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CEO Report—JUNE 2026

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." ~ 2 Peter 3:9

While the future can feel full of uncertainty, complexity, and constant disruption, the Board and leaders at Eben Ezer still need practical ways to think about what may be coming next. Scenario planning, a strategic exercise in which leaders brainstorm, outline, and explore possible future events or situations to help them make better decisions in the present day, is one popular approach.

This strategic planning exercise has been done for many years with the Board, and now with the advent of artificial intelligence (AI), leaders and Boards have a slew of new devices at their fingertips. For aging services, a sector being shaped by many forces at once, from workforce shortages, demographic shifts, financial pressure, and changing consumer expectations to new technology, and new models of care and service delivery, there's a real need for tools that can help manage and plan in a complex operational environment. Any one of these trends would be significant on its own. Together, they create a level of uncertainty that makes traditional planning more difficult.

The Possibility of Using AI for Visioning

Using generative AI, such as ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, Google Gemini, or Claude can provide example prompts that help build different future scenarios. This is where AI can be especially helpful. Instead of asking AI for a single prediction, participants can use AI to explore multiple ways the future could unfold. This could be a helpful planning tool.

A leadership team, for example, could ask an AI tool to generate several possible scenarios for what aging services might look like in 2035. One scenario might focus on how the sector's workforce will evolve to meet future needs. Another might imagine a future shaped by consumer technology and home-based care. A third might explore what happens if financing pressures, such as reduced Medicaid reimbursements, reshape the provider landscape.

AI's value is its ability to create structured possibilities that jumpstart discussions about what will be needed in the future.

If this approach with AI is used, leaders can take those scenarios and begin asking better questions: Which scenario feels most plausible? Which would be most disruptive? What early signals would tell us this future is becoming more likely? What decisions should we make today to be better prepared?

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AI Could Help Teams Take the First Step

When AI is given more context, such as the type of organization, the population served, the current challenges, or the strategic question we might be trying to explore, the responses can become more relevant.

Of course, AI-generated responses still need to be reviewed carefully. Leaders need to validate information, question assumptions, and apply their own knowledge of their organization, staff, residents, clients, and community. AI can expand thinking, but it cannot replace judgment.

The broader takeaway is that AI can make strategic foresight more accessible. Eben Ezer leaders and Board can use the tools to look ahead, think differently, and prepare for more than one possible future. AI can help teams to take the first step and explore uncertainty, imagine different futures, and identify the decisions that may matter most.

~ Shelly



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We care for your loved one, let us care for you too!



Be sure to find Eben Ezer on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/Eben-Ezer-Lutheran-Care-Center

Alzheimer's Support Group

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 Noon—1:00 pm — Eben Ezer

122 Hospital Road, Brush

Kindly RSVP at (970) 842-2861 x 9246 or text 970-370-0856

- **Would you like to gain a better understanding of Alzheimer's Disease and dementia?**
- ♦ **Be around those who understand your struggles or who have similar experiences.**
- ♦ **Learn more about caregiving resources and options available.**
- ♦ **Ask questions about specific caregiving struggles.**
- ♦ **Take this opportunity to be a part of a supportive community weather you wish to share your experiences or simply listen.**

This support group can provide emotional support for individuals with a loved one that lives in a nursing home, at your home, or for those who provide care from a distance.

The Eden Alternative Domains of Well-Being

Well –being is a human right.

IDENTITY - being well-known, having personhood, individuality, having a history

GROWTH – development, enrichment, expanding, evolving

AUTONOMY – liberty, self-determination, choice, freedom

SECURITY – freedom from doubt, anxiety, or fear, safety, privacy, dignity, respect

CONNECTEDNESS – belonging, engaged, involved, connected to time, place, and nature

MEANING – significance, heart, hope, value, purpose, sacredness

JOY – happiness, pleasure, delight, contentment, enjoyment

TO FIND OUT MORE VISIT—WWW.EDENALTERNATIVE.ORG

CONNECTEDNESS

belonging, engaged, involved, connected to time, place, and nature



**EBEN EZER
GIFT SHOP**

OPEN

WEDNESDAY'S

10:00 AM - NOON

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EBEN EZER

CALLING ALL COMMUNITY
GROUPS, CLUBS, YOUTH
GROUPS OR FAMILIES
LOOKING FOR A COMMUNITY
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**THE EBEN EZER NEIGHBORS
INVITE YOU TO THEIR CAMPUS
TO BE PART OF ADDING BEAUTY
TO THE PLACE CALLED HOME**

