



# Cross Currents

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*Grace Alone Faith Alone Christ Alone Scripture Alone*

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*As we celebrate the Reformation, we praise God for the faithfulness of Martin Luther and the other 16<sup>th</sup> century reformers who, by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit working through the Word, re-anchored and reoriented the Church in and toward the Scriptures and the Gospel that sinners are justified (declared “not guilty”) by grace alone (*sola gratia*) through faith alone (*sola fide*) for the sake of Christ alone (*solus Christus*, whose sacrificial death at the cross atoned for the sin of the world), which truth God has revealed in Scripture alone (*sola Scriptura*).*

*Every generation presents challenges to the truth of Scripture, including the Gospel of justification by faith. Some of the challenges we face are reincarnations of those the Church faced in generations past; others are unique to the spiritual, moral, social, and political context.*

*The bigger danger to the Church and to Christians is not unbelievers or their challenges to our faith in Christ; the bigger danger comes from Christians who espouse and cajole us not with outright false teachings but with false teachings sprinkled with truths from Scripture.*

*Our biggest test is how we will respond to attacks on the Gospel and the Word of God:*

*Will we yield, compromise, and scratch itching ears by telling people what they want to hear (2Timothy 4:3-4) under the banner of “being all things to all people... and save some” (1Corinthians 9:22b)?*

*Or will we stand on the Word of God as the final authority on truth and let it dictate, inform, and guide us in all areas and arenas of life?*

*We don't quote the Reformation principles of grace alone, faith alone, Christ alone, Scripture alone because they're fun to say, especially in Latin, but because they reorient us to the source, the content, and the anchor of our faith.*

*Sola gratia Sola fide Solus Christus Sola Scriptura*

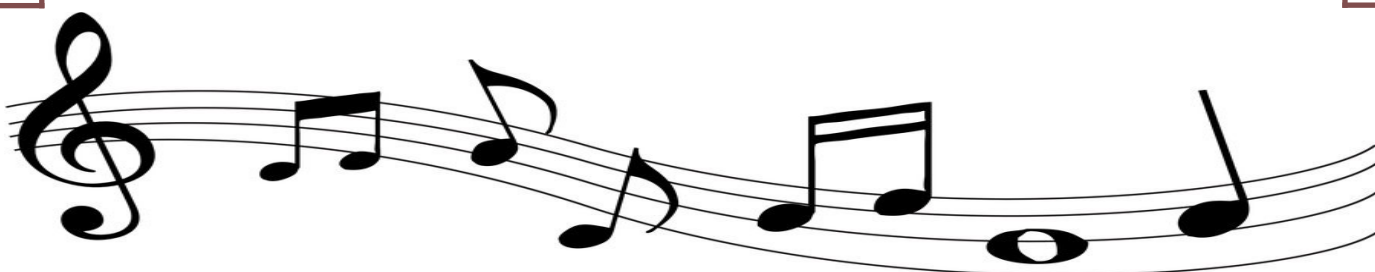
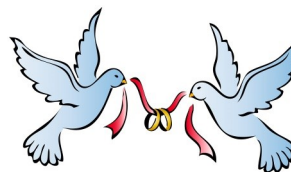


Erna B.	10/3
Claudia G.	10/6
Kristie B.	10/6
Mike L.	10/13
Walt H.	10/14
Kimberly C.	10/18
Dee J.	10/19
Annaliesa L.	10/24
Carole C.	10/26
Betty K.	10/28
Sandy C.	10/29
Cheryl S.	10/30
Gregg S.	10/31



*Happy Anniversary*

Michael & Brittany O.	10/7
Gregg & Cheryl S.	10/12
Joe & Peggy O.	10/19
Ken & Liz B.	10/20
Bud & Jan W.	
Bill & Kim L.	10/29
Tom & Sue O.	10/30



CHOIR REHEARSALS for October will be on October 2, 9, and 23. No rehearsals on October 16 and 30.

