



# THE UMBRELLA

Lecompton United Methodist Church

Pastor Abraham Mutai

402 Elmore Street, P.O. Box 91



**April** Sunday Morning Worship Services

Sally Landoll, editor

**2026** 9:45 a.m. In-Person/ Facebook Live/ Church Website

10:45 a.m. Sunday School for **Adults** led by Heather Schneider; for **children** led by Angela

## HE IS RISEN! A LIVING HOPE FOR TODAY.

April is here again, and with it comes a reminder that stands at the center of our faith, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. EASTER is not only something we remember from the past; it is a truth that continues to speak into our present lives. It calls us to reflect, to pause, and to reconsider where our hope is truly anchored.

The message of Easter meets us in real life. It speaks into moments of uncertainty, disappointment, and even weariness. There are times when things feel final, when situations seem beyond repair, and when answers do not come as quickly as we would like. Yet the resurrection reminds us that what appears to be the end is not always the end. God's work does not stop where our understanding does. In ways we may not always see immediately, He continues to bring life, restoration, and purpose.

In the busyness of everyday life, it is easy to move from one responsibility to another without stopping to reflect. This season invites us to slow down, even briefly, and consider what it truly means that Christ is alive. This is not just a statement of belief; it is a foundation for how we live. Because He lives, our faith has meaning, and our future is not uncertain.

As we spend time with family, friends, and our church community during this month, we are reminded that faith is not confined to a building or a single day. It is lived daily, in quiet trust and simple obedience. The resurrection calls us to live with confidence, not because everything around us is perfect, but because God remains faithful in every season.

Perhaps this April is an opportunity to see things differently. To recognize that God has not stepped away from our situations. To understand that His grace continues to meet us where we are. And to believe that new beginnings are still possible, even in places that feel unchanged.

My prayer for this month is that hope becomes real again in our hearts. That faith becomes steady again in our walk. And that we carry the message of Easter beyond this season into our daily lives and relationships.

As Scripture reminds us, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3, NIV).

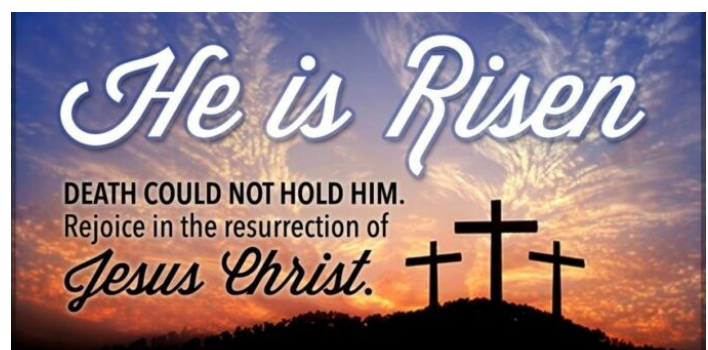
May this April be marked by renewed hope, quiet strength, and the assurance that Christ is alive and because He lives, we are not without hope.

**JESUS LOVES YOU.**

**PASTOR: REV. ABRAHAM MUTAI**

**LECOMPTON & BIG SPRINGS UMC**

Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, Saturday, Sunday



## Happy Birthday

Tracy Marsh  
Dennis Stauffer  
Billy Welch  
Ashley Green  
Cheris Daniels  
Gary Marsh  
Lauren Burgin  
Mary Icenogle  
Beau Daniels  
Myrna Hartford  
Billy Jo Smith  
Wes Cottrell  
Darin Delfelder  
Steve Fugett  
Rick Paslay  
Belinda Wood  
Blair Bahret  
David Dark  
Pat DeJaynes  
Janet Bauman  
Paul Hamersky  
Dorothy Hetzel  
Kelsey Howard  
Sharon O'Trimble  
Tony Roe  
Royall Hoffer  
Mary Sue Sledd  
Chrissy Goodrick  
Emma Samson  
Dylan Bahret  
Kali Roberts  
Kate Welch  
Sally Landoll  
Tammy Morris  
Rance Roberts  
Suzy Bradley  
Kristi Hartley  
Elsie Middleton  
Allyson Christman  
Tyler Dark  
Sarah McLees  
Wyatt Schumann  
Gina Clement  
Jeff Morris  
Jillian Goetz



## Happy Anniversary

Gregg & Mary Sue Sledd  
David & Marlene Jolly  
Gary & Norma Jeane Miller  
Billy Jo & Dorothy Smith  
Dusty & Susan Dark  
Scot & Gina Clement

## Food and Fellowship

### Community Dinner

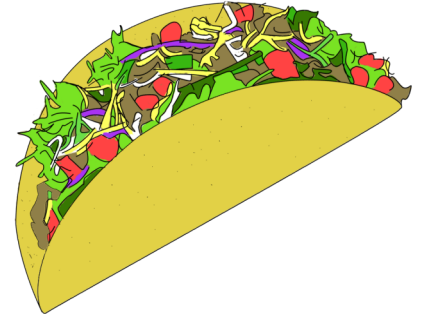
Thursday, April 23

4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Tacos and all the fixings

Beef or pork, chicken nachos, burrito bowl choice of meat over a bed of rice.

Dine in or carry out



### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th

at 10am SHARP!

Lecompton City Park

### Weekly Bible Study Groups

**Sunday Morning:** 9:00 a.m. led by Heather Schneider  
heather2680@gmail.com

**Monday Morning:** 9:00 a.m. A Walk through the Bible led by Angela

**2nd and 4th Saturday Morning:** 9:00 a.m. on Zoom led by Allyson Christman  
allybtcam@gmail.com.

### Silent Ticket Auction Coming in May

Our 2nd Annual Silent Ticket Auction will begin during the Community Dinner in May and continue through the Community Dinner in July.

