

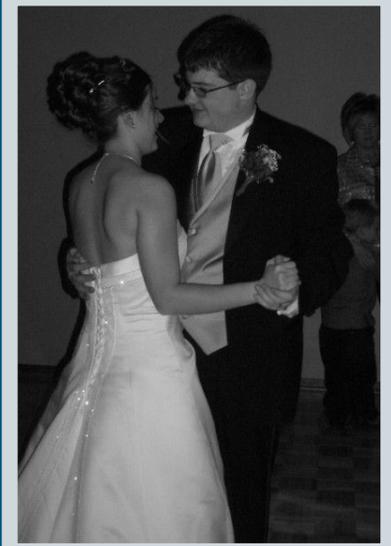
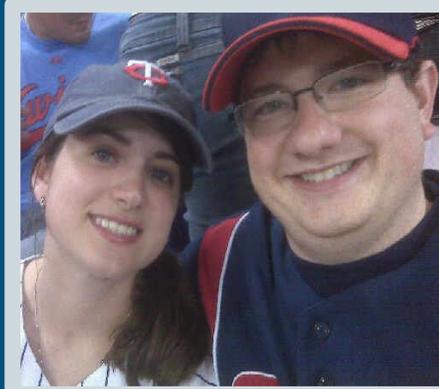


*Brandon, Rose,
& Logan*

How We Met

Written By Brandon

Certain moments in your life are frozen in time, and you can recall them effortlessly when you close your eyes. One of those for me is the first time I saw Rosemarie.



I swung by her dorm room because I had recently met her roommate. She was reclined on her chair at her desk with her feet propped up, hair pulled back and wearing a hoodie. We barely spoke, a simple hello and introduction. Our roommates were dating, and we quickly became friends.

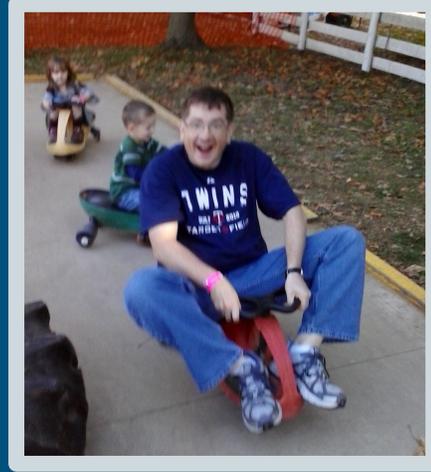
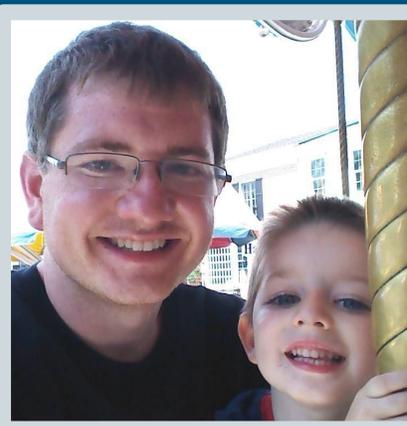
I knew from the beginning (and so did all our friends) that she was the girl for me. I would make up excuses to see her. We were friends for almost a year. Our first date set up the rest of our lives. I had written a song and with a music major friend's help, I serenaded her on that first date. We got engaged a year later, and were married in 2005 right before we began student teaching.



Meet Brandon

Written By Rose

I am so incredibly thankful for the amazing husband God has blessed me with. Brandon is a loving father, a caring husband, and my best friend. Brandon is funny, compassionate, patient, supportive, and determined. He is a real leader and knows when someone needs encouragement or assistance and is right there to lend a hand. Brandon is the director of a growing high school band. Students love him, he is constantly being nominated by students as a mentor teacher and even for faculty homecoming court ;-).



He shows kids how important they are, to develop a strong work ethic, and take pride in their accomplishments. Not only is he a fun and passionate teacher, but also an amazing father to our son Logan. The two of them are always trying to make new foods and try new recipes for me to try. I have to admit they don't all turn out well, but it's pretty adorable. Brandon and Logan dress up and play superheros around the house and build fantastic lego creations. When we are around family, Brandon is the first one to have a baby niece or nephew in his arms.



Meet Rose

Written By Brandon

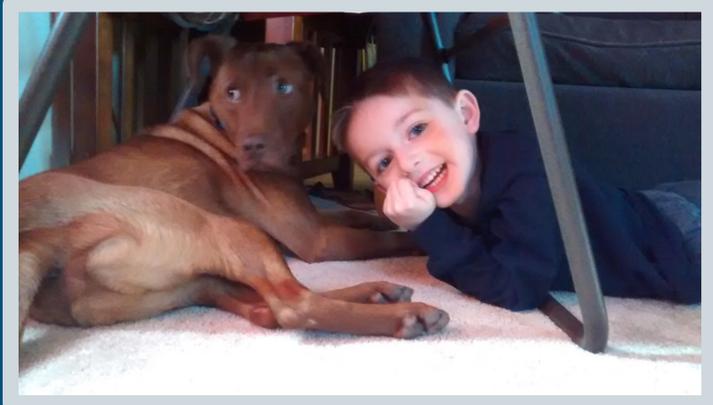
I give thanks every day for the gift of my wonderful wife God has given me. Rosemarie is my partner in life. She is strong where I am not and I am so thankful for the life that we have built together over the last 10 years. She is always learning and growing, becoming even more beautiful inside and out. She is thoughtful, kind, and creative. She is always coming up with fun and crafty ideas at holidays. She is incredibly passionate.



Rose cares deeply and is always ready to act or to show a friend just what caring and compassion are all about. I know this is true, watching her be a mother to our son and a teacher to every 6th grader in town. She lovingly corrects and cares for Logan. She plans fun learning in her science classroom and her instruction teaches kids to love science. I've seen her influence in my life as well. She has made me more thoughtful as well as a better leader in our home and in the community.

