



The  
**NEWSLETTER**  
Of

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

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**Reverend Robert Ziegler and Reverend Marty Reed**

**Worship times: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
and 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m.**

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**FROM PASTOR ZIEGLER'S DESK**



<b>Home</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Hospital</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Shut-Ins</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Meetings &amp; Classes</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Hours Counseling</b>	<b>10</b>

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**WEDDING**

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, Blair Katherine Griffin and Kyle Eugene Burton made their wedding vows and were united in marriage here at Trinity. We pray our Lord's continued blessings upon them.

**BAPTISM**

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, Jaxson Kuhnert Hale was brought into God's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We welcome Jaxson and pray God's blessings upon him.

**FUNERAL**

On August 4<sup>th</sup>, funeral services were held for Ruthanna Kimmi, 93. Ruthie was a life-long member of Trinity, baptized by Pastor Jesse on April 6, 1927, confirmed by Pastor Hermann on June 14, 1942, and married to Dale Kimmi on May 24, 1953 by Pastor Hauer. We pray our Lord's comfort to Cheryl and loved ones. And, we remember the word of Jesus, "Because I live, you also will live."

**THANK YOU**

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, many members, former students, and lots of friends gathered in Trinity School's gymnasium to say "Thank you" to Linda Goodpasture for her 27 years of teaching our Pre-School 4 year old class and wish her a happy retirement. Linda has been a faithful

servant and has touched the lives of hundreds of children and parents. Thank you, Linda, and God's blessings to you and your family.

Mrs. Jennie (Ross) Fuhrman will be taking Linda's place. Last year she was an aide in the Kindergarten room. She is a graduate of Trinity School (maiden name, Draper). Her helper this year will be Mrs. Pam Harden who is also a graduate of Trinity School. She will be taking Mrs. Melissa Kiehl's position.

**WELCOME**

So, while we say welcome to Steve Hobus (new principal), Melissa Wolf (new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher) and Sharon Dyer (kindergarten aide), we say good-bye and thank you and God's blessings to Lisa Brookover, Kelly Dressler and Melissa Kiehl.

**INSTALLATION**

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Charlotte and I went to Guymon, Oklahoma to see my grandson, Reverend Tyler Arends, installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. It is a congregation of some 240 baptized members. It has several families of Burmese background. On our way back we stopped in Claflin and visited Mrs. Darlene Shaw who was our organist at Zion when I was there from 1959 to 1969. We also stopped to see Pastor Lloyd and Judy Sprick in Holyrood who were good family friends to Esther and me when we were in Claflin.

**EIGHT TO EIGHT**

Thank you to those who have continued to come to "Eight to Eight". Your praying has certainly been a blessing to Trinity and to many, many people.

## **50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL ENDOWMENT**

In August, we received three gifts for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary School Endowment Fund Offering. As of this writing we have received 85 gifts and a total of \$27,905.00. Please note in this Newsletter the special page listing those who have given and when they graduated from Trinity. If your name is there, we thank you for remembering and for your gift. If you have children whose names should be there, but ARE NOT, please encourage them to remember and send a gift. If they have graduated since 1969, they have benefited from the School Endowment Fund, and blessed by the giving of others. There are still several years with NO NAMES. It would be great if every year had names under it. We pray that that will soon be so. Gifts received have ranged from \$25.00 to \$2,000.00. Please note "Friends of Trinity School". These are folks who have given even though they did not attend Trinity School. Please note also, the names of former teachers who have sent gifts. We are hoping that many more "friends" will give. Simply mark your gift, "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary". We still have a way to go to make our GOAL of \$50,000. Let's pray and encourage so we can make it.

## **WEDNESDAY SCHOOL**

Wednesday School will begin again on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. I will be teaching grades 7-8. In preparation for confirmation, we will be working through Luther's Small Catechism. Pastor Reed will be teaching grades 5-6, studying with youth basic stories from the Old and New Testaments. This is preparation for the Catechism in grades 7-8. We have several youth who do not attend Trinity School who should be in Wednesday School Think about this, skipping Sunday School and Wednesday School and Trinity School waiting for Adult Inquirer's Class is akin to skipping arithmetic and starting with algebra. A question every parent must ask (and there is none more important) is "Am I raising my child for heaven or hell?"

