



# English Lutheran Church of Bateman

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Dear Members of English Lutheran Church of Bateman:

We are facing uncharted waters right now with the pandemic. Our council has decided to cancel all public worship services starting tomorrow and going forward for the Midweek Lenten and Sunday services until April 4th. However, the council will reevaluate that at the end of March. We will still provide a worship service online either through Facebook and/or on our website. [www.elcbateman.org](http://www.elcbateman.org), <https://www.facebook.com/elcbateman/> for the Sunday services.

We will also be addressing how we can provide care for all of our members, for example, regular phone calls, possibly getting groceries and medications, and other needs you may have. We will need to keep each other in prayer. The Psalm for this Sunday happens to be the 23rd Psalm. (see below)

We will also be exploring the possibility of doing a weekly Bible study by conference call for those interested. Even though we may not be physically present we can still be together through support and prayer. There is an old camp song that comes to my mind. "The church is not a building, where people go to pray, it's not made out of sticks and stones, it's not made out of clay. We are the church, the body of the Lord. We are all God's people and we have been restored." (Jay Beech) I am praying for you that you will trust the promises of God. This can be a time for us to slow down and spend time in prayer and reading the Bible.

Please let me know if there are any needs you may have or if you just want to talk.

In Christ,  
Pastor Rick Biedermann  
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## **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

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## **Our Mission:**

We, the family of English Lutheran Church of Bateman, are here to serve the Lord through worship, fellowship, stewardship and discipleship.