



THE UMBRELLA

Lecompton United Methodist Church

Pastor Abraham Mutai

402 Elmore Street, P.O. Box 91



May 2025 Sunday Morning Worship Services

Sally Landoll, editor

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 and Kim

THAT ALL MAY COME TO PASS AS MAY IS HERE

As we continue to thank God for the gift of His son Jesus, May is here with us! I hope and pray that You are enjoying the freshness and renewal that is happening on the Mother Earth! I am loving the new weather, new environment, new season! I'm thankful to God.

May is Biblically considered to be a month of possibilities, new beginnings and even grace. My prayer is that as we get to this month, may the power of the resurrected Jesus lead us to newness and new possibilities. In Mathew 19:26(NIV) says, "26, Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." May God of many possibilities in this month of May give us the grace and enable us to experience newness in this month of May.

Blessed May, Jesus loves you and cares about you.

PASTOR Rev. Abraham Mutai

Lecompton UMC and Big
Springs UMC

Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday,
Saturday, Sunday

For human beings
it is impossible,
but not for God.

All things are possible
for God.

Mark 10:27



Happy Birthday!

Sabine Schrick
Linda Stauffer
Joshua Morris
Chet Bartling
Lauren Acheson
Dalton Bahnmaier
Chris Fuston
Will Maderos-Treaster
Michelle Cox
Jeff Goodrick
Annie Dark
Jeff DeJaynes
Sierra Morgison
Jennifer Folks
Marissa Bartling
Adam Schrader
Lindsay Bohannan
Vickie Marino
Sheila Robles
Susan Wood
Colleen Gehrke
Katheryne Wells
Becky Downs
Linda Smith
Joanna Hetrick
Stephanie Fogelsong
June McAfee
Brooklynn Powell
Ed Daniels
Amanda Hunt
Amira Sayler
Bonner Dark
Adam O'Trimble



Happy Anniversary!

Dave & Barb Babcock
Kevin & Stephanie Confer
Jeff & Kristi Hartley
Dennis & Amber Madden
Bryce & Gina Schumann
Mike & Kim Stewart

Community Dinner

Want a break from cooking? Come have a
bar-b-que pork or beef sandwich

Pasta salad slaw, baked beans & homemade
desserts will be served

May 22nd, 2025 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Dine In or Carry Out

Free Will Donations to assist with
Back-To-School supplies



Thank you to everyone that donated to make
the Easter Egg hunt a success!! Also a big
thank you to those that helped get it set up!

Mary Sue Sledd

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.

Nurture and Outreach Team News

By The Numbers:

Our food pantry served **50 families** which during the April Pantry.

The Cruising Cupboard served 10 families in April. The numbers were down a bit due to the railroad tracks being closed all day.

May Dates

Cruising Cupboard Thursday, May 1, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

God's Food Pantry Saturday, May 17, 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Clothes Closet Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m. to noon.

Behind the Scenes...

As always we had many busy days leading up to the pantry.

Tuesday, April 15th, Sandy Jacquot and Cindy Treastor started the day off at 8:30 a.m. and filled many shopping lists. Mary Jane spent her time re-bagging sugar, dog and cat food, and Styrofoam plates. In the afternoon, Robin Sayler, Mary Lou Morris, Linda Gerdes, Jacque Hale, Trish, and Georgia Trammel came into fill shopping lists. In all 39 lists were filled and the shelves restocked.

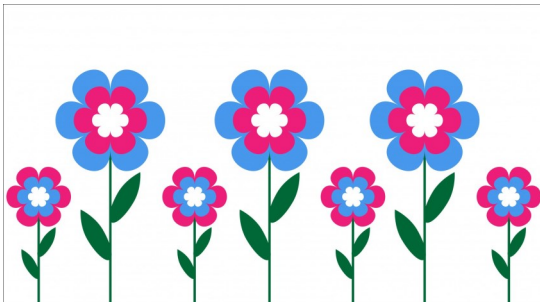
Thursday, April 17th, we received our dairy delivery from Highland Dairy and we got a little vacuuming done.

Saturday, April 19th, Mary Sue Sledd and Heather Schneider put out items for the families to shop and checked in our families. Linda Smith made sure that the holiday meats were distributed appropriately. Robin Sayler, Pastor Abraham, Austin Sledd, Roy Hoffer, Russell Mathews and friend all pushed carts out to the waiting families. A special thank you to Kenny Smith for the cleaning of furnace filters and other items that needed to be taken care of. Thank you to everyone for your help.

Harvesters Delivery

Wednesday, April 2nd brought a Harvester delivery of 700 lbs. The delivery was thankfully delivered around 5:00 p.m. There was a lot of back and forth as a new driver was assigned to deliver and the timing was not clear. Luckily, Robin Sayler and Austin Sledd were available to assist with getting everything unloaded and put in the correct places. We received pet food and some nice produce.

