

ZION PROCLAIMER

"Dose of Wisdom"

July 2021

Many people ask me if I have read or seen many popular Christian books or movies or TV series. Typically, I do not read or watch "popular" Christian books or movies, because they disappoint in some way (in the same way, police officers do not watch crime dramas on TV.) They typically depict the Christian faith with emotions or feelings that leave no place for the Word of God. The emotional appeal of faith has more of an appeal than the way God works through His Word and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. This is unfortunate. God working through simple means of water, bread, and wine and The Word of God are too boring and simple for many so they look for God and Jesus in signs, wonders, and the miraculous. While God does work in those ways listed, people forget about the everyday mundane ways God works and what we believe as Lutherans. So I encourage and challenge you to look with discernment at the books of "popular Christian" authors from an authentic Lutheran view i.e. Luther's Small Catechism, The Lutheran Service Book, The Lutheran Study Bible. As a shepherd or sheep dog of Zion Lutheran Church it is my duty to receive instructions from the Shepherd to keep the sheep in the fold and not to lose any. I say let us keep to the doctrine of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. That is the best option today in this land of confusion. Below is the motivation of me writing this today, June 28th. Stick with the Church Fathers who although they may have some failings, have been proven to be sound over the course of 2,000 years of Church History.

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Disciple of Saint Polycarp of Smyrna. Ordained in 177. Bishop of Lugdunum, Gaul (modern Lyons, France). Worked and wrote against Gnosticism, basing his arguments on the works of Saint John the Apostle, whose Gospel is often cited by Gnostics. Dispatched evangelists, including Saint Ferreolus of Besançon and Saint Ferrutio of Besançon. Considered the first great Western ecclesiastical writer and theologian, he emphasized the unity of the Old and New Testaments, and of Christ's simultaneous human and divine nature, and the value of tradition. A Father of the Church. Martyr.

Reading

For this is why the Word became man, and the Son of God became the Son of man: so that man, by entering into communion with the Word and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God. The Word Himself, born of Mary who was still a Virgin, rightly received in birth the recapitulation of Adam, thereby recapitulating Adam Himself. The glory of God gives life; those who see God receive life. Men will therefore see God if they are to live; through the vision of God they become immortal and attain to God himself. God is the source of all activity throughout creation. He cannot be seen or described in his own nature and in all his greatness by any of his creatures. Yet he is certainly not unknown. Through his Word the whole creation learns that there is one God the Father, who holds all things together and gives them their being. As it is written in the Gospel, "No man has ever seen God, except the only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father; he has revealed him." From the beginning the Son is the one who taught us about the Father; he is with the Father from the beginning. The Word revealed God to men and presented men to God. Life in man is the glory of God; the life of man is the vision of God. If the revelation of God through creation gives life to all who live upon the earth, much more does the manifestation of the Father through the Word give life to those who see God. -**Against the Heresies by Saint Irenaeus**

*Blessings,
Pastor Dose*

Zion Lutheran Church

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Women's Bible Study...6:30 pm on 2nd & 4th Mondays of the Month (does not meet during the summer)
Wednesday Morning Bible Study.....9:30-11:00

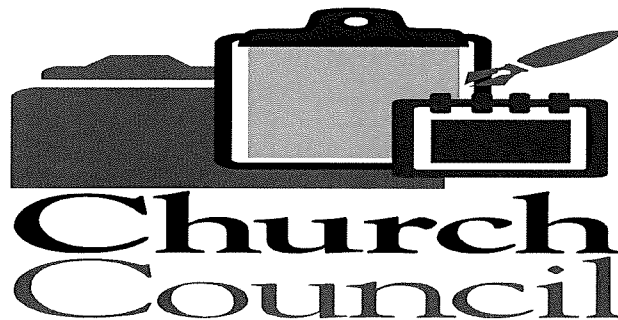
On the 3rd Tuesday of the month Pastor Dose is out of the office due to Carroll Circuit Pastor's Meeting.

The Board of Elders meets monthly at the Church. Please feel free to contact any member of the Elder Board about any aspect of our ministry here at Zion.

