

CHARLES IS COMING!

May 6th, 2018



“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- Jesus to His disciples in Acts 1:8

Friends, it is with great pleasure that I get to share this joyful news with you – Rev. Charles Sagay will be with us again soon. Charles is a missionary that we support who was called by God to minister to the tribe of 75,000 Baka people in Cameroon, Africa. Through Charles, and many other missionaries like Him, Jesus is working to accomplish exactly what He promised His disciples on the day He ascended to Heaven – that He would have witnesses to the ends of the earth!

Charles is a missionary that our church has supported since 2007. His story is nothing short of amazing, and He is a man full of the Holy Spirit. After 15 years of patiently waiting on and generously giving to the chief of the tribe, Charles was finally granted access to the people. Since then he has established a medical clinic, a school and soon-to-come a renewable fish and poultry farm so the 200+ students they serve can have meat in their diets more than 4 times a year.

In a culture where mother's make cakes out of mud for their kids to eat so they don't starve to death and infant mortality rates are well into the double digits, these ministries are really and tangibly saving lives. And more importantly, in a culture that is predominantly a mix of native religion and Islam, Charles' witness to Jesus is also saving people's eternal souls!

We are blessed to be able to continue to support Charles and the Mission School of Hope. His story is inspiring and uplifting. *I encourage you to invite family and friends to be with us on May 6th to meet Charles and hear some of what God is doing for His children in Cameroon.*

In Christ,

Pastor Kevin

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Birthdays This Month

Ryan Venema.....4/5
 Joanne Himebauch.....4/5
 Melvin Pepper4/5
 Lynde Peters..... 4/10
 Larry Litwin..... 4/19
 Janice Beilfuss..... 4/19
 Karen Mathew..... 4/22
 Alexis Wilson..... 4/23
 Merit Venema 4/27
 David J. Beilfuss..... 4/28

Wedding Anniversaries This Month

Cory & Jess Ballard..... 4/21
 Bob & Jamie Brandemuehl 4/29

Please drop a note to the church office to have your birthday or anniversary included here.

Servant Schedule

Date	Refresh.	Ushers	Nursery	Liturgist	Sunday School
4/1	Easter Breakfast	Group 1	Karen M	Prakash M	Joanne H Diane W
4/8		Group 2	Cindy W		Linda G Jan S
4/15		Group 3			Claire A Chris L
4/22		Group 1			Joanne H Sue R
4/29	Women's Fellowship	Group 2			Linda G Jan S

Notice: Photographs taken at church events are included in the newsletter, on our website and our Facebook page. If you would prefer not to have your photo posted to any of these forums, please contact the church office.

Articles for the May Newsletter are due in the office by 8:00 am on Friday, April 27

Stewardship @ 3/23/18

	Income	Expenses	Over (Short)
Offering	28,228.04	28,903.51	(675.47)
Other Income	1,203.35		
Total	29,431.39	28,903.51	527.88
	3/4	3/11	3/18
Attendance	71	66	97

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Hope Center Meal – Friday, April 13 at 5 p.m. – If you are interested in helping to serve a meal at the Hope Center, we still have an opening or two! If you can't help with serving but would still like to help, we would appreciate your donation of a dessert to serve. All donations of milk or desserts need to be in the kitchen by noon on Friday the 13th. The church is open until noon that day. Thank you!

ProHealth Care ParkWalk for Cancer –Saturday, May 5th at 10 a.m. The walk begins at 10 a.m., but we can meet in the parking lot a little earlier and walk over together to hear Joanne sing the National Anthem at 9:30 during the opening ceremonies. We want a picture of our whole team, so we'll take a picture with Joanne after she sings the anthem. If you care to donate to our team, FCC of Mukwonago, you can make a check out to the church and we will cut one check to the cancer walk. See the donation box by our bulletin board in the Narthex.

Charles Sagay from Mission School of Hope will be with us on May 6th! We look forward to seeing our good friend Charles and hearing all about the happenings at the school. Just to give you a heads up, we will be taking a free will offering that day. If you'd like to donate to the school, you can make your checks out to FCC. Thank you!

Teacher's Appreciation Week – May 7 – 11 – We have a fun opportunity for anyone who would like to show their appreciation for the teachers at Clarendon! We will be looking for volunteers to help give the teachers a break during their lunch period on Wednesday, May 9th! More information to come but keep this day in mind if you'd like to help!

Linda Garasimowicz

From the Moderator....

Many thanks to everyone who attended our Listening sessions and the Annual meeting on March 11th. This is how congregationalism works!

This week, our energy loan was paid off !! We paid \$35,732.86. And the remaining amount of reserved funds is \$26,208.85.

We are now debt free. We budgeted \$1,585.00 per month to go to pay the debt off. That money coming in each month can now go to surplus.

We are in a very good financial position. God is good!

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) has been authorized by the congregation to continue. Al Haegar, Harlan Petersen, Greg Garasimowicz and Mel Pepper have agreed to stay on this committee.

They have added Bob Brandemuehl, director of Property and Grounds, and Beth Petersen, chair of the furnishing committee, to their numbers.

We are grateful to Janine Coley, Jean Brocker and Diane Williams for serving with this group prior to the Annual Meeting. Anyone else who has an interest in serving on the LRPC is welcome. Please contact me. It is my understanding that this group will only meet occasionally...once or twice per year.

On April 22nd, we will hold an "Opportunity Sunday" It will be held during Front Porch time in the Koeffler Hall. Ministry teams will have posters and information available about their respective teams. You can hear more in depth about what each team does. Then, you will have an opportunity to join. Remember, ministry teams are open to any and all who wish to participate. No limits!!

Or, if you have an idea for a ministry that we don't currently have, please bring it to the Council's attention. We'd love to help you form a new team.

Rae-Ellen Preuss

Easter Dinner Giftpack

The Backpack Ministry is once again offering our families an Easter Dinner Gift Pack. This will include a ham, a 10 lb. bag of potatoes, two cans of vegetables, dinner rolls, Jell-o, and a can of pineapple. Letters were sent out a couple of weeks ago asking the families if they would like to receive this. We have heard back from five families so far. The cutoff date is March 28. We have also invited them to our Easter Egg Hunt and our church service. We will be purchasing the food from the Mukwonago Pick N Save. They are graciously giving us the sale price for all the hams. Money from the Backpack Fund that was generously donated by many of you, will pay for this. Thank you so much. We do this in the name of Jesus.

Beth Petersen

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter 8:30 Easter Breakfast 9:15 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 Worship	2 Pastor's Day Off	3 8:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Made With Love	4 6:30 Council	5	6	7
Pastor Kevin out of the Office						
8 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Front Porch Pastor Kevin out of the Office	9 6:30 Scouts	10 4:30 Conf. / Youth Grp.	11 5:00 Quilters	12	13 5:00 Hope Center Meal	14
15 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Front Porch 1:00 Linden Ridge	16 Pastor's Day Off	17 10:00 Made With Love 12:30 Women's Fellow. 4:30 Conf. / Youth Grp. 6:30 Scouts Cmte.	18 6:00 CEF Prayer Mtg. 7:00 Missions	19	20	21
22 Opportunity Sunda 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Front Porch	23 Pastor's Day Off 6:30 Scouts	24 10:00 Made With Love 4:30 Conf. / Youth Grp.	25	26	27 Articles Due	28
29 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Front Porch	30 Pastor's Day Off					