You could be part of -

Serving others

Connecting with Older Adults

Intergenerational engagement

Bringing JOY to neighbors on the campus



**HORTICULTURE
OPPORTUNITY**

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
OPPORTUNITY**

**ADOPT AN
EBEN EZER
FLOWER BED**

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June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00-Chair Exercises 1:00-Treats on the patio 3:00- UP Bingo	2 2:20- LP Resident Council 3:00-UP Resident Council	3 8:30-UP Manicures 2:30-LP BINGO 2:30-Mens Group BDR	4 9:00- LP Manicures 5:30 -Concert and Dinner - Fort Morgan-Platte Valley Band 6:00-UP Movie & Popcorn	5 10:00-Steiner Sils 1:00-Bible Study LP 2 Happy Hour AR	6 3:00-UP Coffee & Treats
7 9:30-Worship	8 9:00-Chair Exercises 3:00- UP Bingo	9 9:00-Dollar General	10 8:30-UP Manicures 2:30-LP BINGO 2:30-Mens Group BDR	11 9:00- LP Manicures 6:00- UP Movie & Popcorn	12 9:00-BeetStreet Coffee Shop 1:00-Bible Study LP	13 2:00 Keyboard with Jimmy SR 3:00-LP Coffee & Treats
14 9:30-Worship 1:00-Strawberry Shortcakes	15 Happy Birthday Eileen! 9:00-Chair Exercises 1:00-Bake a Choc. Cake w/Choc. Frosting LP 3:00- UP Bingo	16 10:00- Dining meeting UP 11:00-Brush Emporium	17 8:30-UP Manicures 10 Melon Sensory Activity Room 2:30-LP BINGO 2:30-Mens Group BDR	18 9:00- LP Manicures 5:30 -Concert and Dinner - Fort Morgan - Buckstein 6:00- UP Movie & Popcorn	19 10 Eben Ezer Luau— West Parking Lot	20 3:00-UP Coffee & Treats
21 9:30-Worship	22 9:00-Chair Exercises 2:45 Yoga with Meghan SR 3:00- UP Bingo	23 9:00-Walmart 1:00-Paint Door Signs	24 Happy Birthday John P!! 8:30-UP Manicures 1:00-Rooftop Beer Floats 2:30-LP BINGO 2:30-Mens Group BDR	25 9:00- LP Manicures 6:00- UP Movie & Popcorn	26 Happy Birthday Stanley! 9:00-Homeplate 10 Petting Zoo West Grass Area 1:00-Bible Study LP 1:00-Bake a cake UP	27 3:00-LP Coffee & Treats
28 9:30-Worship 2:00 Pianist Bob SageI AR	29 Happy Birthday Shirley S!! 9:00-Chair Exercises 1:00-Bake a cake UP 3:00- UP Bingo	30 9:00-Dollar Tree 10:00- Dining meeting LP				

ARBOR June 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Outings & campus wide activities are included on this calendar.	1 6:30pm BINGO	2 1:45pm Resident Council	3 9:30am Pancakes	4 Happy Birthday Alice! 2:00pm Coffee Club 6:30pm Movie & Popcorn	5 <u>10:00am</u> Steiner Sils <u>2:00pm (AR)</u> Happy Hour 6:30pm BINGO	6 3:00pm Lemon Blueberry Cake
7 9:15am Worship	8 6:30pm BINGO	9 <u>9:00am</u> Dollar General 1:00pm Sit on the patio	10 9:30am Muffins & Coffee	11 2:00pm Coffee Club	12 <u>9:00am</u> Beet St. Coffee Shop <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>6:30pm</u> BINGO	13 <u>2:00pm (SR)</u> Keyboard with Jimmy 3:00pm Frozen Lemon Pie
14 Flag Day 9:15am Worship	15 <u>1:00 pm</u> Chips & Salsa <u>6:30pm</u> BINGO	16 <u>11:00am</u> Brush Emporium <u>1:00pm</u> Dominoes	17 9:30am Muffins & Coffee	18 <u>2:00pm (AR)</u> Sing along w/Cathy <u>2:00pm</u> Coffee Club <u>6:30pm</u> Movie & Popcorn	19 Juneteenth <u>10:00am</u> Bible Study <u>11:00am</u> Luau <u>6:30pm</u> BINGO	20 3:00pm Pineapple Bread
21 Fathers Day Summer Begins! 9:15am Worship	22 <u>9:00am</u> Walmart <u>2:45pm (SR)</u> Yoga w/Megan <u>6:30pm</u> BINGO	23 1:00pm Sit on the patio	24 9:30am Manicures	25 2:00pm Coffee Club	26 <u>9:00am</u> Homeplate <u>10:00am</u> Petting Zoo	27 3:00pm Pistachio Pie
28 9:15am Worship <u>2:00pm (AR)</u> Pianist Bob Sage!	29 Happy Birthday Anecia!	30 <u>9:00am</u> Dollar Tree <u>1:00pm</u> Dominoes			June 4th & 18th Thursday night concert & Dinner in the Fort Morgan Library Park (Platte Valley Band 6/4) (Buckstein 6/18)	= In care center = Outings



Water Fun Day!

