

# Good News!

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TRINITY UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## Trinity's First Annual Summer Neighborhood Festival



**Saturday, July 23, 11 – 3 p.m.**

Food — Bouncy House — Chicago Brass Band  
Latino Music — Kid's Games — Community Groups

EVERYTHING IS FREE — EXCEPT FOOD

**Invite friends for fun and to make a church connection!**

### Trinity Welcomes Missionaries Stationed in Japan

ELCA missionaries Timothy and Mari McKenzie will speak at Trinity United following worship on **Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**. They will also be available during coffee hour for a question and answer session. They are stationed in Tokyo, where Tim teaches church history at the Japan Lutheran Theological Seminary and Japan Lutheran College. Their ministry is especially powerful given the earthquake that devastated much of Japan last March.

In a recent issue of "Living Lutheran," ([www.livinglutheran.com](http://www.livinglutheran.com)) an online newsletter of Lutheran mission and ministry, Pastor Tim reflected on the spiritual impact of that massive earthquake. "I think a major issue for many people

in the Tokyo area is more spiritual and emotional in dealing with feelings of loss, especially for those who have family and friends in the Tohoku area," says Tim. There are also "feelings of fear and panic as the situation in Tokyo becomes more



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## Pastoral Ponderings

### How to Know You're Getting Older?

*Everything hurts!*

*and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work!*

*You feel like the night before,*

*and you haven't been anywhere!*

*You sit in a rocking chair*

*and you can't get it going!*

*Your knees buckle and your belt won't!*

*Dialing long distance wears you out!*

*Your fortune teller offers to read your face!*

*The little gray haired lady you help across the street  
is your wife!*

*You sink your teeth into a steak,*

*and they stay there!*

*You wake up in the morning*

*and your water bed has sprung a leak,*

*and you realize you don't have a water bed!*

*When you watch a pretty girl go by,*

*your pace-maker makes the garage door go up!*

*When you know all the answers,*

*and no one asks you the questions!*

*When you decide to procrastinate,*

*but never get around to it!*

C. Swindoll, Strengthening Our Grip, p.128

When does a "milestone" become a "millstone?" On July 10<sup>th</sup> I will be fifty – almost middle aged! Ha! For me it's just a number, and I don't worry about *that* number. My weight is another matter. The number of hours sleep I get, the amount of exercise...all those relate to my health, which impacts how I feel, and how productive I can be. But I don't worry about some arbitrary number which records how long I've been breathing air.

On September 15th I will celebrate twenty years as an ordained pastor. That is perhaps the midpoint of my life as a pastor...if I'm lucky enough to stay in the game until age seventy, which of course if nothing compared to Pastor Blomquist. I've felt refocused and reinvigorated by our latest evangelism efforts, so who knows? I feel very lucky that neither my age, or my time left before retirement depress me. Yeah, life has it's ups and downs, but I still feel like the best is yet to come. These dates are more milestones than millstones.

A millstone is self defined...it's a heavy stone (usually around 130 pounds) that's used in a mill to grind grain. But a millstone is also any heavy mental or emotional burden. Milestones are also physical – a stone or marker set up beside a road to mark the distance in miles to a particular place. But, like millstones, they are also symbolic, as spiritual marker of growth or pain or accomplishment. They're not meant to be an endpoint...only a marker along a longer road.

So what was the point I was trying to make? Well, I suppose it's that it's too easy to let your age or health or wealth limit you. We can always focus on what we don't have. Why not focus on the many blessings that God brings into our lives, blessings we are fortunate to be able to share.

In Christ; Pastor Rich

### **(McKenzies in Japan, continued)**

provisional, due to limited public transportation and shortages of basic staple items at stores," he says.

In spite of these struggles, Tim has reported being very moved by his work training new pastors in Japan. Two days after the earthquake he attended a graduation worship service for one of his seminarians. Worship was not canceled despite the catastrophe. "During the service, in the Prayers of the Church, words of thanksgiving were given for this new seminary graduate: 'O God, we thank you for giving us this joy today.'" These words struck Tim very profoundly.

