



*Let Everything  
that has breath  
Praise the  
Lord!*

**Psalm 150:4**

## **WORSHIP**

The UIM worship services have been a real life saver! We are currently between pastors and had a few Sundays without a visiting pastor. A member of our congregation stepped up and was able to lead worship using the UIM services without having to worry about what to say. The entire service is laid out in an easy to follow way, centered around one theme, and the sermon uses many Bible verses to emphasize that theme. We also love that we can make the service work for us. While the Interactive Lesson seems great to increase congregation participation, we had to omit it due to time constraints. However, even with that omission, the service still flowed smoothly. Thank you Family Crossfires for providing an engaging service in a time of need!

*Hillary Klevesahl, Church Secretary  
White Clay Lake Lutheran Church, Cecil, WI*

*One substitute church organist texted about a UIM Service for the 2022 New Year and several UIM services before that: Was a very meaningful service, not just the ship and wor-ship part (reference to Interactive lesson) but all the service. I like the interactive spoken liturgy - the spoken refrains help me to remember and focus on the message for the coming week. I like the UIM services*

*Sheila Raddant, Substitute Church Organist, Zion, Zachow, Rural Bonduel, WI*

*Shelia's daughter: Ashlee, a teenage worshiper, said: The content is very relatable for me in today's world. The UIM service is a nice change from usual LBS services.*

I am organist at Zion Lutheran Church, Zachow, and I thoroughly enjoy the UIM Worship services. They are easy to follow and the hymns and readings always tie in so well together to reinforce the wonderful message making them so meaningful. My family has also used an emailed version during covid and when we are unable to attend church services. We sit around our dining room table, sing the hymns together and take turns reading through the service. These services are easy to understand, the messages are clear and easy to apply to our lives, and the services provide a tool for my family to worship and praise our Lord together.

*Lynn Baartz, Zion Lutheran Zachow, Bonduel*

“I am the pastor at Zion, Zachow where we began using UIM Resources about 9 years ago. Today our congregation is blessed by using every UIM Resource that is offered every year. Zion, always a loving and friendly congregation, has been inspired by God's Word to place others above themselves and, in so doing, is able to reach out to welcome all into God's Church in their congregation. I enjoy leading UIM Worship and UIM Bible Study because they make leading easy, but most importantly because they truly have so much wisdom and strength to offer from God through His Word. I also appreciate that UIM Worship can be lead by the laity. With the current shortage of pastors available to fill pulpits, I can take time off because a layperson is able to lead worship. As one of the Circuit Visitors for our LCMS District, I am able to offer congregations in a vacancy the opportunity to lead UIM Worship when no pastor can be found to lead them. I have received very positive responses from vacancy congregations who have been offered lay-lead UIM Worship.”

*Pastor Ricky R. Buhke, Zion Lutheran, Zachow, Bonduel, WI*

Pastor - We would like to say thank you for the UIM Advent Worship Services. It was wonderful that the congregation was able to be an active part of the service, and they was something for all ages. It seemed as a family we understood the Sermons better too. We observed a unique quality in you that we have not seen before, by relaying the message to the people by speaking from your heart. This worship would be suitable for any size church and we hope others will benefit from it like we did. May there be real hope, peace, joy, and love in the years to come.

*God's Blessings, Randy, Kim, and Elizabeth Zastrow. Zion Lutheran, Gresham, WI*