Wednesday, April 9th brought a much smoother Harvesters Delivery. Thank you to Ron Thacker, Russell Mathews and Scott Norris for getting everything inside and sorted. We received carrots, potatoes and other produce. Messages were sent to families as some produce needed to be used quickly. It is always a blessing to help our families. Thank you to our helpers today.



Every man according
as he purposeth in his
heart, so let him give;
not grudgingly, or of
necessity: for God
loveth a cheerful
giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

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May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>Sunday Morning Worship Services 9:45 a.m. In-Person/ Facebook Live</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Read the Bible Together 9:00 a.m. Led by Angela Carter</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p><i>Cruising Cupboard</i> 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. LUMC Parking Lot</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Read the Bible Together 9:00 a.m. Led by Angela Carter</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bible Study with Ally 9:00 a.m. Zoom</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Read the Bible Together 9:00 a.m. Led by Angela Carter</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>God's Healthy Choice Food Pantry 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. LUMC basement LUMC Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to Noon Lecompton Pride Building 3rd Floor PLHS Graduation 1:00 p.m.</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Read the Bible Together 9:00 a.m. Led by Angela Carter</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Community Dinner 4:00-6:30 p.m. LUMC Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bible Study with Ally 9:00 a.m. Zoom</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

Great Plains Daily Devotional for 4/23/2025

Today's Lectionary Text

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then it was said among the nations,

"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,

shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Today's Devotional

Drive into the rural areas of the Midwest, and you will see farm equipment and structures slowly rusting away. I don't see it as simply junk; it is a relic of a past era. It witnesses to the middle of the twentieth century, a time when there were more farmers on smaller farms. But it has no use on larger modern farms.

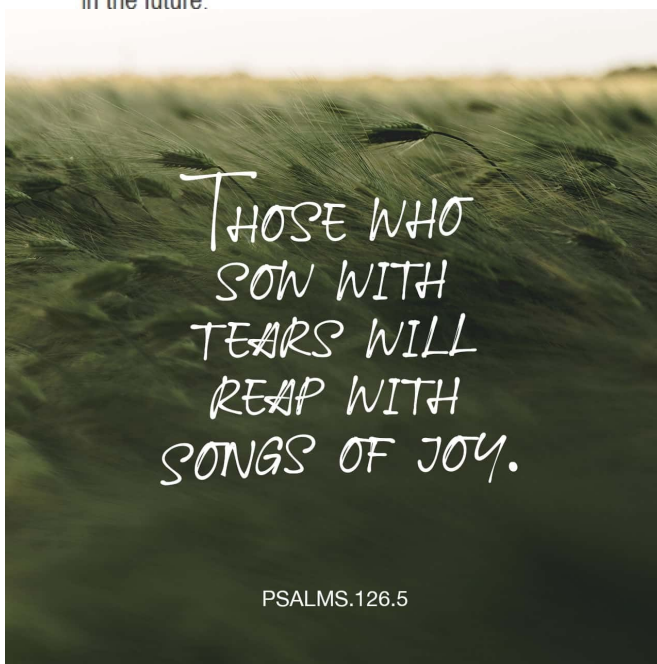
I had to stop when I came across this John Deere 95 combine near Liberal, Kan. Introduced in 1957, it was the largest self-propelled combine in the world. It was state-of-the-art, but now it's minuscule compared to modern combines. If you could wave a magic wand and restore it to mint condition, its only value would be as a showpiece in a museum.

We often pray for the restoration of what once was in our lives and communities. We long for the time when churches had more members, more money, and more influence in society. But our prayer for restoration is a prayer for a romanticized version of the past.

During the final weeks of Lent, I have been reflecting on a line from Rev. Kimberly Clayton's commentary on Psalm 126 in "Feasting on the Word": "From our Easter perspective, we know that if we pray only for God to restore life as we have known it in easier or better times, our prayer has fallen short of the hope – and future – God intends."

Praying for the restoration of the life we have known feels safer than following God into an unknown future. It's one of the essential challenges of being human: the urge to resist change while living in God's ever-changing creation.

As you pray, instead of asking for what was, I invite you to listen to how God is calling you to new things in the future.



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5K Country Run/Walk

Rain or Shine

Saturday, June 7th at 8am

2 Trails Ranch

367 Hwy 40

Lecompton, KS



Effort will be made to have the trail clearly marked and a true 5k distance

2 Trails Ranch is excited to team up with the Lecompton United Methodist Church for the second annual 5K fun run through the ranch. We invite you to experience the rolling beauty of the native grass and even stop and smell the wildflowers as you run/walk the course through the pastures. You will cross pond dams and experience occasional rocks going up hills. A running creek, that services a hand dug well 22 feet deep that once filled wagons with water, pulled by teams in the 1930's will be on the path as well. Some beautiful photo ops in a June 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 the Santa Fe Trail.

The cost is \$35 if signing up by May 31st or \$40 after that date.

At the end of the race, enjoy a complimentary 2 Trails beef burger, chips and a bottle of water!

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