

**REV. GORDON H.
LIGHT
1924 - 1996**

Rev. Gordon H. Light, 71, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewing, from 1968-1984, died at 10:50 p.m. Saturday, March 18, in Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, following a long illness.

He was born in Windsor, Ont., on Dec. 22, 1924, the son of Horace and Sarah (Dickson) Light. He was graduated from Case Technical High School in Detroit and was employed as a draftsman for Ford Motor Company, when the vicar of Epiphany Lutheran Church, Detroit, invited him to consider the ministry as his career. He entered Concordia College in 1946, spent his voyage year at Outer Drive Faith Lutheran Church, Detroit, and was graduated from Concordia Seminary at Springfield, Ill., in 1952.

On July 12, 1952, he and Elizabeth Albrecht were married, and on Aug. 3, 1952, he was ordained into the ministry. His first call took him to a dual ministry at St. John Church of Pleasant Plains, Ill., and Emmanuel Church, Farmingdale, Ill. In 1954 he accepted a call to another dual ministry, as he became the first resident pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Houghton Lake, and also served Mt. Hope Church, Grayling.

Four years later, in 1958, he accepted the call of Immanuel Church of Sebewing, where he remained until 1964, when he began a nine-year ministry at St. Paul Church, Trenton.

For his next call, in October, 1973, he began serving Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bloomfield Hills, where he remained for 21 1/2 years, retiring on Dec. 31, 1993, having completed more than 42 years in church service.

Since his retirement he continued to serve as pastor emeritus at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Birmingham.

At his retirement, he had completed 13 years as a member of the Michigan District LCMS Board of Directors, holding all four vice-president offices, from fourth to first, and also worked on many committees in those offices before and after retirement.

Surviving, beside his wife Elizabeth are four sons, David, Robert, Thomas and Gordon Light, 10 grandchildren, and one sister, Jeanne Patton of Port Richey, Fla.

The funeral service will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, in Church of the Redeemer, Birmingham, with interment in Glen Eden Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are by Vaux-Rodgers & Connell Chapel of H.A. Diamonds & Sons, 4375 N. Woodward.

