



These are *YOUR* stories!

As part of our journey to *Rise*, members of Atonement were invited to reflect on how God is at work among us, both within our congregation and beyond our walls.

The stories below are heartfelt glimpses into lives changed, faith strengthened, and hope shared through our community. We celebrate these stories as reminders of what God is doing in and through us.

How has Atonement Lutheran Church changed YOUR life?

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The church provides a safe place for my children to learn about Jesus and make new friends.

I love having so many options for my kids to grow in faith around other faith families.

I have been a member for over 15 years, and have always felt spiritually fed at Atonement. I also appreciate that Atonement offers many opportunities for me to help others grow in faith and serve the community.

Atonement is a place where I have made friends- not easy when you're an adult new to town.

Love to tell the story of Jesus to everyone you meet here. We've been members for 44 years and still doing that! God Bless Atonement Lutheran Church.

I get to have fun with friends on Sunday and dance and play fun and cool games.

Atonement helped to guide and shape the faith of our two children, and both continue to be active in a church while raising our grandchildren.

Atonement provided opportunities for me to grow and apply my leadership skills.

The sermons from both of our pastors are wonderful. They help me focus on loving others more than thinking about myself. They also brought me peace when my child came out to me, and helped me understand god created them as they are.

My family found Atonement at a time when life was very difficult for us. We were able to reconnect with God and deepen spiritually by coming here. We also made some new friends that helped us through the hard times.

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How have you seen Atonement have an impact on the lives of those BEYOND our walls?

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I think it is great that Atonement tries to make everyone feel welcome, especially now that we are a Reconciling in Christ church.

Over the years, I have seen Atonement serve the metro community through partnerships with MLM, The Good Faith Network, Hollis, Hillcrest Transitional Housing, and more. Atonement members are very generous.

Atonement has helped the ELCA grow current and future leaders, including Pastor Zac and Pastor Jordan.

Atonement helps to start new congregations like Holy Cross and Kaw Prairie.

It is great how Atonement does so much to collect food and money to help those in the community who are hurting, homeless, etc. Food, clothing, MLM Christmas gifts for families, stuff for students at colleges. There is always so much in the piles of stuff donated. Very generous church.

I see Atonement doing all sorts of good things in the community. We feed and clothe people with donations we constantly collect. I love that we are also part of the Faith Network and work to make things better in the surrounding area.

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