

**The Giddings News**

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**REV. G. W. FISCHER  
PREACHES FAREWELL  
SERMON**

Rev. G. W. Fischer, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Giddings, preaches his farewell sermon Easter Sunday to the congregation he has served for more than thirty-one years. He has seen the membership grow from 300 to 900 in number and he offered his resignation because he felt the work too heavy for himself.

Rev. Fischer has enjoyed a splendid association with the people of Giddings, both those in and out of his congregation. He numbers among his friends every one in Giddings who knows him because his amiable disposition and pleasing personality have endeared him to all. He is a scholarly pastor and thoroughly versed in current affairs. The editor has enjoyed Rev. Fischer's personal friendship these many years and while in the hospital Rev. Fischer's letter was among the warmest and most personal the editor received.

Rev. Fischer, 69, was born at Fremont, Ill., where he was confirmed at the age of 14 years, attended Rockefeller (Ill.) Classical Institute, then the Seminary at Springfield, Ill. from which he was graduated in 1896. His first pastorate was at Hiawatha, Kan. where he remained four years. He then was called to Klein (Harris County, Texas), where he served until 1907 whence he was called to El Paso, then to Giddings in August 1909.

He and Mrs. Fischer have been blessed with all their children living and they are: Mrs. Ad. Gruell, whose husband is a Mo. Synod pastor in Brazil; Mrs. Gilbert De Vlainck, whose husband is with the Navy in Massachusetts; Herbert, a Salesman in Boston; Mrs. Chas. Hertel, Amarillo, who was in public health service for several years in Tenn and New Mexico; Miss Ann, Pasadena, Calif.; Geo. W., who works for the government in California; Mrs. Glenn Wilkerson, whose husband is in the government airplane business in Houston.

Rev. and Mrs. Fischer will leave April 15 for Houston where they will make their home. He will receive a small pension from his Synod but he feels that he must be busy and will probably render service where the opportunity calls him for church work.

The best wishes for many more years of useful service for Rev. Fischer and his faithful companion is the wish of the Giddings people.