

Highland Happenings



August 2025

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Fall Worship Service Schedule (starting September 7)

Wausau 8:00 am, 10:15 am Traditions, 10:30 am (9:20 am Sunday school)

Marathon & Weston 10:30 am (9:20 am Sunday school)

Merrill 10:00 am (8:45 am Sunday school)

All-Campus Baptism Service & Summer Celebration August 24 at 9:00 am 1914 Jackson Street, Merrill

Join us as all Highland campuses come together for a special time of worship, followed by a fun celebration with **cake, ice cream, and water gun fights!** This will be a **child-friendly outdoor service**, so **no nursery or Children's Church** will be provided.

What to Bring:

A blanket or lawn chairs
Extra time for parking and walking to the lawn area

Parking Info:

Handicap parking will be available, but please note there will still be some lawn to cross.

Weather Plan:

In case of inclement weather, services will shift to the following times:

Wausau, Weston, and Marathon: 10:30 am

Merrill: 9:00 am

Indoor Service at Wausau 9:00 am

(No nursery or Children's Church in any location.)

Venue changes will be announced by **6:00 pm on**

Saturday (or sooner, if possible) on our:

App – Website calendar – Facebook page

FREE SALE: August 14, 4:00–6:30 pm. Drop-off will be on August 13, from 3:00–7:00 pm, at the Wausau campus. Please allow time to set out your items. We cannot take the following items: books, CDs/videos, car seats, light fixtures, computers, electronics, damaged or dirty items, anything with a motor (snowblower, lawnmower).

SERVE Conference for Volunteers

August 9, 8:30 am–12:30 pm or August 17, 1:00–5:00 pm

We are having our biennial SERVE Conference designed to train and equip our volunteers for ministry. If you currently volunteer in a Highland ministry or plan on volunteering in fall, please plan to attend one of these trainings. Online registration (with all the details) is now open.

Centershot Ministry: We are holding an 8 Week Flight at the Marathon Campus of Highland Community Church. Centershot Family Life League is for families trying Centershot for the first time or for returning participants. We will meet Mondays, from 6:30-8:00 pm starting September 8 through October 27. Families with students in fourth grade and up are eligible, and parents are encouraged to participate. Cost is FREE, all materials and equipment are provided. Space will be limited. Please register by contacting Kris Schumacher at 715-679-0575 or email: ktschuma@uwalumni.com.

Nifty Fifties Plus: If you are 50 or older and would like to share an evening meal, join us at 5:30 pm on Friday, August 29, at A & A (1702 Grand Avenue, Wausau). Please RSVP by August 27 to Blanche at 651-246-5990 or foreverwhitedaisy@gmail.com.

Operation Baby Bottle: Thank you, Highland, for your support of Operation Baby Bottle! Together, you gave over \$9,000.00 to Hope Life Center. Your generosity will continue to help Hope serve people in our community facing an unplanned pregnancy. Thank you for helping them build a community of grace, love, and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ!

Thursday Night Summer Bible Study: We continue to have our Thursday night outdoor, summer Bible studies at the Wausau campus (by the fire pit) from 6:00–7:00 pm. All are welcome. Please bring a chair and a Bible and join us!

Aug 7: Trumpet and missions (indoors in Café Room)
Aug 14: Evening of Worship—Devotional

Golden Oldies (age 55+) Out to Lunch: The Golden Oldies' next luncheon is Friday, August 29, at 11:30 am. We will be meeting at Olivia's at Gulliver's Landing, 151701 Gadwall Lane (the old Gulliver's location). Contact Jeanne Becker (715-350-1825) or Karen Arnold (715-297-0809) for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (NextGen)

B.A.S.I.C. (Becoming A Servant In Christ): We only have two left! Join us on **August 6 and 13**. B.A.S.I.C. is for incoming 4th and 5th graders and involves Bible study, team building, and service activities. Registration forms are available in the lobby at each campus and on our website.

One Way Club: Registration is now open! One Way Club (OWC) is for children age 4 (by September 1) – 5th grade, and it is free! The OWC curriculum brings children through the whole story of the Bible every five years. Kids will receive robust Biblical instruction, memorize Scripture, play games, sing, and grow in life groups.

