

Westside Community Church

The Empty Tomb, the Open Door

April marks the official beginning of spring, and the world is starting to wake up. As the snow melts, the dormant soil of winter gives way to vibrant greens. This new life, emerging where there seemed to be none, is a hallmark of both the season and our faith. We celebrate the joy of Easter Sunday—the lilies, the music, the egg hunts, and the chocolate—but it's easy to overlook the heavy silence of the days that came before. In the time between the Cross and the Resurrection, the followers of Jesus faced a massive, immovable obstacle: a stone sealing a tomb. Behind that stone lay not only their friend and teacher, but their hope. Their grief, in that dark time, must have felt as heavy as the rock itself.

We face "stones" in our own lives—problems that feel too heavy to move and situations we are powerless to change. We try to exert our own strength to shift these obstacles, only to realize that some stones are simply too big for human hands. But the miracle of Easter isn't just that the tomb was empty; it's that the stone was rolled away by a power far greater than our own. The Resurrection reminds us that we don't have to be the ones to "move the mountain." As the angel told the women at the tomb, "He is not here; he has risen!" (Matthew 28:6). This month, let's rejoice that we can trust the One who conquers the grave instead of trying to do the impossible on our own. The stone is gone; Jesus has made a way.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4th, 2026, from 10-11:30am, WCC is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt. This event is open to the community, all are welcome! There will be a photo wall, crafts, snacks, and kids' treat bags.

Egg hunts will be at 10:15am and 11:00am

WCC WORK BEE

Please join us on Saturday, April 11th, 2026, at 9:30am, for our Spring Work Bee, to help out and clean up! Whatever your skills are, or however much time you can give, your help will be greatly appreciated!

APRIL EVENTS

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| Men's Breakfast Humpty's 205 Scenic Dr S April 4, 8-10am | Easter Egg Hunt April 4, 10-11:30am |
| Let's Jam April 4, 7-8pm | Young at Heart April 9, 10:30am-12pm |
| WCC Work Bee April 11, 9:30am-2pm | Young Adults Get Together April 12&26, 7-9pm |
| W.O.W Breakfast April 25, 8am-12pm | |

WEEKLY

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| Weekly Prayer Meeting Mondays 7-8pm Fridays 7:30-9am | Ladies' Bible Study Tuesdays 2-3:30pm 7-8:30pm |
| Mothers and Munchkins Thursdays 10-11:30am | WCC Youth Fridays 7-9pm |

**"He is not here; He has risen, just as He said [He would].
Come! See the place where He was lying."**

Matthew 28:6 (AMP)

John 15:9, AMP