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PLUG INTO THE HIGHEST POWER

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PASSION FOR LIFE TOUR

**11 DAYS SPLENDORS OF EASTERN EUROPE & OBERAMMERGAU
JUNE 6-16, 2022**

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I invite you to join us on our first PASSION FOR LIFE TOUR! The 11 Days Splendors of Eastern Europe tour with a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend the world-famous Passion Play in 2022 in Oberammergau, Germany. The villagers of Oberammergau first performed the play in 1634 in fulfillment of their promise to God for sparing them from the Black Plague, and it has been presented there every 10 years since then until this past year. With the pandemic the passion play was delayed for two years and now gives you another chance to attend this incredible event. As I participated in Holy Week service this year I could not help but to imagine the images being depicted in front of our eyes at the Passion Play

The tour will take us to some of Europe's most interesting countries including the Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria and Germany. The scenery is absolutely spectacular as we travel through the plains and valleys of the magnificent eastern European countryside. The points of interest are very diverse spotlighting historical places and natural wonders.

In addition to our time spent in Oberammergau, we will have the opportunity to enjoy visits to Prague, the beautiful 1,000-year-old capital of the Czech Republic; Budapest, Hungary's enchanting capital on the Danube River; Vienna, Austria's elegant city with an old world ambience and a rich musical heritage; and Munich, the capital of Bavaria.

The price of our tour includes roundtrip airfare, first class/select hotels, private homes/pensions in Oberammergau, most meals, first class admission tickets for the Passion Play, the services of a professional tour director and sightseeing in a deluxe motorcoach.

We currently have about 27 people traveling and look forward to having you join us on this trip of a lifetime. It promises to be a wonderful experience for all with time to enjoy the fellowship of old friends and new.

While the year 2022 seems a long way away, NOW is the time to make plans and reserve your place on the tour as space is limited. Don't miss out on this opportunity to see the Passion Play and experience the history, culture and remarkable scenery of Eastern Europe!

Sincerely, David Sherman, Minister of Music



**WOW IS COMING BACK!
SAVE THE DATES!**

FALL: Sept. 8 - Oct. 27, 2021

WINTER: Jan. 5 - Feb. 23, 2022

SPRING: April 6 - May 25, 2022

Join us for a spirit-lighting, faith-renewing, life-inspiring experience.

Get more information after services outside on the patio

SUNDAYS, MAY 2 & 16!

BUSTING WITH OPPORTUNITIES

Have you ever thought you would have liked to be a Teamster behind the wheel of one of those Big Riggs? Hearing that musical Beep Beep when you back up your rig? Does the thought of all that power at your fingertips intrigue you? Well, our church does not have a Big Rig but we do have a small bus and we are looking for some interested drivers who would be willing to take a turn at driving on Sundays to help some people get back and forth to the 10:30 service. There is no CDL required, just a willingness to be of service to God and His church. If you would rather just be an assistant to the driver, we have openings for that position also. Anyone who sees this opportunity and has an interest can get further information by contacting Charlie Clegg at (928) 925-2256.

SOLI DEO GLORIA- TO THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE

Thank you all for your constant appreciation! Soli Deo Gloria!

Have you wondered how I select music for the church service? There are many factors influencing me including the scriptures of the day, the hymns, the season. If I have a concert coming up and the mood of the music is appropriate for the service, I may implement that. But most importantly, I rely on Divine Inspiration!!! Do you remember Palm Sunday? I played a 20 minute prelude piece that morning. Unbeknownst to anyone because it was not in the bulletin, it was the Chaconne of Bach-Busoni. I had given an all Bach solo piano/organ recital the weekend before and had included that piece. The piece is not only very long, but both musically and technically demanding. Because of this, I would not "program" it for a service. After all, sometimes a rehearsal is in session 20 minutes before the service. On Palm Sunday, at that time, the quartet had finished rehearsing. I had planned another piece. Looking at the bulletin, I saw the Passion theme. Suddenly Plan B spontaneously emerged and took over! I suddenly felt moved to play the Chaconne! I dashed over to the piano and started in. It was perfect for the service- better than what I had planned. Divine inspiration, indeed! Soli Deo Gloria!

