

Oaks November Activity Descriptions

Appreciation Meeting – Gather to express gratitude to the many individuals and partners who support our community. Together, we'll write heartfelt thank-you cards for those who make a difference—such as Karl, who provides our hearing aid clinics, and local clergy who lead our spiritual services. We'll also brainstorm meaningful ways to show appreciation for our dedicated team members. This uplifting program fosters gratitude, connection, and a spirit of kindness throughout our community.

Bean Bags (Resident Led) – Get ready for some friendly competition at our resident-led Bean Bags game! Join fellow residents for a fun and casual game, perfect for staying active and socializing. Supplies are conveniently located upstairs by the NuStep bike—just grab a set and let the games begin

Bible Study with Faith Lutheran - Led by pastors from Faith Lutheran. Enjoy a time of scripture, reflection, and discussion in a welcoming and uplifting environment. All are welcome to participate!

Bingo – Come see if luck is on your side at a community favorite!

Birthday Social – Resident Requested! Let's gather to celebrate those born in October!

Building with Bricks Day – Come and enjoy some time constructing with LEGO building blocks. See what YOU can create!

Cards (Resident Led) - Join us for a fun card game session! Residents will choose the game, so bring your favorite ideas or learn something new. It's a great way to connect, relax, and enjoy friendly competition.

Cash Wise Grocery – Place your weekly grocery order online or by phone for

delivery. Life Enrichment team members are available to assist.

Checkers (Resident Led) - Challenge your friends or sharpen your skills in this classic strategy game! Checkers is perfect for friendly competition and keeping your mind active while having fun. All skill levels are welcome to join the fun!

Chili Cookoff – It's time to turn up the heat! Residents and team members are invited to whip up their best chili recipe for a friendly cook-off. Everyone will have the chance to taste, vote, and crown our community's Chili Champion. Whether you're cooking or sampling, come hungry and ready for some flavorful fun!

Choose 2 – Fun, thought-provoking questions to spark conversation and explore personal preferences.

Coffee & Snack - Daily social gathering with coffee and individually wrapped snacks in the dining room.

Community Service – Making Dog Treats – Residents roll up their sleeves for a tail-wagging good cause! Together we'll mix, bake, and package homemade dog treats to donate to our local animal shelter. It's a fun, hands-on way to give back and spread a little love to our four-legged friends in need.

Concession Stand – Stop by the Concession Stand for a classic treat! Enjoy free popcorn, candy, and soda while you mingle with friends or grab a snack to go. Whether you're staying to chat or just picking up a favorite treat, this is a perfect way to add a little fun to your day!

Craft Corner (Resident Led) - Bring your own craft or art project to work on in a creative, social atmosphere. Coloring sheets will also be provided. Join fellow residents for a

relaxing and fun time making art together at your own pace!

Craft: Fall Coasters - Get creative with a seasonal craft! Residents will design and decorate their own fall-themed coasters using autumn colors and festive embellishments. Perfect for adding a touch of seasonal charm to your room or gifting to a friend!

Craft: Framed Fall Flowers – Craft pipe cleaner flowers and then display them in a frame.

Craft: Holiday Rounds with Lindy - Join Lindy for a festive crafting session as we create beautiful holiday rounds — perfect for decorating your door or gifting to someone special! Enjoy good company, creative fun, and plenty of holiday cheer as we get into the spirit of the season together.

Cranium Crunches – Give your brain a workout with six fresh and engaging puzzles designed to spark curiosity and conversation! Together, we'll tackle word challenges, visual puzzles, memory games, and more. These activities are not only fun but also a great way to keep the mind sharp while enjoying teamwork and laughter with friends.

Devotions with Shawn – Non-denominational spiritual study.

Dining Committee - Pull up a chair and let your voice be heard! In this new program, residents are invited to meet with our Dining Manager to discuss upcoming menus, share ideas, and offer feedback. Help create a dining experience everyone can enjoy!

Ecumen Wellness – Join us for our signature exercise program!

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Ecumen Wellness: Poultry in Motion - Try some fun exercises inspired by the movements of chickens and turkeys.

Evening Bingo – Come see if luck is on your side at a community favorite!

Golf Card Game (Resident-Led) - Join fellow residents for a friendly round of the classic Golf card game. Easy to learn and full of fun—bring your best strategy and enjoy!

Gratitude and Blessings – This month's nondenominational spiritual program explores the blessings of a grateful life.