~Diana

# Upcoming Fellowship Activities

## REFORMATION SUNDAY 10/28/2018

Rev. Jerry Lawton will be the guest preacher on Sunday, October 28, for the observance of the Reformation. Following the divine service, Rev. Lawson will be giving a presentation on the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia and his ministry among the Russian people. There will be a freewill offering to support Rev. Lawson's work.



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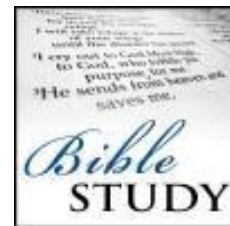
### October Sunday School and Bible Study Schedules

Sunday Bible Class 11:00AM

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Monday Ladies Bible Study 12:30PM

Wednesday evening Bible study 7:00PM 10/10, 10/17, 10/24



### Nifty Fifty

We are again planning on two activities for October. The first is to the Clayton Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 6th. Peter and Annaliesa Liedtke will try to hold spaces for us to sit together in the dining room tent, near the front, so look for them sometime around 11:00 when the tent opens. This is a really fun beer drinking activity. They have a great German band and everyone dances and sings. It starts with a dog pulling a beer barrel and they make a big to-do about opening the keg and the festivities begins. Great Fun.

Our second activity is lunch at the Brass Door Restaurant located at 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon, CA 94583 on Friday, October 26 at our usual time of 1:00PM. This is one of my favorite restaurants and has been around some 70 years and is an upscale restaurant with linen tablecloths and napkins. It changed hands a couple of years ago and the new owner pledged to keep it like it had been and I think he has. For years they have had ground round, senior portion is 9oz, listed on the lunch menu in the dinner section for \$13.50 and includes salad or soup, mashed potatoes with mushroom gravy, a vegetable, and a chocolate Sunday for dessert. Hard to visualize this as a senior portion! They have several senior portions listed in the dinner section that includes soup or salad and dessert. Just hope it's as good as it has been in the past. Sign-up in the Social Hall so we know how many to plan on.



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## LWML Sunday 2018 — Celebrate Lutheran Women in Mission

A special worship service is planned for **Sunday, 10/7**, to celebrate all that God has done through the LWML. Bring your MITES too!

### WoHC will hand out the 2018-19 Program

Ladies, we have a few opportunities for you to sign up to help with the celebration! See our bulletin board.

**Thank You!**



### LWML CNH Mission Grant Project Update from WoHC

Thank you to everyone who have given their mites to fund LWML Mission projects. Over the summer your giving continued, and we have heard from the LWML CNH District Treasurer that Mission projects #1-5 have been paid or are ready to be paid. Please check our bulletin boards in Narthex & Parish Hall to see what the current project, #6, is about. Don't forget to thank God for His blessings in your prayer time.

## October 2018 – WoHC Happenings by Joyce Liebe, President

### Summer is over & the WoHC have many activities coming up:

- ⇒ Monday, 10/2, 2:15pm, WoHC Board Mtg., Conf. Room
- ⇒ Sunday, 10/7, Mite Box/LWML Sunday
- ⇒ Saturday, 10/13, 8:30am, Zone 7 Fall Rally, HOLY CROSS (see below for details on speaker & INGATHERING)
- ⇒ Thursday, 10/18, 6:30pm, Ladies Game Night, Parish Hall

**COME AND  
JOIN US!**



**Our Fall Rally guest speaker is Andy Dunn,  
Development Associate, Cancer Support Community, Walnut Creek**

The Cancer Support Community is dedicated to providing help, information, & hope throughout the entire cancer journey so you never feel alone. No matter what kind of cancer, or where you are in your cancer journey, they are there for you.

They offer many services, including **support groups for cancer patients & caregivers**. I personally know the value of their services as both my mom & dad participated in & benefitted by attending their support groups. Sadly we all know someone who is experiencing cancer in their life. Support groups have been shown to decrease distress & improve quality of life. Come & hear about this wonderful organization.

