

Eben Ezer Family Newsletter

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Lutheran Care Center

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Guest Contributor—April 2026

Chaplain Ro Fesser

"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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went to the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture that he must rise from the dead. John 20:1-9

The Easter Mystery...

Sometimes we have a very hard time believing something when we don't understand how it works, see it or touch it for ourselves, or tell the story ourselves. On that first Easter morning, the apostles and holy women were blown away that Jesus' body was gone. In this part of God's story, we touch on the mystery of a body, not just Jesus' body, but our own; a body which will express us at our best, will not dull our spirit with weariness and rebellion, but will express it with ease and joy. This is a mystery beyond our imagination, but it is the center of our faith. When we greet people, "Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed", we need to take deep joy in the knowledge that the best part of us will cheat the grave someday. Our lives sometimes disguise that joy as weary bones, heavy flesh, and added brains to distract us. But our bodies already hold the seeds of resurrection.

The mystery of Easter reminds us, God was present, already waiting for the disciples and the holy women to arrive; just as he waits for us to arrive, to connect with us, to love us fully and completely. The mystery of Easter brings us the hope, the peace, that amazing love pouring into us that the truth and light of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior are real. And in that, we can live in faith, believing in the Son of God, given for our sake that we too, may have everlasting life.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia

Chaplain Ro



Gods Work. Our Hands.



Family members—

Earlier this week, we learned that Colorado's Joint Budget Committee voted to move forward with a 2% cut to *Medicaid* provider rates in the 2026-27 budget. This is difficult and disheartening news — especially as those in the long-term care sector intensify the work to care for Colorado's fast-growing senior population with varying levels of needs.

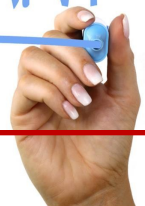
There is still time to make your voice heard before the budget numbers are confirmed. Click below to ask your elected officials to remove the 2% cut from the 2026-27 budget.

<https://www.votervoice.net/LEADINGAGECO/Campaigns/136099/Respond>

Thank you for supporting the critically important work caring for Colorado seniors and your attention to advocacy during this difficult time.

With gratitude, Shelly

IMPORTANT



Resident Services Extensions

Heather Johnson, Resident Services Manager ext. 9257

Chris Garfield, Social Worker ext. 9252 (Deaconess/Elim & Madsen)

Melissa Bledsoe ext. 9239 (Sommerlyst & Madsen)

Life Enrichment Coordinators ext. 9222

Cassandra Rohn, Beautician—ext. 9221

Angela Vonarx Kellogg, Beautician—ext 9221

If you are interested in communicating with your loved one via technology (facetime, skype, duo, facebook, etc.) please reach out to the Social Services office to set this up. We understand how hard it is not seeing your loved one, we would like to help with this.

Alzheimer's Support Group

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026 Noon—1:00 pm — Eben Ezer

122 Hospital Rd, 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



MEANING

***JOY—
FISHING
TRIP TO
DOTY
PONDS IN
BRUSH***

TO FIND OUT MORE VISIT WWW.EDENALTERNATIVE.ORG



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**

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT: SHAIRE CHAVEZ

970-842-2861 X9246

www.ebenezer.org

Hop on over for Eben Ezer's Annual

EASTER

Egg hunt

Join us on

April 3 at 2pm

for some egg-citing fun!

122 Hospital Rd.

Meet under the arch when you arrive

Don't forget your Easet basket!

Inclement weather will not stop the bunny!! We will meet in the activity room to have the hunt inside

Questions? Call 970-842-2861

The background of the poster is a dense collection of colorful Easter eggs in shades of green, blue, yellow, orange, and pink. Some eggs are decorated with white patterns like dots, zig-zags, and floral motifs. In the center, there is a white oval containing the event details. This oval is framed by a decorative border of various flowers, including pink peonies, purple irises, and small blue and pink blossoms, along with green leaves and blue sprigs. Four white rounded rectangular buttons with black text are placed around the central oval: 'FUN' at the top left, 'CREATE' at the top right, 'IMAGINE' at the bottom left, and 'TASTE' at the bottom right.

