GETTING TO KNOW THE SEARCH TEAM

Doug Lang
Doug has been part of Open Door since 1991, serving on the prayer team, multiple committees and teaching teams over the years. He chaired the Governing Board of Elders as Open Door moved from Robbinsdale to Maple Grove and currently heads up the lead-pastor Search Team. Doug taught various science and math classes in high school and later worked in industry as a scientist, instructor and Director of Research. Doug is now retired and loves hiking and biking with his wife Peggy and his family. Doug and Peggy have two married children and five grandchildren.

Erin Bennett
Erin has been a part of Open Door since her family began attending in 1992. She grew up in the youth group here and has since been involved with the care department, youth ministry, and the worship team. Erin graduated from Northwestern College and taught middle schoolers before having her own kids and staying home with them. Erin lives in Maple Grove with her husband Dan and their kids Jackson, Leah, and Will. She enjoys reading, writing, and cooking for people.

Jason Close
Jason began attending Open Door in 1992. He and his wife Annie have served in various ministries including both youth and worship. They have two teenage daughters, Megan and Amanda. Jason is the Sr. Vice President of Sales at Global Payments Inc. and leads a team that partners with Global’s many organizations around the world focusing on improving cultural health and strategic planning to achieve each organization’s unique vision and goals. He enjoys reading, eating great food, woodworking, golf, and attempting to keep up with his daughters. Not necessarily in that order.

Anne-Marie Finsaas
Anne-Marie is the Staff Liaison to the Search Team and serves as Pastor of Formational Life at Open Door. She earned her Doctorate of Ministry in Leadership and Spiritual Formation from George Fox University and has taught as an adjunct professor at several seminaries and non-formal educational settings in the US and around the world. Anne-Marie is married with three adult children. She and her husband, Ken, love watching BBC murder mysteries, walking the lakes, and eating ethnic food.

Sarah Fish
Sarah has been part of Open Door since 2010, serving as a mentor in youth ministry for five years, volunteering at the Welcome Kiosk, participating in Discover Groups, and now serving on the Search Team. Sarah works as a special education teacher in the Hopkins School District. She loves traveling and spending time with her family and friends.

Dave Fredrickson
Dave is the Board Liaison to the Search Team and serves as the Chair of the Governing Board. He has been a part of Open Door since 2002. He has been involved in various ministries at Open Door including youth, Open Door 101, and Missional Life. He works in Human Resources with Lutheran Social Service of MN. Dave and his wife Molly have two kids, Clara and Luke. He is an avid Minnesota sports fan and enjoys spending time doing anything outdoors, including fishing, hiking, biking, camping, gardening and even bird watching!
Dave Josephson

Dave has been a part of the Open-Door community since he was two years old! Actively involved in the youth group during his teen years, he continued to volunteer at Open Door during college and was eventually hired on as the Middle School Associate for NextGen. After ten years on staff, Dave now works as a producer for WCCO Radio. In his free time, he can still be found hanging out with youth on retreats and lock-ins, camping with friends, pursuing winter activities and adventuring around the world with his wife and daughter.

Bill Kauffmann

Bill began attending Open Door in 1989. He has served in the children’s ministry and volunteered in media ministries. He supported small group leaders in adult ministries and facilitated small groups with Alpha and Celebrate Recovery. A member of cohort B in The Center for Spiritual Formation, Bill presently serves on The Center’s formation extension leadership team and is a table leader for Open Door 101. Bill enjoyed a 27-year career in the book publishing industry and currently works in guest services at Three Rivers Park District. Bill and his wife Jeanne spend leisure time in their back yard herding their three cats.

Andy Leafblad

Andy has been a member of Open Door for 15 years and has served in children's ministry, men's groups and as a Mentor Coordinator for youth. Currently, he is part of Open Door’s Organizational Task Force. Andy is President of Signature Concepts, Inc. located in Minnetonka. He is involved with the Bethel Business Mentorship Program, Osseo Maple Grove Hockey Association and is a former board member of the YMCA of Minneapolis/St. Paul. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing, fishing and running. He resides in Maple Grove with his wife, Tricia, and their three boys, Ben, Drew and Joey.

Doris Lemanski

Doris has been a part of the body of Open Door since 1988. She has served in many capacities, including prayer team, children’s ministry, hospitality, women’s ministries, baptism sponsor, and Missional Life. She also served on staff in the Kid’s Department for almost 10 years. Doris has been married to Larry for almost 31 years. Together they have two grown children and three lovely cats. Doris is a teacher in Brooklyn Park and loves serving the kids and community she finds there. She loves hiking, cooking, baking and simply being outside.

Wayne Thyren

Wayne began attending Open Door in 1984. He was chair of the Missions Committee from 1986 to 1990 and has served on the Governing Board for a total of 15 years. Wayne was a secondary teacher in the Osseo District for 8 years and joined Timber Bay Youth Ministry in 1978, where he currently serves. Wayne has also been the Area Director for TreeHouse in Brooklyn Park, MN. Wayne and his wife, Mary Joyce, have been married for 47 years and live in Maple Grove. They have 3 married children and 7 grandchildren. Wayne enjoys building furniture, vacations at the ocean and at their cabin, hanging out with his family, walleye fishing in Canada and watching the Vikings.

Dave Walker

Dave has been at Open Door since 2004. He has served in the children's ministry, as a facilitator for the young married group and is currently on the Missional Life team. Before Open Door, Dave was an Elder at three different churches and has been on pastoral search teams twice. Dave has been a teacher, designer, inventor, world traveler, manager, director and president of multiple companies in the HVAC industry over the last 40 years. He retired in 2017 with plans to travel and spend time with family and friends. He and his wife, Sharon, have been married for 44 years with four adult children and nine grandchildren plus one on the way!

Sara Wheeler

Sara has been attending Open Door since 1994, serving on the worship team and various kids ministries over the years. Recently, she has become one of our pre-service prayer leaders. Sara works full time as a nurse serving patients with chronic conditions, including heart failure, pulmonary disease and diabetes. She and her husband, Rich, live in Maple Grove with their three school-age daughters. The family stays busy supporting the girls’ various activities including; lacrosse, basketball, swimming and band. In Sara’s spare time she likes to run, paddle board and work in the yard.