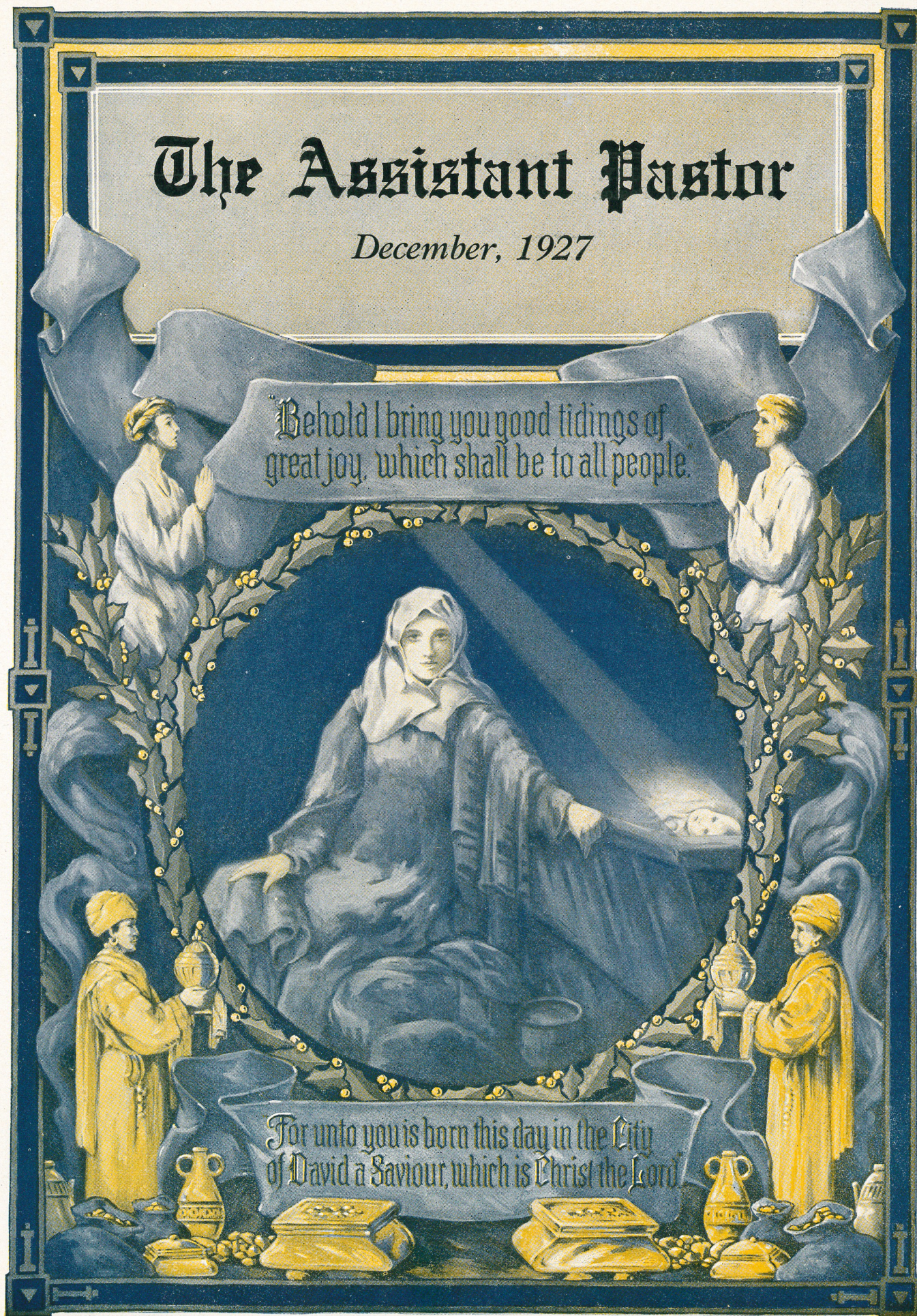


# The Assistant Pastor

*December, 1927*

"Behold I bring you good tidings of  
great joy, which shall be to all people."

For unto you is born this day in the City  
of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord





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Trustees: Oscar Natvig, Carl Swennumson, O. N. Anderson.

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## CHURCH SERVICES.

**Saude**—Second and fourth Sundays, 10:45 a. m.; Saturday school every Saturday, 10 a. m.; confirmation class, 9:30 a. m. Fridays.