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LADIES AID: The Ladies Aid will be having their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 2nd at 9 am. Hostess will be Diane Schroeder

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

MARTHA CIRCLE:

Betty Nobiling & Betty Klink

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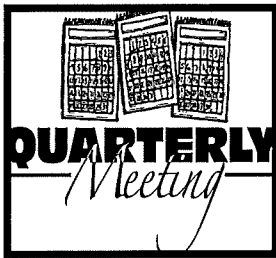
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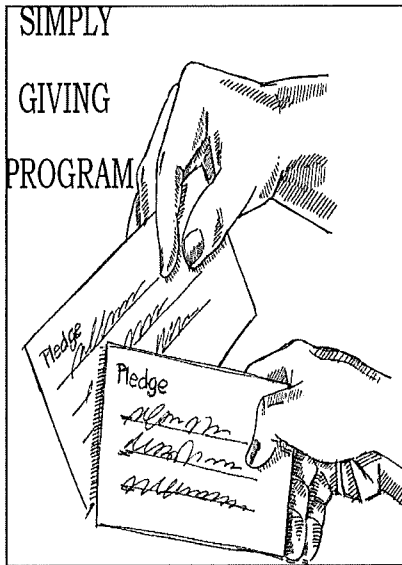
Marilyn Mumm & Donna Rickers



On Sunday, July 12th the Evening Circle will be having their Quarterly “Noisy Mite” offering. Proceeds from the offering will be donated to LSI Foster Closet.



The Quarterly Voter’s Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 11th following our morning worship service. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.



In the busy times we are currently in, handling the finances of our congregation is requiring more and more work. In an effort to save our financial people time we ask that you consider an old idea, that of the Simply Giving Program. To refresh your memory, Simply Giving is a program where once a week, once a month, or twice a month, your offering is automatically deducted from your checking account and automatically deposited into the churches account. All you will need to do is once a week (or whatever you choose) is to record the amount in your check register. That is all there is to it. The amount is set by you and doesn’t change unless you request it to be changed or discontinued. Special services like Advent, Lent, Christmas, etc are **NOT** automatically deducted and we would encourage you to use your offering envelopes for those services just like in the past. For each person our Financial Secretary has to handle 52 envelopes and bookkeeping entries per year, and when you multiply that by approximately 275 envelope numbers, that is a significant amount of work that could be avoided by using the Simply Giving Program. An additional bonus would be that our giving throughout the year would be more consistent. We prayerfully ask that you consider making this small change that would be of big help. To learn more about this program, please contact the church office



God's Wonder Lab

"God's Wonder lab (CPH) was the theme of the 2021 Vacation Bible School at Zion Lutheran Church in Arcadia. The goals for the annual program are to fulfill the reaching, teaching and discipling mission; to involve members to grow as Christians; to provide Christian education for our church's children; and to encourage children to bring their friends to learn about Jesus. It was held Tuesday to Friday, June 8-11, 2021.

Students who are four years old (preschool) by the first day of VBS through the eighth grade were enrolled.

A total of 102 youngsters were involved throughout the week. The Bible theme for the week was

***"He has done marvelous things!"
Psalm 98:1***

The sessions ran from 8:30 to 11:30 each day with opening and closing devotions in the church led by Pastor Ben Dose and music instruction by Tammi Brunner.

"Our offering collected this year went towards our mission project of "Sharing God's Mighty Word"

We will be sending books to kids. Sharing God's Mighty Word is an outreach project that sends Bible based story books to kids around the US. The project focuses on reaching inner city kids, Hispanic kids, Native American kids and kids in crisis. Our goal was \$500 which we achieved. By getting our students involved in this project, we are teaching them and the kids they help serve that God values all people regardless of race, ethnicity, or social status We are teaching that God reaches out especially to those who are suffering, that He doesn't forget them, that He loves them. And we are teaching that they can be missionaries in their own communities.

***"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
(Proverbs 22:6)***

Deb Owen assisted with the secretarial needs and newly confirmed teens, other church members and their friends assisted in all areas of need. Scott Linde and Allan Kock made the woodworking projects.

provided the craft project ideas. The 5th-8th graders also did an outstanding job of tying **40** quilts this year. Since 1993, VBS students have tied over **920 quilts**. The ladies prepare all the materials for the quilts and the students tie them using the two frames that keep all the helpers hopping. There are **many, many** helpers who volunteer each day both with the crafts and the snacks.

It is truly appreciated how everyone comes forth each year for the week of Vacation Bible School. Thanks to all who helped the week of VBS whether it be in the kitchen, teacher, helper, crafts or games, it is a fun week and hopefully, memories are created that will last a lifetime.