"In spite of a disaster situation that is anything but joyful, the church witnessed to its hope and faith that God sends out new workers into a world that desperately needs them," he says. "It is a reminder to me of the role that theological education plays in the life of the church, a role that perhaps we don't always see in such a crucial way under more normal circumstances," says Tim.

"For me this is a sign of hope that the Japanese Lutheran (congregations) see God incarnate in their midst, as they seek to respond to the needs of Japan at this time."

Please join us August 28<sup>th</sup> as we welcome the McKenzies.

## Council Highlights

Trinity United Church Council met Tuesday, June 14, 2011. Highlights follow:

- Pastor updated council members on the Summer Music Program and Neighborhood Festival.

Trinity United council will meet **Tuesday, July 12th** at **7:00 PM** in the Library/Conference Room. The August council meeting meets **Tuesday, August 30th** at **6:00 PM** at Jerry & Helga Larsen's home in Wadsworth.

## Summer Music Program is great!

What started as a "good idea" has become a reality with over 35 children are participating in the Summer Music Program under the direction of Josh Langhoff. The children are eager to learn & sing. All groups will perform on July 23rd before the Neighborhood Festival. More details to follow in the Sunday bulletins.

## Thanks for your support!

Over 120 Summer Music Program t-shirts were ordered by members of Trinity United & Sagrado Corazon! Look for the blue shirts as Trinity United & Sagrado Corazon members participate in the Waukegan Independence Parade, Sunday, July 3rd, and serve as volunteers at the Neighborhood Festival, July 23rd!

## Our Vision

Trinity United is a **welcoming community** where everyone matters.

We are **centered in Jesus Christ** and the Holy Scripture, rooted in tradition and open to the future.

We value **vibrant, creative, and meaningful worship**.

We **value our partners in ministry** – other churches, local aid groups, and global service organizations – and seek to be known as a congregation that meets the needs of our neighbors.

## July-August Lessons & Themes

The following information is provided for your personal study and reflection:

### July 3

PENTECOST 3  
Zechariah 9:9-12  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

### July 10

PENTECOST 4  
Isaiah 55:10-13  
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### July 17

PENTECOST 5  
Isaiah 44:6-8  
Psalm 86:11-17  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### July 24

PENTECOST 6  
1 Kings 3:5-12  
Psalm 119:129-136  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

### July 31

PENTECOST 7  
Isaiah 55:1-5  
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

### August 7

PENTECOST 8  
1 Kings 19:9-18  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

### August 14

PENTECOST 9  
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Psalm 67  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

### August 21

PENTECOST 10  
Isaiah 51:1-6  
Psalm 138  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

### August 28

PENTECOST 11  
Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Psalm 16:1-8  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28



## Picnic Celebrates Community

Please join us **Sunday, August 21** at Bowen Park for our annual church picnic. Worship will start at 10:30 a.m., immediately followed by at Bowen Park. Our witness team will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a dish to pass. Kids games will also be offered.

**July & August  
Loose Offering  
Designated for  
Mobile Food Pantry**





## Notes from Josh



As I've been working with our Summer Youth Chorus over the past couple weeks, one thing has quickly become apparent: children are very honest about being bored. It's not even something they struggle with. Whereas our wonderful adult choir will (usually) feign polite interest in whatever I'm telling them, the kids will gaze off into the distance, stand on their chairs, or turn their music upside down. Thankfully these things don't happen too often, and I'm blessed with the help of Elia Gonzalez and the Little Bear staff, so nobody gets out of hand.

But I've also learned that children naturally enjoy singing. They're pretty good at it, too! They can pick up rhythms and even foreign words very quickly, and about a third of them aren't at all self-conscious about singing solos in front of the other kids. I hope you'll join us on **Saturday, July 23**, for a concert at 10:30am, right before our Neighborhood Festival begins.

In addition to some very popular songs about bees and farm animals, we're working on two foreign songs about how great it is to sing together. "Bonse Aba" is a song from Zambia, in the language of Bemba, that proclaims, "All who sing with the Spirit have a right to be called the children of God." And "Hine Ma Tov" is an infectious Yiddish song that says, "Behold, how good it is for brethren to dwell together in peace." Both have a message that fits perfectly with the goals of our Summer Music Program.