**Jerico**—First and third Sundays, 10:45 a. m.; Saturday school 2 p. m.; confirmation class, 2 p. m. Fridays.

Fifth Sundays by special announcement.

## A MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS.

Every home is busy as a bee-hive now planning and working in preparation for the Christmas holidays. Mother is everywhere, scrubbing, sewing, baking. The children talk mostly in whispers, they have so many, many secrets to keep; there is no nook or corner, closet shelf or bureau drawer but what it holds some secret. Even father is drawn into the general atmosphere of mystery and holds whispered consultations with mother.

And all this is because the merriest of all the days of the year will soon be here; the biggest birthday of all birthdays, the birthday of Jesus, our Savior.

But, children—and parents, too—just think what a pity if, when everything is fixed up, the house is nice and clean, the living room is decorated with Christmas bells and other pretty things, the pantry is full of Christmas goodies, the table is loaded with everything good that mother can make, and there are lots of presents and everybody is just chock full of happiness, but nobody has thought of asking Jesus to come, and He is not there, and it is His birthday, too! Wouldn't that be too bad?

Be sure then not to forget to ask Him to come to your house. If you ask Him I know He will come, and when you sing your Christmas songs and read in the Bible or in your Bible Story Book about the Manger, the Angel messenger, the Shepherds in the Field, the Star of Bethlehem, and so on, He is sure to be present with you. You can't see Him, but He is with you just the same, for He has promised to be

with all that want Him at Christmas time and all the rest of the year, too.

In some homes they don't want Jesus; they just want Santa Claus. They haven't anything to be happy over except their presents and they, maybe, break the next day. Would it not be terrible not to have Jesus, our Savior?.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 16th of November, the annual business meeting of the Saude church was held. The attendance was about double that of last year, yet far from what it should have been.

The routine business of hearing reports and electing officers was quickly transacted. O. N. Anderson succeeded Andrew Vaala as trustee; Nels Ellingson will relieve D. O. Natvig as treasurer; Chris. Treider follows J. P. Landsverk as secretary. The entire cemetery committee was re-elected.

By a unanimous vote the meeting decided to introduce the so-called "Duplex Envelop System," a system of handling the financing of a congregation that has proven itself very effective where introduced.

It always takes some time and may even chafe a little to adjust oneself to something new. But, as with a pair of new shoes, when they have been worn awhile, one slips into them as readily and finds them as comfortable as the old pair that was discarded. Similarly, there will be some complaint, some misunderstandings and some entanglements before we get used to the new way of contributing to the local church and church work in general, but if all will show good will and a little patience, I am satisfied the system will be appreciated both on account of results and ease of operation, before the close of the fiscal year.

It is hoped that everything will be in readiness to start the new system at the beginning of the new year.

## Receipts and Disbursements of Saude Treasury to Date of Meeting.

### Receipts.

Mrs. Fredrikka Offerdal.....	\$ 19.00
J. O. Vaala .....	13.00
Ned. Borlaug .....	11.00
Elmer Natvig .....	7.00
B. J. Vigdal, Oscar Natvig, Rollef Hagen, each .....	18.00
I. O., A. O. and D. O. Natvig, Muns Munson, each .....	25.00
T. G. Vaala, G. G. Vaala, each.....	40.00
John Borlaug, Lars Vaala, A. G. Vaala, each..	35.00
John Leifson, O. N. Anderson, Mrs. J. L. Natvig, H. O. Natvig, each.....	30.00
Mrs. Olena Natvig, Thos. Borlaug, Mrs. Anna Anderson, A. J. Johnson, each.....	5.00
John Treider, Mrs. Mary Natvig, Hans Hoffland, Henry Larson, each.....	12.00
Larson Bros., G. H. Miller, N. Ellingson, Elling Ellingson, Henry Ellingson, each.....	20.00
L. J. Natvig, C. Treider, O. O. Borlaug, O. Holta, Wesley Kratz, T. Swennumson, Mrs. Ida Swenson, each.....	10.00
John Natvig, Alf Vaala, Oscar Borlaug, Henry Borlaug, F. W. Steensland, each.....	15.00
M. Borlaug, H. Reinhart, N. Paulson, each....	8.00
Julian Natvig, Carl Miller, J. Sesbo, J. C. Swennumson, each.....	6.00



Mrs. Theo. Vaala, Mrs. J. Swennumson, each	16.00
Otto Hanson, E. Ferkenstad, each.....	9.00
Iver Ellington, Ole Oren, each.....	2.00

Disbursements to date of annual meeting.

