## Hello & Welcome



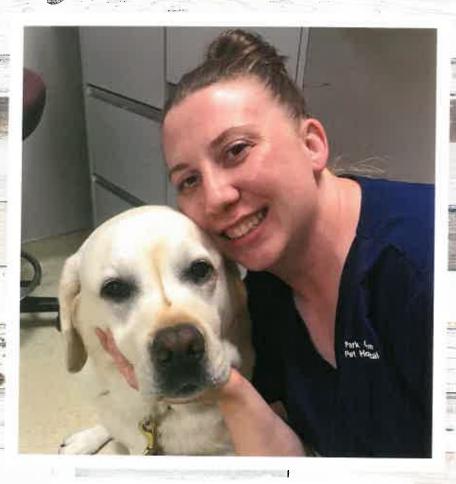
From Brent & Sonja



Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We first met in 2004 through our college's on-campus ministry. We married in 2006, and our love for each other continues to grow each day. As a couple, our shared faith and common interests strengthen us, and we meet each day with determination, hard work, and lots of laughter, too. As you view our book, we hope you can feel the love we have for each other and how we will share that love with a child. We are praying for you as you consider your options and navigate your decision process.

With love, Brent & Sonja

# About Sonja



Sonja's days are filled with lots of furry and feathered friends!

Sonja is an outgoing and loving person who shares her passion for life with everyone she meets. As a veterinarian in her home town, she spends her days caring for animals and the people who love them. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, pets, and friends, listening to music, cooking, reading, completing puzzles, and making art. Sonja is a deeply caring person who is passionate about bringing peace and comfort to others. She is also known for her occasional silliness, and she brings a spark of imagination and joy to each day.



It might surprise you but Brent is almost as tall as Goofy.

### About Brent

Brent is a hardworking and fun-loving individual who tends to put the needs of others before his own. He is a corrections officer for the local county jail and also serves in the Army National Guard. He has served for twenty-two years, including service within the United States and abroad. He is passionate about nature conservation and enjoys spending time outdoors and camping with friends and family. He also enjoys making others laugh and smile.

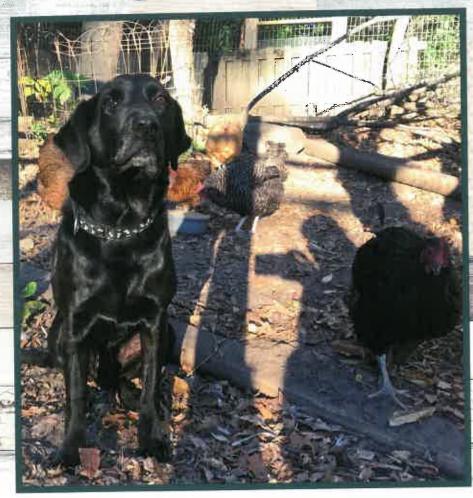






We live in a ranch style home in a quiet neighborhood in Wisconsin. Our town is known for its strong school system, a local hospital, and several parks. One park is located directly behind our home and includes walking paths, a playground, and a hill that we can't wait to go sledding on. We have lived in our home for just over eight years.

#### Our Fur Babies



Our house is home to our dog Booth and our four cats: MaMa, Jaden, Munchkin, and Tristan. The cats get along well despite their age differences. They love to cuddle, soak-up the sunshine, and chase their toys.

Booth is a 6 year old British Labrador Retriever. He loves to play fetch and spend time with the neighbor kids. He's a lovable guy who gets along with everyone - even cats and chickens!





#### Chickons

Prentiss is a social hen who doesn't mind posing for the camera.

The girls are all named but only a fellike Reba come when called.



We started raising chickens in 2017 so we could enjoy fresh eggs. Caring for these girls has been a lot of fun. They are very talkative, have big personalities, and keep us busy while enjoying nature - Brent even built their coop himself. The ladies rule the roost here!







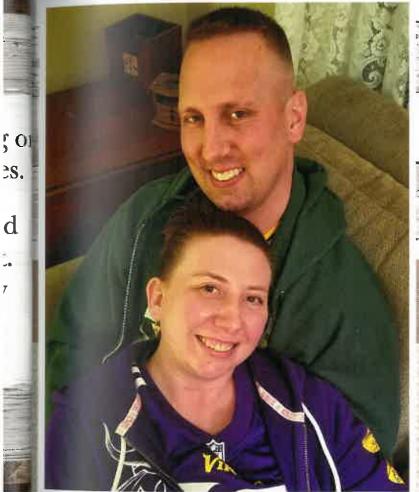
We enjoy playing games, working or puzzles, and going to the movies.