It's also a message that fits all of us at Trinity. This summer, as we enjoy a joint bilingual service with Sagrado Corazon on 7/3, a Latin Taize service on 7/10, and our familiar liturgies and hymns the rest of the time, may we remember how good it is to dwell together in peace and sing with the Spirit, no matter which language we're singing.

THE WORSHIP & MUSIC TEAM MEETS **TUESDAYS, July 5th & August 2nd** at 7:00 P.M.

July-August 'Toon



### Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction

**Saturday, August 13, 2011**

Quilts, baked goods, crafts, silent-auction theme baskets and more!

More information at [www.lutherdale.org](http://www.lutherdale.org)

### HEALTH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Contact Carole Johnson, RN, BSN

Volunteer Parish Nurse

Email: [carolejohnson3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolejohnson3@sbcglobal.net)

## Circle Schedule

CIRCLE MEETINGS RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

### JULY

#### CIRCLE RESPONSIBILITIES:

Visitation — *Sisters of Eve*

Service — *Deborah*

Clean Kitchen — *Rachel*

### AUGUST

#### CIRCLE RESPONSIBILITIES:

Visitation — *Rachel*

Service — *Abigail*



## COOL Transitional Housing Offers Hope

COOL transitional housing units help get people on their feet again in terms of housing. Here is another success story showing how your COOL donations can help improve the lives of people in our community.

### Success story 5

#### Single mother with three children

As a result of domestic violence this mother of three came to COOL to begin a new life. Shortly after entering the program her nearly grown son became critically ill as the result of a stroke and remains institutionalized. While living at COOL this mother not only visited her son daily in the hospital and nursing home, she also obtained a certificate in Medical Office Management from a local college. She also saved most of her earnings, bought a computer, and still maintained employment while caring for her preschool and teenage daughters. We celebrated with her when she recently graduated from the COOL program and moved to her own apartment which she

**Trinity United**  
**COOL Food of the Month:**  
**July — Rice**  
**August — Dry Beans**

## Kenosha Street Car Ride on July 14

Seniors — how about a nostalgic ride on a streetcar, just like we did years ago?! It should bring back memories and be a lot of fun. The street car ride is a 15 minute 2 mile ride and leaves

every 15 minutes. The fare is \$1.00. Parking is free close to the Transit Center, located



at 54th Street and 11th Avenue.

Following the ride we will go to lunch at Marina Gardens Restaurant. Persons who wish to carpool should meet at church at 11:30 a.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Larson Hall.



## Trinity Goes Bowling

June 12th was the evening for our church family and friends knocked down those BIG PINS. Thirteen bowlers and cheering section of 15 enjoyed the competition and good, hearty laughter. Larry J. had the day's highest average with 157. Others average scores were: Ken E.-136, Jan H. -133, Diana K. -126, Allen L. -122, Don R. -111, Rich G -105, Diana E. -104, Jeanette S. -102, Mary R. -100, Daniel D - 99.5, Jim E. -93, and Carol F. -83. After enjoyable time bowling and cheering for all, the group shared time over pizza and soda. Let's try this again was the concluding comment.

### Having Fun the Last Day of Sunday School before Summer Break



Zack



Miss Debbie

Have a Safe Summer!



Denzy & Ben

### Trinity Kids

## PATRIOTIC PARFAIT

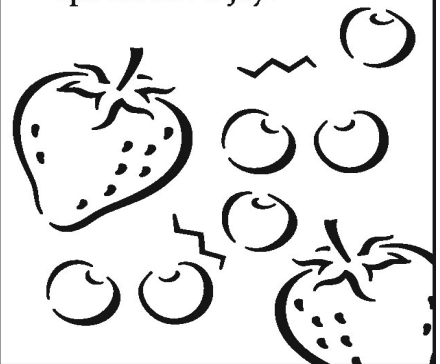
On the 4th of July, make this healthy, festive dessert to share with family and friends.