Our 2025-2026 club year will kick off on **September 17**. Make sure to pre-register by September 8 to receive 5 tokens. Registration forms can be found in the lobby at each campus and also on our website.

One Way Club will meet on Wednesday nights during the following times:

- Merrill Campus: 6:00-7:40 pm
- Marathon Campus: 5:45-7:15 pm

- Wausau Campus: 6:00-7:40 pm
- Weston Campus: 6:00-7:30 pm

One Way Club Family Night: On **October 8**, we will be having Family Night! You will travel as a family to learn more about One Way Club, what we will cover this year, ways to partner in family discipleship, and take part in some activities as a family. Parents, plan to join your children this night.

One Way Club Leaders: Mark your calendars for our annual leader training on **September 10**. This will be held at each campus. Watch for more details from your director.

Want to join the One Way Club team and help children grow in taking their first steps in a relationship with Jesus? Reach out to the Children's Director at your campus to learn more.

Sunday School: Sunday School provides our most in-depth Biblical instruction for our NextGen students. Children learn stories from both the Old and New Testaments each year. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:20 am starting **September 7**.

Child Dedications: Our next Child Dedication services will be on **September 21**. The last day to register is September 8. For more information, please contact Maria DeBroux at 715-842-5683 or mdebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

JOURNEYS SINGLES GROUP

If you are single and at least 40 (or so), join us for Journeys. Journeys is a safe place to develop genuine, Godly friendships and grow together in Christ through His Word, prayer, and fellowship. The August schedule is:

Friday, August 1, 8, 15, & 29, 7:00 pm – We meet at Highland's Wausau campus for our normal Friday session.
Friday, August 22, 7:00 pm – Movie night

For more details or to be added to the Journeys weekly email list, please text/call Louise at 715-212-5040 or email LouiseChristFollower@gmail.com.

MARATHON CAMPUS

Worship Service 10:30 am—Nursery and Children's Church available except August 24.

Adult Sunday School: Isaiah—Prophecies and Promises led by Pastor Brian Whitaker. Begins September 7.

MEN'S MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE – Men's Fall BBQ Dinner
Thursday, September 18
Doors open at 6:00 – Dinner at 6:30 pm

A Study of James: Starting Wednesday morning on September 10, from 9:00–10:30 am at the Wausau campus in Room C2. Contact Jerre Wright at jww1712@hotmail.com.

Pilgrim's Progress: Jamie Merchant will be doing a 12-week Men's Study on The Pilgrim's Progress at the Weston Campus. The time and date are to be determined. For more information contact Jamie at 715–574–3906 or jmerch73@hotmail.com.

Merrill Men's Life Group: This men's Life Group meets for true fellowship. Join us to study books of the Bible, learn how to apply Biblical truths practically, and pray for one another. Friday mornings, 6:00–8:00 am, at the Merrill campus. Led by Ken Duesing (kdusing67@gmail.com).

Experience Jesus. Really: A book by John Eldredge. The 5-part video series along with his book will help you strengthen your faith, reduce anxiety, and break free from digital distraction to experience God daily. This study is for men who feel spiritually weary, longs for more, or desires to experience the nearness of Jesus in daily life. This study starts September 4 and goes through October 2. We will meet at the Wausau campus in Room B4 on Thursday nights at 6:30pm. Each session will be approximately 75 minutes long with video and group discussion. Purchasing the book *Experience Jesus Really* by John Eldredge is not required but strongly encouraged. Hope you can join us. For more information, contact Jim Hostvedt at jim.hostvedt@gmail.com.

MERRILL CAMPUS

Worship Service 9:00 am—Nursery and Children's Church available except August 24.

Food Share Event: If you are struggling to make ends meet, or know someone who is, we can help. When you sign up, an assortment of items will be designated for you to pick up at the Merrill campus on a specific day of the month. The next pickup is on **September 2** at the Merrill campus. The deadline for signing up for pickup is **August 26**. Please contact Anne Pulkowski at

715-539-3583 or anabelmabl@yahoo.com with questions.

Ministerio en Español

Servicio de adoración 10:30 am at Wausau, salón B8 (Café Room).

