Oaks November Activity Descriptions

3 Card Bingo - Get ready for a fun twist on bingo! Each player receives three playing cards while the dealer draws and calls out cards from the deck. Be the first to cover all three of your cards to claim the win! Enjoy the excitement, friendly competition, and social fun as we play together.

3rd Annual Chili Cookoff - It's time to bring the heat at our 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff! Whether you want to enter your favorite chili recipe or join the judging panel, everyone is welcome to join the fun. Sample delicious creations, cast your vote, and find out who will take home the coveted trophy and bragging rights for the year! Held in the Pines Dining Room.

100th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade - Celebrate Thanksgiving morning by tuning in to Channel 10 (NBC) to watch the 100th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! Enjoy the spectacular floats, giant character balloons, marching bands, and festive performances as we kick off the holiday together.

Better Then or Now? - Join us for a fun, thought-provoking discussion as we compare different aspects of life in the past with how they are today. Share memories, reminisce about the good old days, and discuss how things have changed over the years while connecting with others through conversation and friendly debate.

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 and Turkey Gobbling Contest - Join us as we celebrate our November birthdays and honor this month's birthday stars! Then, get ready for some gobbling fun as we invite residents, team members, and friends to participate in our Turkey Gobbling Contest. Whether you're competing or cheering on the participants, come enjoy plenty of laughter, festive fun, and friendly competition!

Car Racing - Start your engines! Join us for some fast-paced fun as we race remote-control cars and see who can zoom across the finish line first. Get ready for friendly competition, plenty of laughs, and a little racing excitement as we put our driving skills to the test!

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

Chicken Foot Dominoes – Join us for a fun game of Chicken Foot Dominoes! Match your dominoes, build your chicken feet, and use a little strategy to play your tiles before your opponents. Whether you're a regular player or learning for the first time, everyone is welcome to join the fun!

Coffee & Donuts with Ecumen Hospice - Join us for our coffee social with Jillian from Ecumen Hospice, who will be bringing delicious donuts to enjoy! Sip your coffee, share conversation, and enjoy a sweet treat while connecting with friends and neighbors.

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.

Community Advocacy Workgroup - Tammy from the Office of the Ombudsman returns to continue our conversation about advocacy within our community. Building on last month's discussion about self-advocacy, we'll explore how residents can work together to voice shared concerns, support one another, and help create positive changes in our community.

Community Coloring Sheet - Resident Requested! Join us this weekend for some relaxing, autumn-themed coloring fun. Enjoy a creative activity that encourages self-expression, supports fine motor skills, and provides a wonderful opportunity to socialize and spend time together.

Concession Stand - 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: Christmas Cards - Join Nicole for a festive crafting activity as she provides a variety of Christmas card kits to help you create your own handmade holiday greetings. Get creative, enjoy some seasonal fun, and make a special card to share with family, friends, or someone who could use a little extra holiday cheer!

Craft: Christmas Ornament - Get into the holiday spirit as we create a festive Christmas ornament to add a personal touch to your seasonal decorations! Enjoy some creative time together while making a special keepsake to display, share, or treasure for years to come.

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.

Deck the Halls - Let's make our community merry and bright! Beginning November 30, the Life Enrichment team will kick off our holiday decorating, and we'd love your help spreading some Christmas cheer. If you enjoy decorating and would like to lend a hand, reach out to Melanie to find out how you can get involved!

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.

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!

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

Friends Fun Feud: Autumn-Themed - Gather your friends for a fun, autumn-inspired twist on the classic Family Feud game show! Work together to guess the most popular answers to fall-themed survey questions, enjoy some friendly competition, and share plenty of laughs along the way.

Friendsgiving Potluck Happy Hour - Join us as we celebrate friendship, community, and the joy of gathering together! Bring a snack to share if you wish, or simply come and enjoy the refreshments provided. All are welcome to share in the fun, good company, and spirit of Thanksgiving.

Grief Support Group – Join us for a supportive time of connection and conversation provided by Ecumen Hospice. All are welcome to attend, whether you are experiencing a recent loss or simply looking for a place to share, listen, and connect with others.

Hearing Aid Clinic - Karl from Hutch Hearing Aid Center will be here to provide complimentary hearing aid cleaning services at no charge. Take

advantage of this opportunity to keep your hearing aids clean and 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!

Letters to Dani - While Dani is away at Basic Training, let's send her letters filled with support, encouragement, and well wishes! Dani would love to hear from us, and our messages are a wonderful way to remind her that she is being thought of and supported while she's away.

Lucky Number Dice Game - Try your luck in this fun and engaging dice game! Players roll the dice and aim to match as many as possible to the Lucky Number. This game encourages focus, number recognition, and friendly competition while providing plenty of opportunities for socializing and fun.

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

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.

My Favorite Things (Resident Led) - Resident Requested! Bring a favorite item to share with the group and tell us the story behind it. Whether it's a handmade quilt, a beloved book, a cherished gift, or something that holds a special memory, we'd love to hear why it's meaningful to you. Enjoy a wonderful opportunity to reminisce, learn more about one another, and celebrate the stories that make each of us unique!

