

Divine Drama

A Presentation on the Famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany and the History of Medieval Passion Plays to Modern Movies

Pastor Dave Schreiber from Resurrection Lutheran Church will offer a special program at the Super Seniors Gathering on **Tuesday, March 20th at 12:00 noon**. Pastor Schreiber spent a sabbatical leave in 2010 studying the role of drama in the proclamation of the Church, including researching the history of medieval passion plays in Europe (and their often mixed anti-Semitic legacies), that even inform contemporary portrayals of the passion, whether in Hollywood films or simple local parish Palm/Passion Sunday productions or Good Friday readings. Learn about the incredible tradition of the Oberammergau Play – performed every ten years in a small Bavarian village since the 1600's!!

Did you know:

- + The men of Oberammergau begin to grow long hair and beards one year prior to the play.
- + Only residents who were born or have lived in Oberammergau for at least 20 years are allowed to participate.
- + The play is performed five times a week from May to early October. It begins at 2:30pm to a dinner break at 5:00pm. The play concludes at 8:00 to 10:30pm.
- + Over 2,000 citizens are involved including actors, singers, musicians and technical support. There are 124 speaking roles, a 65-member orchestra, 48 person chorus and hundreds of other villagers as stagehands, seamstresses, firemen, ushers, etc.
- + It is estimated that 750,000 people will attend the play in 2020!