Servicio de Bautismo y Celebración de Verano para Todos los Campus: 24 de agosto a las 9:00 am en 1914 Jackson Street, Merrill. Todos los campus de Highland se reunirán para el culto este día y después celebrarán con pastel, helado y juegos de agua. Este servicio será para niños, por lo que no habrá guardería ni iglesia infantil. Traiga su manta o sillas de jardín y calcule tiempo adicional para estacionar y caminar hasta el área de césped. Habrá estacionamiento para personas con discapacidad, pero aún queda césped. En caso de mal tiempo, planeamos tener un servicio a las 10:30 am en Wausau, Weston y Marathon y un servicio a las 9:00 am en Merrill (no habrá guardería ni iglesia infantil). Publicaremos un cambio de ubicación, si es necesario, en nuestra aplicación, calendario del sitio web y página de Facebook el sábado por la noche o tan pronto como se tome una decisión, así que asegúrese de consultar estas ubicaciones. Si no puede o prefiere no asistir a un servicio al aire libre, ofreceremos un servicio con himnos tradicionales a las 9:00 am en el santuario del campus de Wausau. No hay guardería ni iglesia para niños.

Si desea ser bautizado, deberá asistir a una clase programada para el miércoles 6 de agosto, de 6:00 pm a 8:00 pm. La inscripción en línea está abierta en nuestro sitio web.

Para más información contacto:

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TRADITIONS WAUSAU CAMPUS

Worship Service 10:00 am at Wausau in Room B11/B12 except August 24.

WAUSAU CAMPUS

Worship Services 8:30 am and 10:30 am in the Sanctuary—Nursery and Children's Church available except August 24.

Adult Sunday School Classes Beginning September 7

Book of Acts – Pastor Dave Mahler – 50/50 Room

Book of Genesis – Jerry Wright – Room B4

Book of Galatians – David Wheat – Room C14
Habits of Grace – Pastor Isaiah DeMoss – Room C1
Women's Class, Psalm 139 – Cindy Carlson – Room B6

WESTON CAMPUS

Worship Service 10:30 am—Nursery and Children's Church available except August 24.

Second Sunday Sweets and Treats: On **August 10**, bring your favorite baked goods or other "finger foods" to share after the service to enjoy treats and chat as we deepen friendships and meet new attendees.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Attention Women: Do you want to know what is going on with Women's Ministry? Sign up to be on the email list to get updates about women's studies and events. Go to highlandcommunitychurch.com and scroll to the bottom of the page to sign up. If you have questions, contact Sue MacDonald, Director of Women's Ministries, at smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Women's Ministry Invites You to Our Fall Kickoff and Bonfire – "Rivers of Living Water": John 7:38 (ESV) "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" All women (and girls 6th grade and up) are invited to enjoy a time to **Connect** with others as we enjoy a picnic supper including s'mores, to **Grow** and learn about what it means to treasure Jesus, and to **Go** reach girls in need! Check out what the Women's Ministry has to offer for the fall months and how you can get involved. We will meet at the Wausau fire pit on **Thursday, August 21, 6:00–8:00 pm**. Bring a camping chair. Also, bring a feminine product to donate to girls in need in our local schools. If attending, please register at hcc-register.com. If you have questions, contact Chris Mergen at 715-573-9248 or chris.mergen@gmail.com. In case of rain, we will meet inside the church.

MomCo August Playdate: MomCo will be meeting at JoJo's Jungle on Tuesday, **August 12**, 9:00–11:00 am. Contact Megan Pickens at 901-438-2521 with any questions. *All moms with preschool to elementary-aged children are welcome to attend.*

Wednesday Mornings at the Park: Ladies at Highland's Merrill campus invite all the Highland ladies to connect and fellowship together this summer! Meets Wednesday mornings **August 6** and **August 13**, 9:30–11:00 am. We will meet at Normal Park in Merrill (500 N Center Avenue, Merrill). Find us near the gazebo and

playground. Bring your favorite coffee and a lawn chair. Enjoy guest devotionals to encourage us! Moms with children are welcome; however, supervision is not provided. Contact Kathie Ponzer at 715-921-4433.

SAVE THE DATE – Women's Fall Conference – Rivers in the Desert
Saturday, October 25
Wausau Campus

Women's Ministries "Be Renewed" Mediterranean Cruise April 2026: Daily devotions and seminars offered (taught by Betty Ann Hinds and Michele Kuhn). Come aboard the *Celestial Journey* on April 9–18, 2026. Tour of Athens included. Ports include Kusadasi (Ephesus), Rhodes, Agios Nikolaos (Island of Crete), Santorini, Mykonos, & Milos. Cost is \$3697. For more information, contact smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com.



