

October 27 – November 10

A Posture of Learning from Global Partners

Speakers:

Nils and Erika Clauson

Covenant World Relief and Development
Senior Manager
Serve Globally

Introduction:



In this series we will explore the missiology and praxis of Covenant World Relief & Development, specifically looking at what it means to earnestly

engage as learners with global partners. The ministry known as Ministering to the Abused and Exploited in Mexico will be used as a case study.

Speakers Bio:

Erika and Nils served as Global Personnel in Mexico for 17 years and have more than 25 years of working with Serve Globally of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). Since 2020, they have resided in Fridley with their three children. Nils now serves as Senior Manager of Covenant World Relief & Development and Erika recently began a residency program as a chaplain at Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis.

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Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's good will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.
Romans 12:2

September 15–29

Turning Points in Church History

Speaker:

Dr. Chris Gehrz

Professor of History
Bethel University, St. Paul

Introduction:



Many Christians would like to better understand the history of their faith, but it can be hard to get a handle on over 2,000 years' worth of events spanning the world. In this series, we'll use Mark Noll's strategy of focusing on "turning points" to identify key moments in the global history of Christianity, paying special attention to developments closer to home: in the United States, at Salem, and in the lives of individual Salem members.

Speaker Bio:

Chris Gehrz has taught history at Bethel University since 2003. His most recent book is a spiritual biography of Charles Lindbergh. He also writes four times a week at Substack.

October 6 & 13

The Art of Discipleship

Speaker:

Dr. Steve Thomason

Associate Professor of Spiritual
Formation and Discipleship
Luther Seminary, St. Paul

Introduction:



This course explores the way Jesus called, equipped, and commissioned his disciples to carry on his ministry throughout the world as recorded in the four Gospels.

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus in the 21st Century in the Twin Cities? How do we grow as disciples? How do we invite and equip others to be disciples of Jesus? Why does this matter?

Speaker Bio:

Rev. Dr. Steve Thomason, PhD is a rostered pastor in the ELCA. He is also *The Art Pastor* (artpastor.com) and author of *The Visual Preacher* and *A Cartoonist's Guide to the Bible*. His passion is to explore spirituality and scripture through visual art and creativity.

October 20

Disciples and the Disciplines: Lessons from Campus

Speaker:

Hannah Rasmussen, M.Div.

Campus Staff Minister with InterVarsity's
Graduate Christian Fellowship at the
University of Minnesota

Introduction:



What does it mean to be disciples? One modern equivalent is graduate students, who spend several years being formed by their academic disciplines to become

like their advisors. Similarly, spiritual disciplines form us as disciples into the image of our Teacher.

Hannah will share stories about her ministry with graduate students and faculty, highlighting how the campus context underscores the urgency of spiritual disciplines such as community, Sabbath, integration, and invitation.

Speaker Bio:

Hanna grew up in Kenya as the daughter of missionary parents. She graduated from Macalester College, and then received her M.Div. in Kenya.