#### What you need:

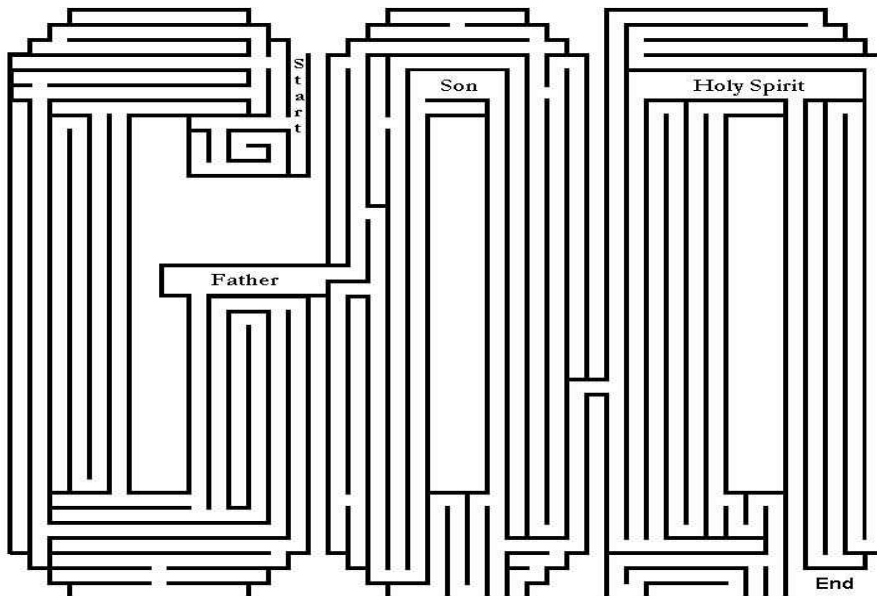
- Clear glasses or plastic cups
- Spoons
- Vanilla yogurt
- Cut strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Coconut, whipped cream, red and blue sprinkles (optional)

#### What you do:

1. Place a couple of spoonfuls of vanilla yogurt at the bottom of each glass or cup.
2. Add cut strawberries to cover the yogurt layer.
3. Add more yogurt over the strawberries.
4. Add a layer of blueberries.
5. Repeat the layers until you reach the top of the glass or cup.
6. For extra fun, add coconut, whipped cream and sprinkles. Enjoy!



Bring a friend to the Neighborhood Festival on July 23<sup>rd</sup>!



## Metro Chicago Churches Gather

“The reign of God is like...” was the theme as the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA, met for its 24th annual assembly **June 3-4, 2011**, at the Crowne Plaza O’Hare Hotel, 5440 N. River Rd., Rosemont, IL 60018.

Ms. Mary Anderson was thanked for her service as the first Mission Interpreter Coordinator in the synod. The Mission Interpreter Network consists of volunteers in congregations who share the broader work of the ELCA with congregations, and also share the work of congregations with their communities and the synod. Ms. Anderson will continue as a volunteer, and Mr. Ken Olson was welcomed as the next Mission Interpreter Coordinator. Eight “Mission Moments,” times when Mission Interpreters shared vignettes of our hands doing God’s work in our congregations, communities, and world, punctuated the assembly. More information about the Mission Interpreter Network is available online at [www.mtselca.org/what/stewardship/mission\\_interpreters](http://www.mtselca.org/what/stewardship/mission_interpreters).

The Rev. Janelle Rozek Hooper, serving as a pastor at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Naperville, Ill., delivered the first of three Bible studies centered on the assembly’s theme, choosing the Parable of the Yeast from Matthew 13:33.

Assembly participants then took part, over lunch, in one of eight conference meetings.

Next, Ms. Yvette Newberry White, treasurer of the synod, gave her report, and introduced the 2012 synod budget, consideration of which was tabled until the Budget Hearing later in the afternoon. The Rev. Dan Schwick of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) spoke to the assembly about LSSI’s plans to enter into deeper partnership with synod congregations, and thanked congregations for their response to Good Shepherd Sunday – a day set aside each year to highlight the work of LSSI.