I actually practice! Could I play the services without preparing? Of course! As a musician, you are always either getting better or worse. I choose to keep improving! I find it stimulating! What do I do when I practice? I search for beauty and ease. I know what I want and how to get it. Doing the work is part of my gift. Anyone who plays extraordinarily well has worked hard. God has called me to do the required work. Thank you, God! Soli Deo Gloria!

Piano and organ are my passion. It is how I have expressed myself my whole life. If you have looked on my FaceBook page, my "about" says, "My fingers tell my story." This is true! Most of my early life, I suffered from a very debilitating condition, "selective mutism." It is a form of severe social anxiety. It was challenging for me to speak in certain settings, such as school. The anxiety would just take over; I was afraid of my own voice. Thoughts and ideas were there; I just

couldn't say them aloud. With God's help, I outgrew it. I still get triggered occasionally. If I am not the life of the party or being quiet, you know what's happening! I have trouble speaking up!

I was always comfortable at the piano from my first day. It was my voice. Music made sense to me. I didn't have to "learn" to read music; I just did it and I understood what the composers were saying. From age 6, I played the complete classical piano repertoire. By high school, I had learned and memorized the standard piano literature. Soli Deo Gloria!

My organ story is different. I was recruited by the professor of organ at the University of Connecticut. I nearly failed organ lessons. I was very generously graded a "C". I loved the organ from first touch but I rarely practiced the one semester I studied. After I played my final juried examination, I cried as I walked home from the church where the organ exams were held. I knew I had wasted a tremendous opportunity. My organ prof had invested in me, and in return I did nothing. BUT a seed had been planted! Soli Deo Gloria!

I did not touch the organ again for many years. Seventeen years ago, I got a call about playing organ in a Catholic church in Connecticut. "I don't play the organ" was my reply. The caller had contacted every organist he knew. No one was available. "I don't care if you play with one finger" he insisted. The pay for each service was a lot of money which we needed at the time, so I found myself saying "I'll be there." Soli Deo Gloria!

As soon as I felt the organ keys underneath my fingers, I was in love. I played and played until I could not only play adequately, but beautifully. I never studied again, but contacted organ professors at Yale and Eastman with thoughts of studying. "Keep doing what you're doing, is all you need to do," I was told by the best after they heard me. I was told my approach to the instrument was a gift. I had applied my piano finger-hand technique to my feet and pedals, then transferred my ability to interpret and express myself on the piano to the organ.

I thank God for the privilege of playing for HIM! And for YOU! Soli Deo Gloria! *By Benita Rose, organist*

I HEAR WEDDING BELLS

Please join us as we consecrate the marriage of
Tray and Marcia Schreiber

at 2:00 PM, June 26, 2021

at American Lutheran Church

1085 Scott Drive in Prescott Arizona

Reception to Follow

RSVP with the Church office, (928)445-4348,
by May 15

The greatest gift you could give would be your presence and blessing on our marriage. With the merging of our two homes, we are blessed with everything we could possibly need.



First, thank you so much for your generous donations of candy for Easter! We were able to "egg" every family's yard with Easter candy and make a lot of children happy Easter weekend. Thank you!

Second, All Aboard for Fun at Rocky Railway VBS this summer will be July 26-30th from 9-noon. We are looking forward to an epic week together sharing the love of Jesus with kids all around our community.

We are looking for volunteers in all areas: station leaders, craft leaders, game leaders, stage design, decorating, storytelling, registration and much much more. If you want to help out, even just a little, please contact Tricia at tricia@americanlutheran.net.

To register your kids or sign up to volunteer, go to www.ALCPrescott.ChurchCenter.com.

Cost is \$25 per child and includes a shirt and family CD.



PRAISE THE LORD! The Prayer Ministry Team is back! Beginning Sunday May 2nd, Prayer Team members will be up front after each of the four church services each week and ready to receive your personal prayer requests. You can either drop your written prayer slips off in the prayer box, or you can come up and join them, for they would be more than happy to pray confidentially and specifically for whatever is on your heart.

Matthew 18:20 (NASB) Jesus said: "For where two or three have gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst."

*If you would like to know more about becoming part of the Sunday morning prayer team, please contact Dee Isham, (928)778-6735 or deeisham5@gmail.com