Grief Group with Jim Heymans – Grief isn't just about death—it can follow any major life change that reshapes your entire world. Join us for support, education and a time to heal and connect with others who are navigating life's transitions. Led by Ecumen Hospice staff, our time together will allow us to learn and grow. (Pines Dining Room)

Hearing Aid Clinic – Karl will be on site to provide hearing aid care and maintenance. Residents are encouraged to stop by for cleaning, adjustments, and helpful tips to keep their hearing devices working their best.

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Manicures – Relax as we clip, file, and paint your nails each week.

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Movie Night - See digital signs for specific movies each week, Tuesday/Wednesday Movie Night movies are played on the common area TV's upstairs.

Outing: Hutchinson Public Library - At a resident's request, we'll take a trip to the Hutchinson Public Library to explore the shelves, check out books, and enjoy a relaxing morning surrounded by good reads. A perfect outing for book lovers and anyone who enjoys a quiet change of scenery.

Outing: Shopping Around Hutch - Weekly shopping trip to the store of your choice! Sign up on the bulletin board.

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Pizza Party! (Resident Led) – It's pizza time! Join us for a resident-led Pizza Party, organized through the Resident Planning Committee. Sign up on the bulletin board to reserve your spot. Pizza will be delivered from Domino's, and the cost will be approximately \$3–5 per person (exact amount will be announced day-of). Melanie will collect payment. Come enjoy great food and even better company!

Random Trivia – This activity includes 30 questions on a variety of topics. The

questions are accompanied by the answers and additional information for discussion.

Remembering Johnny Mercer – Listen, learn, and dance along to these Johnny Mercer songs.

Resident Meeting – Held monthly. Please contact Melanie Z. with any agenda items you may have.

Resident Planning Program - Share your ideas and help shape July's activities! This empowering session gives you the opportunity to suggest and plan programs that interest you most. Let your voice inspire our calendar!

Selfies Artwork – Be the star of your own masterpiece! Residents can sign up to have their photo turned into a custom coloring sheet. During the program, we'll color our "selfie artwork" together for a fun and personal creative experience. **Sign-up required** so materials can be prepared in advance.

St. A's Communion - Catholic communion from St. A's parish. Every Sunday morning.

Tic Card Game (Resident Led): A fast-paced and fun group card game where players race to collect four cards of the same number or suit. Once a player has four of a kind, they subtly place a finger on the table — other players must quickly follow! The last person to notice gets a letter — spell "TIC" and you're out! Great for laughs, observation skills, and friendly competition.

Travelogue – Destination: Talking Turkey - This month, we are traveling to Turkey.

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Visits with Carrie – Social interaction in your apartment with Carrie.

Weekend Bingo – Come see if luck is on your side at a community favorite!

Where Am I? Trivia – Put your thinking cap on! Listen to the clues and try to guess the mystery place. A fun and engaging way to challenge your mind and enjoy some friendly competition!

Whist – Resident Led – Join fellow residents for an enjoyable game of Whist, led by one of your peers! Sharpen your skills, enjoy friendly competition, and socialize in a relaxed, welcoming setting. All experience levels are welcome.

Worship with Faith Lutheran - Lutheran - Faith Lutheran/Christ the King service and communion rotation.

Yahtzee (Resident Led) - Enjoy the classic dice game with friends, where strategy and luck combine for a fun and competitive experience. All are welcome to participate!

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500 (Resident Led), Tuesdays - Full of strategy and teamwork! Whether you're playing solo or with a partner, try to outscore your opponents and enjoy a friendly game of this classic card favorite. All are welcome to join!

Aggravation (Resident Led), 11/12 & 11/26 – Join fellow residents for a fun and friendly game of Aggravation! This classic board game is all about strategy, a little luck, and plenty of laughs. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, come check it out and enjoy some great company!

Bell Choir, 11/4 – Per resident request, Carrie will be leading this handbell ensemble to ring recognizable music with melodies and harmonies.

Bible Study with Faith Lutheran, 11/20 - Join the pastors from Faith Lutheran to learn about the bible.

Bingo, Fridays – Come see if luck is on your side at a community favorite!

Bingo with Brenda, 11/2 – NEW! Per the Sometimes Funtimes Committee, we're trying something new—resident-led bingo! Join Brenda as she calls the numbers for a fun, interactive game that's full of laughs, excitement, and community spirit. Everyone is welcome to play!

Birthday Social, 11/20 – Resident Requested! Let's gather to celebrate those born in September!

Building with Bricks Day, 11/18 – Come and enjoy some time constructing with LEGO building blocks. See what YOU can create!