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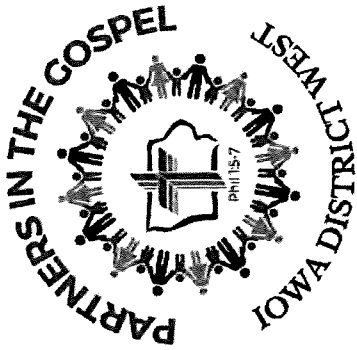
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Psalm 98:1

V.B.S. 2021

★ ★ ★ JULY ★ ★ ★ Birthdays & Anniversaries

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | 1 Matthew McNelly Mark & Diane Schurke Denny & Dianne Vetter | 2 Ashley Eggers Levi Lenz | 3 Scott Linde |
| 4 Corey Erps | 5 Dawn Luetje Gary & Jane Vetter | 6 Tyler Ehlers Ann Peterson | 7 Andrea Gronau Betty Klink | 8 Devon Ehlers Carolyn Sander | 9 Colton Heithoff Steve Koch Tiffany Wiese | 10 Maren Myers Nolan Schmitz |
| 11 Connie Bradshaw | 12 Brooklyn Brockman Jane Petersen Darin & Donna Schurke | 13 Sophia Koch Dianne Vetter | 14 Ross & Michelle Schuette | 15 | 16 Chase Eggers Ellie Eggers Dan Wittrock | 17 |
| 18 Gene Kuhl Jay Luetje Randy Stoelk Mason Stork Rick Vetter | 19 | 20 Brad Maasen | 21 | 22 Steve Leiting | 23 Justin & Holly Hunter | 24 Kathy Kraus |
| 25 Emily Bruhn Mark & Donna Rickers | 26 | 27 Lane Kraus Denny Vetter | 28 Wanda Erps Dawn Melton | 29 Doug Gronau | 30 Lola Ehlers | 31 Kyle Bass |



On a Mission
to Support

Christ's Mission!

July 2021

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I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now (Philippians 1:3-5).

When Paul refers to his 'partners' in Philippi, he uses the Greek word *koinōnia*. This word is sometimes translated fellowship, joining together, and, of course, partnership. It is always used with a sense of a shared relationship. Partnership is a great word when referring to our shared work among congregations, church workers and Iowa District West. This partnership may be two or more neighboring congregations being served by one pastor. It could be circuit congregations joining together to fund a missionary, either locally or internationally. The Lutheran day schools in Iowa District West are all supported through partnerships in one way or another. Simply put, congregations can accomplish more through ministry partnerships than they can on their own.

Instead of seeing other congregations as competition or worrying about how working with another church might cause us to compromise on things like time for worship or programs, we need to be asking: how can we work together efficiently for the sake of the Gospel? Iowa District West is committed to cultivating healthy ministry partnerships. We support and encourage collaboration in a way that strengthens the overall ministries in our communities.

Always in Grace,
Pastor Steve Turner, President

Opportunity to Help with VBS in HONG KONG from Your Home

Sunday, July 18-Thursday, July 22
and/or

Sunday, July 25-Thursday, July 29

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale, is excited to host Summer Vacation Bible School over Zoom for our friends in Hong Kong! More than 3,500 Hong Kong children will be exposed to native English speakers and our culture and we will share a whole lot of Jesus and fun! A well-planned list of activities and resources will be provided for each leader, which go along with the Bible theme for the evening. We will also come together via Zoom with other leaders on occasion to share ideas. More information: <https://gdlc.church/hong-kong-vbs/>

Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) A GREAT DEAL GOT EVEN BETTER

New for 2021, those who donate to ILSTO will receive a 75% state tax credit. For example, a donation of \$5,000 will generate a voucher for \$3,750 state tax credit. In addition, 25% may also be a Federal income tax charitable contribution. A donor is able to designate which Iowa Lutheran School they would like their donation to benefit. Wouldn't it be great to help a student attend a Lutheran school instead of paying taxes? Also, a change for 2021, donations will stay at the designated school up to 70% of need. By reaching our goal, ILSTO would be able to assist more students attending Iowa Lutheran Schools: increase enrollment, provide ministry with the community, and share the Gospel with more children and their families. Now that's something to think about. Call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991 for more information.

Iowa District West Camp/Youth Gathering Scholarships

Assistance for those who need financial aid is available from the district for youth attending camps at Camp Okoboji and for district youth gatherings. The application should be filled out by the pastor or church worker from the congregation of which the applicant is a member. Applications are then sent to the district office.

Click on the link and select "Youth Events Financial Aid."
<http://idwlcms.org/forms-and-links.php>

Calendar of Events

July 5...Independence Day Holiday, District Office Closed
July 13...Concordia Health Plan Workshop (online)
July 15...Concordia Health Plan Workshop (online)
July 27...New Pastor Orientation, District Office, Fort Dodge

For more information on Iowa District West activities, view *The Messenger* at www.idwlcms.org/publications.php

Camp Okoboji News

Omelet Brunch Sundays

July 4 September 5
August 1 October 3

Sunday Morning Worship

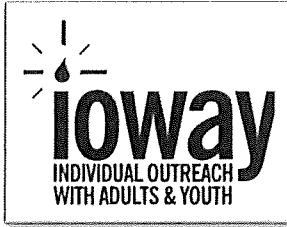
Worship Services start
at 9:45am
Services run from
May 30 - September 5



