



Offering envelopes for 2021 have been received by the church and are in the process of being prepared to hand out to you.

We are trying to keep costs down, so we would appreciate it if you could either pick them up at an in-person worship service, or come by the church during open office hours (9am-1pm, Tues-Wed-Thurs) to pick up your envelopes. And if you don't want to enter the building, just call the office during open office hours and your envelopes will be delivered to you in the comfort of your car! Plus that helps Janet get her steps in! Stay tuned for more information on when the envelopes will be ready.

This Sunday, January 3rd, we will have an in-person worship service in the gym beginning at 9:30am.

Please bring your own bread and wine or juice.



As we do every week, check out our YouTube channel: Pastor Patricia Hughes; or on our website:

www.holycrosslutheran-salem.org; or on our Facebook page: HolyCrossLutheran-Salem.

All 5 worship moments will also be posted in the same three places, as they are every week.

Gratitude is meant to be shared! We are grateful for the Gift of God at Christmastime, and so in that spirit we take this edition of the Email Blast to say Thank you! Some folks volunteer in more than one place, but we'll try to mention each person only once to make space for more "thank yous"!

Thank you to all the Tuesday crew, and all those who participate in caring for the property of the church, Jerry and Kathy Barker, Loran and Peggy Sell, Karen Halvorson, Gary Bogstad, Lonnie Jensen, Gordon Holman, Jack Ruscoe, and Brian Struve, (and the memories of all those Tuesday Crew folks who are homebound now, or have died). We thank Maria Lemus at La Casita for her unending gifts of caring in our neighborhood. We are thankful for our Faith in Action team, Suzanne Stephen, Gae Nichols, Gary Strand, Alyce Holman and Bettie Wennevold. For many years, Holy Cross has been part of Interfaith Hospitality Network, and some of those key volunteers are Reva Hopkins-Evans, Doug Odell, Chris Goodman, Naomi Tweet. Altar Care Servants make the Sunday worship special, so many thanks to those of you who take care of this, especially since we are meeting in the gym. Music is highly cherished at Holy Cross and so we owe a debt to Sheila Clausen, Gail Struve, Mat Nyquist and Carolyn Ford. Worship Arts Task force is a formidable bunch, including Kirsten Hansen, Pat Bryant and more folks named already in this list. Our RIC group has not been meeting but plan to meet again when it is safe, and we are grateful for the members of that group. This year's task forces – Worship Options, Communication, Collaboration, and Stewardship were active groups and so we thank the members of those groups for their participation. Education was important to us at Holy Cross, and our Sunday School has been totally upended by the shutdown, and so we thank Carolyn Ford for her creative solutions for keeping the children engaged, as well as the members of the Verse by Verse group which has been meeting via Zoom conference calls, and in person when we can. Our Endowment team had great help from Steve Tweet and Mat Nyquist, Erick Nyquest, Karen Halvorson, Marlene Simpson and Ron Smuckal.

We will NOT hold our Zoom bible study on December 31st. We are NOT HOLDING in-person Bible Study until January. Please join us January 7th on Zoom at:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84055018008?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84055018008?pwd=SIJHN0lkcWhlUVF3aWE4MkEzV1BRdz09)
[pwd=SIJHN0lkcWhlUVF3aWE4MkEzV1BRdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84055018008?pwd=SIJHN0lkcWhlUVF3aWE4MkEzV1BRdz09)