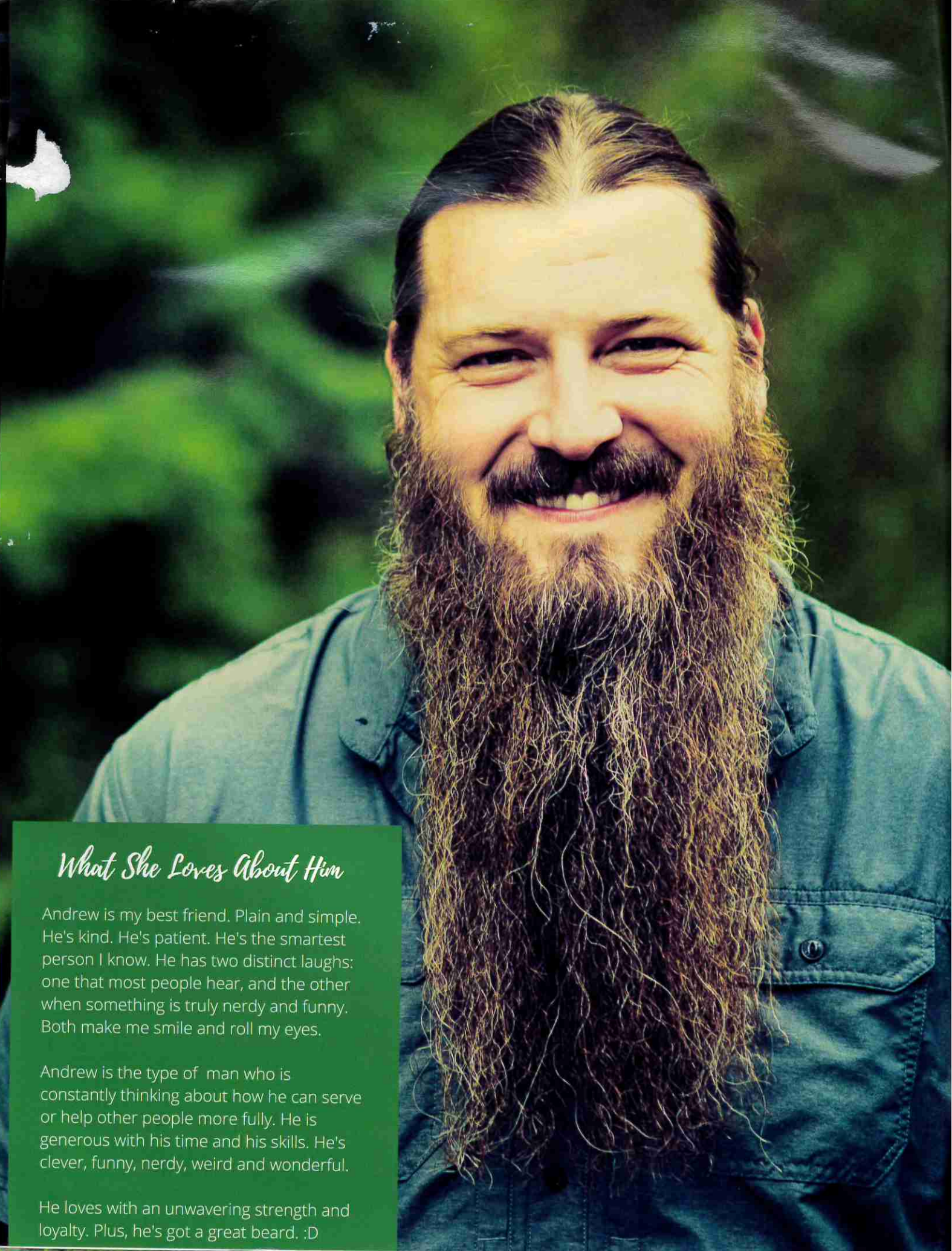
My brother and I really grew up as best friends. We played together, went to church together, and enjoyed a lot of the same hobbies (Star Trek, Legos, building tree forts, fireworks, music).