For more information, visit our website
campokoboji.org
or
call the Camp Office at
712-337-3325

Upcoming Events

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| J.O.Y. Camp 2 | July 8-11 |
| Jr. High Week | July 11-17 |
| Cub Week 2 | July 18-24 |
| Youth Week | July 25-31 |



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God's Puzzle

There are many ways to share God's love each day with our family, in our church, and in our community. Sometimes, how we share it may start out looking like a puzzle with many missing pieces. The great thing is that God does not see it as we see it. He already knows all the missing pieces. He drops in one piece at a time.

Starting to make a quilt may seem like a puzzle until the quilter decides what the finished quilt should look like and then the fun of putting all the pieces together begins. Pictured are Gert Drost and Donna Smidt from Lake View, Iowa. They are amazing as they made and bound 54 beautiful quilt tops last year.



The quilters of Emmanuel, Lake View; St. Peter, Sac City; Faith, Early; and Peace, Wall Lake were busy despite the slowdown from COVID. Nine to twelve faithful servants tied these beautiful quilts. They met three or four times during the winter months to tie the quilts. Of course, where there are Lutherans, there is food. Donna Smidt shared, "Following each morning of tying quilts, we enjoyed a wonderful time of food and fellowship."

Another IOWAY outreach involved many puzzle pieces. The end-result was a vehicle full of thousands of rolled bandages and hundreds of infant knitted hats. This was another of our IOWAY Pony Express adventures! Many bandages and hats were made by the CIA (Christians In Action) from St. Paul, Webster City. Larry Hicks, Holy Trinity, Farnhamville knitted hundreds of infant hats. Contributing to the load were items from Trinity, Des Moines; Trinity, Van Meter; and Shepherd of the Valley, West Des Moines.



Pictured is Ann Bass, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, West Des Moines who was the fearless driver to Global Health Ministries (GHM) near Minneapolis, Minnesota.

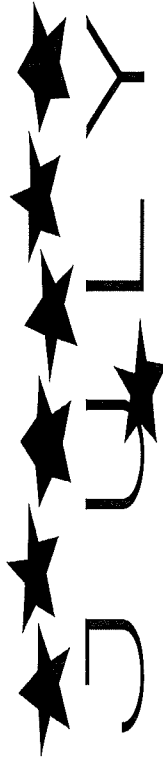
Ann shared, "The day I delivered our load of preemie knitted hats, bandages, baby burp cloths and baby quilts to Global Health Ministries located in Fridley, Minnesota, they were packing a shipping container heading to Madagascar, Africa! It was exciting to know just where all our donated items were heading!"

“Global Health Ministries believe that all people, no matter how remote their village, should have the opportunity to thrive. GHM partners in 13 countries around the world (Africa, Asia, and Central America) sharing resources to improve access to health for some of the world’s most vulnerable people. They have partnered for decades in resource-poor settings and have created deep relationships. They journey together with our brothers and sisters in Christ, where Lutheran churches manage hospitals, clinics, and grassroots efforts which all focus on improving the health of even the most vulnerable.

“I would encourage any church group - young or old - to help support this ministry of Global Health Ministries. Gather your sewers and knitters. ANYONE can wrap bandages from white cotton sheets! Make it a party! COVID is behind us... time to gather and help others!”

Needed items: * Rolled Bandages * Newborn Kits * Hospice Kits * Linens * Quilts *
* Baby Blankets * Baby Caps * Canes/crutches/walkers/wheelchairs *
* General Medical Supplies

Contact me for free bandage rollers and additional information.



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| | | | | <i>1</i> 9:00 Ladies Aid | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:00 DW/HC 10:00 Bible Class | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9:00 DW/HC 10:00 Voter's Meeting | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9:00 DW/HC 10:00 Bible Class | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9:00 DW.HC 10:00 Bible Class | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

