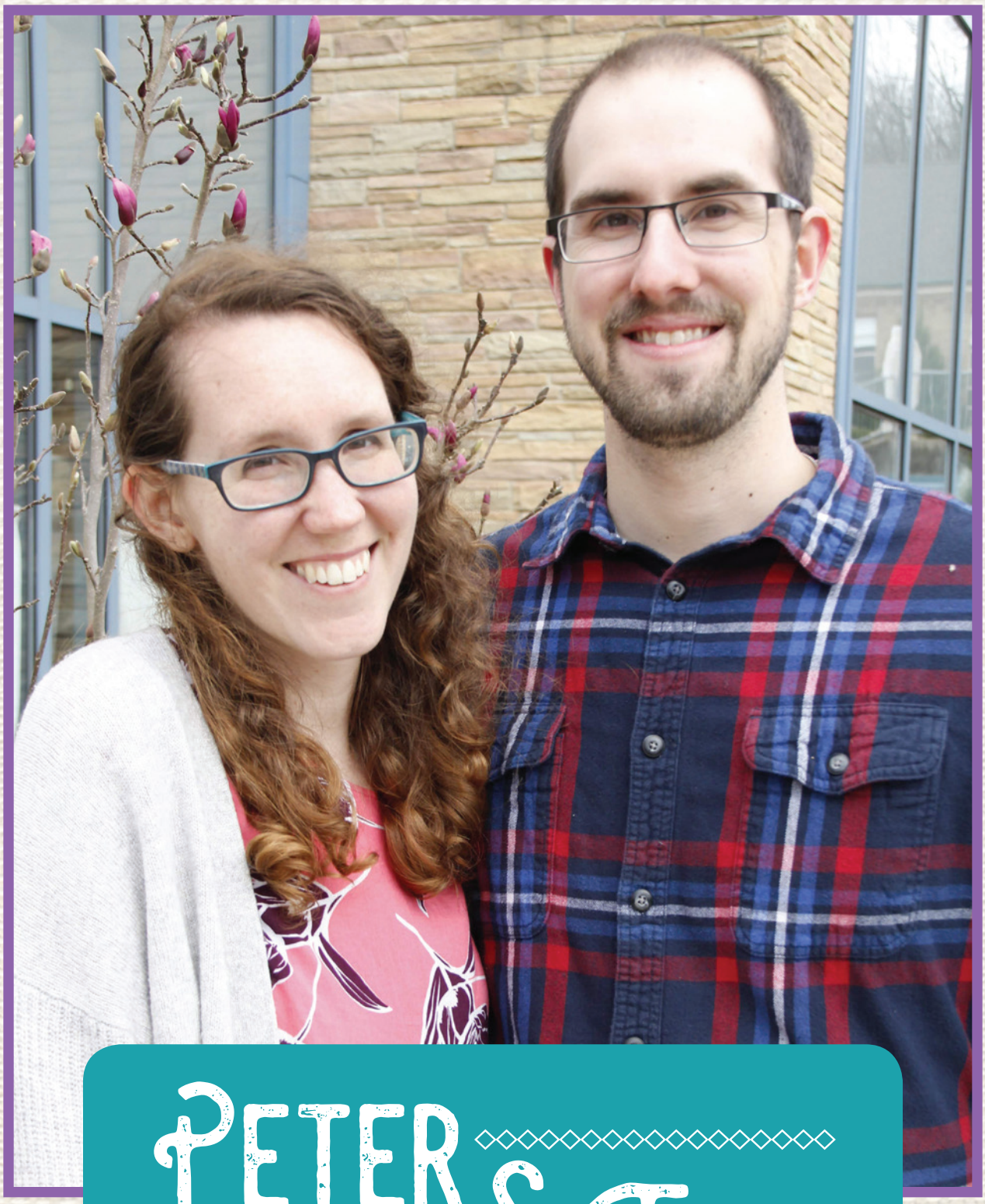

PETER & ERIN

About Us

We started our relationship in college as friends and bandmates in a bluegrass band. After a little bit of convincing from Peter, we started dating and have never looked back. We have now been married for five wonderful years and have a three-year-old daughter.

For our careers, Erin is a music teacher, and Peter researches techniques of improving the capabilities of medical imaging. While both of us love our jobs and work hard to succeed in our chosen fields, our Catholic faith, our relationship, and our family are at the forefront of everything we do.

We are active in our local church community, attending Church weekly as well as social and prayer events regularly. As a family, we do our best to spend every evening and weekend together, and we make sure to spend time alone as a couple in order to foster our relationship. We love attending plays and concerts, going camping, and going on walks and bike rides. With our daughter, some of our favorite things are going to the zoo and parks, playing board games, and visiting family.

