

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

*Windom Evangelical Free Church*

---

## THE PASTOR'S DESK



*"That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead"*

*Philippians 3:10-11*

Brothers and Sisters,

What do you long to know? Lately, I have found my own heart dominated by a desire to understand what is happening in my circumstances. It could be in relationship to the recent mask order from Governor Walz or the upcoming election this fall. Perhaps you, like me, want to know the clear next steps for us as a church. You may have family or friends going through a difficult season and want to know how to help them. In fact, maybe you are the one in the midst of trial and simply want to know how to get through this next week. Friends, look to the words of the Apostle Paul from Philippians 3.

Knowing Jesus is more important. I confess that I often value the knowledge of other things more than the knowledge of Jesus. Paul reminds us that our desire to know the resurrection of Christ should surpass all other desires in our heart. This includes the suffering and death of Jesus, and by implication, the death of all things in our hearts that compete for affection with Jesus. If we are honest with ourselves we can discover what we yearn to know by taking a close look at our deepest thoughts, feelings, and emotions. When you look into your heart, is the thing you care about the most knowing Jesus? I find that the way I speak, serve, and worship needs work, because Jesus should be what I am most passionate at all times. May God grant us the wisdom and peace to search our hearts for what we want to know.

Praying earnestly,  
Pastor Jon

# KNOWING THE FAMILY

Let's get to know our church family better!

<b>Who are you?</b>	Dale & Clare Polzin	Arnie & Myrt Quiring
<b>Who are your children?</b>	Son, Robert Polzin (28) and daughter, Kiki Hubert (33), married to Mike and has sons Otto (6) & Oliver (4)	Theresa (Lance & 2 dogs), Lisa (Mike & children Makia & John) and Keven (passed away 1978 at the age of 8 years)
<b>Do you have pets?</b>	Just our calves, too many to list, but most are named	No pets
<b>How long have you been a part of our church?</b>	42 years	20 plus years
<b>Where do you work?</b>	Clare teaches at Red Rock Central and Dale is self-employed as a farmer	Myrt is retired from the DAC and Arnie is retired from New Vision & farming
<b>What's your favorite game to play?</b>	We like to play card games, especially "Dale's Game"	Hand and Foot card game
<b>What are your hobbies?</b>	Clare likes to read & swim. Dale used to like to play softball, now he likes to farm & read farm magazines	Quilting, collector of pictures & refinish old furniture
<b>What's your favorite quarantine snack?</b>	Ice cream	Sunflower seeds
<b>What's your favorite way to spend time with your family?</b>	We like to play card games & eat. We also like to play yard games and used to play softball together when we were younger	Play games and go out to eat
<b>What are you most grateful for today?</b>	God's provisions for our health, safety, & all our needs	My salvation, it is the most important part of my life

# SERMON SNAPSHOT

**Sermons This Month:** We will finish articles 7, 8, and 9 during the month of August. Article 7: The Church. Article 8: Christian Living (The Great Commandment). Article 9: Christ's Return. Some highlights this month will include Nate Hodgins preaching on the Great Commandment on the 16th and our own district superintendent Brian Farone preaching on the 9th.

**What to study for:** What does it mean to be part of God's church? Article 7 of our statement of faith specifically addresses the nature of the church. In our current life stage as a church, we have a great opportunity to pursue what scripture says our church should conform to. Spend time studying 1 John 1:1-10 and Ephesians 3-4 to find a biblical picture of church community.

## STUFF YOU SHOULD...

**Listen to:** Shai Linne. As a Christian rapper, Shai is one of the most theologically clear and impactful artists out there. He writes music specifically oriented around the discipline of theology (the study of God) while moving the listener to doxology (the praise of God) in response to God's greatness. If you want to learn theology through music, look up his album "Lyrical Theology". If you want to have your perspective of God expanded, listen to his album "The Attributes of God."

**Read:** With by Skye Jethani. An acclaimed author and cohost of The Holy Post Podcast, Skye writes specifically to deconstruct the idea that what God wants from us the most is to do things for him. Simply put, God wants you to be with him. How? Well, read Skye's book to help you process that question.

## FRIDAY FUNNIES: SUMMER VACATION