After college I moved to Fargo, ND and Raleigh, NC for some time but found that Minnesota always called me home.

I work as a computer nerd in Marketing for a bank and spend my free time crafting, DIYing, reading, singing, biking, or spending quality time with my girlfriends.

Church and music are very important to me as well. I spend a few weekends every month singing at one of our church campuses. I've been doing this for over 15 years and love it.





What She Loves About Him

Andrew is my best friend. Plain and simple. He's kind. He's patient. He's the smartest person I know. He has two distinct laughs: one that most people hear, and the other when something is truly nerdy and funny. Both make me smile and roll my eyes.

Andrew is the type of man who is constantly thinking about how he can serve or help other people more fully. He is generous with his time and his skills. He's clever, funny, nerdy, weird and wonderful.

He loves with an unwavering strength and loyalty. Plus, he's got a great beard. :D



Hi, I'm Andrew

I was born in Colorado, but grew up in the country of southern Minnesota. We lived on a hobby farm outside of town with 13 acres of pastures, fields, and orchards. My dad worked at IBM and my mom stayed home with my brother and I.

Growing up I spent as much time as I could exploring 2 things: the outdoors and books. I would spend every waking moment I could either outside roaming our farm, our neighbor's 100+ acre forest or with my nose in a book.

Since leaving the country for college, I haven't left the Minneapolis area, but I've never forgotten my roots. I still return as often as I can and love my parent's place like our own.

During the day I'm the lead software architect for a startup here in town, but any other time you can find me reading, woodworking, DIYing, grilling, or playing with our dog, Winnie.

I'm very much a "quality time" kinda guy, so I try to spend as much time as I can with my family. While I enjoy my work, evenings and weekends with my family are what recharge me, and I





Our Home

We currently live in a red two-story house in the suburbs outside of Minneapolis, MN. We've been here over 3 years and are continually finding ways to improve and make the home fit better to us. We knew the first time we walked into this house that we were *home*.

There are 4 bedrooms all on the second floor. When we purchased this home it was with the full intention of growing our family. The room Laura has been using as her office during COVID is actually where a little one will sleep. It's sunny, warm, and right next to our room.

We have a huge fenced-in yard and patio that Winnie (the dog) loves with really mature trees and landscaping all around. There is also an ever-growing garden we take care of all summer and grow more vegetables than we can count.



Our Neighborhood

We live in a really neat neighborhood of homes where we are the second generation of owners. People have already raised their kids and moved on to other homes. Almost every home in our neighborhood has kids in it and our neighborhood is never lacking for kids playing outside. We can't wait to have kids out there joining them.

We live right next to the public elementary school where a child could walk to school every day PLUS there is a huge playground that's open all the time.





Her Family

Both of my parents are still alive and happily married for over 40 years. They both have a great sense of humor and are easily my best friends.

My Mom is good at everything she tries whether it be cooking delicious food, or sewing me clothes as a child. She's incredibly driven and creative. I've always thought about what a wonderful Grandma she is going to be. She is patient, sincere, and loving. I can't wait to see her love on grandkids.

My Dad grew up on a farm with 5 other siblings. He works hard, laughs hard, and loves our family with every fiber of his being. He is our steady rock. Plus, he gives really great hugs.

I have one older brother, Aaron, who married the girl of his dreams, Amanda, over 10 years ago. They are truly best friends. They don't have any kids yet, but are in the process of getting approved to be foster parents.