On pastor's salary .....	\$375.00
Martin Borlaug, fuel and draying.....	7.00
Halvor Larson, labor on parsonage.....	3.00

The Jerico congregation holds its annual meeting, according to announcement, on Friday, the 18th of November.

Fred Amman will be our new trustee. J. A. Robinson was re-elected treasurer. A. W. Oleson, who has served well and faithfully for many years as our secretary, was relieved and his assistant, Jeff. A. Knutson, was elected to the office.

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### JERICO TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### Receipts and Disbursements for Current Expenses of Congregation.

##### Receipts.

Ole A. Anderson, Geo. Anderson, Oscar Ferkenstad, Alfred A. Knutson, John O. Knutson, Adolph Munson, Halvor Nelson, Olaf Roberson, Severt Roberson, each.....	\$ 11.00
Lars Aasen, Robert Robinson, each.....	20.00
Ole O. Anderson, Jr., Clarence Cuttsforth, Carl Johnson, Edwin Johnson, Ole A. Knutson, Severt R. Knutson, Edwin Knutson, Melvin Olson, Miller Olson, Albert Olson, Peter Overboe, Ole Paulson, Sr., Alve Robinson, Henry Robinson, Alfred Robinson, Arthur Swenson, each.....	5.00
Arthur Cuttsforth, Louie Johnson, Ole Thompson, each .....	8.50
Christ Christenson, Ole K. Olson, each.....	7.00
Severt Fossen, J. C. Johnson, Mark Robinson, Carl J. Slindee, each.....	12.00
Knut J. Knutson, John Robinson.....	16.50
Gunder Olson, Mrs. Annie Olson, each.....	3.00
Lewis Douglas .....	5.50
Ole O. Anderson, Sr.....	9.25
Robert Knutson .....	8.00
Ole Overboe .....	15.00
Louie Robinson .....	17.50
John M. Johnson .....	13.00
A. N. Anderson, Hans Braham, each.....	16.50
O. J. Anderson, S. O. Johnson, Alva Knutson, Carl Landsverk, Will Mettner, Oscar Vigdal, Theo. Knutson, each.....	11.00
J. N. Anderson, Alfred N. Anderson, Jeff Knutson, each.....	12.00
Nels Anderson, A. H. Braham, A. J. Knutson, A. W. Oleson, A. Robinson, each.....	25.00
A. O. Anderson, H. Anderson, J. S. Knutson, each .....	20.00
Alf A. Anderson, J. A. Anderson, Geo. Braham, Henry A. Knutson, Edwin Thompson, Oscar Anderson, each.....	5.00
Otto Dahlen, Carl Dahlen, each.....	16.00
Martin Dahlen, Alber Haugen, each.....	10.00
T. W. Munson .....	15.00
Tom Thompson .....	7.50
Mrs. Rosa Dahlen .....	8.50
Chris Roberson, Knut Roberson, Ole Fossen, Elling Ellingson, Ole Ellingson, each.....	16.50
John Roberson, Chas. Johnson, L. S. Roberson, S. S. Roberson, Nels Nelson, each .....	25.00

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A. J. Johnson, Karl C. Johnson, each .....	6.00
Carl Ellingson, Ed. Foss, Alvie Iverson, El- mer Fossen, Jeff Knutson, Elmer Ander- son, Tom Roberson, Alvin Johnson, C. J. Johnson, Ole T. Johnson, A. T. Johnson, John T. Johnson, Ingval Knutson, each...	5.00
Ole O. Johnson .....	11.50
Andrew Ellingson .....	15.00
Ole Johnson Laxvold .....	8.00
Ole Hohnson Teigen .....	6.50
Disbursements.	
Light batteries, repair .....	\$ 14.00
Insurance for '26 and '27 .....	144.00
Organist, Bal. of salary for '26 .....	12.00
Hymn books .....	60.75
Repairs on parsonage .....	26.85
Coal .....	23.10
For sawing wood .....	1.50
Wood .....	16.00
Pastor's salary .....	775.00
Janitor's salary .....	110.00
Glenn Ralph, supplies .....	7.70
Andrew Braham, labor .....	20.00
Henry Sperley, labor .....	158.00
Paint and hardware .....	51.73
H. M. Tjernagel for Saturday school .....	113.50
Organist .....	50.00
Coal and lumber .....	12.00

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO  
ALL  
and A Happy New Year

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