

Foundation

Mark Magness

Mark has been an Olivet Member since 1985, along with his wife Denise and two adult children. He is a former Olivet council member, treasurer, and congregation president as well as a participant in numerous task forces and leadership positions over the years.

Mark has an Undergraduate Business degree from UND and graduate study in Banking and Financial institutions with emphasis on investment management and portfolio theory. He is currently retired after a 30 year banking career primarily as a commercial lender and cash management specialist.

Tom Heilman

Tom, Missy, and their three daughters are actively involved with Olivet Lutheran church and have been members since 2002 serving in various administrative and volunteer capacities.

Tom is a Wealth Management Advisor at Merrill Lynch and works with both families as well as foundations to manage their wealth, goals, and objectives. He has been in the financial services industry since 2011 and obtained his degree in Business Administration with an emphasis on Professional Money Management from North Dakota State University. Tom holds the Certified Investment Management Analyst certification, administered by Investment Management Consultants Association and taught in conjunction with MIT Sloan School of Management. Prior to entering the financial industry, he was a trauma consultant for Synthes, a maker of orthopedic trauma implants and equipment.

Brady Meyers

Olivet Lutheran Church has become a significant and important place to Brady ever since he became a member five and a half years ago. Olivet has been there for Brady and his family through many major life events; marriage to his wife Jenna in 2012, Baptism of daughters Melody and Macy in 2015 and 2016, celebration of life/funeral for his Mother-in-Law Carol Prien in 2017, and countless other friend's weddings, volunteer events, fellowship, etc. Growing up attending church wasn't always a priority, but now he is super excited to have found a forever church home in Olivet, with his family and is excited to continue to build relationships, make memories, and carry out the mission set forth by Olivet.

Brady Meyers was born and raised in Fargo, ND. After graduating from Fargo South High School, he attended North Dakota State University, majoring in accounting. After five years of college, he finished his education at NDSU with a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Accounting, graduating with honors. During his final year at NDSU he obtained an internship with Eide Bailly, a top 20 nationally ranked, certified public accounting and business advisory firm headquartered in Fargo, ND. After completion of his internship, he was offered full time employment. He recently finished his fourth year at Eide Bailly and is still happily employed with the firm. In his free time, Brady loves to spend time with his wife Jenna, and two daughters, Melody (2) and Macy (1). He also enjoys watching and playing sports. He is currently serving as the Treasurer for Fargo Post 2 Baseball.

Leanne Gronneberg

Leanne has been an Olivet member since 1984. She has served two terms on Council--Worship and Witness commission, is a member of the Olivet Choir, sings with the 11Am Worship Team, is a Communion server, and scripture reader. Leanne served as a member of the 1996 Senior Pastor Call Committee and was on the 2016 Transition Committee.

Leanne graduated from Concordia College Moorhead and attended graduate school at St. Mary's University of MN for the degree of M.A. in Philanthropy and Development. She had a 30 year career at the telephone company and is director of Foundation and Corporate Relations at Concordia College Moorhead. There she is the lead grant writer for the college to help secure funding for key initiatives. Leanne has also served as development director in private secondary education and does freelance grant writing for nonprofit organizations. She assisted Pastor Jeff, Pastor Kris and Pastor Tiffany in applying for Clergy Renewal grants to fund their sabbaticals.

Terri Hedman

Dave and Terri have made Olivet their church home for 30 years. This is where they intend to remain for the rest! Terri has served as a Sunday School teacher, parish nurse, Financial Peace University facilitator, participated with community garden, and has been a tri-chair for the Christmas Eve dinner. She has also served on the Evangelism Committee, Call Committee and Church Council.

Terri is interested in helping Olivet prepare for a healthy future, serve the larger community, and support other foundation members in continuing a strategy for transparency, growth, and positive outcomes.

Steve Thom

Steve, his wife Tara and family have been coming to Olivet since 1998. His grandmother Harriette Thom was also a member here and his father Bruce Thom was confirmed here so his family has a long history at this church.

