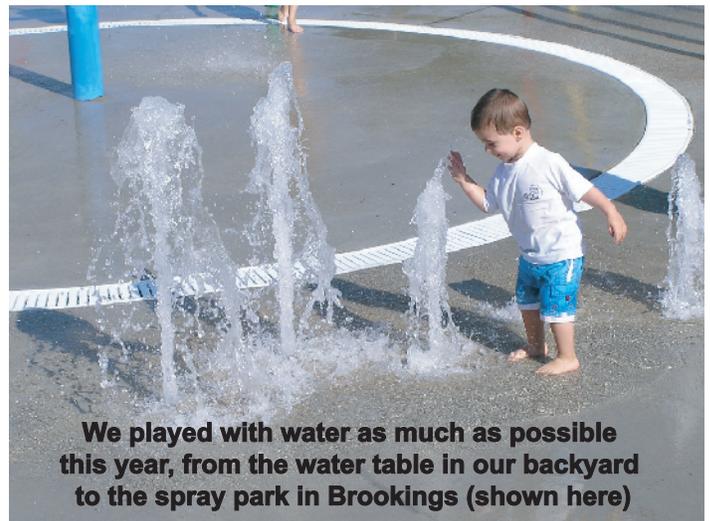


Tim, Susan, and Sam in 2007



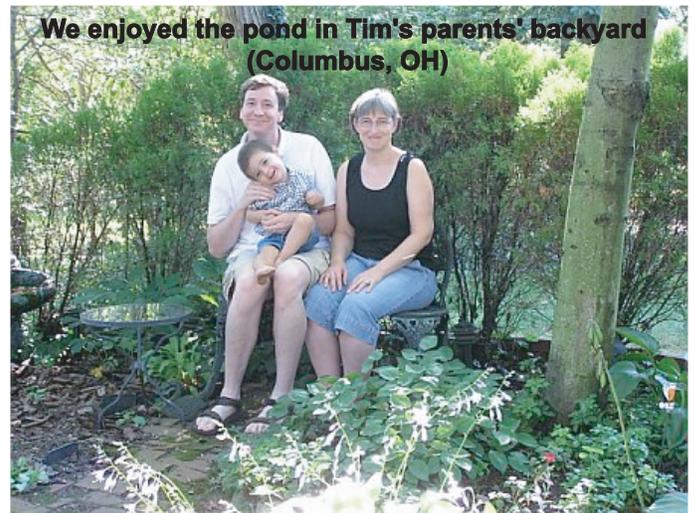
Sam and Susan at Highland Park (Rochester)



We played with water as much as possible this year, from the water table in our backyard to the spray park in Brookings (shown here)



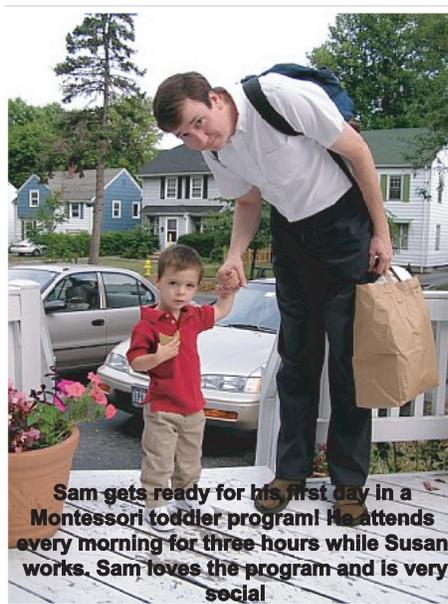
Sam watched a summer downpour from the safety of the screened-in porch at the cabin (upstate NY)



We enjoyed the pond in Tim's parents' backyard (Columbus, OH)



...and the cornfield in Susan's Dad's backyard (Brookings, SD)!



Sam gets ready for his first day in a Montessori toddler program! He attends every morning for three hours while Susan works. Sam loves the program and is very social



Sam and Tim engaged in the all-important business of finding more rocks to plunk into the lake

What's been keeping us busy? Tim has been working hard as an elder in our church and continues to lead a Bible study. His work at the Laser Lab has been going well. Susan spends her days keeping up with Sam, who now runs at breakneck speed, and honing a collection of shorter fiction. Sam turned two on November 14th. He continues to be a big "reader," for which we are thankful. His verbal skills are a constant delight (the exception being when he calls out in public, "MOMMY, WHAT DAT MAN DOING? WHAT DAT NOISE?").