Register for classes: Register for classes online at hcc-register.com (unless instructed to connect with the study leader to sign up). After you register for a study, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive that email, contact Sue MacDonald at smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com. You will need to purchase your own book, unless something else is noted. **Scholarships are available for any of these studies.** Please contact Sue for more information.

Tuesday Evenings or Thursday Mornings at the Marathon Campus:

1,2,3 John and Jude: An exploration of John's encouragement to us to persevere in our faith, walk in the balance of love and truth, assure us of our fellowship with Christ and each other, discern truth from falsehood, and to practice hospitality. We will also spend a week in Jude discussing false teaching. Led by Kristin Whitaker (kristinwhitaker@gmail.com; 715-571-0865). **Two classes are being offered:** attend the evening class starting Tuesday, **September 16** (going through Jan. or Feb.), 6:30-8:00 pm at the Marathon Campus **or** attend the morning class starting Thursday, September 18, (going through January or February) 8:30-10:00 pm at the Marathon Campus. Cost: \$5 (for copies/supplies). No childcare available.

Tuesday Morning home study in Merrill:

2 Corinthians Inductive Bible Study: The Bible will be our text. Each week there will be a worksheet with questions to work through. You may use your study Bibles, commentaries, etc. Starting **September 9, 9:00–11:00 am** at the home of Laurie Jensen (N 205 Riverview Ave., Merrill, WI 54452). Childcare will not be available. If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Wright (wife70@hotmail.com; 715-536-1290) or Laurie Jensen (715-573-3458).

Tuesday Evenings at the Weston Campus:

Don't Give the Enemy A Seat at Your Table: 2 Cor 10:5 tells us, "... take every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ," but still our minds can swirl with thoughts that are unproductive, destructive, and harmful. We may even get so comfortable with these thoughts that we lose our ability to recognize them. We have let the enemy have a seat at our table. These thoughts are not from God. This study uses Psalm 23 to help us recognize when we have invited the enemy to sit at our table and help us receive peace and rest from our Lord and Savior. We have the power, through Jesus Christ to defeat the enemy and take authority over our thoughts. Led by DeeAnn Westerhaus (608-617-1857; deeannjw@gmail.com), Joanne Altman, and Sue Gotham. Meets **September 30–November 4, 6:00–7:30 pm** at the Weston campus. Please purchase *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table Study Guide*. No childcare available.

Wednesday Mornings at the Wausau Campus:

Starts September 10, 9:00–11:00 am—Childcare Available (please register at <https://hcc-register.com>)

Attention Moms: Childcare is offered for infants–4 years concurrent with the Wednesday morning Women's Bible studies. Pre-registration for childcare is required; sign up online as you register for your Bible study class. If there is a waiting list for childcare, you will be notified via email. Scholarships are available for those needing assistance. The cost is \$40 for one child; \$50 for two; and \$60 for three or more unless stated otherwise in the class description. To secure a spot for childcare please register your child by September 3.

1. Ezekiel Part 2: In Ezekiel part 1, we studied history of Israel and surrounding nations, including judgment and fulfilled prophecies. Most of Part 2 will focus on future prophecies, yet to be fulfilled, which will give us great hope in God's plan for Israel and the world. We will be amazed at how the world stage is being set for these end times events – the restoration of Israel from a Valley of Dry Bones, hearts of stone turned to hearts of flesh, the millennial kingdom, apportionment of the land, and a

future temple. Most importantly, we will seek to know God more. If you did not do Part 1, you will have no problem jumping in, as you will be provided with a summary of part 1. Led by Kathy McEvoy (715-212-0748; mcevoy317@yahoo.com). Meets September 10–November 12. Please purchase online (go to precept.org) or at a bookstore: *Ezekiel Bible Study Part 2 – In and Out Workbook ESV Version* (approx. 2 hours homework/week) or *Precept Upon Precept Workbook ESV* (approx. 5 hours homework/week).