Steve and Tara are very interested in the success of Olivet, both spiritually and financially. He and his wife have been in Bible study fellowship, which is an independent Bible study here in Fargo for more than 10 years. This weekly study for eight months a year has been important to his family's spiritual growth. Steve thinks it has given him some outside insights that can also be of some value here at Olivet. He currently works as an ophthalmologist and understands Thursday mornings are the meeting time. That is one of his operating days. Those aren't flexible, although he could start a little later in the day. In any event he appreciates the invitation and will gladly serve Olivet if called upon by the membership.

Council

Denise Eide

Denise and her husband Tom have been members of Olivet for over 21 years. At Olivet, Denise taught Sunday School for over 10 years, was a member of the Vision Task force, and a member of Church Council (2002-2004). She enjoys working in the Coffee Shop, coordinating the Scrapbooking group and volunteering to usher, serve communion and read scripture. Olivet is a very important part of Denise and her family's lives, and she would enjoy the opportunity to be a part of the team that supports and helps growth.

Denise and Tom have 3 children that have been active at Olivet over the years: Kayla is married & lives in West Fargo. Nels is a senior at UMD in Duluth. Bjorn is an 8th Grader at Oak Grove. She currently works at United Sugars Corporation (21 years) as a Business Systems Technology Manager, designing, implementing & troubleshooting business applications.

Dan Hansen

Dan has been a member of Olivet for about 20 years. He and his wife Tracy were married here on April 25 of 1998, by Pastor Jeff Sangren. Dan and his wife have 3 kids, Gabby 18, Seth 16 and Jacob 13, all of which were baptized here at Olivet. They were part of the "original young couples" group that they helped start back in the late 90s with several other members of Olivet. He is asking to be part of the Olivet Church Council because he feels the experiences he has had will bring a new point of view to the church.

He attended North Dakota State University and graduated in 1997 with a bachelor degree in Sociology with emphasis in criminal justice. He worked 5 years for Magnum Logistics, a local trucking company in Fargo where he managed their largest customer, the Case New Holland plant. After Magnum, he attended the police academy and graduated top of class, then started a career with the Fargo police in September of 2003. He worked with Fargo police for 12 years with majority of his time working in Patrol. One of his last beats was around Olivet Lutheran Church. He finished his career with Fargo police as the commercial enforcement officer where he worked closely with the various contracting companies, the Fargo Engineering Department, Fargo Public Works, and City Hall.

Dan left Fargo police in 2015 where he joined the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Protective Service. He has been with the Federal Protective Service for the last 2 years where he has been able to work in Washington DC, for the inauguration, Bismarck, North Dakota, for the Dakota Access Pipeline protests, and most recently in Puerto Rico for the hurricane Maria recovery effort. His primary duties now are conducting Facility Security Assessments on government facilities in the eastern half of North Dakota.

Lori Askew

Lori is married to Joe. Their children are Kate and Tom. Kate is a speech language pathologist currently working in Miles City, Montana. Tommy is in the Master's of Accountancy program at NDSU. They have been members at Olivet since around 2002 when Good News closed and transferred some of its assets to Olivet. They found a home here along with the chairs from Good News.

Lori has contributed at Olivet by greeting and ushering on Sunday mornings. She is a member of the Constitution revision committee, is a part of the prayer chain, and enjoys participating in the Soul Sisters group. She has been having a lot of fun teaching (and learning) in confirmation the past two years. She has volunteered with the food pantry and is also a member of the Global Missions Committee of the Eastern ND ELCA Synod.

While she has always believed in God, it has been here at Olivet where she has experienced God, and her faith has been strengthened. It is here where she has learned to listen and to trust His direction. It is with this faith and trust that she will run for Council and know that her prayer will be that whoever is chosen will be who is right for Olivet at this time. She loves that we have enough people willing to participate so that we have an election – because it means Olivet is alive and well loved!

Amy Aasen

Amy completes her first term on the Church Council, and is eligible for re-election. She served the last two years in the office of Council Secretary.

Tim Rensch

Tim completes his first term on the Church Council, and is eligible for re-election. He served the last two years in the office of Council Treasurer.