## **THANK YOU**

To Amelia Cawthorn, who for years was treasurer of Adult Bible Class. She is stepping down and Georgia Shaver is taking her place. Amelia was also treasurer for our Office Fund and Monica Donaldson is now taking that position. Also, thank you to Sherri Smith, who has served for years on our Finance Committee. We have not yet found a person to take her place.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Worship attendance and Communion attendance is still way down. Attendance on the first four Sundays in August were: 203, 210, 248, 216. Because of the virus there are many we have not seen for months. Thank you for sending and bringing your offerings. There are some we have not seen, who have not sent or brought your offerings, please do so soon. Your gifts are needed. Expenses go on.

## **MEMBERSHIP LIST**

We have some folks on our membership list, both here and away, who have not been to worship or Holy Communion for months. Some even for years. We have visited, called, sent cards and letters, encouraged, prayed, begged, but to no avail. We are wondering whether you really want to be a member of Trinity and whether or when you are again going to worship with us. In the near future, we are going to send you a letter asking what we should do with your membership. We pray that you will read and reply and return.

## **FINANCIAL PICTURE**

Under the Financial Picture, please read about \$120 in '020" and the School Sponsor Plan. Also, if you have not seen the architect's pictures of our proposed plans, please check them out. They are in the narthex.

Please continue to pray for your church Trinity – for our spiritual health and zeal and vitality, for our spiritual and numerical growth, that through the Gospel we preach and teach lives may be changed and souls saved, that we may be faithful to the mission our Lord has given us. Plan now to be here for our "Day of Prayer" in November.

**See you Sunday!**

**Peace!**

**Pastor Robert Ziegler**

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## **THE FINANCIAL PICTURE**

Home	Needed in 2020	\$ 647,481.80
	Given in 2020	628,787.94
Missions	Needed in 2020	28,707.00
	Given in 2020	24,500.86
Building	Needed in 2020	22,211.70
	Given in 2020	22,626.23

At the end of August our Financial Picture does not look as good as it did at the end of July. In other words, we lost some ground. At this time we are BEHIND \$18,693.86 in the HOME budget, BEHIND \$4,206.14 in

the MISSION budget and AHEAD \$414.53 in the BUILDING budget. Again, THANK YOU so much to those who have been faithfully sending or bringing their offerings during this Covid-19 time. If you are not one of these, please become one this month. Your gifts will help us catch up the above "BEHINDS".

**Special gifts during August were:**

Bethesda Home	25.00
Lutheran World Relief	352.00
Emergency Fund	50.00
School Sponsor Plan	1,050.00
Loaves and Fishes	50.00
Lutheran Heritage Foundation	35.00
Lutheran Witness	526.00
Technology (current) Fund	25.00
Bus/Van Fund	17.12
Organ Fund	50.00
Trinity Place Endowment Fund	100.00
Vacation Bible School	20.00
Lutheran Hour	20.00
Kitchen Fund	25.00

**With these gifts this is how our BENEVOLENCE**

**PICTURE looked at the end of the August:**

<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>GIVEN</u>
Bethesda Home	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 771.24
Luth. Heritage Found.	600.00	402.00
Lutheran Hour	900.00	829.00
Luth. World Relief	3,500.00	2,122.67

We are now over half-way in reaching our benevolence goals. Envelopes for all four of these very important ministries are in the front of your packet. Some folks use all four of these during the year. Some use none of them. Let's pray that all will use all.

Our debt on the Garage/Maintenance Building is now \$30,935.88 Please remember that the second Sunday of the month (September 13<sup>th</sup>) is "Debt Down Sunday". Extra gifts received through the Building Fund that day go to pay down principle.

So far, 80 families have given \$10,095.20 for "\$120 in '020". Remember that these gifts are going into Dream Fund III. Architect's pictures of the proposed addition and building are in the Narthex. We have heard many good comments about them. If you haven't used your PINK envelope, please do so soon. Your generous gift will help continue "Building a Dream that will Endure."