Friday, **June 12**
10am
West Grass Area

Cool snacks
and drinks!



Join us!



YOU ARE INVITED
TO EBEN EZER

LUAU PARTY

Come and enjoy a day full of fun, music,
and tropical flavors! Hawaiian Pig roast,
Polynesian inspired sides, and drinks

FRIDAY - JUNE 19
11:00 AM

122 HOSPITAL RD BRUSH
West parking lot between
Dahms Talton
and Tabor Apartments

Entertainment by
Vicky's School of Dance at 11:00
Au- Malama Polynesian Dance Arts
at Noon

QUESTIONS? CALL 970-842-2861



A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a petting zoo. In the foreground, a young girl in a blue dress is petting a brown and white goat. To her left, a boy in a yellow shirt is also interacting with a goat. In the background, a man and a woman are sitting on the grass, holding small white lambs. A large white sheep stands nearby. Several rabbits, both white and brown, are scattered throughout the scene. Two yellow chicks are also visible. The ground is covered in green grass with various colorful flowers like daisies and tulips. In the background, there are green trees and a red barn under a bright yellow sun. The sky is blue with white clouds. The text "PETTING ZOO" is written in large, bold, yellow letters at the top. Below it, "JUNE 26" and "10AM" are written in black. "WEST GRASS AREA" is also in black. A message in black text says "IF YOU'D LIKE TO BRING YOUR FURRY FRIEND, PLEASE DO SO". At the bottom, another message in black text says "ALL FURRY FRIENDS WILL STAY OUTSIDE!".

PETTING ZOO

JUNE 26

10AM

WEST GRASS AREA

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO BRING YOUR
FURRY FRIEND, PLEASE DO SO**

**ALL FURRY FRIENDS
WILL STAY OUTSIDE!**



A BALLOON TOSS GAME IN EVERGREENS



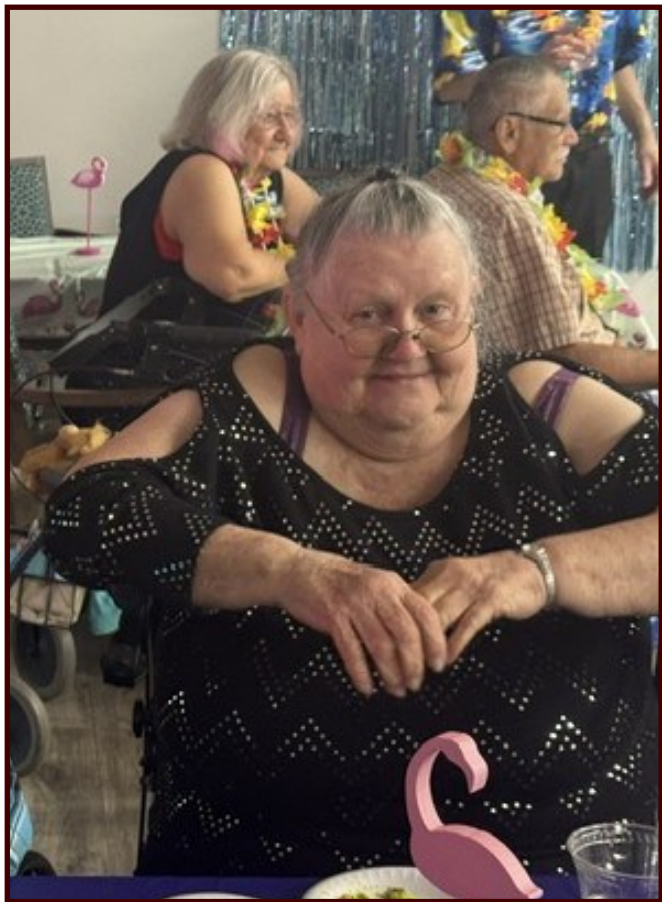


Well-being is the path to a life worth living. It is the ultimate outcome of a human life.

Well-being, as a frame of reference, requires us to focus on the strengths, possibilities, dreams, and goals of each individual. Doing so, we define quality of life in terms of what each individual *can do* and what they have to *offer* their communities.



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