Meet Logan

Logan is 6 years old and loves superheroes, picnics, firepits, (well, s'mores mostly) and playing games. His favorites right now are Star Wars Trouble and Battleship. He has also taken a new interest in soccer as the city soccer fields are in our backyard. He also fell in love with flying kites at a recent kite festival.



In October of 2015, Logan was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. However, he doesn't allow this challenge to stop him. He loves to run around the house with our dog, Rusty. He knows his muscles aren't as strong as his classmates, but he still participates with them in everything they do.

Our Traditions

There are many traditions that our family looks forward to year round. Independence Day is an incredible celebration in our town with carnival, parade, and fireworks. Brandon's marching band is in the parade every year.



On Labor Day we always accomplish a major project, from painting rooms in the house to building a retaining wall in the backyard.



On Thanksgiving, Brandon always makes the turkey. He has perfected the bacon wrapped butter turkey.



We are also huge Christmas fans. As soon as Thanksgiving dinner is over, we are setting up the Christmas tree, regardless of whose house we're at! Rose carries on her father's tradition of assembling the lighted harvest and Christmas villages.

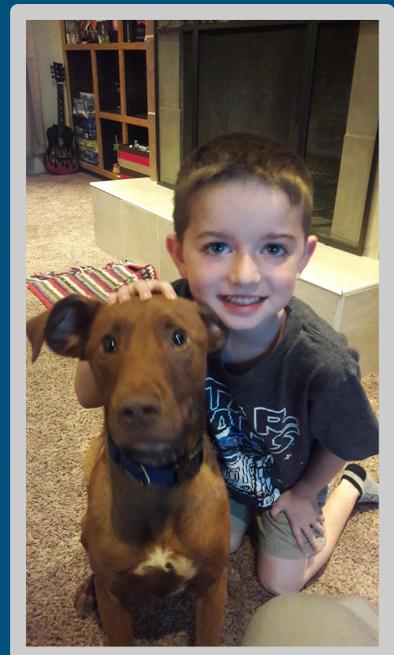
Our Hobbies

In our down time, we enjoy homemade popcorn and movies together. We've even made a few of our own starring Logan as any number of superheroes. We enjoy picnics at the beach, playing any new game that friends bring over or that we find ourselves, and baseball: specifically the Minnesota Twins. Logan has begun a love of science and we have fun doing science experiments at home. Music is a passion of ours and a big part of our lives as well.



Our Home

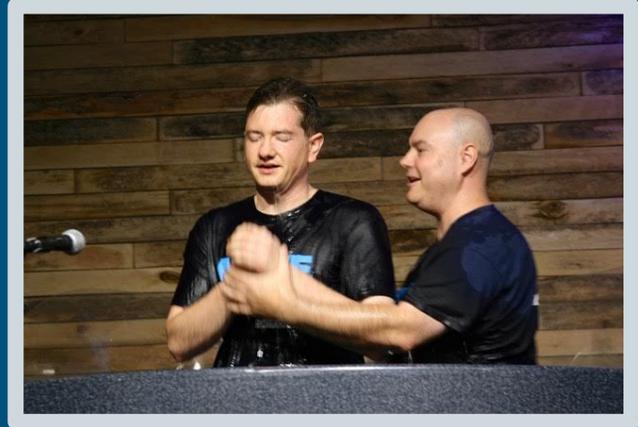
Our home is a 2300 square foot 2 story house. It has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths with the capability to be 5 bedrooms if needed. We live near two beaches, a new dog park, and the elementary school is only one block away. Our back yard is up against city land that is used for soccer fields, flag football fields, a great walking path, and a new disc golf course. We love working on our house. We've built a new retaining wall, fire pit, and our next project is a new deck.



Our Faith

Our faith in Jesus is more than a Sunday morning routine. We seek to live it out in everything we do. We are very involved in our church, serving on the worship team (Brandon plays drums, Rose sings) and helping out in other ways when we are able. We lead a small group in our home on Sunday nights with other people our age. We learn, grow, and encourage each other in that time.

We've had the incredible opportunity to teach our faith when we taught at a Christian school for seven years. In that time Brandon led a worship band and Rose taught many grades of bible class. We have prayed for and with our kids and have seen God work in amazing ways as a result. We teach that service and knowledge of God to our son as well.



In the last two years our faith has been challenged as we lost a baby in the 2nd trimester. Shortly after this, we got Logan's diagnosis of DMD, a disease with no cure. We then discovered that Rose is a carrier of this disease. These events happening so close together led us to prayer and where we discovered God leading us to adoption.

What Our Friends and Family Say About Our Adoption Plans

We are excited to see their family grow and for them to have the opportunity to show another child the love they have shown their son the last six years. We have learned much about parenting from watching them. We fully trust them with the care of our own son. We look forward to supporting and loving them and their new baby. - Bill and Kayla Borseth (Brandon's brother and sister in law)



The qualities that best describe them are caring, generous, and convicted. They abide in love and thanksgiving and are willing to share that with anyone. They show a personal conviction to be great parents that honor God and glorify Him as well. - Cody Rogers (pastor)

They have a love for all and any child would be blessed to be in their home and to call them mom and dad. God has given them a desire to love and parent children. I wholeheartedly support Brandon and Rose's decision to adopt. - Eric Borseth (Brandon's Dad)



We see them as the kind of parents who lead with patience and humor. Their interactions with our children and their own child often help us remind ourselves to lead with kindness when we would much rather give way to frustration. Any child placed in their care would be fortunate to be a part of such a loving family. - John and Sarah Raymond (close friends)