

Oaks August Activity Descriptions

3-Card Bingo – Residents receive a “bingo card” made up of three playing cards. The caller draws cards from a separate deck and announces each one aloud. When a resident has a matching card on their board, they cover it. The first resident to cover all three cards wins!

Art with the Hutchinson Center for the Arts – Get creative with the Hutchinson Center for the Arts during this unique hands-on art experience! Participants will explore cyanotype (sun printing), a fun process that uses sunlight to create beautiful prints, and flower pounding, where fresh flowers are gently pressed onto paper and dish towels to transfer their natural colors and patterns. Join us for an afternoon of creativity, nature, and artistic discovery!

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 August!

Blue Ribbon Registration – Have something you're proud of? Bring your county fair entries to be registered for the fair exhibits! Melanie will be available to assist residents with completing the registration process and submitting their entries. Best of luck to all our exhibitors!

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

Coffee & Donuts with Hospice – Join us for a warm and welcoming afternoon of coffee, donuts, and conversation hosted by the Ecumen Hospice team. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a sweet treat, connect with others, and learn more about the compassionate support and services Hospice provides in a relaxed, friendly setting.

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

Coffee with a Vet - Calling all Veterans! Join us in the dining room for coffee, pastries, and great conversation in this new gathering created especially for Veterans. Share stories, make connections, and enjoy fellowship together in a relaxed and welcoming setting. Open to the public.

Comedy Cure – Laughter truly is the best medicine! Join us for a fun-filled dose of humor featuring jokes, puns, and plenty of opportunities to share a smile. We'll enjoy some lighthearted laughs and collect a few funny favorites to keep in your “laugh holster” for whenever you need a little pick-me-up. Get ready to giggle, chuckle, and brighten your day!

Concessions - Swing by upstairs for a relaxed social break featuring classic concession favorites! Enjoy fresh popcorn, a refreshing soda, and a candy bar while visiting with friends and neighbors. It's a simple, welcoming opportunity to unwind, connect, and enjoy a few tasty treats together.

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!

Cranium Crunches - Put your brain to work with a collection of mentally-challenging puzzles designed to spark curiosity and conversation. Work through them individually or as a group, share ideas, and enjoy the fun of problem-solving together throughout the month.

CrossPoint Service – Televised - Residents are invited to gather for a televised CrossPoint Church service, a resident-led and requested program. The service will be played on the TV in the upstairs living area, offering a meaningful opportunity for worship, reflection, and connection in a comfortable group setting. All are welcome to join.

Dice Bowling – Roll into some fun with a twist on traditional bowling! Instead of a bowling ball and pins, we'll use dice to determine your score. Just like regular bowling, each player will have two rolls per frame to rack up points. The player with the highest score at the end wins the game! Join us for friendly competition, strategy, and lots of fun.

Dining Menu Meeting - pull up a chair and let your voice be heard! In this 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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Get to Know Hailey Coffee Social - Join us in welcoming our new Clinical Quality Coordinator, Hailey! Hailey would love the opportunity to meet residents, hear your stories, and get to know the people who make our community special as she begins her journey with us. Enjoy a special coffee and snack while visiting and helping Hailey feel right at home.

Ice Cream Social! - Indulge in sweet treats and delightful company at our Ice Cream Social! Enjoy an ice cream treat while connecting with friends and creating cherished moments. A simple way to brighten your day!

Live Music: Mark Milner – Join us for an afternoon of live entertainment with local singer, guitarist, and storyteller Mark Milner. Known for his engaging performances and warm sense of humor, Mark brings beloved classics, sing-along favorites, lighthearted stories, and plenty of

laughs. His repertoire features timeless songs from artists like Irving Berlin, Patti Page, Louis Armstrong, George M. Cohan, The Beatles, and many more. Whether you enjoy tapping your toes, singing along, or simply listening to great music, this performance is sure to be a delightful afternoon!

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

Men's Group: Guy Talk – Grab a cup of coffee and join us for relaxed conversation and good company. This men's discussion group is all about sharing stories, experiences, and laughs while building friendships. We'll explore topics like "Rules We Lived By," "Jobs That Taught Me Something," and "Times I Took a Chance," with plenty of time for whatever conversations naturally unfold. Come as you are—there's always a seat at the table and coffee will be served.

Morning Coffee (Resident Led) – Join us for a relaxed and social gathering, enjoy a hot cup of coffee, and connect with friends. It's a perfect way to kick off the morning with conversation and good company!

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

Music with Jim Nelson – A resident favorite is back! Join us for an entertaining afternoon of music with Jim Nelson. Enjoy familiar tunes, great company, and plenty of opportunities to sing along. Bring your voice, your memories, and your love of music for a fun-filled performance!

