

REV. ROBERT STUDTMANN



Immanuel Ordains New Pastor Sunday

June 21, 1953, marks a milestone in the history of Immanuel Lutheran Church. On that date Immanuel Lutheran Church will ordain and install its first assistant pastor. The church, which now numbers over 1300 souls, saw fit this past year to add to its staff and thus intensify educational and missionary efforts in this community.

The new assistant pastor, Robert Studtmann, son of senior Pastor and Mrs. Max Studtmann, is no new-comer to this community. He was born in Texas County, Oklahoma twenty-four years ago. He attended school there in Hooker, Oklahoma, for two years. For five years he continued his elementary education in the public schools of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and finished his elementary education at Immanuel Lutheran School here in Giddings. In 1942 he was enrolled at Lutheran Concordia College in Austin and finished his studies there in 1946. He graduated from St. Paul's College Concordia, Missouri, in 1948, after which he took a summer course at Concordia

a summer course at Concordia Teacher's College River Forest, Illinois, and spent a year of internship teaching here in Giddings. For the past four years he has been attending Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, where he received his B. A. Degree in 1951, and his graduate diploma for the Holy Ministry on June 5, 1953. He worked a summer as a student supply pastor in the McDade community and he just completed a year's pastorate at Elim Lutheran Church in St. Louis.

With the arrival of the assistant pastor, Immanuel Lutheran will attempt to accomodate its members by adding another service each Sunday morning, beginning the first of July, and an evening worship service once a month. The assistant pastor will be in charge of the special area of youth work and share the pastoral load with his father in the various educational and functional organizations of the church. It is hoped that a home visitation program will develop immediately after the pastors have fully organized the new set-up.

The ordination and installation service will be held at 2:30 p. m. on June 21, 1953. The ordination address will be given by Dr. H. Studtmann, grandfather of the Candidate and a Lutheran Pastor for over 56 years. The Rev. Max Studtmann will perform the rite of ordination.

It is anticipated that the addition of the Assistant Pastor to Immanuel's staff will increase its service value to this community.