ALSO, our **Ingathering** is for Lutheran Social Services (put items in box in parish Hall). We are collecting:

- dish soap • laundry soap • fabric softener • paper towels • sponges • scrubbing pads • • cleanser (like AJAX) • window cleaner •



**Lutheran  
Social Services**  
OF NORTHERN  
CALIFORNIA



**Ladies: Join us for Game Night! Thursday, 9/20  
6:30pm, Holy Cross Parish Hall**

**Dessert will be served, bring your own beverage.**

*Invite your friends to join us for a fun night of fellowship.*



## **Bio of Rev. Jerry and Patty Lawson**

### *Serving the Lord in Russia*

Rev. Jerry and Patty Lawson serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as missionaries in Russia. In this role, Jerry teaches courses in Lutheran theology at the Theological Institute of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (ELCIR), located in Koltushi.

Jerry's hometown is San Jose, Calif., where his home congregation, First Immanuel Lutheran Church, is located. He received a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a bachelor's degree in social studies from Utica College, Utica, N.Y. He received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Prior to serving in Russia, Jerry served as the pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fort Myers, Fla. (2001-2009), and the pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, North Fort Myers, Fla. (2010-2018). He also served in the United States Air Force from 1986-1994. His hobbies include history, jazz, reading, anime and cooking.

Patty's hometown is San Jose, Calif., and her home congregation is First Immanuel Lutheran Church, San Jose, as well. She received her college degree from Mohawk Community College, Utica, N.Y. She has worked as a registered nurse since 1993. Patty's hobbies include sewing and crafting. Jerry and Patty have three children - Cosette, Juliette and Aleksander.  
Prayers

Pray for Jerry and Patty as they serve in Russia. Ask God to prepare the hearts and minds of the Russian people so that the mission work being done in this country would be fruitful. Pray for the leaders and members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (ELCIR). Let us thank God that the Lawsons are serving His children in this part of the world.

From <https://www.lcms.org/lawson>

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## **Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia website:**

<http://eng.elci.ru/>

## **Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria is a Lutheran Church in Russia. It is the second largest Lutheran Church in Russia, with 75 congregations and 20,000 members, and is mostly active in Ingria and Karelia, and also in other regions.

The Church was officially established in 1992, following the separation from the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church, though the first Lutheran parish in Ingria was founded in 1611, and the church recognizes this date as the date of its original foundation.

The history of the Church is deeply connected with the history of the Ingrian Finns, and the Church, being confessional and traditional, follows the Nordic Lutheran tradition, though being more conservative.

It is a member of both the Lutheran World Federation and the International Lutheran Council.

Article by Lappalainen / Front page

<http://eng.elci.ru/2017/09/25/evangelical-lutheran-church-of-ingria/>

## **Creed**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia confesses the Christian faith, which is based on the Bible, on the evidence of the Old and New Testament of the triune God: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

This faith is confessed in the three Universal Symbols of faith and in the Lutheran symbolic books united in the Book of Concord (Liber Concordiae).

<http://eng.elci.ru/creed/>



*Visiting Laretta*



*Petluck*



*Stretching the Body of Christ Discussion*



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*Stretching the Body of Christ Discussion*



*Petluck*

# YGNACIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

On Wednesday, September 26th, YVCS will be meeting in the courtyard for See You at the Pole at 8:30am. Students and families will gather for the flag pledges and prayer together before school starts. HCLC members are more than welcome to join. On Saturday, October 27th, YVCS will be having their Annual 5k Family FunFest Costume Run. There will be jumpers, games, and food available and all are welcome to come for the fun and/or run.

Dear Holy Cross family,

We want to thank you for your ongoing prayers for Allen's cousin, Ric B., during his treatment for leukemia. He is receiving his treatment at the VA Hospital in Seattle. Ric and his wife, Ethel, have an apartment very close to the hospital that is outfitted with the necessary medical equipment he needs when he is able to retreat from the hospital. The following is the most recent email that came from Ethel. We wanted to share it with you so you can see how his life is going now, some 90 days since the stem cell transplant. Ric and Ethel are very appreciative of all prayers.