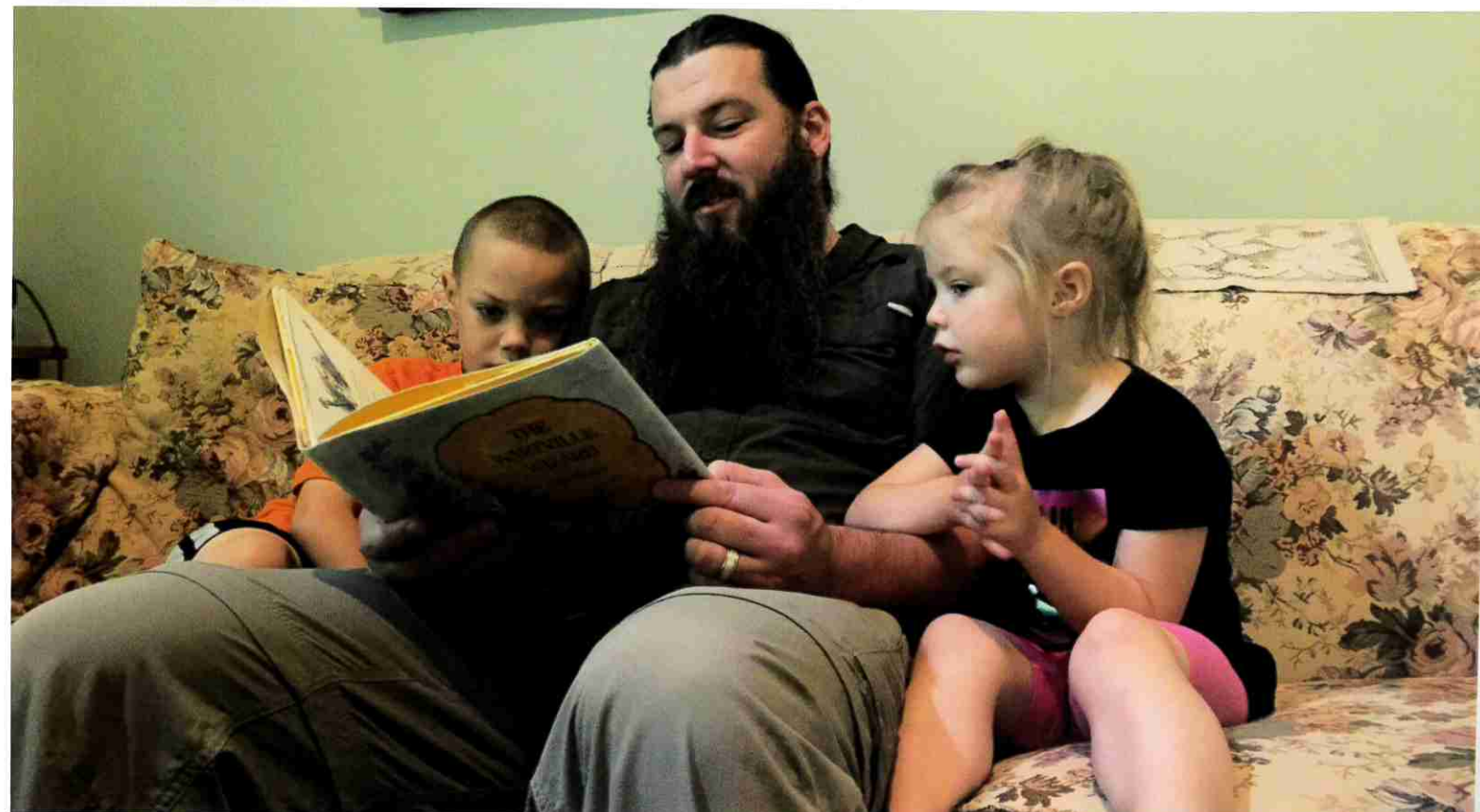
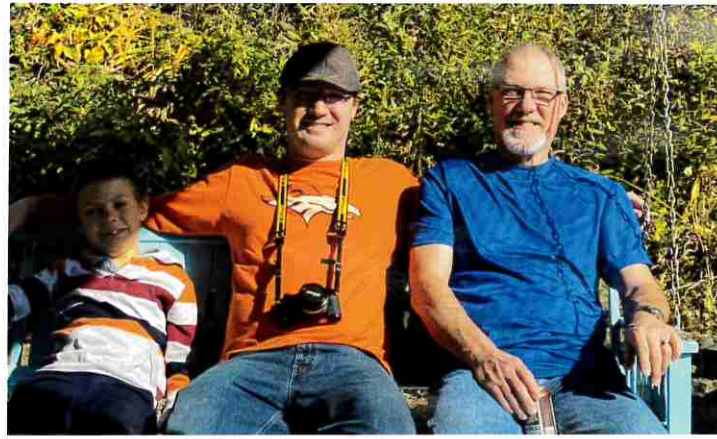
His Family

