

Oaks September Activity Descriptions

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Beaded Bracelets - Step back into the 1960s with a groovy hands-on craft! Create your own colorful beaded bracelet inspired by the styles and spirit of the decade. Choose your favorite colors and beads, get creative, and enjoy a little retro fun while making something uniquely yours.

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!

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Birthday Social – Resident Requested! Let’s gather to celebrate those born in September!

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

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.

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: Barn Quilt Painting - Get creative with Nicole while painting your own barn quilt square! Choose from a variety of classic quilt-inspired patterns and colors to create a unique piece of artwork. This hands-on craft combines creativity, pattern, and personal expression while celebrating the charm and tradition of barn quilts.

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 Crunchers - 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.

Devotions - Join Shawn for a time of non-denominational devotions, reflection, and connection. This welcoming gathering offers an opportunity to pause, listen, and explore meaningful messages in a peaceful, respectful environment.

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!

Drive-In Movie: Grease - Kick off National Assisted Living Week with a trip back to the 1950s! Enjoy a cherry Coke float and popcorn while watching the resident-requested movie *Grease* upstairs. Sit back, relax, and enjoy a nostalgic drive-in movie experience celebrating the music, style, and spirit of the 1950s.

Ecumen Wellness – Join us for our signature exercise program!

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

Fall Card Making - Join Nicole for a hands-on creative activity making handcrafted, fall-themed greeting cards. Choose your favorite autumn colors, designs, and embellishments to create something special to send to a friend or loved one. A fun way to enjoy the season while spreading a little kindness!

Fall Word Scramble & Cider - Sip on warm, comforting apple cider while putting your word

skills to work! Unscramble fall-themed words, enjoy some friendly competition, and reminisce about favorite autumn traditions. A cozy, low-key activity perfect for celebrating the sights, sounds, and flavors of the season.

Get to Know Your Neighbors - Resident-requested and resident-led! Test your knowledge of your neighbors through fun, surprising, and sometimes unusual facts about their lives. Can you guess who had a pet raccoon growing up? Residents will share tidbits and stories while the group works together to match each fact to the right neighbor.

Hearing Aid Clinic - Karl from Hutch Hearing Clinic will be onsite offering free hearing aid cleaning services. Stop by to have your hearing aids cleaned and cared for, ask questions, and learn a few tips for keeping your hearing devices working their best.

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: Mid MN Orchestra - Back by popular demand! Join us for an hour of wonderful live music from the Mid MN Orchestra. Sit back, relax, and enjoy an entertaining performance filled with familiar sounds, talented musicians, and the joy of live music.

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

Men’s Group – Guy Talk - A relaxed gathering for conversation, connection, and camaraderie. This month, we'll explore topics including Lessons From the Road, Things Men Carried, and A Lucky Find, sharing stories, memories, and experiences along the way. Come ready to talk, listen, laugh, and see where the conversation takes us.

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.

Oktoberfest Happy Hour - Prost! Celebrate Oktoberfest with a festive happy hour filled with good company, seasonal flavors, music, and plenty of German-inspired fun. Come raise a glass, enjoy some conversation, and celebrate the traditions and spirit of Oktoberfest with friends and neighbors.

Out to Eat: Lola's Lakehouse – Join us for an outing to Lola's Lakehouse! Enjoy a meal with beautiful water views while choosing from a menu featuring seafood, American favorites, and more. Relax, enjoy good food and conversation, and take in the marina-side atmosphere with friends.

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!

Price Is Right - Come on down! We're celebrating the 1970s with a trip to *The Price Is Right*. Try your luck at classic games like Cliff Hangers, The Dice Game, and more. Test your knowledge of prices, make your best guesses, and enjoy a lively, nostalgic game-show experience!

Quality of Life Council - Residents helping shape the life and experience of our community. This productive, resident-led council will identify opportunities for improvement, discuss ideas, and work together on practical solutions. The focus is on turning resident feedback into meaningful action and measurable results that make Oaks & Pines an even better place to live.