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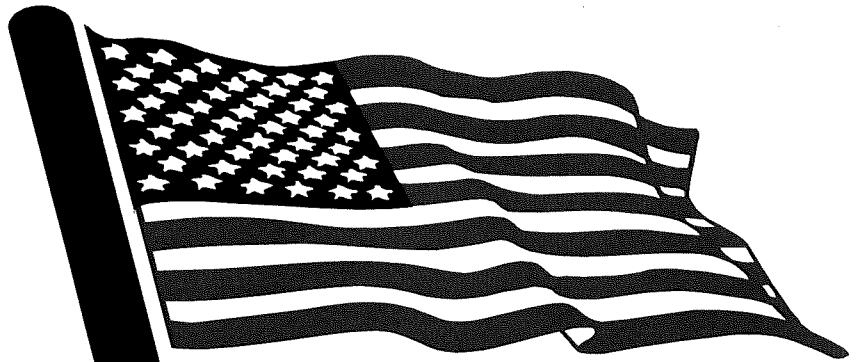
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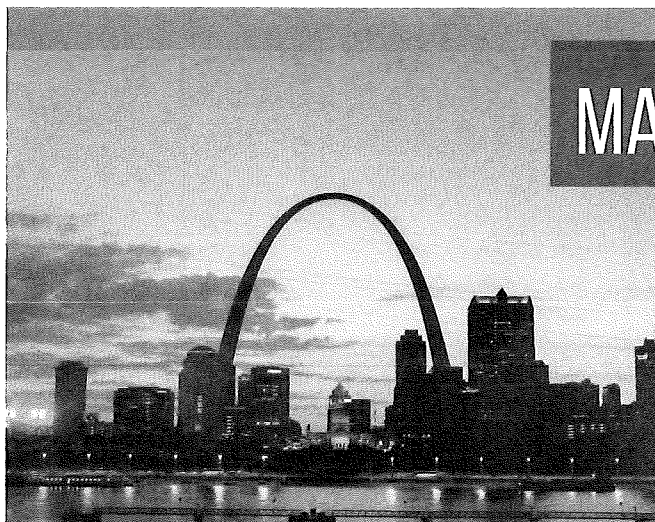
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LUTHERAN HERITAGE TRIP 2022

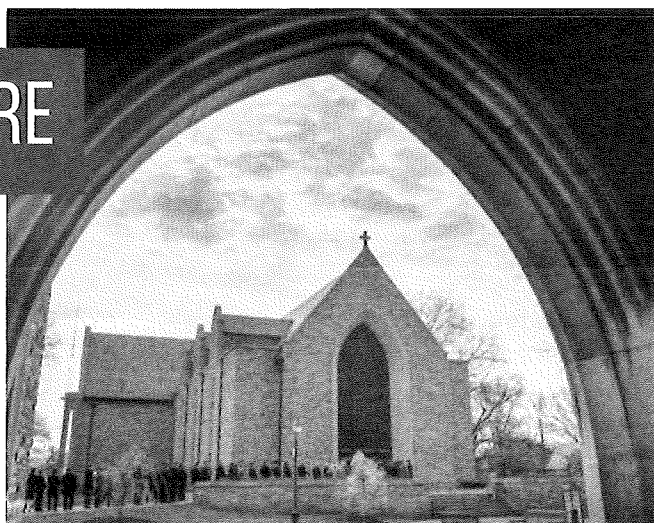


MARCH 31-APRIL 3, 2022

We are in the process of planning our second community trip. This time we're visiting St. Louis, MO, in order to learn more about our historical roots *and* to take in the sights and sounds of St. Louis.

OUR HISTORY, OUR FUTURE

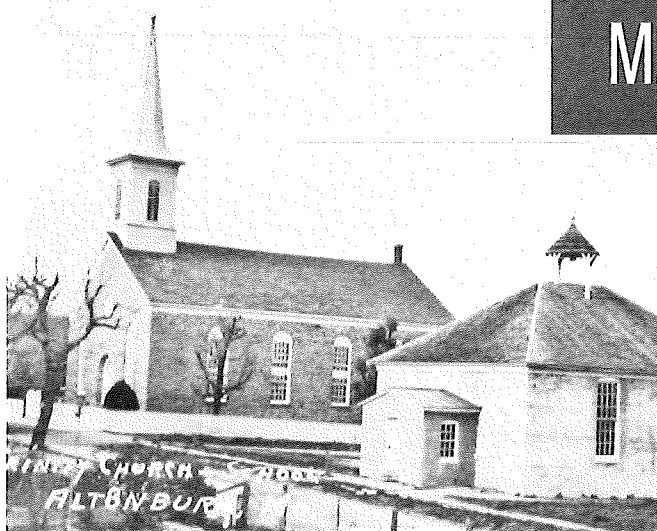
Our stops will include Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Arch, LWML Headquarters, Lutheran Heritage Museum, Fitz Root Beer plant, and more.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Informational meetings will be Saturday, **August 14 - 5pm @ Trinity-Manilla** (after worship - worship starts @ 4pm) *OR* Thursday, **August 19 - 7pm @ Zion-Manning**.

This trip is limited to 25 people on a first come, first serve basis.



If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Johnson - johnsonan1445@gmail.com/660-216-8680 (call or text)