Out to Eat: Bumps - Join us for a delicious lunch outing at Bumps, a family restaurant in Glencoe! Enjoy a change of scenery, good food, and great company as we share a meal together. Sign up on the bulletin board to reserve your spot!

Outing: Camp Ripley - Join us for our rescheduled outing to the Camp Ripley Military Museum, where we'll explore military history and learn more about the service and sacrifices of our veterans. This outing is weather permitting, and veterans will receive priority seating.

Outing: McLeod County Food Shelf Donation Drop-Off - Join us as we deliver the generous donations collected during our community food drive to the McLeod County Food Shelf! This outing is a wonderful opportunity to see the impact of our collective efforts and celebrate how small acts of kindness can make a big difference for those in need.

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

Outing: Voting at the Polls – Join us as we take the bus to the polls for an opportunity to participate in the voting process! Exercise your right to vote, make your voice heard, and take an active role in shaping our community and country. Every vote matters!

Phase 10 – Join us for a fun game of Phase 10! Use strategy, a little luck, and a keen eye to complete each phase before your opponents. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

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 – Put your knowledge to the test with 30 trivia questions covering a variety of fun and interesting topics! Each question includes the answer along with additional information to spark conversation, memories, and discussion. Come play along and see how many you can answer!

Resident Council - Join us for our refreshed Resident Council, designed to encourage open communication, shared ideas, and meaningful group discussions. An agenda will be provided in advance so everyone has an opportunity to prepare, participate, and share their thoughts on common concerns and topics that affect our community. Your voice matters, and together we can work toward solutions and make our community an even better place to call home!

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!

Rummikub with Nicole - Join Nicole for a fun game of Rummikub, the classic tile-based game that combines strategy, number skills, and a little friendly competition. Work to create runs and groups, outsmart your opponents, and enjoy great conversation and camaraderie along the way!

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

Thanksgiving Coloring (Resident Led) – Join our Monday Craft Corner group for some festive Thanksgiving-themed coloring fun! Coloring materials will be provided, so come ready to get creative. Coloring encourages relaxation, supports focus and fine motor skills, and provides a wonderful opportunity to socialize, share conversation, and enjoy time together.

Travelogue – An Aviation Where in the World – We are flying high this month as we visit three places important to the beginnings of aviation history. Ten clues are provided for guessing the location, followed by information about that location. Honorary wings can be awarded to those correctly guessing all three locations.

Universal Yums: The Baltics - 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.

Veterans Program - Join us for our annual Veterans Program as we honor and recognize the veterans within our community for their service and sacrifice. Together, we'll show our gratitude, share in meaningful moments of remembrance, and celebrate the brave individuals who have served our country.

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

Weekend Purpose Project: Recipe Organizing - Help us take the next step in our community cookbook project by sorting and organizing the recipes we've collected! This meaningful, hands-on activity gives everyone an opportunity to contribute to a shared goal, reminisce about favorite recipes, and help preserve the culinary traditions and memories of our community.

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

Pines November Activity Descriptions

3rd Annual Chili Cookoff, 11/24 - It's time to bring the heat at our 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff! Whether you want to enter your favorite chili recipe or join the judging panel, everyone is welcome to join the fun. Sample delicious creations, cast your vote, and find out who will take home the coveted trophy and bragging rights for the year! Held in the Pines Dining Room.

100th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, 11/26 - Celebrate Thanksgiving morning by tuning in to Channel 10 (NBC) to watch the 100th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! Enjoy the spectacular floats, giant character balloons, marching bands, and festive performances as we kick off the holiday together.

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), 11/1, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29 – 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!

Better Then or Now?, 11/5 - Join us for a fun, thought-provoking discussion as we compare different aspects of life in the past with how they are today. Share memories, reminisce about the good old days, and discuss how things have changed over the years while connecting with others through conversation and friendly debate.

Bible Study with Faith Lutheran, 11/19 - 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, 11/19 – Resident Requested! Let's gather to celebrate those born in November!

Buck Euchre Refresher – Resident Led, 11/4 - 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, 11/25 – 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!

Car Races, 11/11 - Start your engines! Join us for some fast-paced fun as we race remote-control cars and see who can zoom across the finish line first. Get ready for friendly competition, plenty of laughs, and a little racing excitement as we put our driving skills to the test!

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

Coffee & Donuts with Ecumen Hospice, 11/9 - Join us for our coffee social with Jillian from Ecumen Hospice, who will be bringing delicious donuts to enjoy! Sip your coffee, share conversation, and enjoy a sweet treat while connecting with friends and neighbors. (Oaks Dining Room)

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

Coffee with a Vet, 11/10 - 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, 11/20 - Pastor Paul from Peace Lutheran will be here to provide communion.

Community Advocacy Workgroup, 11/19 - Tammy from the Office of the Ombudsman returns to continue our conversation about advocacy within our community. Building on last month's discussion about self-advocacy, we'll explore how residents can work together to voice shared concerns, support one another, and help create positive changes in our community.

