

Jesus Lives Here

My worship experience at the Cathedral started 20 plus years ago when I met my wife, Suzanne (Appleton). Since day 1, I have always felt a strong sense of welcome when entering the Cathedral's doors. After growing up in a different church, I have developed a real appreciation for what the Cathedral has to offer me and my family.

My wife grew up at the Cathedral and it played a key role in her life. She was involved with youth group and the choir. Her parents, Don and Barbara Appleton, were also quite involved when she was younger and still remain very active today. This sense of family involvement really makes the Cathedral thrive.

The Cathedral has become an integral part of our family life. Suzanne and I were married here in 2000 and our children, Rachel and Collin, were baptized here. Our children participate in the Cathedral's youth ministry and it has been a wonderful spiritual experience. They both enjoy the opportunities that are made available to them from Sunday School to Church Camp to the various breakfasts and meals that are held throughout the year. We really couldn't ask for a better situation.

The environment that has been created here at the Cathedral is great. Tony and his staff have done a great job of making it a welcoming place to worship. There is an understanding that people have a lot of "stuff" going on outside of church and having spiritual leaders that get it, is great. As a busy family with everyone leading very active lifestyles, we don't always make it to church every week, but we are comforted in knowing that the Cathedral's doors are always open for us. We believe that this approach has allowed our family to get closer to Christ.

-- Jim Lutz