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!

Right on Time or Haven't Left? - Are you right on time—or haven't even left yet? In honor of National Be Late for Something Day on September 5, enjoy this classic right/left game featuring a fun story filled with plenty of twists, turns, and opportunities to pass the prize!

Skip-Bo - Put your strategy and card-playing skills to the test with a friendly game of Skip-Bo! Take turns building your stacks, playing your cards, and trying to be the first to use your entire stockpile. Join us for some friendly competition, conversation, and fun!

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

Travelogue – Meet Me in Montreal – This month, we are traveling to Montreal.

Trivial Pursuit - Celebrate the 1980s during National Assisted Living Week with a classic game of Trivial Pursuit! Enjoy a mix of trivia categories and questions while reminiscing about the decade's music, movies, television, and memorable moments. Bring your knowledge, teamwork, and competitive spirit for a fun game of trivia!

TV (Allbridge) Tutorial - We've made the switch from Mediacom to Allbridge! Join us for a hands-on tutorial to learn the functions of the new TV remotes, discover helpful features, and build confidence navigating the new cable system. Bring your remote and your questions!

Universal Yums: Columbia - 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!

UNO Dominoes - By resident request and resident-led! Players combine the familiar matching strategy of dominoes with UNO colors, numbers, and action words. Residents take turns matching tiles, planning their plays, and enjoying friendly competition. A nostalgic, social game that encourages independence, decision-making, and connection.

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.

Wedding Photos Share - Resident-requested and resident-led! Bring your wedding photos to share, or simply come ready to tell the stories and memories from your special day. Enjoy an opportunity to learn more about your neighbors, reminisce about cherished moments, and celebrate the love stories that are part of our community's history.

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

Weekend Purpose Project: Recipe Worth Keeping - Choose a favorite recipe worth passing along! Residents can write down a treasured family recipe, share the story behind it, or create a recipe card to keep or give to someone special. Recipes will be collected to create an Oaks & Pines Community Recipe Book, preserving favorite recipes, memories, and traditions to share with others.

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

Yahtzee with Nicole - Roll the dice, take your chances, and put your strategy to the test! Join Nicole for a friendly game of Yahtzee filled with laughter, competition, and conversation. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, everyone is welcome to roll, score, and have fun.

Pines September Activity Descriptions

3-Card Bingo, 9/9 – 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!

5 Clues: What Job Is It?, 9/2 - Put your knowledge to the test! Participants listen to five clues describing a mystery occupation and try to identify the job. With each clue, the mystery becomes easier to solve. A fun way to spark memories, conversation, and friendly competition.

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), 9/6, 9/20, 9/27 – 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!

A Taste of Breakfast, 9/24 - Discover what's possible with our expanded kitchen! Join us for an afternoon food demonstration featuring new hot breakfast options made possible by our full kitchen service. Sample new ideas, explore delicious possibilities, and see how we're reimagining breakfast at Oaks & Pines.

Angry Birds Catapult, 9/30 - We're bringing the popular video game to life! Use a slingshot-style catapult to launch locally crocheted Angry Birds and knock down the pigs. Test your aim, adjust your strategy, and see how many pigs you can topple. A playful, hands-on challenge for everyone!

Annual Harvest Celebration, 9/16 - Our summer picnic has gotten a fall makeover! Based on resident and family feedback, we've moved this community favorite to the fall. Join residents, families, and friends for a fun, family-friendly

celebration filled with seasonal spirit, good food, and opportunities to connect. We'll also celebrate being a recipient of the NCAL Bronze Quality Award!

Beaded Bracelets, 9/15 - Step back into the 1960s with a groovy hands-on craft! Create your own colorful beaded bracelet inspired by the styles and spirit of the decade. Choose your favorite colors and beads, get creative, and enjoy a little retro fun while making something uniquely yours.

Bible Study with Faith Lutheran, 9/17 - 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!

