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December 2017

December 3 (Mark 13:29, 33) **"Do**

"Do We or Don't We?"

By Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church~Fort Wayne, IN

What do we or don't we know about the second coming of Jesus? How does what we know and don't know shape our daily lives?

December 10 (Mark 1:4)

"The Trailblazer"

By Rev. James L. Elsner, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church~Stroh, IN

The life of a trailblazer is risky! It takes courage to do something new – something that's right and good. John the Baptist was a bold trailblazer for Jesus. He shows us the way for making things new again!

December 17 (Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11) "Good News for a Change!"

By Rev. William Mueller, Suburban Bethlehem Church~Fort Wayne, IN

In God's Word, we read how we will have troubles in this world, but God encourages us to take heart because He has overcome the world. It is true that we know all too easily how wicked this world can be. But God has good news for us – good news of such a nature and to such an extent that our lives will forever be changed!

December 24 (Luke 1:26-38) "A Great Announcement"

By Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Concordia Theological Seminary~Fort Wayne, IN

The angel Gabriel made a great announcement to Mary. This story brings us comfort and joy, as we consider the way the announcement was made, what was announced, and how God prepared Mary for the role announced to her.

December 31 (Luke 2:22-40)

"Mother and Son"

By Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church~New Haven, IN

When Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to Jerusalem Simeon confessed: "My eyes have seen Your salvation." Jesus is our salvation. He has come to "redeem those who were under the law."