Testimonials to Koinonia Leadership Training, a program offered through the synod through its Turn-around Synod Initiative (TSI), were given, followed by introduction of the synod’s Latino Strategy by the Rev. Antonio Cabello. Consideration of the strategy was tabled until a hearing later in the day.

Two of the synod’s Anti-Racism Team members, the Rev. Michael Russell, and the Rev. Linda Johnson Seyenkulo then presented the second Bible study on Luke 16:19-31, the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man.

Following the Bible study, participants took part in hearings and workshops, gathering again in plenary session to debate and pass RES. 01-11 Continuing Position on Antiracism, followed by the first general ballot for synod treasurer, synod council members, and the Committees on Consultation and Discipline.

The final Bible study of the assembly was led by

the Rev. Said Ailabouni who explored Matthew 20:1-16, “The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard,” or “The Gracious Employer.”

The assembly then heard the report of the Church-wide Organization given by the Rev. Greg Villalon, Director for Missional Leadership and Candidacy of the ELCA Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit. In addition to sharing a video illustrating some of the larger work of the church, Pr. Villalon thanked the assembly and congregations of the synod for its on going support. After another session of hearings and workshops, the initial day of the assembly ended with Evening Prayer.

After morning devotions on Saturday, June 4, 2011, the assembly heard the results of the first general ballot. A second ballot was not needed. Ms. Yvette Newberry White was re-elected as synod treasurer. Elected to the synod council were: the Rev. Ellen Arthur (North Conference), Ms. Marlene Daubert (Northwest Conference), the Rev. Richard Likeness (West Conference), Mr. Terry Henderson (Southwest Conference), and other nominees Mr. Ivan Perez and the Rev. Lawrence Clark. Elected to the Consultation Committee were Mr. Jeffrey Blankenship, Ms. Ann Hein, the Rev. Donald Myrom, and the Rev. Beverly Conway. Elected to the Discipline Committee were Mr. Richard Larson, Sr. Laura Mankivsky, the Rev. Timothy Brown, and the Rev. Nancy Goede.

Vice President Nanette Dahlke then presented the Sunergos Award to Bob Oxeman who served as the synod’s attorney for the past 20 years. The Sunergos Award (“sunergos” being a Greek word for “a companion in work,” or fellow worker”) was established by the synod council in May 2000 to “celebrate the gift of lay servants of our synod who give so much to the life of our church.” Vice President Dahlke also honored congregations and rostered leaders celebrating significant anniversaries, as well as those new to the synod since last year’s assembly. Bishop Miller then relinquished the chair of the assembly so that he could present his report – Abundance Renewed – in which he talked about the signs and marks of faithfulness. A video of the report will be made available as well as the PowerPoint and text of the report.

After the reports of Vice President Nanette Dahlke and Synod Secretary the Rev. Steve Srock, the 2012 Budget, and Latino Strategy were adopted as presented. The final work of the assembly was completed by debate on and passage of resolutions, including:

For the Prevention of Bullying, Harassment, and Related Forms of Violence; in celebration and Support Lutheran Campus Ministry of Illinois; in support of the Diakonia ministry. The assembly concluded with a Resolution of Thanks, and the Order for the Closing of an Assembly. The 2012 Budget, Latino Strategy, and final copies of resolutions are available online at [www.mtselca.org/assembly](http://www.mtselca.org/assembly).

## Sanderlins Host Choir Picnic



## Spend a Day at Camp! Senior Wednesday at Lutherdale August 17, 2011, \$12/person

The day's Schedule:

- 10 a.m. arrive & check in at chapel
- Camper sing-a-long, Bible study, morning activities
- 12 Noon Lunch in Haynes Room
- Afternoon activities & pontoon ride
- 3:00 p.m. Head for home

Questions? Contact Betty Nelson.



## Waukegan Band Concert Series

Bring a lawn chair & enjoy the free shows!