Community Coloring Sheet, 11/7-11/8 - Resident Requested! Join us this weekend for some relaxing, autumn-themed coloring fun. Enjoy a creative activity that encourages self-expression, supports fine motor skills, and provides a wonderful opportunity to socialize and spend time together.

Concessions Stand, 11/20 - 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: Christmas Cards, 11/17 - Join Nicole for a festive crafting activity as she provides a variety of Christmas card kits to help you create your own handmade holiday greetings. Get creative, enjoy some seasonal fun, and make a special card to share with family, friends, or someone who could use a little extra holiday cheer!

Craft: Christmas Ornament, 11/24 - Get into the holiday spirit as we create a festive Christmas ornament to add a personal touch to your seasonal decorations! Enjoy some creative time together while making a special keepsake to display, share, or treasure for years to come.

Cranium Crunches, 11/25 - 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.

Deck the Halls, 11/30 - Let's make our community merry and bright! Beginning November 30, the Life Enrichment team will kick off our holiday decorating, and we'd love your help spreading some Christmas cheer. If you enjoy decorating and would like to lend a hand, reach out to Melanie to find out how you can get involved!

Dining Menu Meeting, 11/2 - 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, 11/11 – 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!

Friends Fun Feud: Autumn-Themed, 11/12 - Gather your friends for a fun, autumn-inspired twist on the classic Family Feud game show! Work together to guess the most popular answers to fall-themed survey questions, enjoy some friendly competition, and share plenty of laughs along the way.

Friendsgiving Potluck Happy Hour, 11/10 - Join us as we celebrate friendship, community, and the joy of gathering together! Bring a snack to share if you wish, or simply come and enjoy the refreshments provided. All are welcome to share in the fun, good company, and spirit of Thanksgiving.

Grief Support Group, 11/23 – Join us for a supportive time of connection and conversation provided by Ecumen Hospice. All are welcome to attend, whether you are experiencing a

recent loss or simply looking for a place to share, listen, and connect with others.

Hearing Aid Clinic, 11/19 - Karl from Hutch Hearing Aid Center will be here to provide complimentary hearing aid cleaning services at no charge. Take advantage of this opportunity to keep your hearing aids clean and working their best!

Ice Cream Social!, 11/13 - 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!

Letters to Dani, 11/4 - While Dani is away at Basic Training, let's send her letters filled with support, encouragement, and well wishes! Dani would love to hear from us, and our messages are a wonderful way to remind her that she is being thought of and supported while she's away.

Lucky Number Dice Game, 11/3 - Try your luck in this fun and engaging dice game! Players roll the dice and aim to match as many as possible to the Lucky Number. This game encourages focus, number recognition, and friendly competition while providing plenty of opportunities for socializing and fun.

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

Mass/Communion with Father Tony, 11/13 - Catholic - Communion with Father Tony from St. A's

Men's Coffee and Pastries, 11/3 – 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.

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.

Out to Eat: Bumps, 11/16 - Join us for a delicious lunch outing at Bumps, a family restaurant in Glencoe! Enjoy a change of scenery, good food, and great company as we share a meal together. Sign up on the bulletin board to reserve your spot!

Outing: Camp Ripley, 11/6 - Join us for our rescheduled outing to the Camp Ripley Military Museum, where we'll explore military history and learn more about the service and sacrifices of our veterans. This outing is weather permitting, and veterans will receive priority seating.

Outing: McLeod County Food Shelf Donation Drop-Off, 11/23 - Join us as we deliver the generous donations collected during our community food drive to the McLeod County Food Shelf! This outing is a wonderful opportunity to see the impact of our collective efforts and celebrate how small acts of kindness can make a big difference for those in need.

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Pizza Party! (Resident Led), 11/19 - 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, 11/18 - 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.

Resident Council, 11/17 - Join us for our refreshed Resident Council, designed to encourage open communication, shared ideas, and meaningful group discussions. An agenda will be provided in advance so everyone has an opportunity to prepare, participate, and share their thoughts on common concerns and topics that affect our community. Your voice matters, and together we can work toward solutions and make our community an even better place to call home!

Root Beer Float Social, 11/8 – 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.

Rummikub with Nicole, 11/14 - Join Nicole for a fun game of Rummikub, the classic tile-based game that combines strategy, number skills, and a little friendly competition. Work to create runs and groups, outsmart your opponents, and enjoy great conversation and camaraderie along the way!

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.

SomeTimes FunTimes Committee, 11/11 - Share your ideas and help shape December activities! This empowering session gives you the opportunity to suggest and plan programs that interest you most. Let your voice inspire our calendar!

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

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Veterans Program, 11/11 - Join us for our annual Veterans Program as we honor and recognize the veterans within our community for their service and sacrifice. Together, we'll show our gratitude, share in meaningful moments of remembrance, and celebrate the brave individuals who have served our country.

Weekend Bingo, 11/28 – Come see if luck is on your side at a community favorite!

Worship with Christ the King, 11/12 - Lutheran - Faith Lutheran/Christ the King service and communion rotation.