Both of my parents are still alive and have been happily married for over 40 years. They are both amazingly kind people and my closest confidants.

My Dad is the kind of guy who is always moving. He works in computers, but he's also highly skilled in woodworking, gardening, forestry, and beekeeping. He knows a little about a lot and is good at all of it.

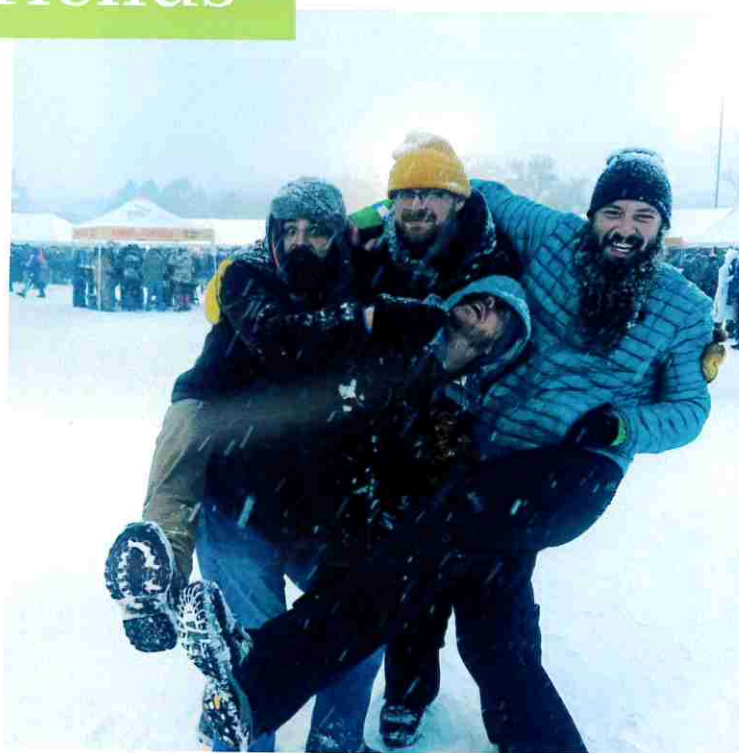
My Mom is the bedrock of our family. She's always working to keep the family in touch with each other and bring us all together. There's nothing she can't do, from starting a small business, canning and preserving everything that comes out of their huge garden, to throwing a mean party.

I have one older brother, Christopher, who is married to a wonderful gal named Jess. They have 2 kids, Theo and Evie, and have just moved back to Minnesota after years in Wyoming.