Also, we are now gathering School Sponsors for Trinity School for the 2020-21 school year. As of this writing we have eleven (11). We need 40. A School Sponsor gives \$200.00 to help a child go to Trinity School.

Simply mark your gift "School Sponsor". We now have 39 children from 23 families who are seeking grants and scholarship help. The amount so far promised is \$31,280.00. The funds for this will come from the School Sponsor Program, plus the dividend income from the School Grant Fund.

I read this recently. "Giving proportionally. A powerful principle of stewardship is that God's provision dictates the believer's proportion. In other words, what He provides determines what we give. If He gives a little, from that little we are to give; if He gives abundantly, from that abundance we are to give. The measure of His giving determines the measure of our giving. As Jesus said, "To whom much is given, much is required."

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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND**

When we last reported on the School Endowment Fund in April, it had given-assets of \$1,568,473.34. Today (August 31) it has given-assets of \$1,580,369.51. The increase of over \$11,000 has come from the gifts of graduates, former students, and friends in response to our appeal for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the fund. Projected income from the above invested amount is \$183,000.00 which will go to pay Trinity School costs.

Some special gifts have been: \$100.00 in memory of Jody and Jeff Woodruff; \$500.00 in memory of Sharon Oestmann; \$96.00 in honor of Lois Estes birthday; \$80.00 from Thrivent Choice; \$54.00 for the 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from Bob and Frances Peterson; \$110.00 in memory of Kathy Piper; \$75.00 in memory of Linda Higley; \$50.00 in memory of Buddy Maxwell; \$40.00 in memory of Ann Norem.

We have received some wonderful notes with the gifts we have received from former students. They have written about what a blessing Trinity was to them, how it was here that they came to know Jesus, the good memories they have. One gift was in thanksgiving for a fellow student "who had been so kind to her on the playground."

The Lord has blessed Trinity School and hundreds of children through it. And, He has certainly blessed our School Endowment Fund. Please pray that He will continue to do so and thank Him for all that he has done already.

## LOOKING BACK

### Ten Years – September 2010

.....Rose Harper and Loreli Bisping were baptized.  
.....Amanda Thompson and Mark Crompton were married.  
.....Funeral services were held for Ruth Ellen Welch, 87 and Elmer Kuhnert, 81.  
.....In the drawing at the Church Picnic, clocks and crosses were given, the following folks received, David Cain, Robyn Graham, David Sinclair, Jr., Pattie Becker, Barb Easterday, Danielle Betts, and Jason Sutley.  
.....Our Bible classes had raised \$3,289.50 for "Food for the Poor", to build a house in Haiti.  
.....119 former students of Trinity School had given \$20,297.00 for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the School Endowment Fund.  
.....\$110 in '010 has received \$10,837 from 94 families.  
.....Debt on the second parsonage was \$44,412.62.

### Twenty years ago - 2000

.....We received our first plans for Trinity Place from the architect.  
.....Laura Portenier was our new custodian.  
.....Elder Jerry Bonnell began taking communion to our shut-in's.  
.....A bequest of \$5,000 was received from Marie Larson of Wilmington, Delaware.  
.....Memorials of \$3,015.00 were given to the School Grant Fund in memory of Esther Ziegler.

### Thirty Years Ago - 1990

.....Pattie Becker and Carolyn Simmers were teaching first grade Sunday School and Amelia Ostergard and Tim Neill were teaching fifth grade.  
.....After 30 years of service, Lois Estes "retired" from the position of hot lunch treasurer.  
.....Barb Stapleton was conducting a Latchkey Program in the Youth House.  
.....Officers for Theodora Circle were, Barb Stapleton, Roschelle Bisping and Carrie Sowers.

### Forty Years Ago – 1980

.....Esther Ziegler and friends raised \$3,000 for the Kidney Foundation by selling Tootsie Rolls.  
.....We purchased 828 Kearney for \$3,500 and made plans to tear it down.

### Fifty Years Ago – 1970

.....New furnaces and air-conditioning units were installed in the church for a cost of \$8,520.00.