Cash Wise Grocery, Thursdays – Place your weekly grocery order online or by phone for delivery. Life Enrichment team members are available to assist.

Chili Cookoff, 11/7 – It's time to turn up the heat! Residents and team members are invited to whip up their best chili recipe for a friendly cook-off. Everyone will have the chance to taste, vote, and crown our community's Chili Champion. Whether you're cooking or sampling, come hungry and ready for some flavorful fun! (OAKS LIVING AREA)

Chinese Checkers (Resident Led), 11/5 & 11/19 - Navigate your pieces across the board and try to outsmart your opponents in this engaging and classic game. A great way to connect and enjoy some friendly competition!

Choose 2, 11/6 – Fun, thought-provoking questions to spark conversation and explore personal preferences.

Coffee & Snack, Daily - Daily social gathering with coffee and individually wrapped snacks in the dining room.

Communion with Pastor Paul – Peace Lutheran, 11/21 - Pastor Paul from Peace Lutheran will be here to provide communion.

Community Service – Making Dog Treats, 11/19 – Residents roll up their sleeves for a tail-wagging good cause! Together we'll mix, bake, and package homemade dog treats to donate to our local animal shelter. It's a fun, hands-on way to give back and spread a little love to our four-legged friends in need.

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Dining Menu Committee, 11/3 – Pull up a chair and let your voice be heard! In this new program, residents are invited to meet with our Dining Manager to discuss upcoming menus, share ideas, and offer feedback. Help create a dining experience everyone can enjoy!

Ecumen Wellness, Monday/Wednesday/Fridays – Join us for our signature exercise program!

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Ecumen Wellness: Poultry in Motion, 11/26 - Try some fun exercises inspired by the movements of chickens and turkeys.

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Farkle (Resident-Led), Saturdays – By popular resident request, join us for a game of Farkle led by one of our own! This exciting dice game blends strategy and chance, making for a lively and friendly competition. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, come enjoy great company and some resident-led fun!

Gratitude and Blessings, 11/25 – This month's nondenominational spiritual program explores the blessings of a grateful life.

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Hearing Aid Clinic, 11/20 – Karl will be on site to provide hearing aid care and maintenance. Residents are encouraged to stop by for cleaning, adjustments, and helpful tips to keep their hearing devices working their best.

Hearts (Resident-Led), Thursdays - Join fellow residents for a fun game of Hearts! This classic card game is easy to learn and offers plenty of opportunities for friendly competition and strategy.

Ice Cream Social!, 11/14- Indulge in sweet treats and delightful company at our Ice Cream Social! Enjoy an ice cream treat while connecting with friends and creating

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Manicures, Tuesdays – Relax as we clip, file, and paint your nails each week.

Mass/Communion with Father Paul, 11/7 - Catholic - Communion with Father Paul from St. A's

Men's Coffee and Pastries, 11/4 – A relaxed gathering for the men of our community! Enjoy coffee, pastries, and good conversation in a welcoming setting. A simple way to connect, socialize, and start the day on a positive note.

Men's Group: Hunting True or False, 11/13 - Test your knowledge with 30 questions about hunting past and present.

Mexican Train Dominoes (Resident Led), Mondays - Strategy and luck come together! Players build their trains with dominoes, aiming to be the first to finish. It's a fun, social game that's easy to learn and perfect for friendly competition. All are welcome to play!

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Play 9 (Resident-Led), Fridays - Gather for a fun, resident-led introduction to this easy-to-learn card game! All skill levels welcome!

Resident Council (Resident Led), 11/4 – This resident-led council provides a space for open discussion on community life, concerns, and ideas. Created at the request of residents, the group meets independently to share thoughts and work together on topics they wish to bring forward to community leadership. A meaningful way to promote communication, collaboration, and resident voice.

Resident Meeting, 11/11 – Held monthly. Please contact Melanie Z. with any agenda items you may have.

Root Beer Float Social, 11/9 – A sweet treat by popular demand! Residents will lead this social as we enjoy classic root beer floats together. Come for the fun, the fizz, and the chance to connect with friends over a delicious treat.

Selfies Artwork, 11/26 – Be the star of your own masterpiece! Residents can sign up to have their photo turned into a custom coloring sheet. During the program, we'll color our "selfie artwork" together for a fun and personal creative experience. **Sign-up required** so materials can be prepared in advance.

Shoot Pool (Resident Led), Thursdays - By popular request, residents will lead a friendly game of pool! Come show off your skills, enjoy some friendly competition, and socialize with fellow players in a relaxed, welcoming environment.

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