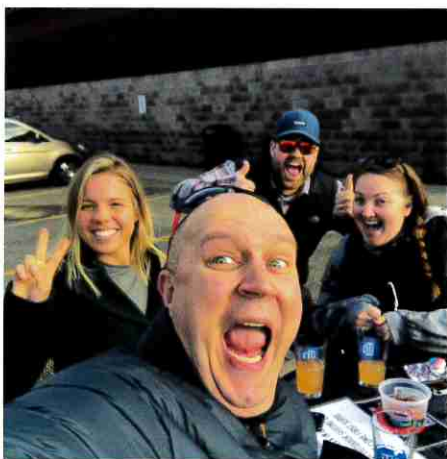
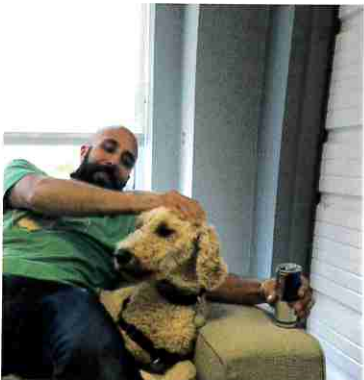
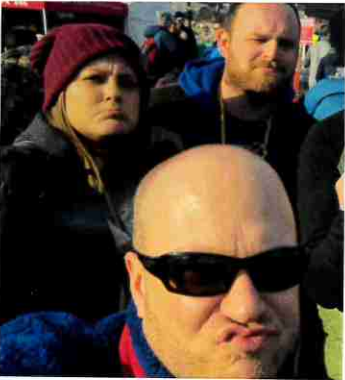
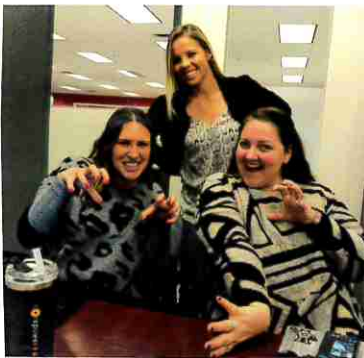


Our Friends



We have a tight-knit group of friends all over the country, most of which we have known for 10+ years. Many of our friends have children who adorably call us Auntie Laura and Uncle Andrew. Most of the men we are friends with have glorious beards as well.

The community around us is built of VERY unique individuals full of passion, strength and loyalty. They have been there for hiking adventures, family deaths, Friday movie nights, and snowy festivals in sub-zero weather. The people on this page are almost as excited as we are to add a kiddo to our family and will undoubtedly love them fiercely!