Music with Pastor Adam - Pastor Adam is back to entertain us with an afternoon of wonderful music and uplifting songs. Sit back, relax, sing along, and enjoy his beautiful voice and warm presence as we spend time together enjoying familiar favorites.

Oreo Flavor Showdown – Did you know there have been well over 100 different Oreo flavors released over the years? From the classic Original to fun flavors like Maple Crème,

Cinnamon Roll, Mint, and Peanut Butter Cup, Oreo has created countless delicious varieties. Join us as we sample a handful of these unique flavors and cast your vote to decide which one deserves the title of Best Oreo!

Out to Eat: Red Lobster – By popular demand, we're heading to Red Lobster in St. Cloud for a delicious lunch with friends! If you'd like to join us, be sure to sign up on the bulletin board so we can reserve your seat. Don't miss this resident-favorite outing filled with great food and even better company!

Outing: Anderson Gardens – Enjoy a relaxing trip to Litchfield as we visit the beautiful Anderson Gardens, lovingly maintained by dedicated local volunteers. Stroll through colorful flower beds, take in the peaceful surroundings, and appreciate the beauty and hard work that make this community garden a local treasure.

Outing: Camp Ripley Military Museum – Resident requested! Join us for a special trip to the Camp Ripley Military Museum and explore the rich military history and stories of those who have served. This outing is open to all residents, with veterans receiving preferred seating as we honor their service and experiences. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board to reserve your spot.

Outing: County Fair – Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon at the county fair! Take in all the sights, sounds, and flavors of this summertime tradition. We'll explore the fairgrounds, check out the animals, visit the exhibition barns, enjoy delicious fair foods, and experience all the excitement the fair has to offer. Come along for a memorable day of community, fun, and fair favorites!

Outing: Hutchinson Library – Resident requested! Join us for a trip to the Hutchinson Library to browse the collection, discover new books, enjoy the peaceful atmosphere, and explore all the resources the library has to offer. Whether you're looking for a favorite author, a new read, or simply enjoy a visit to the library, this outing is a great opportunity to get out and enjoy the community.

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

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!

Plant a Poppy – Celebrate the beauty of summer by planting your own poppy seeds! Residents will plant seeds to take home (or grow at the community) and enjoy watching these colorful flowers bloom in the weeks ahead. No gardening experience needed—just bring your green thumb and have fun!

Resident Meeting: Information Session with the Ombudsman – Join Tammy and Julia, your Regional Ombudsman, for an informative conversation about resident councils and resident involvement. Learn more about your options for creating a resident council, how it can benefit the community, and what steps are involved in getting started. Bring your questions and share your ideas during this opportunity to learn more and have your voice heard.

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

Root Beer Float Social – 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.

S'mores Happy Hour – Celebrate the end of summer with a sweet treat and good company! Join us for a relaxing happy hour featuring everyone's favorite campfire classic—s'mores. Enjoy the gooey goodness of toasted marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers

while visiting with friends and savoring the last moments of the summer season.

Some Good News in 2026 – Take a break from the headlines and join us for a dose of positivity! We'll explore 7 uplifting stories from 2026 that highlight the good happening around the world. From inspiring people and heartwarming moments to exciting discoveries and community achievements, this program is a chance to celebrate the brighter side of the news.

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

Travelogue – Exploring the Everglades - This month, we are traveling to the Everglades.

Universal Yums: Turkey - Explore a box of snacks and candies from a different country every month. The products are delicious, unique, and often extremely difficult (or even impossible) to find in the United States. But there's more than incredible Yums. Each month we'll also discover an interactive guidebook to steer your adventure – including trivia, games, recipes, culture, and more!

Walking Club - Back again for the summer season! Join friends for a relaxing weekly walk and enjoy some fresh air, movement, and conversation together. Meet at the gazebo on Wednesday afternoons, weather permitting. Walking is always better with friends! Elsie will join the group as she is able.

Wall Boggle (Independent Activity) – Put your word-finding skills to the test! Stop by the Boggle board upstairs and see how many words you can create from the puzzle. Challenge yourself, compare scores with friends, and check back for a new puzzle each time it's updated. How many words can you find?

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

Who Am I? Trivia - Put your thinking caps on for this fun guessing game! A series of 25 clues will be provided to help you identify each mystery person. Use your deduction skills, think creatively, and see how many you can guess correctly along the way.

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!

6-5-4 Dice Game (Resident Led), 8/16, 8/23, 8/30
– By resident request, we're rolling out the 6-5-4 Dice Game! This fast-paced and easy-to-learn game is all about luck, timing, and a little friendly competition. Roll the dice and try to land a 6, 5, and 4 to stay in the game. Come join the fun and see if the odds are in your favor!