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THANK YOU to everyone in our church and school families for letting me "play/teach" the Pre-K 4 year old's for the past 27 years!! I am so blessed to be a part of the BEST congregation and school! We have such a GREAT staff – past and present! It was a pleasure to work with all of you and for all my aides who made everything come together!! Thank you doesn't seem big enough to express how all of you have touched me with your love, care, friendship and support! I loved coming to school and it was such a rewarding experience for me along with all the perks, i.e. tying shoes, wiping tears and boogers, smiles, hugs, and the excitement in each little face when they "accomplished" a sticker for their sticker card!! ☺  
A HUGE thank you to Pastor Reed, Tom & Jennifer Brincefield, Adam & Rachel Goodpasture, Mike & Jill Lowe, Lori & Micah Leonardi, John & Roschelle Bisping, Jamie Collins, Sara Becker, Joanie Sinclair, Joyce Duitsman (photographer extraordinaire!), Terry Mills for the beautiful cake, and Neil Wieland!  
Also thank you to Jim Bradshaw and Pastor Ziegler for your kind, heart-touching words! You both made me sound much better than I am!! ☺  
Thank you to everyone for coming to my reception, for the well wishes, cards, video (Awesome!), gifts and beautiful plaque! God's blessings and many hugs to each of you!  
YOU ARE THE BEST!!

Linda Goodpasture



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## *From the desk of*

Pastor Marty Reed

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Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

With September comes the beginning of a new school year. Yes, yes, I know. For years we've begun new school years in mid-August. Still, everyone who is older connects September with the start of school. And due to COVID, this year our Lutheran School begins in September.

Moreover, September is the time for our kids to start a new Sunday school year. Parents are urged to enroll their children, to bring them to Sunday school each Sunday, and of course, to stay to study God's Word in one of our many adult Bible classes.

And that leads to the question, why does Trinity make such a big fuss about Christian Education? Why do we go to all the trouble and expense of having a Christian day school, along with a Sunday school and all the other educational opportunities in our congregation?

Is this only so our young people might learn what is good and bad, right and wrong, and so those who are older can re-learn these things?

Some may think that way. But students get something much more important than knowledge through the Word.

All people are born spiritually blind, dead, and enemies of God. No one can recognize or receive God's spiritual gifts without His help. The good news is that by Baptism God gives us His Spirit along with spiritual life and spiritual sight and makes us His children. Satan and sin, however, constantly seek to turn us away from our Father and His blessings and draw us back into spiritual poverty and ruin.

This is why God urges us to regularly hear, read, study, learn and mediate on His Word.

"Whoever is of God hears the words of God," Jesus said (John 8:47). And, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God" (Luke 11:28). And again, Jesus said, "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63).

God's Word and God's Spirit are connected together!

At another time, Jesus spoke of the Spirit and said, "When He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment" (John 16:8). So one of the Spirit's purposes is to show us how much we need God and His help. And the Spirit does this when we read and hear God's Word.

Another of the Spirit's purposes is giving us life: spiritual life here on earth and eternal life in heaven. You already read what Jesus said in John 6:63. But at the end of his Gospel, the Apostle John wrote, "These [words] are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (20:31).

Below is one example of what happens when someone ignores, and another person focuses on God's Word.

Jesus was invited to dine at the home of Martha and Mary. With such a noble guest in her home, you can understand why Martha was distracted, worried and upset by all the things she thought needed to be done. But her sister, Mary, sat at Jesus' feet and listened to Him. And Jesus noticed. He pointed out how disturbed Martha was and complemented Mary for choosing what was better and declared that her blessing would not be taken away from her.

At that time, Jesus didn't command Martha to do what Mary was doing. Instead, Jesus spoke praise for Mary. By this He taught Martha and us that in spite of all the many tasks before us, sitting and listening to Jesus and His Word is not only preferable, but because His Word is life, it is a cure for our worried, upset, and distracted lives.

Our Lutheran School, Sunday School, Bible classes, and all our other educational opportunities are excellent places to hear and study, and be blessed by the life God gives in and through His Word.

The Lord will bless you and your children as you take part all our congregational educational opportunities.

Blessings, Pastor Reed

## From the principal's desk...

Hello Trinity Lutheran!

I would like to introduce myself to the school and church community. First, I want to thank God for the opportunity I have to continue my ministry here in Atchison. My wife and I have had many twists and turns in our educational careers and I am amazed how the Almighty guides and leads us to unexpected places to serve Him.