FUN

CREATE

Join us for

**SUGAR COOKIE
DECORATING
AND EGG DYING**

4/2/26, 2pm
Activity room

IMAGINE

TASTE



YOU ARE INVITED TO A
**Volunteer
Appreciation**
COFFEE AND PASTRIES

FRIDAY 24 APRIL
9:30 - NOON

EBEN EZER
122 HOSPITAL RD.
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

KINDLY RSVP 970-842-2861-EXT 9246
BY APRIL 10, 2026





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 9:15 Maundy Church Service ASC 2 Cookie decorating and Egg dyeing AR	3 GOOD FRIDAY 9:30 Good Friday Worship Services 2 Annual Easter Hunt All Campus	4
5 EASTER SUNDAY 9:15 Easter Worship Service ASC 2: Easter Movie AR	6 2:45 Yoga with Megan SR 	7	8	9	10 2 Happy Hour and Piano by Cathy AR	11
12 9:15 Worship Service ASC 2 Guitarist and singer Dave Henderson AR	13	14	15	16	17 2 Arbor Day Planting in honor of Physical Therapist in our community! Cookies and punch to follow in MPR	18
19 9:15 Worship Service ASC 2 Guitarist Rebecca AR	20	21	22 10 Resident Council SR	23	24 9:30 Volunteer Appreciation Coffee and pastries MPR	25
26 9:15 Worship Service ASC	27	28	29	30 2:30 May Day Baskets		



Ft. Morgan SUPPORT GROUP & EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



BRUSH SUPPORT GROUP & EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's can be overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone. Join the Brush Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group for a safe and supportive space to share experiences, gain helpful resources, and connect with others who understand your journey. Meetings are held monthly and are open to all caregivers seeking support.

When: Second Tuesday every other month (even months)

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Place: Eben Ezer
122 Hospital Rd. Brush CO 80723**



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When: Second Tuesday every other month (odd months)

Time: Noon - 1:00 p.m.

**Place: Dahms - Talton Legacy Living
1620 Riverview Ave. Ft. Morgan**



RSVP 970-842-2861 ext. 9246

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**EBEN EZER
GIFT SHOP**

OPEN

WEDNESDAY'S

10:00 AM - NOON

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WREATH MAKING



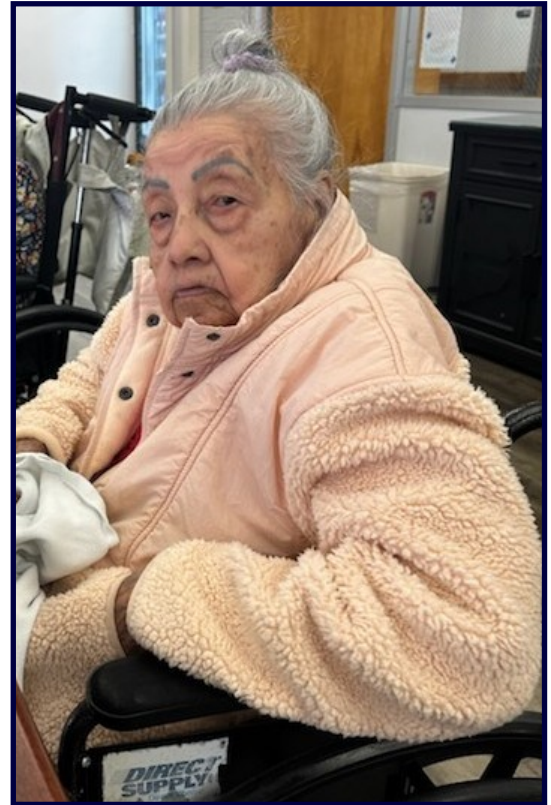
We made wreaths for the upcoming seasons like spring and Saint Patrick's day. We crafted for hours getting the wreaths ready to show off on each of our neighbors' doors.





DAY OF FISHING







WAFFLE BAR

We had a spontaneous Waffle Bar. The neighbors really enjoyed attending. There were amazing toppings like strawberries and blueberries and some of the neighbors even added peanut butter to their waffles. All the money collected went into the neighbors fund.