Art with the Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 8/21 – Get creative with the Hutchinson Center for the Arts during this unique hands-on art experience! Participants will explore cyanotype (sun printing), a fun process that uses sunlight to create beautiful prints, and flower pounding, where fresh flowers are gently pressed onto paper and dish towels to transfer their natural colors and patterns. Join us for an afternoon of creativity, nature, and artistic discovery!

Bible Study with Faith Lutheran, 8/20 - 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 David, 8/2 – Per the Sometimes Funtimes Committee, we're trying something new—resident-led bingo! Join David as he calls the numbers for a fun, interactive game that's full of laughs, excitement, and community spirit. Everyone is welcome to play!

Birthday Social, 8/27 – Resident Requested! Let's gather to celebrate those born in August!

Blue Ribbon Registration, 8/4 – Have something you're proud of? Bring your county fair entries to be registered for the fair exhibits! Melanie will be available to assist residents with completing the registration process and submitting their entries. Best of luck to all our exhibitors!

Buck Euchre Refresher – Resident Led, 8/5- By resident request, we're putting out the call for

Buck Euchre players! Whether you're brushing up on the rules or relearning the game after some time away, join fellow residents for a relaxed and friendly refresher. Come share tips, ask questions, and enjoy reconnecting over this classic card game together.

Bunco 8/19 – Resident requested. Curious about Bunco? Join us for a fun and relaxed introduction to this popular dice game. We'll go over the basics, play a few practice rounds, and have plenty of time for questions—no experience needed!

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

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

Coffee & Donuts with Hospice, 8/10 – Join us for a warm and welcoming afternoon of coffee, donuts, and conversation hosted by the Ecumen Hospice team. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a sweet treat, connect with others, and learn more about the compassionate support and services Hospice provides in a relaxed, friendly setting.

Coffee with a Vet, 8/11 - Calling all Veterans! Join us in the dining room for coffee, pastries, and great conversation in this new gathering created especially for Veterans. Share stories, make connections, and enjoy fellowship together in a relaxed and welcoming setting. Open to the public.

Comedy Cure, 8/26 – Laughter truly is the best medicine! Join us for a fun-filled dose of humor featuring jokes, puns, and plenty of opportunities to share a smile. We'll enjoy some lighthearted laughs and collect a few funny favorites to keep in your “laugh holster” for whenever you need a little pick-me-up. Get ready to giggle, chuckle, and brighten your day!

Communion with Pastor Paul – Peace Lutheran, 8/21 - Pastor Paul from Peace Lutheran will be here to provide communion.

Concessions, 8/28 - Swing by upstairs for a relaxed social break featuring classic concession favorites! Enjoy fresh popcorn, a refreshing soda, and a candy bar while visiting with friends and neighbors. It's a simple, welcoming opportunity to unwind, connect, and enjoy a few tasty treats together.

Cranium Crunches, 8/6 - Put your brain to work with a collection of mentally-challenging puzzles designed to spark curiosity and conversation. Work through them individually or as a group, share ideas, and enjoy the fun of problem-solving together throughout the month.

Dice Bowling, 8/18 – Roll into some fun with a twist on traditional bowling! Instead of a bowling ball and pins, we'll use dice to determine your score. Just like regular bowling, each player will have two rolls per frame to rack up points. The player with the highest score at the end wins the game! Join us for friendly competition, strategy, and lots of fun.

Dining Menu Meeting, 8/3 - Pull up a chair and let your voice be heard! In this 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!

Evening Bingo, 8/12 – Come see if luck is on your side at a community favorite!

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!

Get to Know Hailey Coffee Social, 8/6 - Join us in welcoming our new Clinical Quality Coordinator, Hailey! Hailey would love the opportunity to meet residents, hear your stories, and get to know the people who make our community special as she begins her journey with us. Enjoy a

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Mass/Communion with Father Tony, 8/7 - Catholic - Communion with Father Tony from St. A's

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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!

Morning Coffee (Resident Led), Thursdays - Join us for a relaxed and social gathering, enjoy a hot cup of coffee, and connect with friends. It's a perfect way to kick off the morning with conversation and good company!

Movie Night, Tuesdays - See separate handout for individual movie synopsis. Tuesday/Wednesday Movie Night movies are played on the common area TV's upstairs.

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Root Beer Float Social, 8/9 – 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.

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.

S'mores Happy Hour, 8/25 – Celebrate the end of summer with a sweet treat and good company! Join us for a relaxing happy hour featuring everyone's favorite campfire classic—s'mores. Enjoy the gooey goodness of toasted marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers while visiting with friends and savoring the last moments of the summer season.

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