Birthday Social, 9/10 – Resident Requested! Let's gather to celebrate those born in September!

Buck Euchre Refresher – Resident Led, 9/2 - 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 9/16 – 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 with a Vet, 9/8 - 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.

Communion with Pastor Paul – Peace Lutheran, 9/18 - Pastor Paul from Peace Lutheran will be here to provide communion.

Concessions, 9/25 - 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: Barn Quilt Painting, 9/8 - Get creative with Nicole while painting your own barn quilt square! Choose from a variety of classic quilt-inspired patterns and colors to create a unique piece of artwork. This hands-on craft combines creativity, pattern, and personal expression while celebrating the charm and tradition of barn quilts.

Cranium Crunches, 9/23 - 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.

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Dining Menu Meeting, 9/1 - 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!

Drive-In Movie: Singing in the Rain, 9/14 - Kick off National Assisted Living Week with a trip back to the 1950s! Enjoy a cherry Coke float and popcorn while watching the resident-requested movie *Singing in the Rain* upstairs. Sit back, relax,

and enjoy a nostalgic drive-in movie experience celebrating the music, style, and spirit of the 1950s.

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

Evening Bingo, 9/16 – Come see if luck is on your side at a community favorite!

Fall Card Making, 9/29 - Join Nicole for a hands-on creative activity making handcrafted, fall-themed greeting cards. Choose your favorite autumn colors, designs, and embellishments to create something special to send to a friend or loved one. A fun way to enjoy the season while spreading a little kindness!

Fall Word Scramble & Cider, 9/1 - Sip on warm, comforting apple cider while putting your word skills to work! Unscramble fall-themed words, enjoy some friendly competition, and reminisce about favorite autumn traditions. A cozy, low-key activity perfect for celebrating the sights, sounds, and flavors of the season.

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!

Hearing Aid Clinic, 9/17 - Karl from Hutch Hearing Clinic will be onsite offering free hearing aid cleaning services. Stop by to have your hearing aids cleaned and cared for, ask questions, and learn a few tips for keeping your hearing devices working their best.

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Mass/Communion with Father Tony, 9/4 - Catholic - Communion with Father Tony from St. A's

Men’s Coffee and Pastries, 9/1 – 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 – Guy Talk, 9/10 - A relaxed gathering for conversation, connection, and camaraderie. This month, we'll explore topics including Lessons From the Road, Things Men Carried, and A Lucky Find, sharing stories, memories, and experiences along the way. Come ready to talk, listen, laugh, and see where the conversation takes us.

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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Random Trivia, 9/24 - Put your knowledge to the test with a fun mix of trivia questions covering a little bit of everything! From history and entertainment to sports, food, and everyday facts, you never know what topic will come next. Come play, learn something new, and enjoy some friendly competition.

Right on Time or Haven’t Left?, 9/3 - Are you right on time—or haven't even left yet? In honor of National Be Late for Something Day on September 5, enjoy this classic right/left game featuring a fun story filled with plenty of twists, turns, and opportunities to pass the prize!

Root Beer Float Social, 9/13 – 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.

Skip-Bo, 9/30 - Put your strategy and card-playing skills to the test with a friendly game of Skip-Bo! Take turns building your stacks, playing your cards, and trying to be the first to use your entire stockpile. Join us for some friendly competition, conversation, and fun!

SomeTimes FunTimes Committee, 9/9 - Share your ideas and help shape September activities! This empowering session gives you the opportunity to suggest and plan programs that interest you most. Let your voice inspire our calendar!

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Weekend Bingo, 9/26 – Come see if luck is on your side at a community favorite!

Worship with Christ the King 9/10 - Lutheran - Faith Lutheran/Christ the King service and communion rotation.

Yahtzee with Nicole, 9/12 - Roll the dice, take your chances, and put your strategy to the test! Join Nicole for a friendly game of Yahtzee filled with laughter, competition, and conversation. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, everyone is welcome to roll, score, and have fun.