If you wish to donate an item for the auction, please have items to the church by Sunday, May 17th.

## Nurture and Outreach Team News

### By the Numbers:

We assisted **65 families** in March with our Food Pantry. That to **182 individuals**.

The next food pantry will be **Saturday, April 18th** from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The Just Food Cruising Cupboard served **13 families** (33 individuals) March

Next Cruising Cupboard will be **Thursday, April 2nd** at 4:30 p.m.— 5:30 p.m. in the LUMC Parking Lot

**Sunday, March 15th:** Grace stopped in after church as helped unload items from a Walmart order. Roy also stopped by and moved items around so shelves could be stocked. Thank you Grace, Kenny, and Roy for your help.

**Tuesday, March 17th:** We had a lot of helpers to fill shopping lists today. We had an extra person from United Way, Hannah, in addition to Mary Lou Morris, Georgia Trammel, Robin Sayler, Linda Gerdes, and Trish B. Thank you all for filling around 40 shopping lists.

**Friday, March 20th:** Robin and Mary Jane went to Topeka to the Harvester's mobile pantry. They had a lot of fresh produce, cereal, flour tortillas, and much more.

**Pantry Day, March 21st:** It was a successful day. Margaret, from Harvester's was here to assist with the new process. We had a lot of great volunteers. Thank you Mary Sue Sledd, Heather Schneider, Russell Matthews, Julie, Robin Sayler, Roy Hoffer, Austin Sledd, Kenny Smith, and Linda Smith for all of your help.

### The Clothes Closet

Karmell and her crew were busy with the Rummage Sale in March. They will be available next on Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

### Harvester's Delivery...

**Wednesday, February 25th:** We received 150 pounds of product from Harvester's today. Thank you Ron Thacker and Robin for getting everything inside and put away.

Wednesday, March 11th: We received about 1200 pounds of product. Thank you again to Robin and Ron for getting everything brought in and put away.

**Just Food** also blessed our pantry with food for the Blessing Boxes



A special thank you to Mary Jane Hoffer. You provide the information found on this page and you always leave yourself out. The Food Pantry exists because of your spirit and love of this ministry.

From all the volunteers of the Food Pantry, WE LOVE YOU MARY JANE!



Join the Lecompton Methodist Church for these Holy Week Events



Please join us on **Palm Sunday, March 29th** during the 9:45 service. The LUMC choir will share, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" This uplifting cantata prepares us for Holy Week observance.



On **Good Friday, April 3rd** at 6:30 pm

Two Easter Services, come to one or come to both.



**Easter Sunrise service, April 5th** at the Democratic Headquarters down by the river at 6:30 a.m.

**Easter Service on April 5th** at 9:45 a.m. in the LUMC Sanctuary

### 7 Day Holy Week Devotional

Monday: Jesus Cleanses the Temple  
Matthew 21:12-19

Tuesday: Jesus Rebukes the Pharisees  
Matthew 21: 23-46

Wednesday: Signs of Things to Come  
Matthew 24: 1-36

Thursday: The Significance of the Last Supper  
Matthew 26: 20-75

Friday: Jesus' Crucifixion  
Matthew 27: 1-61

Saturday: Responding to the Cross  
Matthew 27: 57-61



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p><b>Palm Sunday</b> LUMC Choir Presents <b>Sunday Morning Worship Ser- vices</b> 9:45 a.m. In Person Only</p> <p>"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p><b>Read the Bible To- gether</b> 9:00 a.m. Led by Ange- la Carter</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p><b>Cruising Cupboard</b> 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. LUMC Park- ing Lot</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p><b>Good Friday Service</b> 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p><b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> 10:00 a.m. SHARP Lecompton City Park</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday</b>  Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. Democratic Headquar- ters</p> <p>Or 9:45 a.m. LUMC Sanctuary</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p><b>Read the Bible To- gether</b> 9:00 a.m. Led by Ange- la Carter</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p><b>Registration for 5k Walk/ Run opens</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p><b>Bible Study with Ally</b> 9:00 a.m. Zoom</p>
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## ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



### **Lecompton UMC 5K Run/Walk**

**Rain or Shine**

**Saturday, May 30th at 8 am**

**2 Trails Ranch**

**E 200 Road**

**@1/2 mile South of Water Tower**

**Lecompton, KS**

Registration opens on April 7th, 2026

\$35 until May 23rd

\$40 after May 23rd

Registration can be made on race day

There is \$3.10 registration fee



<https://runsignup.com/Race/KS/Lecompton/LecomptonUMC5KRunWalk>

2 Trails Ranch is excited to team up with the Lecompton United Methodist Church for the 3rd Annual 5K Walk/Run to benefit the General Fund. We will be experiencing a different part of the ranch this year. This part of the ranch will take us through the beautiful prairie grass that feeds the cattle on the ranch. The terrain is a bit kinder than the past two years. You will still experience rolling hills and wide open pasture. It is rocky in places, but manageable for all sorts of fitness levels. You will walk near one pond and over to a creek area. With fewer trees, you will be able to take in the beauty of this setting as well as see the other racers. We invite you to experience the rolling beauty of the native grass and smell the wildflowers as you run/walk through this beautiful family ranch. There will be beautiful photo ops in a May morning setting. Experience the environment the settlers did as they came through on the Oregon Trail. Our 6- generation ranch is filled with history as it sits between two historic trails, the Oregon Trail and Santa Fe Trail. At the end of the race, enjoy a complimentary 2 Trails beef burger, chips and a bottle of water.

Path will follow the fence lines and will be easy to follow.

If you would like to sign up for an electronic version of The Umbrella or if you have news to send, email Sally Landoll at:

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