2. Letting God Transform Your Ugly Emotions

(uncontrolled anger, debilitating fear, and false shame) Into Beauty: Do you struggle with anxiety, anger, and/or shame? God wants to transform you. You can have a life of peace, joy, and love. Come join us as we apply God's word to this crucial area of our lives. Led by Betty Ann Hinds (bettyannhinds@icloud.com; 715-551-8041). Meets Sept. 10–November 12 (no class on 10/15 and 10/22). Please purchase the book *From Shame to Beauty* by Marie Powers. Childcare cost for this class is \$20 for one child; \$25 for two children; and \$30 for three children or more.

3. Finding Joy—Applying the Wisdom of Philippians to our Everyday Lives:

Join as we learn about the apostle Paul in a study of Philippians. We all desire more Joy in our lives, but where do we begin? We will look at Paul's teaching and discover how to boost our joy and combat worry and anxiety. The age of old wisdom in Philippians highlights how small shifts in mindset and intentional living can help us welcome more joy into our everyday experiences. I will share from the book and the Bible, but this class is also focused on sharing and community building. Led by Heidi Schafer-Edwards (hse0202@gmail.com; 715-218-8742). Meets every other Wednesday morning starting September 17 – December 17. Please purchase the book *The Joy Challenge: Discover the Ancient Secret to Experiencing Worry-Defeating, Circumstance-Defying Happiness* by Randy Frazee. Childcare cost for this class is \$20 for one child; \$25 for two children; and \$30 for three children or more.

4. 2 Corinthians Inductive Bible Study: The Bible will be our text. Each week there will be a worksheet with questions to work through. You may use your study Bibles, commentaries, etc. Led by Cheryl Wright (wife70@hotmail.com; 715-536-1290). Meeting September 10–December 17.

Thursday Evenings at the Wausau Campus:

1 and 2 Thessalonians Verse by Verse: Have you ever felt discouraged? How can we keep going in the midst of a changing culture? 1 and 2 Thessalonians remind us what's at stake. And that we are not alone! He who calls us is faithful. We will be going through this book verse by

verse very slowly to soak in all of this book's wisdom. Led by Dawn Bridges (m1racle.dawn@hotmail.com or 715-302-9089). Meets Thursday, September 4 – December 11, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Wausau campus. There will be "some" homework involved – so bring your own binder! Cost is \$5 for printing fees. No childcare available.

Saturday Mornings at the Wausau Campus:

Connect the Dots: Have you ever wanted to learn how to study the Bible? Join us once a month for a Saturday morning workshop! We will learn about context, translations, genre, verse mapping, word study, cross-referencing, etc. using multiple resources over six months, AND we will learn how to use an online platform to help! There will be time during class to practice what we are learning. Led by Dawn Bridges (at 715-302-9089 texting is fine or m1racle.dawn@hotmail.com).

Meets at the Wausau Campus on Saturday mornings 10:00 am to 12:00 am on 10-4, 11-1, 1-10, 2-14, 3-7 and 4-4. Can't make every class? Come when you can! Class cost is \$5 for printing fees. No Childcare available.

Sunday School Class at the Wausau Campus:

What Does God See In Your Heart: Join us each week as we look intently at key passages describing the attitudes and actions of various women in the Old and New Testament. We will see how behavior is a reflection of our heart condition. We will seek to learn from their past examples and apply it to our lives today. The last eight weeks will be spent, reflecting on God's heart in Psalm 139, looking at key aspects of His nature, and gain a deeper understanding of how He personally loves each woman intimately and unconditionally. Led by Cindy Carlson (deanncindy@yahoo.com, 715-722-4297). Starts September 7 – May 17, 9:20 am at the Wausau campus. No registration is needed.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

Young Adults is for 18–35-year-olds, whether married, single, or dating. We meet in the Café Room at the Wausau campus on Monday nights. The coffee bar opens at 6:00 pm, and the study starts at 6:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Andrew at agutberlet@highlandcommunitychurch.com. This month looks a little different as we wrap up our summer schedule!