Favorites

	Peter	Erin
Occupation	Medical Imaging Research Scientist	Music Teacher
Education	Ph. D. in Physics	Bachelors of Music Education
Color	Green	Purple and Teal
Book	The Wheel of Time by Robert Jordan	Les Miserables by Victor Hugo
Childhood Memory	Golfing and fishing with my Dad and brothers	Camping with extended family every summer
Food	Great-Grandma Vlasta's potato dumplings	Indian Food
Holiday	Fourth of July	Thanksgiving
Season	Football	Summer
Movie/TV Show	The Court Jester	The Great British Baking Show
Dream Vacation	Rome, Italy	Paris, France
Hobbies	Woodworking, playing golf, playing banjo	Playing cello with community orchestra, crafting, hiking

OUR HOME

We rent a house at the end of a nice neighborhood within walking distance to several parks and a town center. We live just one block away from the Montessori school at which Erin teaches, and she loves getting to walk to work on nice days. Our backyard looks out into some local woods and a small (fenced) creek, allowing us to experience nature even in the comfort of our own home.

Every room of our house has religious art and family photos that keep us connected to the things that matter most. We also keep our house filled with music - either listening to it or making it ourselves. We have a piano as well as a host of other instruments that we like to play together as a family or with friends.

ABOUT PETER
(written by erin)

When I met Peter, I instantly knew there were so many special things about him. We quickly became friends and spent countless moments together. When we finally started dating it didn't take long for us to know that we were meant to be husband and wife.

Peter is the most caring individual I have ever met. He is constantly giving to our family and does not ask much in return. He prioritizes family above anything else and that shows in every action. Although he has a very logical and scientific mind, he is always ready to play any game with our daughter, whether it is crawling around on the floor with her on his back, or playing with Barbie Princesses.

When he is not at work or spending time with family, he can usually be found working on a project involving building or tinkering with something. So not only is he smart and hardworking, but he is creative and artistic too! I cannot imagine my life without him as he brings so much love to our family.

ABOUT ERIN
(written by peter)

Prior to meeting Erin, I knew her only as the cute cellist at the college we attended. When I finally met her, it was immediately obvious that she was so much more than that. Among the many qualities that made me fall in love with her, Erin has an incredible ability to take a moment and make it great. A mundane activity becomes a memory when Erin makes a joke, invents a game, or says the exact right thing at the right time. I don't think that I can count the number of walks that have become adventures with her.

Erin loves music and the outdoors, and during the summer, she is always finding outdoor symphonies, concerts, and plays for us to enjoy both the arts and the outside world. With our daughter, she is always ready and able to handle a tantrum, stave off boredom, or comfort an ouchie. She has an incredible knack for bringing out the best in people and has seemingly endless patience and positivity. Even in our lowest moments of suffering through several consecutive miscarriages, Erin was able to find rays of sunshine.

Erin is, and always will be, a cute cellist, but is also an incredible wife, mother, and the best friend I'll ever have.

Our Family

Erin and our daughter strawberry picking with friends

After our faith in God, family is the most important aspect of our lives. We both have the fortune of coming from big, close-knit families. Our parents provided us a strong foundation and example through their openness to life and faithfulness to each other. Erin is the 3rd of 5 children, and Peter is the 6th of 8. Immediately upon joining the family, our child will have nearly 20 cousins, with seemingly more coming all the time. Right now, we are blessed to live very near to Erin's side of the family, all of whom we visit regularly. We are much further from Peter's family, but still make every effort to visit the family for Christmas, during the summer, and for any special occasions. Our parents and siblings are very supportive of our decision to adopt, and all are eagerly awaiting the news of their new grandchild, niece, or nephew.

We are blessed with one daughter. She is silly, outgoing, and is a great little helper. She loves cooking with us and loves to help with the babies at her daycare. Within our little family, we remain close by eating dinner together every evening and attending church together every Sunday. We do as much as possible together as a family, from cleaning the house, to grocery shopping, to bedtime stories and prayers. We love to spend time together outside-at parks, at the zoo, or out in nature on bike rides or camping trips.

We were both blessed with wonderful families growing up, and want nothing more than to provide this same gift to our children.

Celebrating our nephew's baptism

Erin's Family

Erin with her siblings

Peter with his siblings

Celebrating our daughter's baptism with family and friends

Peter playing with his nephew

Trip to the zoo with our good friend

Peter's family

Peter playing cards with his mom

Erin with her sisters

Dear Birthmother,

It has been our pleasure sharing ourselves with you, and we hope that this small window into our lives has helped you to see who we are and how we intend to raise our family. If we could leave you with a few final thoughts they would be:

- We will raise our child with all the love we have. We will do everything in our power to ensure that he or she has a happy, healthy, and fulfilled life.
- God is at the center of our home and our lives. We will teach our child the Christian faith, and raise them to know, love, and serve God.
- Our child will be welcomed with open, loving arms both to our immediate and extended families. Our parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, and, most importantly, our daughter, are ecstatic to have a new member join our family.
- We are open to adopting a child of any race and ethnicity. We are eager to learn about and incorporate our child's culture into our day-to-day lives.
- We are so excited and blessed at this opportunity to grow our family through adoption, and we cannot wait to see what God has in store.

Please know that you are in our prayers, and thank you so much for spending a few minutes getting to know us.

Sincerely,
Peter & Erin

Why Adoption?

Having both grown up in large families, we always dreamed of having a large family ourselves. However, after the birth of our daughter, we have struggled to have more children, with three consecutive miscarriages in the space of 18 months. The physical and emotional pain from these miscarriages leave us hesitant to attempt another pregnancy at this time. At the same time, we feel that God is calling us to grow our little family, and our daughter is definitely ready and excited to be a big sister.