Thank you!

*Allen & Cherylene*

Day 83, September 21, 2018

We are sitting in the warm car on the roof of the parking garage at the VA enjoying the jets overhead (sunroof open) and the beautiful view of the Olympics and Elliott Bay and downtown Seattle. Quite an interlude between appts this am and the next one at 1 pm. Gotta take advantage of the opportunities presented.

Ric started his 3 month evaluations today and will continue through next week. They checked bone density and pulmonary today. Heart, eyes, CT 's, dermatology and probably bone marrow biopsy next week. Gotta get comparisons to before the stem cell transplant.

Good news is he has gained 9 lb since his low of 2 weeks ago. Pretty amazing since he has been on a roller coaster ride during that time with a respiratory virus which turned into a low grade pneumonia and hospitalized for 5 days...blood counts that have been fluctuating resulting in 3 blood transfusions, and shots to boost his white cell count. Just part of the roller coaster ride..and reality check of why we will be here till next May.

So now he builds back up. The weather is definitely telling us it is turning to fall. Smells and colors are definitely changing. Soon the Olympics we are looking at today will be glistening with snow...and my walks with friends will be harder to capture opportunities. Then I will have to resort to the equipment in the exercise room and watch the screens to view "scenery".

Gotta go get lunch before the next appt. Besides it is getting really warm here in the car! Hope all is well with you. Thanks for your continued support. The emails and text messages usually come through at a time when we most need the boost. Speaking of which we will be enjoying a visit from Peg and Mickey (Ric's sister and husband from AZ) tomorrow. Really looking forward to that.

Our love. Ric and Ethel

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*Dear Holy Cross Family,*

*Thank you for your prayers, cards, thoughtful words and offers to serve. I am well into the healing process from my surgery and will enter the next step of my treatment in mid-October. The doctors haven't decided what that next step will look like yet, but I trust the Lord and know that He has a plan for me.*

*Your Sister in Christ,  
Chris*

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# October 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1 10-11:30a Women's  Bible Study (C) 2:15 WoHC Board, Mtg (C)	2 11a Prayer Group  7:15p Choir (cl)	3	4 <b>OFC CLOSED</b>	5	6 11a Nifty Fifty Lunch-Clayton Oktoberfest
7 <i>LWML/</i> Mite Sunday <b>9:30a Worship w/ Communion</b> 11a Sunday School/Bible Class  2-6p Myanmar Christian	8 10-11:30a Women's Bible Study (C)  7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	9 11a Prayer Group  7:15p Choir (cl)	10  1p Nifty Fifty Board Mtg  7p Bible Study (PH)	11 <b>OFC CLOSED</b>	12	13 8:30a <i>LWML</i> Zone 7 Fall Rally, Holy Cross
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28 <b>Reformation Sunday</b> <b>9:30a Worship w/ Communion</b> with guest preacher Rev. Lawson  2-6p Myanmar Christian	29 10-11:30a Women's Bible Study (C)  7-9:30p Scouts (PH)	30 11a Prayer Group	31 <i>REFORMATION</i>  7p Bible Study (PH)	<b>YVCS School Hours: 8:30am-3pm</b> <b>YVCS Parish Hall use during week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choir: Mon. &amp; Wed. 12:30-3pm</li> <li>Band: Tues. &amp; Thurs. 12-3pm</li> <li>Chapel: Friday 8:30-9:15am (family &amp; friends welcome)</li> </ul>		

cl=choir loft, C=Conference Room, E=Ed Bldg, PH=Parish Hall, L=Library, ws=wing room



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**Worship Schedule:**

Sunday Service	9:30 AM
Communion	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays
Adults Bible Studies	11AM
Sunday School	11 AM

**Week Day Bible Study Schedule:**

Monday (Ladies)	12:30PM Conference Room
Wednesday	7:00PM Parish Hall

**Choir Rehearsal:**

Tuesday	7: 15PM-8:45PM
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**Publication Deadline:**

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