August 1 - Hangout at McEvoy Waters (contact Andrew for the address)

August 4 - Final YA of the summer

August 11 - No YA

August 18 - 3rd Monday Worship

August 25 - No YA

YOUTH MINISTRY— GENERATION180 (Grades 6–12)

Building Blocks of Faith: This is a doctrine class designed for junior high students that covers foundational Bible truths. Wednesday, August 6 is the last day 9:00–11:00 am. Remember to bring your Bible! Questions? Email Pastor Jarrod at jistichter@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Summer High School Bible Study: This is for all incoming 9th grade students in the fall through graduated Seniors. Meets Wednesday from 7:30–8:30 pm at the Wausau campus. The last one is August 6.

G180 Fall Kickoff and Parent Orientation: September 3 from 5:30–8:00 pm at Willow Springs.

G180 Fall Retreat: September 26–28 at Forest Springs Camp and Conference Center in Westboro, WI. Trip cost includes transportation, lodging, and meals. Paintball is extra and is paid directly to Forest Springs during the weekend. The rate is \$160. To register, scan the QR code. Payment by cash/check can be dropped off at the Wausau campus office along with a signed Forest Springs waiver.

Junior and Senior High Sunday School Class: All students grades 6–12 are invited to be a part of Sunday School beginning September 7. Sunday School will begin at 9:20 am and will meet in Rooms B3 for Senior High & B5 for Junior High. This year, all students will go through a study that teaches how the entire book of Genesis points towards Jesus and how this truth should impact our lives today as Christians. Mr. and Mrs. Ziedler (AKA Mr. & Mrs. Z) will teach the Junior High class and the Senior High class will be taught by Youth Ministry Director Isaac Sutton & other G180 Life Group leaders. Email Isaac Sutton at isutton@highlandcommunitychurch.com with any questions.



Fair Grandstand Clean-Up Fundraiser: Join us each morning at 6:30 am from July 30 through August 4 to clean the Marathon County Fair Grandstand! We will meet at Marathon Park outside of the Grandstand. Those serving receive free admission to the fair that day.

OVERVIEW OF MINISTRIES

A listing of regularly scheduled activities, services, and ministries of Highland

New to Highland?

*Welcome! At Highland, we want to help you take the next step in your relationship with Christ. Whether you are exploring church for the first time, returning after many years, or are a long-time Christ follower new to the community, we would like to help you take your next step. **CONNECT:** We encourage you to get involved in our Highland community in a social group, Bible study group, men's or women's group, Life Group, or more. **GROW:** Attend our Orientation Class (offered a couple of times per year), one of our many adult studies, and/or Sunday school. **GO:** We have found that serving in the church and in the community helps people take the next step in ways that GROW and CONNECT alone just can't do.*

General Listings

Life Groups: These are small groups of people who meet regularly to study God's Word, care for one another, and serve together as we Connect, Grow, and Go. If you are interested in joining or leading a Life Group, please contact Janna Janke at jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com or 715-842-5683.

Highland App: Text **HighlandCCApp** to **833-245-7596** to download Highland's app. Be sure to say "yes" to allow the app to send notifications (even when you are not in the app) so you can learn of important notices, including cancellations. The media page contains audio/video teachings, the bulletin, and questions you can fill in and save to your device. You can also send us prayer requests, read the Bible, register for classes, and so much more.

Body & Soul Fitness: Fitness involves more than just your body; we care about the health of your body and soul. This all-in-one workout burns calories, builds core and overall strength, improves flexibility/balance, and increases your energy level. Our cardio and strength/interval training offer all this and more, with an uplifting, positive message through the music. Classes meet on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:45 pm. Contact Janet Reid, AAFA certified fitness instructor, at janetreidrdh@gmail.com or 715-921-4444. Or go to www.bodyandsoul.org.

Centershot Ministry: This archery sports league is for anyone age 10 and up. Sessions include Bible study and target shooting; equipment is provided. This is a great outreach for family and friends. Sessions are held at the Marathon and Wausau campus sites. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend. Preregistration is necessary, as space is limited for each session. To register for the next session, or if you have questions, contact Chris Janke at centershot@highlandcommunitychurch.com or 715-571-7037.

Coffee Ministries: A regular rotation of volunteers serves the congregation at each campus site. If you are interested in this ministry opportunity, contact:

- Marathon: Christine Jensen at 715-574-4963
- Merrill: Pastor Adam DeBroux at adebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com
- Wausau: Janna Janke at 715-842-5683 or jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com
- Weston: Betty Tellekson at halm0103@yahoo.com or 715-359-6477 or Karen LeSage at cklesage@outlook.com

Community Partners: Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your Sunday food sales back to Highland if you present that day's bulletin.