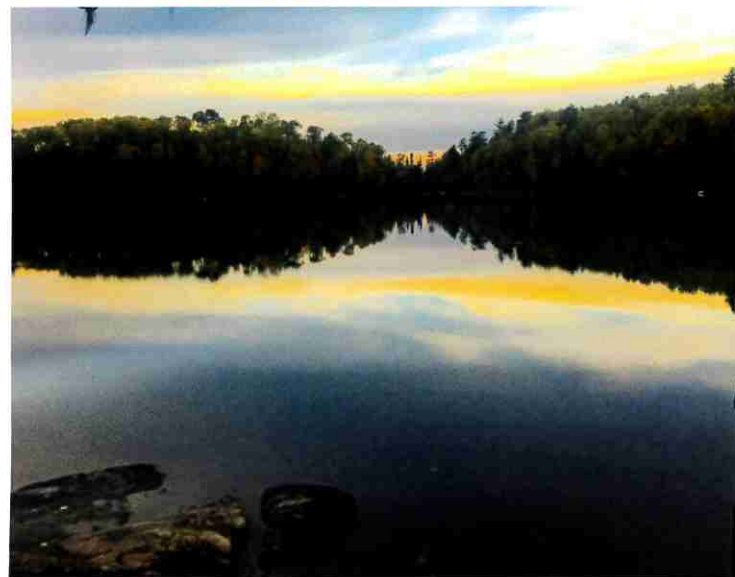


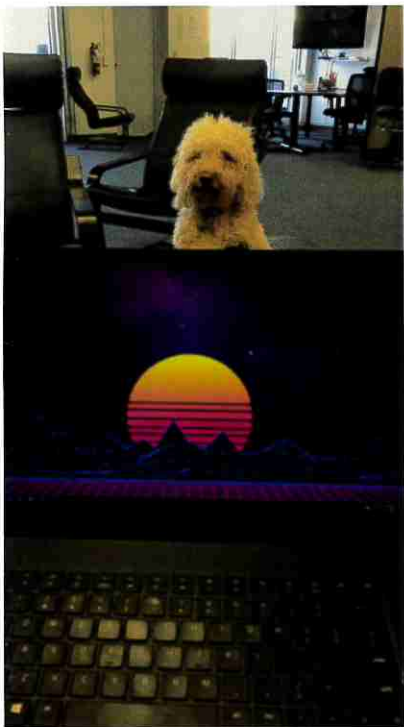
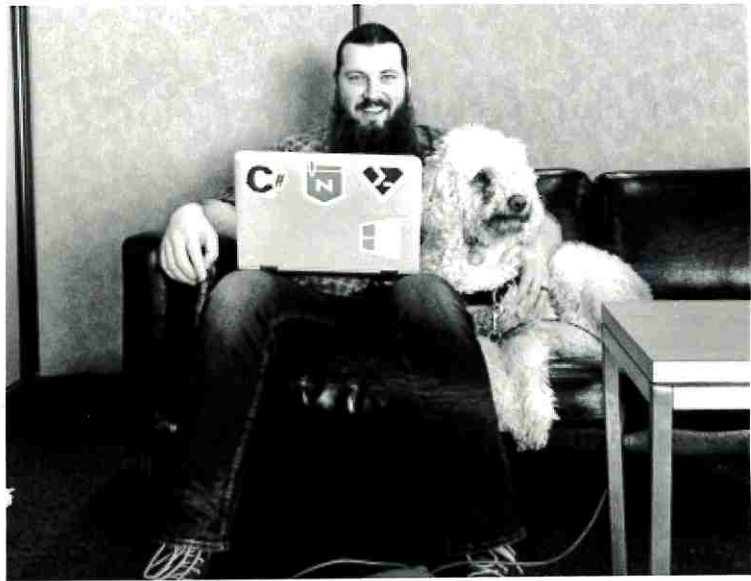
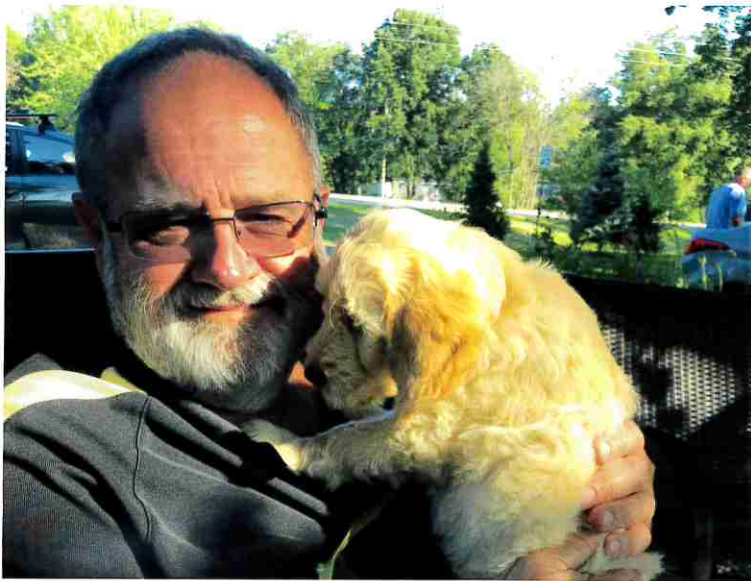
Things We Do For Fun

Andrew often says, "Life with Laura sure isn't dull." The same could be said about Andrew. We love to plan out home DIY projects and work hard to get them done, spend evenings playing with Legos, sit outside and read, play with Winnie, and spend each summer trying to grow a ridiculous garden.

On the weekends we try to visit our families at their homes. Andrew's live in the woods south of here, and Laura's live on a lake north. Winnie loves either place because she can run free, go swimming, chase things, and play in the mud. We know a kiddo will love it just as much as she does!

Whether we are indoors or outdoors, the best time is spent together and with our friends and family.





Our Promise

We promise to love your child, to laugh hard, to dance silly dances and sing silly songs. To share our love of the outdoors, Legos, dinosaurs and building things.

We promise to give them a life where they can become the fullest version of themselves and experience joy and humor and help them grow up to be an individual.

Above all else, we promise to give your child a home where they are safe, nurtured, and loved.

