



# SUNFLOWER SPOTLIGHT

## Trinity United Methodist Church, Lindsborg

For the past five years Trinity United Methodist Church has participated in the SFSP. Through the formation of The Associated Churches of Lindsborg (TACOL) churches in surrounding communities have united as one organization to operate the Summer Food Service Program in the communities of Lindsborg and Marquette. The three meal service sites are operated solely by hard-working and dedicated volunteers. The Trinity United Methodist Church site in Lindsborg served an average of 60 participants in its first year of operation in Summer 2012 and with the formation of TACOL one site has grown to three sites in the Lindsborg and Marquette communities and this summer the three sites served an average of 116 participants each day. Next year TACOL plans to reach out to another neighboring community to add a site to increase access to summer meals for more children. The sites in Lindsborg and Marquette all begin serving meals the day after school is out and continue serving meals until school begins in August. It is the goal of Dr. Karil Bellah, coordinator, to continue to keep the meal service sites volunteer operated. Dr. Bellah is quoted as saying there are some very caring people and TACOL (the church network) is strong. Volunteers have played a vital role in the success of the meal service sites by conducting outreach and transporting children. The Pastor at the Trinity United Methodist Church site shared with KSDE that the volunteers serve as positive role models for the children and encourage good eating habits, respect and manners.