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The motifs of the three Christmas decorations are the churches of Hoyvík, Sandur and Haldarsvík.

The decorations are made in gold-plated brass and provided with a golden braid - ready for hanging. The churches measure 8,5 cm and are delivered in sets of three.

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Year Pack

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Yearbook

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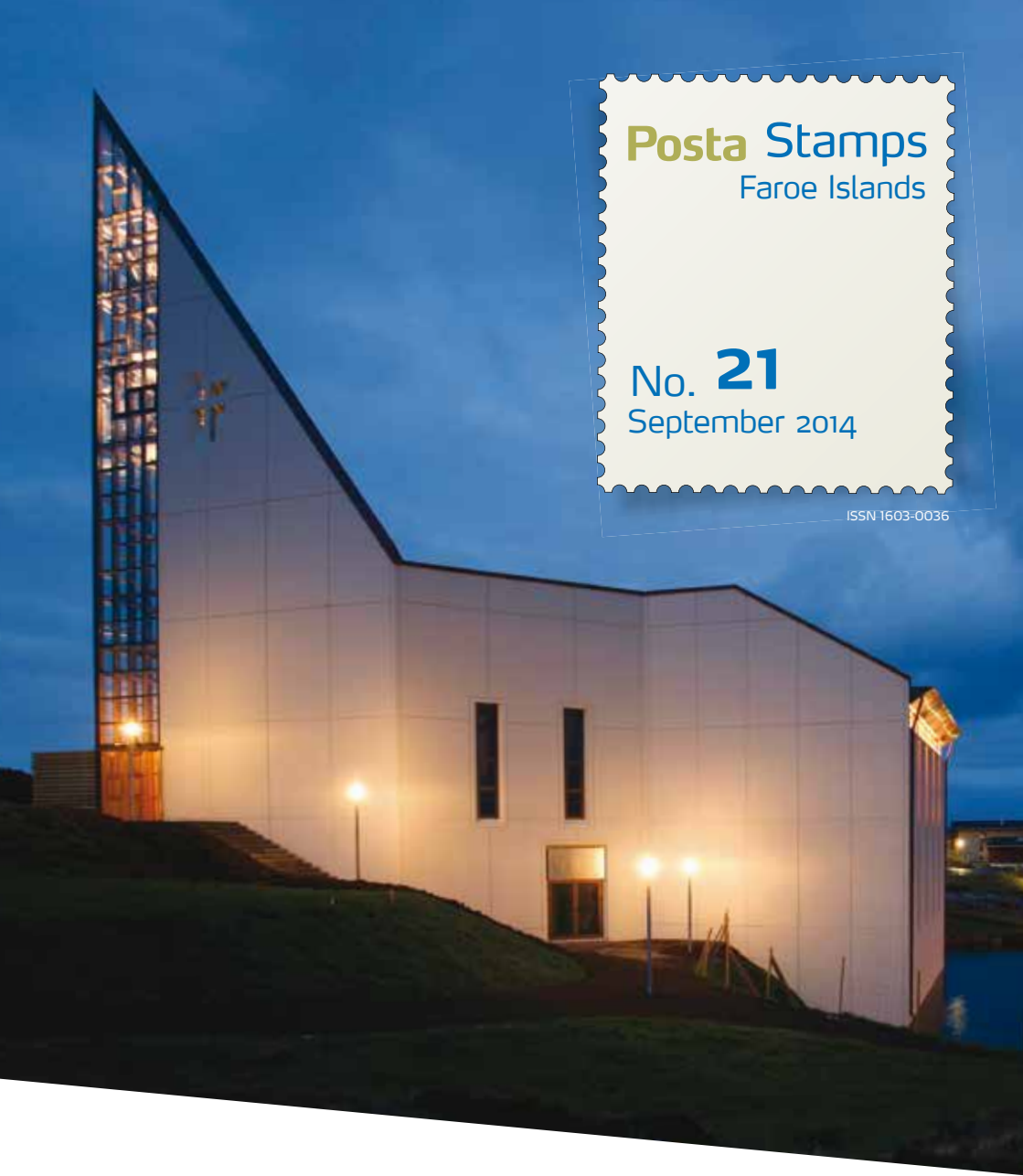


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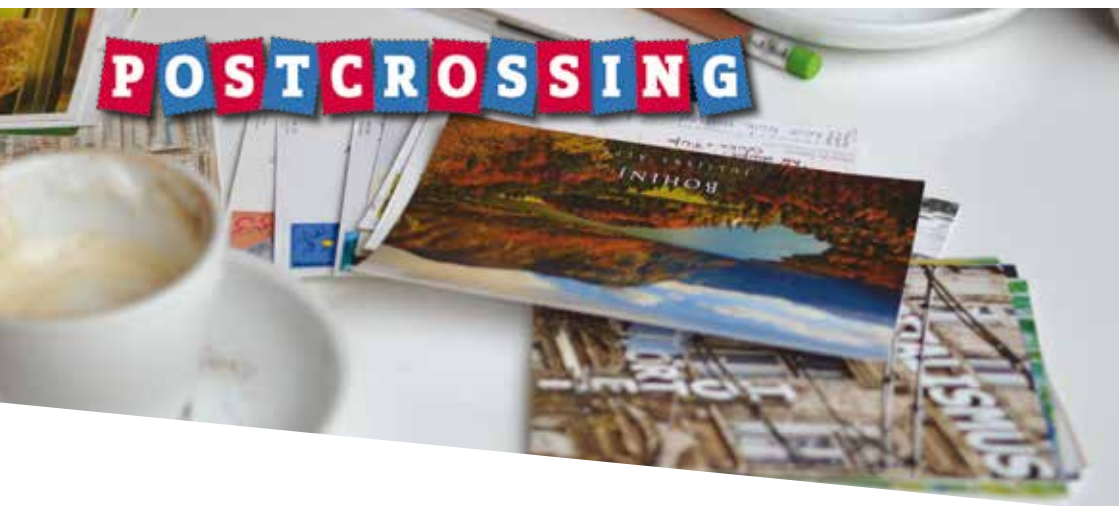
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