



# THE UMBRELLA

Lecompton United Methodist Church

Pastor Abraham Mutai

402 Elmore Street, P.O. Box 91



**March 2026**

**Sunday Morning Worship Services**

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**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 Carter

## MARCHING INTO MARCH!

As we begin the countdown toward the close of winter, my heart is filled with expectancy for all that God has in store for us in this new month and the new season before us. **SPRING** is upon us!

I pray that March 2026 will usher in fresh beginnings in every area of our lives. May this season bring new vision, renewed hope, sharper focus, and greater opportunities. May the mercies of the Lord which are new every morning guide us faithfully into His perfect will for such a time as this.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in **Romans 8:37-39 (NIV)**:

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

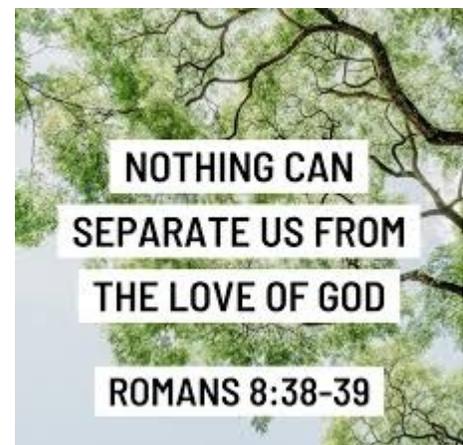
What a powerful assurance for us as we transition seasons. We may be coming out of a difficult winter, or there may be things to rebuild, restore, or realign as the year unfolds. Yet through it all, one truth stands firm: the steadfast love of God remains constant. Our God is good. His love never fails. He is our victory, and He will forever be our salvation in every season and every circumstance.

I pray that the love of God will guide you beyond your past, strengthen you in your present, and prepare you for your future. As we journey into this new month, let us place our full trust in Jesus Christ. Let us step forward in faith, confidence, and obedience.

Let us keep **Marching into March** and may Christ be exalted in our lives!

**PASTOR: REV. ABRAHAM MUTAI**  
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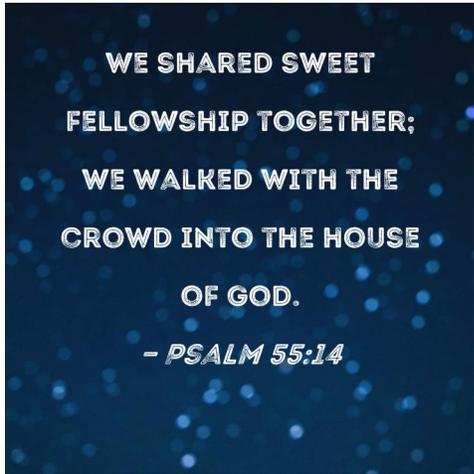




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*Happy Anniversary*

Craig and Sherri Neill  
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 David and Michelle Fuston  
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 David and Lauren Brown



WE SHARED SWEET  
 FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER;  
 WE WALKED WITH THE  
 CROWD INTO THE HOUSE  
 OF GOD.  
 - PSALM 55:14

**Community Dinner**

Chicken and Noodles  
 Green beans, biscuits and desserts  
 March 26th, 2026  
 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
 Dine-in or Carry-out  
 Donations to support local LUMC Ministries



**Fundraiser Soup Dinner and  
 Silent Auction**

For Doug Porter

March 7th, 2026 beginning at  
 5:00 p.m.

American Legion  
 410 Perry Place  
 Perry, KS



**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 Carter

**2nd and 4th Saturday Morning:** 9:00 a.m. on Zoom led by Al-  
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## Nurture and Outreach Team News

### By The Numbers:

**The Cruising Cupboard** assisted 12 families or about 32 individuals in February. Thank You JUST FOOD for this much needed service.

**The Food Pantry** assisted 55 families in February.

**The Clothes Closet** was also open. They had 25 individuals come in and shop. Thank you to Gina Clement, Karmell Thacker, and all of their helpers.

### March Dates

**Cruising Cupboard:** Thursday, March 5th 4:30-5:30 p.m. LUMC parking lot

**Food Pantry:** Saturday, March 21st 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Clothes Closet:** Saturday, March 21st 9:00 a.m. to Noon

### Getting ready for the Pantry day...

**Thursday, Feb. 12th:** Chris, Charles, and Sam helped Mary Jane bring in the boxes she picked up at Just Food. It was a great assortment of food.

**Monday, Feb. 16th:** It was a busy day getting ready to fill the shopping lists on Tuesday. We had a surprise donation of three grocery bags of food. Thank you to our anonymous donor.