Brent's favorite game is Klask and his favorite movie is The Hobbit. Sonja's favorite game is a family game called marbles and her favorite movie is The Proposal.



Even though we root for rival teams, we both love watching football together.





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Sonja's Family









Brent's family loves to go camping. We go camping at least once every summer at different parks in Wisconsin. Our travels have taken us as far as Door County. We started as tent campers and have progressed to using a fifth wheel - we got wet a few too many times in our tent! When we camp with Brent's family, each household will make one of the main meals during the trip: our favorite is the teriyaki kabobs.







Delicious teriyaki kabobs









## Family Traditions



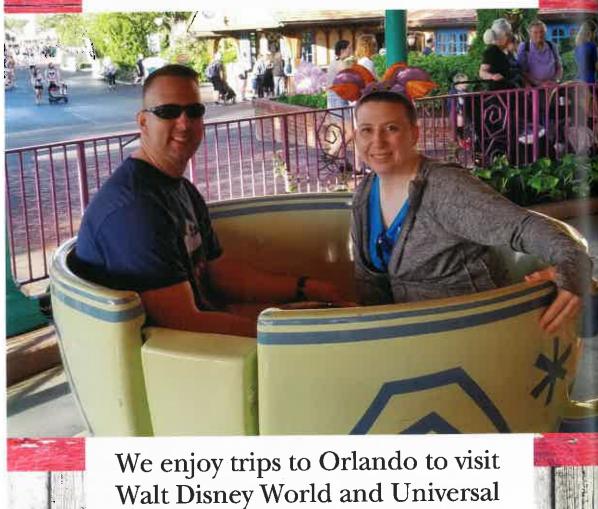
Sonja's family celebrates Norwegian traditions handed down to them from previous generations. Christmas is an important holiday where we share our love for each other through traditional dishes and sweets, like Swedish Meatballs, krumkake (a delicate Norwegian cookie), and lefse. Every year, we gather as a family to make the lefse. Sonja has perfected her role as the lefse roller. As our family grows, we're excited about incorporating new traditions into our family celebrations.







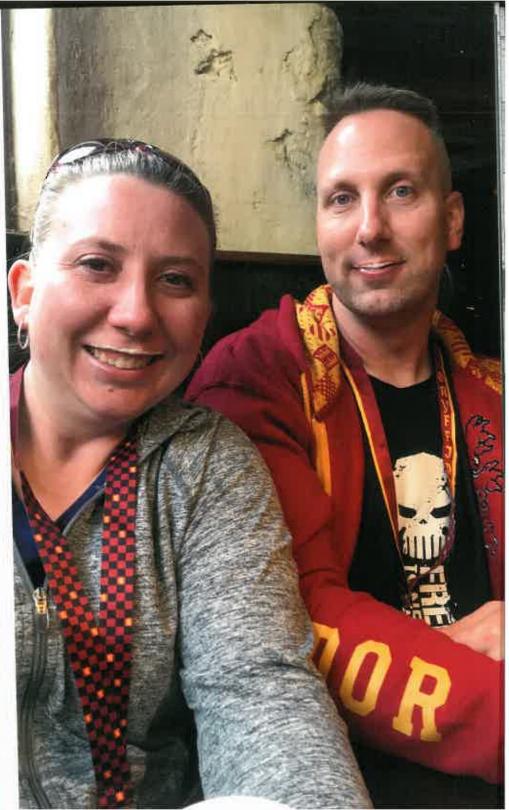
### our adventures



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trips there in the future.

