



THE UMBRELLA

Lecompton United Methodist Church

Pastor Abraham Mutai

402 Elmore Street, P.O. Box 91



May 2026 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

MAY IT BE A MAY OF NEWNESS.

As we continue to give thanks to God for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, we welcome the arrival of May. I pray that you are experiencing the beauty, freshness, and renewal that this season brings. The changing weather, the blossoming environment, and the promise of a new season are all reminders of God's goodness and for that, I am truly grateful.

May is often seen as a month of possibilities, new beginnings, and grace. My prayer is that, in this season, the power of the risen Christ will lead us into newness and open doors to fresh possibilities in our lives. As it is written in Matthew 19:26 (NIV): "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

May the God of endless possibilities grant us the grace to embrace new beginnings and experience His renewing power throughout this month.


Have a blessed May. Jesus loves you and cares deeply for you.

Blessings,

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
Braxton Binkley
Joshua Morris
Kevin Fowler
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
Ryker Green
Ryder Binkley
Joanna Hetrick
Stephanie Fogelsong
June McAfee
Brooklynn Powell
Ed Daniels
Amanda Hunt
Amira Saylor
Bonner Eckhardt
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 in and enjoy chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans or corn with cream cheese, biscuit or roll, and of course homemade desserts.

Thursday, May 28th 4:00 to 6:30

Dine in or carry out

Proceeds for
VBS 2026



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 **60 families** during the April Pantry.

The Clothes Closet served 20 individuals that came in. There were a lot of clothing items taken.

May Dates

Cruising Cupboard Thursday, May 7th, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

God's Food Pantry Saturday, May 16th, 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Clothes Closet Saturday, May 16th, 9 a.m. to noon.

Behind the Scenes...

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

Tuesday, April 14th: The day started off at 8:30 a.m. Hanna from the United Way came in to start shopping for the families. Robin Saylor came in a little later and began stocking and shopping. Mary Lou Morris, Jacque Hale, Trish, and Linda Gerdes came in and rounded out the shopping crew. By the end of the day we had 36 shopping lists filled. We are nearly ready for Saturday.

Saturday, April 19th: It was a busy day for the pantry day. Linda Smith and Robin Saylor assumed the roles of checking families in. We missed Heather and Mary Sue but we were happy they were taking some vacation time. Haley Sledd, Russell Mathews, Julie, Roy Hoffer, Pastor Abraham, and Sally Landoll rounded out the crew that filled the cold items and took the food out to the families. We had a lot of good produce for the families to take home as well. Thank you to everyone for your help.

Deliveries and Donations

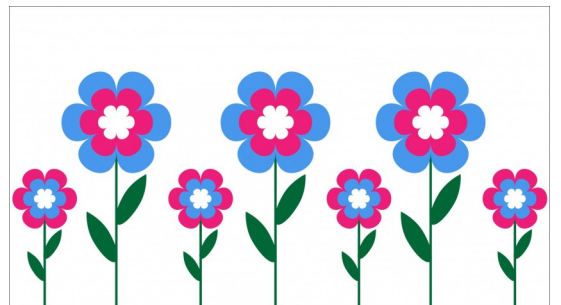
Wednesday, March 25th: We received 1,170 pounds of product from Harvesters. Ron Thacker and Robin Saylor brought in the items and placed them in the appropriate locations. Just Food also phoned about items that were ready to pick up in Topeka.

Wednesday, April 8th: We received 2,185 pounds of food items. Ron Thacker and Robin Saylor were on hand again to get everything brought in and sorted into the appropriate spots.

Thursday, April 9th: A community person brought in 3 large bags of health and beauty items for the pantry. This donation was greatly appreciated and will make some of our families very happy.

We also received a large donation of farm fresh eggs for the pantry on Saturday. Thank you, Colleen!

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





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Sunday Morning Worship Services 9:45 a.m. In-Person/ Facebook Live	27 Read the Bible Together 9:00 a.m. Led by Angela Carter	28	29	30	1	2
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10 Mother's Day	11 Read the Bible Together 9:00 a.m. Led by Angela Carter	12	13	14	15	16 God's Healthy Choice Food Pantry 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. LUMC basement LUMC Clothes Closet 9:00 a.m. to Noon Lecompton Pride Building 3rd Floor PLHS Graduation 1:00 p.m.
17	18 Read the Bible Together 9:00 a.m. Led by Angela Carter	19	20	21	22	23 Bible Study with Ally 9:00 a.m. Zoom
24/31	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28 Community Dinner 4:00-6:30 p.m. LUMC Fellowship Hall	29	30 5k Walk/Run 8:00 a.m. E 200 Rd Lecompton, KS

Great Plains Daily Devotional for 4/14/2026

Psalm 114

When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people
of strange language,
Judah became God's sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled;
Jordan turned back.
The mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?
O mountains, that you skip like
rams?
O hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence
of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Ja-
cob,
who turns the rock into a pool of
water,
the flint into a spring of water.

Prayer for Reflection

God of the shifting winds and
changing skies, teach us to no-
tice Your movement before it be-
comes visible. Help us to trust
that Your promises are already
unfolding, even in the waiting.
Amen.

Growing up in Zimbabwe, I remember learning to recognize the rain before it ever fell. We didn't always have forecasts at our fingertips, so you learned to pay attention. There was a smell in the air, subtle but unmistakable. The wind would shift. The clouds would begin to gather and change shape. And even before the first drop touched the ground, you just knew; the rain is coming.

Psalm 114 carries that same sense of anticipation and movement. It recalls God bringing Israel out of Egypt, but it tells the story in a way that feels alive: the sea flees, the Jordan turns back, and mountains skip like rams. Creation itself responds to the presence of God.

This is not simply a retelling of past events. It is a declaration that when God draws near, things begin to shift, even before we fully see the outcome. Just as the scent of rain signals what is on the way, Psalm 114 reminds us that God's presence often precedes visible change.

For many of us, life includes seasons that feel dry, still, and un-moving. We may not yet see transformation, and we may wonder if anything is happening at all. Yet this psalm invites us to trust that movement can begin before it is visible. The God who made the sea flee, and water flow from rock is still at work, often in ways we do not immediately recognize.

"Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord," the psalm declares. It is a call not only to awe, but to awareness; to notice the signs of God's presence, even in subtle shifts.

Like the smell of rain before it falls, God's work may begin quietly, but it is sure, and it is coming.

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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.

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