I attended high school at Southeast H.S. (Go Buffaloes) in Wichita Ks. From there I had a football scholarship to Wichita State Univ., when that school still had a football program. After injuring my knee (medial collateral ligament) at the spring game I decided to transfer to a smaller school that my older brother had been attending, Southwestern College in Winfield, KS. Ending my football career, I began to find that I enjoyed acting in theater and singing. An activity I have continued as I have been able to which has brought me much joy.

I am married to Dr. Mary Hobus, we have been married for 35 year. She is the Dean of Nursing at Stormont Vail Hospital/Baker University. She has been a Nurse educator for many years, but when I met her, she was a neonatal nurse in a level II nursery in St. Louis that helped keep little premature babies alive. Speaking of Doctorates, I finished my degree this spring from Grand Canyon University in Educational Leadership. I am glad to be done with my degree and thank God for His unfailing love and mercy. If you say "Dr. Hobus" to me it may take a minute to respond, as I am still looking around for my wife.

My wife and I have 3 children who are all married. Our daughter Amanda and her husband live in Seward, Ne. Her husband teaches theology at Concordia. They just returned from Panama where they served as missionaries for 5 years. Our son Andrew and family live near Chicago. He works for the State of Illinois and his wife works for a public school in the area as an Occupational Therapist. Our youngest son just got married last year. He is in California and works near Irvine, Ca. as an HR officer at a power supply Co.

We have 5 grandkids! that are the joys of our life. I never thought I would hear a grandkid complain that I "say No To much" but I tell them it's because I love them. It is such a blessing that we live closer to those grandkids and we hope to have opportunity to visit them often. Actually we say "Yes" to them and do our best to spoil them.

I look forward to partnering with you in growing our school and church. We have many children and families who need to hear about the love of Jesus and His saving grace. Thank you for being a part of that ministry and let me know how I can serve you in the coming year. God bless and keep you close.

Dr. Steve Hobus - Principal, Trinity Lutheran School

## SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND – FIFTY YEARS

As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, we have received \$27,905.00 from 85 graduates, former students, and friends of Trinity School. Gifts have come from many states: South Carolina, Iowa, Wisconsin, Kansas, Georgia, Nebraska, Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Michigan, Colorado, Arizona, California, Indiana and Vermont, Illinois. Here are the folks we have heard from so far and the year they graduated from Trinity. There are several years where no name is listed. Let's try to get one or some names under each year. And please note there are no names since 2007.

<u>1932</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1988</u>
Cora (Bierbaum) Genail		Sue (Kruger) Sherffius	Jeanne Johnson
<u>1946</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1989</u>
Norma (Zabel) Dame	Mary (Fricke) Bohnmaier		Jody Woodruff (Memorial)
Tom Sowers	Carol (Scholz) Dupree	<u>1975</u>	Meredith (Cairo) Scherer
Betty (Otte) Jamison-Sowers	<u>1961</u>		<u>1990</u>
<u>1948</u>	Ron Estes	<u>1976</u>	Brian Young
Jerry Bonnell	Jeanne (Handke) Durkin	Anne (Ziegler) Compton	<u>1991</u>
Richard Kaaz	Sandra (Jaynes) Watowa		Jennifer (Johnson) Brincefield
Lois (Braun) Vowels	<u>1962</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1992</u>
<u>1949</u>			Aaron Sinclair
Don Kempin	<u>1963</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1993</u>
<u>1950</u>	Warren Kaufman		Kristin (Estes) Robinson
Thomas Schmitt	<u>1964</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1994</u>
<u>1951</u>	Bonnie (Schmidt) Young	Pam (Higley) Wilburn	Eric Duitsman
Rev. Robert Nestler	<u>1965</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1995</u>
<u>1952</u>	Lee Seetin	Allison (Ziegler) Arends	Stacie (Sherffius) Duitsman
Rosalie (Jacobsen) Kearney	<u>1966</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1996</u>
<u>1953</u>	Mechelle (Ingels) Underwood	Eileen Peterson	Heather (Duitsman) Katzenmeier
Bill Magers	Patty (Handke) Woodruff	<u>1982</u>	Thomas Lackey
<u>1954</u>	<u>1967</u>		<u>1997</u>
Robert Peterson	Linda (Earl) Banks	<u>1983</u>	Julie (Weatherford) Thiele
<u>1955</u>	Ann Estes		<u>1998</u>
Loretta (Boatright) Lassen	<u>1968</u>	<u>1984</u>	Brett Duitsman
<u>1956</u>	Glen Buckley, Sr.	Jennifer Gerardy	<u>1999</u>
Larry Jacobson	<u>1969</u>		Adam Goodpasture
<u>1957</u>	Dean Kaufman	<u>1985</u>	<u>2000</u>
Norma (Hetz) Donahoo	<u>1970</u>		Scott Lassen
Sharon (Haeffele) Oestmann		<u>1986</u>	<u>2002</u>
Mary (Zabel) Miller	<u>1971</u>	Jeff Woodruff (Memorial)	Katie (Lassen) Showalter
<u>1958</u>		<u>1987</u>	<u>2007</u>
Sandy (Genail) Green	<u>1972</u>		Brittany Sowers
Connie (Miles) Harris	Paul Pyles		