Sunday, July 3 — 2 pm at Bowen Park

**At Stiner Pavilion, Waukegan Beach:**

Tuesday, July 5 — 7:30 pm

Tuesday, July 12 — 7:30 pm

Tuesday, July 19 — 7:30 pm

Tuesday July 26 — 7:30 pm

## Farmers' Market

Check out the Waukegan Farmers Market at Christ Episcopal Church (corner of Grand Avenue and West Street). The Market runs every Wednesday through October 26th between the hours of Noon—5 pm.

## Summer Bible Study

**8:15 a.m. Sundays**

Library/Conference Room

## Church Mobile Food Pantry Makes Faith Active

Trinity will once again sponsor a mobile food pantry, a truck full of food that we share with the neighborhood on **Thursday, August 18** at 6 p.m. This year's pantry will be coordinated with the COOL food pantry. We need members to bring in shopping bags and help set up and pass out food. Please sign up in Larson hall and see Pastor Rich for more information.

## Independence

Does not come easy!  
 We remember those who gave  
 Their strength and lives this  
 Great land for us to save —  
 When fireworks cast their  
 Brilliant patterns into the night  
 Let us give “thanks” to the Lord  
 For those gallant men and women  
 Who through the years joined the fight —  
 And pray we will always be  
 The home of the brave  
 In the land of the free —  
 God bless America  
 Prayers are offered for all  
 those who have been hit  
 by various disasters  
 There is always Hope —

Praise God!

— submitted by Nancy Mathis



CHILD OF GOD

**Skylar Grace Burdick**

Baptized July 10, 2011

Alyssa & Alvin Burdick, parents  
 Dwain & Char Turunen, grandparents  
 Sheila Turunen, Sara McCormick &  
 Tyler Burdick, sponsors

## Thank You

Trinity United Members,  
 It has been almost a year since my lawn  
 mower accident when I injured my right  
 foot. First, I praise and thank the Lord for  
 healing my injury and using this life event to  
 encourage safer behavior. Second, a great  
 big thank you to Pastor Rich and my fellow  
 members for the beautiful flowers at the  
 hospital and cards and your prayers for  
 healing.  
 — Ken Endress

## July-August Birthdays

Kastner, Barbara	7/1
Baxter, Raymond	7/4
Cole, Joseph	7/4
DeLa Pena, Laura	7/5
Knoble, Diana	7/5
Nelson, Hannah	7/6
Grudt, Sue	7/7
Foster, Peggy	7/9
Grudt, Richard	7/10
Morgan, Lorraine	7/15
Layburn, Allen	7/16
Halas, Debra	7/18
Johnson, Carolyn	7/19
Johnson, Robert	7/19
Johnson-Perez, Gabriella	7/19
Bartenbach, Donna	7/22
Cole, Alma	7/22
Johnson, Ann	7/23
Oldfield, Terry	7/23
Cole, Desiree	7/24
Heikkila, Janice	7/31
Smith, Emery	8/1
Perini, Sharon	8/2
DeLa Pena Niya	8/3
Nelson, Marie	8/4
Nelson, Olivia	8/9
Rodriguez, Christian	8/9
Mathis, Nancy	8/11
Nelson, Carl	8/11
Nelson, Julie	8/12
Roberts, Donald	8/12
Salyer, Adam	8/14
Minejevs, Liga	8/20
Smith, Trinity	8/21
Langhoff, Joshua	8/22
Collinson, Robert	8/27
DeLa Pena, David	8/27
Elsbury, Janet	8/30

## July-August Anniversaries

Donald & Mary Roberts (53)	7/3
Sharron & Colin Morrison (35)	7/17
Moose & Debra Lab (24)	8/1
Douglas & Mary Shepard (43)	8/10
Josh & Lea Langhoff (9)	8/17
Victor & Vicki Mitrieff (38)	8/17
Gerald & Helga Larsen (51)	8/20
John & Donna Hansen (52)	8/22
Lara & CJ Smith (13)	8/22
Willard & Virginia Blomquist (62)	8/27
Leonard & Carolyn Johnson (40)	8/28

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***Come, Grow, Serve***

Sunday 9:30 am worship  
(Communion — 1st & 3rd Sundays)

**VISIT US THIS SUMMER!**