



HOPE • LOVE • JOY • PEACE

BE  
THE **Light**  
The Gifts of Advent

**Sunday, December 20, 2020**

5:30–7:30 PM

**A socially distanced event.**

Please stay in your car and if interacting with people, please wear a face mask.

**1 Welcome**

Follow the instructions in this brochure for each stop in the Be the Light outdoor tour.

## 2 God's Gift of HOPE

Things to do at this stop:

**Sing** about Hope:

○ *Little Town of Bethlehem*

○ little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light.  
The hopes and fears of all the  
years are met in thee tonight.

**Discuss:** As a child, what is the one Christmas gift you hoped for more than anything else?

**Look Up:** The name Jesus means Savior. Having a savior brings us hope. Use the website [meaningofthename.com](http://meaningofthename.com) to look up the meaning of everyone's names in your vehicle.

## 3 God's Gift of LOVE

Things to do at this stop:

**Sing** about Love: *Away in the Manger*

Away in the manger,  
no crib for His bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the sky  
looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus  
asleep on the hay.

**Discuss:** Jesus loved all people. How did he show it? How do you show love?

**Eat:** Enjoy eating a candy cane. Turn it upside down and it forms a "J" in honor of Jesus' name.

## 4 God's Gift of JOY

**Things to do at this step:**

**Sing** about Joy: *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive its King;  
Let every heart prepare him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

**Discuss:** There is a difference between happiness (a short-lived feeling often based on circumstances) and joy (a deeper feeling of contentment, knowing God is in control). How have you experienced joy in 2020?

**Look Around:** Without naming it describe something around you right now that brings you joy. Have others guess what it is.

## 5 God's Gift of PEACE

**Things to do at this step:**

**Sing** about Peace: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise;  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

**Discuss:** Worry and fear can cause us to turn inward, away from God. Jesus' life on earth was an example of serving others. How do you feel when you do something kind to help someone else?

**Breathe:** Take 5 deep breaths to focus on Jesus. Inhale with thoughts of kindness and compassion. Exhale any anxious thoughts or negative feelings. Feel God's presence and find peace.

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## Music

Tune into 97.3 FM to enjoy music.

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## Nativity Scene

The Nativity Scene reminds us of God's Greatest Gift. Isn't it beautiful? As you listen to Silent Night, open your special gift. Then, make your own Nativity Scene with your Nativity Sticker Set.

*Lighted Nativity Scene provided by memorial funds shared by Stewart Livers' Family*

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## Prayer Station

Find your tealight candle in the bag and "light" it by turning it on. Say a prayer together, with each person participating (i.e., for family members, friends, world peace, health and safety in our community, etc.) When you have finished, hand your lit candle to the volunteer, who will add it to the lighted display.

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## Holy Communion

All are welcome. Receive drive-thru Communion or leave your window rolled up to not receive.

Please wear your mask while your window is down.

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At Christmas, we celebrate the greatest gift of all—the birth of Christ. Plan to celebrate with Southwood through:

## Worship

Join us for online worship starting at 12 PM on Thursday, December 24. Relive the birth of Christ through scripture and music.

- **Communion:** Online communion will be included in the worship service through midnight on Friday, December 25. To participate, pick up pre-packaged communion kits at Southwood or use supplies from home.
- **Offerings:** All offerings will be dedicated to our community mission partners. You can share your offering online ([southwoodlutheran.org/give](https://southwoodlutheran.org/give)), by app, or through the mail.



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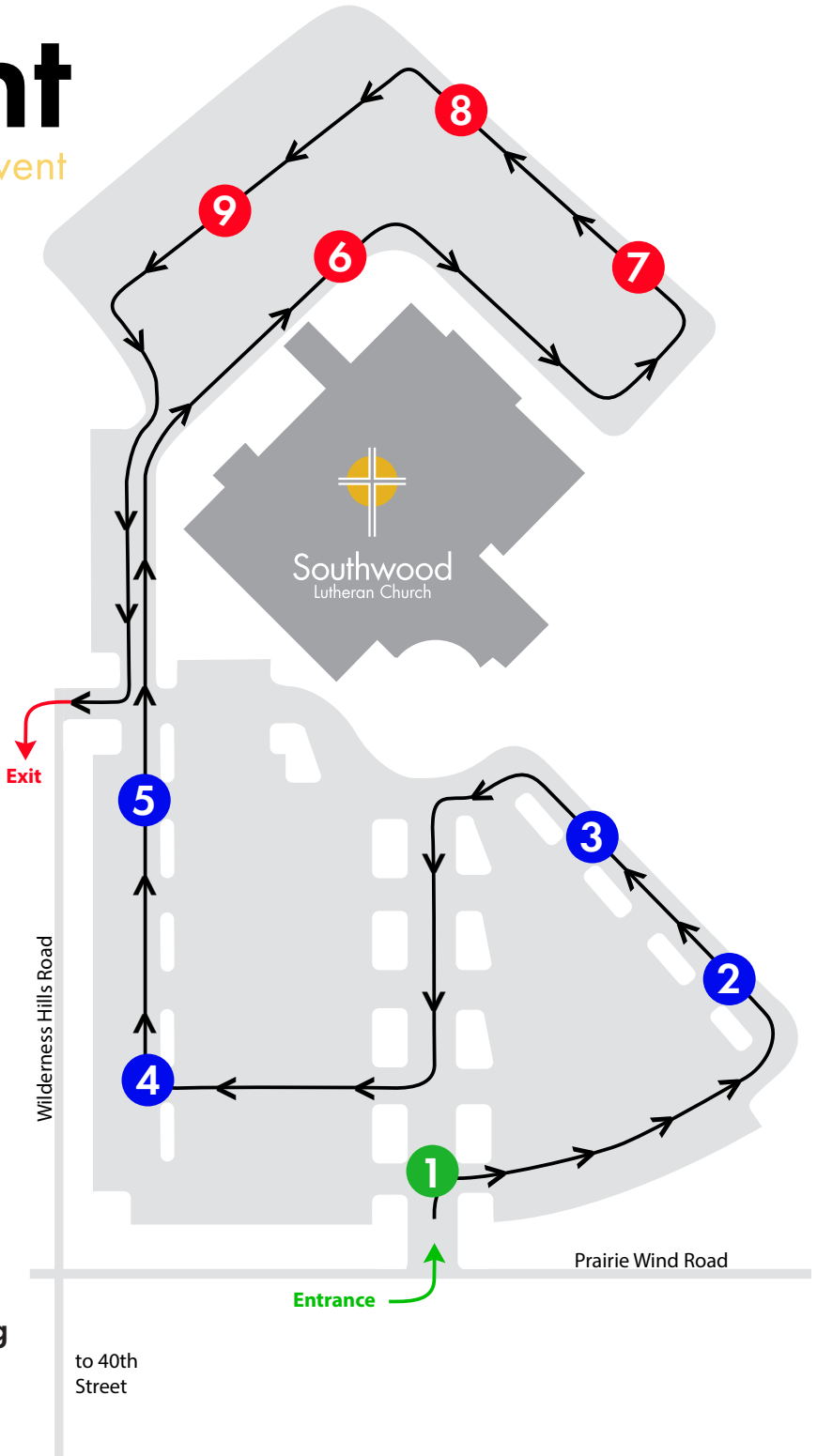
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