### **Friends of Trinity School:**

Bryan and Pattie Becker	Kevin and Mary Pieper	Jerry and Toni Bisping	Larry and Anita Sadowski
Jim and Joyce Duitsman	Hank Schlattmann	Mary (Miller) Eberhardt	Dora Williams
Mike and Jill Lowe	Merrill and Vonda Young	Nancy Nelson	Pastor Robert Ziegler
Sherri Smith	Marvin Muhlenbruck	Marie Kiehl	Lois Estes
Archie and Kristine Sharp	Peggy Haase	Mike and Georgia Peitsch	John and Roschelle Bisping
Dr. Bill and Carolyn Hubble	Mildred Kruger	John and Debbie Boyer	Dave & Linda Goodpasture
Guy Maxwell	Bill Bewley	Pastor and Laurie Reed	David Page

Thank you to all the above for their gifts. We pray that during September we will be able to add many more names. Let's encourage and remind each other and pray God's continued blessings.

## Health Note for September 2020

### LPNI Devotion Being On God's Mind

(reprinted from Lutheran Parish Nurse International, lpni.org, with permission)

***No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.*** 1 Corinthians 2:9

Forgetfulness is normal. Some things we remember – many things. Some things we forget. The classic for us is walking into a room for something – uh, something – but when we get there, we can't remember what we came in for.

But we have a lot going for us. Our prayers include: ***Remember, oh Lord, your great mercy and love. Remember not the sins of my youth; according to your love remember me.*** Psalm 26

***I will remember the deeds of the Lord. Yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.*** Psalm 77

The important thing in this list is that God remembers me.

We fear the disease of Dementia, which is not just forgetfulness, but losing control of our memory. This is understandably frightening. Not to diminish this concern, but even worse – infinitely worse – would be to be forgotten by God. Jesus was forgotten for us, that we would never be forgotten. ***My God, My God. Why have you forgotten me?*** Matt. 27:26. This also brings to mind the famous prayer of Sir Jacob Astley before the 1642 Battle of Edgehill, "Lord, I shall be very busy this day. I may forget thee, but do not thou forget me, for I am lost without thee."

God forgets our sins because of Jesus, but He never forgets **us**. The death of Jesus Christ our Lord is so significant a sacrifice, God could never forget it; never forget those for whom Jesus died. Jesus' Resurrection seals the victory ... that God will never leave me, forsake me, or forget me. Looking to the cross, we know that God can never have Dementia.

No matter our level of intelligence or memory, we remember that God is mindful of us. ***...no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.*** 1 Corinthians 2. As concerned as we may become and as forgetful as we may be, God has good things in front of us – more than any of us can ask or imagine. That doesn't change. God has made sure of it. ***And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*** Phil 4:7

Rev. Fred Zimmermann  
Cross Plains, WI, USA

What a blessing to know God never forgets us even if we have forgetful moments or moments we feel forgotten!

Blessings,  
Marcene Selberg RN, Parish Nurse