



Hello,

We are David, Emma, and Zoe. We live in a farming community of about 500 people in Central Illinois, where David is a Pastor at the local Lutheran Church. Although we cannot have children of our own, we adopted Zoe Grace. She is a special needs child with physical and developmental disabilities. David and I think Zoe should have a sibling or two to play with. **We would consider it a blessing and honor to raise your child.**

David has a degree in education and has worked with developmentally disabled adults for 18 years before becoming a Pastor. **David is hardworking, gentle, kind and a loving person.** He is an avid sports fan. He plays basketball, golf, fantasy football and loves to watch football on television. David would love to do these things with our children, as well as sing to them, read, and tell them stories.

Emma was a volunteer Teacher's Aide at a grade school for several years. She now has a teaching degree, however chooses to stay home with Zoe. **Emma is loving, caring and a tenderhearted person, especially towards children.** She enjoys babysitting her friend's children, photography, bowling, hiking, and playing games. She has a large collection of children's books and videos to share.



There are many things we enjoy doing together, such as listening to music, watching old movies, playing board games, and taking our dog for walks. As a family we will go shopping, attend barbeques and participate in outdoor church and community activities. Since David is a Lutheran Pastor, we will raise our children in the Lutheran religion. We will do our best to live the Christian life. At times we may fall short, but **our strength comes from our faith in the mercy of God.**

Both our families are very supportive of us adopting. Emma's mother has several grandchildren and is excited about having more. David is an only child, but his extended family is excited about us adopting again. Our church family has been very supportive of our previous adoption; they have adapted our home to fit the needs of Zoe's disability.



We are willing to meet and discuss levels of openness with you. We will be happy to send pictures and updates on the baby as often as we can. **We are also open to having you visit with us and the baby.** We know this is a very important and difficult decision for you.

We thank you for considering us to raise your child.

Sincerely,

David, Emma & Zoe