



Lucas & Jessie



# about us:



## How we met:

We met when we both joined a community organization called CERT - community emergency response team. Lucas ask me out a couple times before I agreed, and our first date was dancing at a small town street dance. We both feel it's important to be active in our community and church. We are members of our local Lions club. We have been together since July of 2014. After a fairly short engagement, we were married in December of 2015. When we contemplate our lives before meeting, and the crazy path we took to finally meet, we both firmly believe that we were led by God to meet and get married.



You know how they say opposites attract? Well, in our case that is true. I'm the logical, left brained planner, and Lucas is the easy going, spontaneous fun lover. His sense of humor and joking attitude offsets my serious, straight forward demeanor. He's great at making friends and talking to people he doesn't know. I'm great at planning and being organized. He can make anyone laugh.



# **growing our family:**

**We were blessed to get pregnant with Delilah 3 months after getting married. But since trying for another on our own, we haven't been able to conceive. We added Micah to our family through adoption. He was born 12/3/2020, and I was there when he was born and was able to cut his cord. He has been a part of our family from the day he was born and the adoption was finalized on 9/15/21. We have an open relationship with his birth mom and stay in regular contact with her. He has been the most amazing gift we could have ever been given. Delilah loves her little brother, and we are constantly amazed at their sibling relationship.**



**Our children are the light of our lives. We didn't have much experience with children before having Delilah, but we learned quickly. We have spent lots of time reading books about child development, and will continue doing that as they grow. Their needs are going to keep changing. People aren't born knowing how to raise children, in my opinion. And the best way to figure out how I want to raise my children is to read what others think and make my own decisions based on what my heart tells me is right.**



# what Lucas says about Jessie:

Jessie has a good and generous heart. She is very strict when it comes to her routine and likes to stick to a plan. Jessie is very goal driven and when sets out to accomplish a project she tends to stick with it through it's completion.

Jessie focused her time and energy on her education and was able to obtain her Doctor of Pharmacy in six years. She works very hard to provide for our family.

Her consistency and financial planning has made it possible for our family to start our own roofing company. Jessie has been very active in Lions Club International and has held the positions of Club Vice President, Club President, and Zone Chairperson. She has gradually moved her community involvement from Lions to our church by becoming a church board member and then this fall by volunteering to lead a Sunday school class.

Jessie has a real passion for reading. Jessie is very frugal and tends to save her money rather than buy the newest phone or gadget, but boxes of books keep appearing in our house and she likes to host book parties to build our children's library. Jessie has loved horses from childhood and currently has one.

Jessie is a great parent to our our children. She loves spending time reading, cooking, cleaning, and rocking them. I have no doubt she has room in her heart for a bigger family and she will do whatever it takes to offer the best life possible for our kids.

My favorite thing about her is she very committed to our marriage and I can trust her without any doubt. She puts our marriage and child above all other things. She has a really pretty smile too!





# what jessie says about Lucas:

Lucas is an easy going, fun loving man who is a great husband and father.

When it comes to being a father and husband he is very responsible and hardworking. He gets along with other people easily, even people that others consider hard to deal with. He's much more extroverted than I am. He loves to have fun, spend time with friends and family, and work around our little farm. He can fix just about anything with a little research, and I rely heavily on him to do this. Generally, he keeps a very open mind about new ideas. He listens well, and I know I can talk to him about anything.

Lucas started working fulltime for a local roof coating company shortly after we got together. More recently, we decided to start our own roof coating company and are very excited at the new opportunities this will provide for our family. He's always been willing to do what will be best for us as a couple and our family. His dedication to me and our family is one of his best traits.

Lucas is always finding new things he enjoys. Chickens and apple trees are two hobbies he's pursued for several years. He has a group of friends he enjoys playing Dungeons and Dragons. He is part of the Leon Lions club, where he donates time to volunteer in our community on a regular basis.

When Delilah was born, I knew I would have to go back to work and was very distressed by the idea of a virtual stranger taking care of my 6 week old baby.

Lucas and I decided it was important enough to both of us for him to take a year off work and stay home with Delilah. This is just one example of his dedication to being a father. Once the year was over, we were very lucky to find the daycare provider we use now. She and her husband have become very good friends, and it feels like we send them to family when they go to daycare. My favorite thing about Lucas is his ability to make me laugh, even when I'm angry or sad and don't want to laugh. It's the key to his great people skills.





**We try to take a nice family vacation every year. Now with kiddos, we are trying to find family friendly vacations to make memories with them. Some of my favorite memories growing up revolve around vacations with my family, often times nothing more special than camping in different state parks across the country. We love taking them to a few of the state parks in the area, checking out the history associated with the area, hiking, and exploring one of the bigger caves. They are especially enjoying pool time at the rental we used. We have a few such outings planned for this year.**





# our home:

Our home is my sanctuary. It's where I can be myself. It's where the most important people in the world are. Actually, any place my husband and kids are would be considered home. It has nothing to do with the building and everything to do with the love we share.

We live in the country on 16 acres about 13 miles from the town of, Leon, IA. Leon has a population of about 1000 people. We also located approximately 13 miles south from a larger town of 5000 people that has more stores and resources.

We live about 50 minutes south of Des Moines. We started homeschooling this fall for Delilah's Kindergarten year. Lucas and I were both home schooled for parts of our education, and we feel like this is a true gift we want to offer our children.

Leon has a library. public swimming pool, movie theater, a couple restaurants, a gas station and a few other businesses you would expect in a small rural town. There are even more options available in the town to the north of home

Most of Lucas's family live in the Leon area. My immediate family live less than 2 hours away. We have many close friends in the area we see regularly.

We have three dogs. Izzy and Daisy are Australian shepherds. They are very excitable, happy, loving dogs that come in and out of the house. Aria is great Pyrenees, outside dog, who is very easy going and sweet tempered. We also have cows, a horse, ducks and chickens.







**Spending time together with family is a priority. We feel it's important for our children to have a close relationship with their grandparents and Aunts and Uncles. I grew up with no extended family living close to my family (mom, dad, and sister). Lucas grew up around both sides of his extended family. We enjoying having friends over for game nights and BBQ's when the weather is nice. We have a family membership to the zoo in Des Moines, and love taking them to visit the animals and attend some of their special events like Night Eyes. We attend church weekly, and are thankful for our church family. Attending Sunday school and church while growing up is one of the things that shaped who I am today.**







**Over all I would say we are a Christian based, hard working, family oriented, family. We are blessed with the resources to support a larger family and God willing we hope to grow ours.**