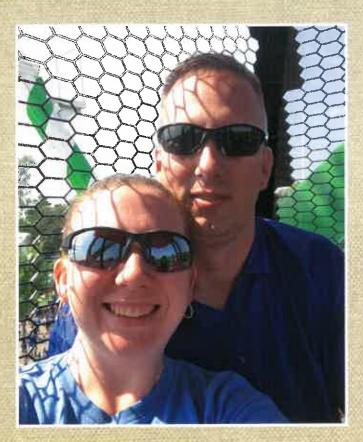






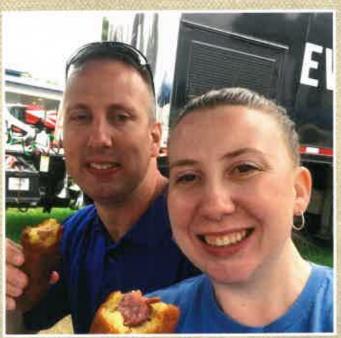






We enjoy going to The Minnesota State Fair every year. We make it a full day event as we are usually there for breakfast and stay until 10 P.M. Even after a full day at the fair, we often go twice and make it a two day event.













# WHERE TO NEXT?







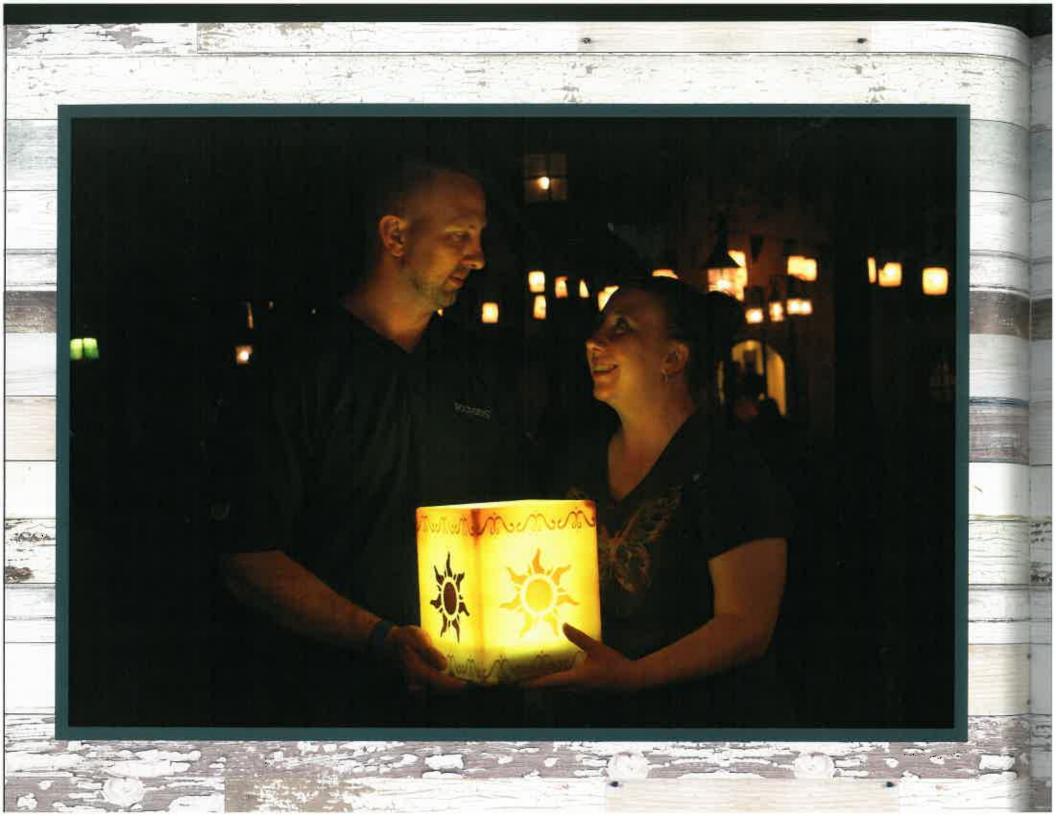


We are fortunate that life has given us many adventures together since we began our journey in 2004. We can't wait for what is to come and to share our adventures with a child.





Blessed



We are nurturing individuals who desire to have a family and have long wanted to pursue adoption. Before we married, we knew that having a child on our own would be difficult due to infertility. We believed then and we believe now that adoption is part of God's plan for our life together.

We want to thank you for taking the time to consider us for this privileged role in your child's life. As parents, we will commit to supporting the hopes and dreams of the child, fostering a positive environment for learning and curiosity, and sparking a flame of imagination and joy. Most importantly, the child will know that they are fully and unconditionally loved.

"And now these things remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."

1 Corinthians 13:13

