**Tuesday, Feb. 17th:** We started filling shopping lists in the early morning hours and wrapped up around 3:30. Robin Sayler, Georgia Trammell, Trish B., Mary Lou Morris, and Linda Gerdes had a busy day and filled 41 shopping lists. It was a productive day!.

**Thursday, Feb. 19th:** Thank you to Kenny and Linda Smith for unloading all of the items from Just Food. We had a visitor from United Way. Hannah came to see our pantry and was very impressed.

**Pantry Day, February 21st:** We had a successful pantry day. We assisted around 55 families this month. We had a large assortment of items to put out this morning and even a few refrigerated items. We had a lot of great helpers. Mary Sue Sledd and Heather Schneider checked in the families and got the carts loaded. Austin, Remi, Roy, Linda, Grace, Pastor Abraham, Robin, Russell, and Julie all assisted with filling the cold items and getting the food out to the families. Thank you all for your help.

### Harvester's Deliveries...

**Monday, Jan. 26th:** A busy day with deliveries from Sam's Club in Topeka and Harvesters. We received 2,179 pounds of product today. Thank you to Roy Hoffer, Ron Thacker, and Kenny Smith for all your help. Thank you Marie Hoffer for getting the eggs divided and put away.

**Wednesday, Feb. 11th:** We received our Harvester's delivery bright and early. Thanks to Kenny Smith, Robin Sayler, and Ron Thacker for getting everything in and sorted. We received 1,805 pounds of product.

### Other Pantry Happenings

We had our annual monitoring inspection on Feb. 10th. After several postponements, Margaret made it to our pantry and found no problems. Thank you to Linda Smith for taking time away from work for this visit.

A person from the community donated one 1 box and two bags of food. Thank you to Austin and the Boy Scouts for putting this food away and doing other things at the pantry.

One of the doors to our Blessing Box is out for repair by a person in the community. Mary Jane went to fill the box and the door came off.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

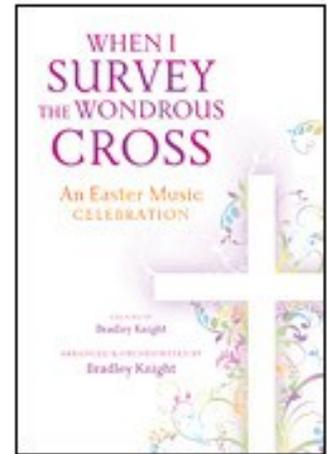
# Happy Easter

The choir will be busy this Easter season.

**Palm Sunday, March 29th:** The Choir will be presenting our Easter Cantata, "When I Survey, the Wondrous Cross"

**Good Friday, April 3rd:** Please plan to attend the Good Friday service. The time and program will be announced in the April newsletter.

**Easter Sunday, April 5th:** There will be a Sunrise Service and a regular service. The times will be announced in the April newsletter.



## Upcoming Fundraising Events for the General Fund



### Third Annual 5k Walk/Run at Two Trails Ranch

We will be visiting a different part of the ranch this year. So get your running/hiking shoes ready for a gentler walk through the pasture. We will still have rolling hills and pretty countryside, just a little less brush and grass to contend with. We are planning on **Saturday, May 30th** for this event.

More details and sign up information to come in April.



### Second Annual Silent Ticket Auction

We are going to start our Silent Ticket Auction during the Community Dinner in May and run through to the Community Dinner in July. You will have many Sundays to purchase your Tickets and three Community Dinners.

If you are wanting to donate a basket or two, items will need to be at the church by Sunday, May 17th.

Thank you all for your support.

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# March 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tues- day	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> Sunday Morning Worship Services 9:45 a.m. In-Person/ Facebook Live  <b>Bleeding Kansas Program</b> 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall	2	3	4	5	6	7
				<b>Cruising Cupboard</b> 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. LUMC Parking Lot		Soup Fundraiser and Silent Auction for Doug Porter 5:00 p.m. American Legion Perry, KS
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Daylight Savings, set clocks forward one hour</b>						<b>Saturday Book Study</b> 9:00 a.m. Zoom
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
						<b>God's Healthy Choice Food Pantry</b> 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. LUMC basement  <b>LUMC Clothes Closet</b> 9:00 a.m. to Noon Lecompton Pride Building 3rd Floor
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				<b>LUMC Community Dinner</b> 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. LUMC Fellowship Hall		<b>Saturday Book Study</b> 9:00 a.m. Zoom
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
					<b>Good Friday Service</b> TBD LUMC Sanctuary	

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**Fall Back, Spring Forward**

Daylight Savings happens on Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 a.m. Remember to set your clock forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

This is also a good time to check the batteries in your smoke alarm!



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