Divorced? Separated? DivorceCare is a life-changing support group that will help you heal from hurt. It's a warm and caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. Meets the second Sunday of each month at the Weston campus after the 10:30 am service. Register online at www.divorcecare.org. Please contact Barb Mesenberg at barbchristfollower@gmail.com for more information.

Electronic Giving Program: To participate, fill out the authorization form in our **First Fruits** brochure which can be found in the lobby and on our website at highlandcommunitychurch.com/resources/donate/. If you have questions or need more information, please send an email to finance@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Social Media Groups of Highland: We have a variety of Facebook and Instagram social media pages for ministries. [HighlandCommunityChurchWI](#) is our main page on Facebook. You can find additional ministry group names by looking at the groups and pages that our main page follows.

Golden Oldies: Are you 55 (or older) and looking to connect with other Highland attenders in the same season of life? We have a ministry for you! On the last Friday of each month, please join this co-ed group for fellowship and friendship while enjoying a great lunch! If you have questions or need further details, contact Jeanne Becker (715-350-1825) or Karen Arnold (715-297-0809).

Greeters: If you would like to serve as a welcoming face, we would love to talk with you about this vital ministry.

Marathon: Todd & Renee Trowbridge (715-301-6430)
Merrill: Pastor Adam DeBroux (715-842-5683)
Traditions: Pastor Ryan Bare (608-482-0122)
Wausau: Alyson Halbrook (715-218-0612)
Weston: Trista Wanta (715-574-1304)

Facebook Grief Group: Marlowe Embree has a Highland online grief support group on Facebook. This is a closed group (by invitation only, though any Highland attender would be admitted on request) and thus confidential in terms of the sharing of prayer requests and personal experiences. The group will seek to focus on a wide range of types of grief, not only on the loss of a loved one through death, though that might be a primary emphasis. It is intended as a source of encouragement and mutual support. If interested, please let Marlowe know at marlowe_embree2@yahoo.com or via Facebook.

Grief Passages: Meets every other Sunday at 12:30 pm at the Wausau campus in Room B6 during the school year. Each session includes a short video and discussion. While the emphasis will somewhat be on recent losses, long-term grieverers are welcome to join. Marlowe C. Embree and one or two other individuals will be group facilitators. Plan to join us or call Marlowe (715-679-4897) for details.

Highland's Lay Elders: Steve Clements, Tony Morice, Rimon Moses, Dan Myhrer, Scott Names, Jason Reith, and Steve Vandenberg.

Hospital Visits: If you are scheduled for surgery, or are hospitalized, and would like a visit, please contact the church office. While hospitals may request information about your home church, they do not let us know you are there. Don't rely on Facebook posts for us to know.

Meal Ministry: If you are facing illness, surgery, hospitalization, or another major life stress, please contact the church office if meals would be helpful. If you would like to serve in this vital ministry by providing meals to those in our church family, by helping deliver meals, or by providing dessert bars for funerals among our church body, please contact Angela Aldrich at or chrisandangelaaldrich@gmail.com or 715-218-0741. No commitment is required. Just serve as it fits your life schedule.

Missions Committee Meetings: If you have a heart for missions and would like information about the next meeting, please contact Pastor Andrew Gutberlet at missions@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Highland FMSC MobilePack—November 13–15, 2025: Every November since 2022, Highland hosts an FMSC MobilePack. Last year, we had 1,315 volunteers pack 295,488 meals, which were shipped to Haiti, Cuba, and Burkina Faso. This is Highland's largest outreach event—last year hosting groups from 16 churches, 16 businesses, and 20 student groups from 12 schools in 8 school districts. It's free to participate, and anyone age 5 and older is welcome. Want to get involved? 1) Volunteer, 2) Donate, 3) Pray, 4) Help set up or tear down, and/or 5) Be an event partner. Event partners are groups that commit to bring a certain number of volunteers and to cover the cost of ingredients their volunteers will pack (\$60/person). For more information, please contact Sarah Hostetler at ausaupack@gmail.com or 715-680-9049.

Prayer Chain Ministry: If you would like to be involved in this vital ministry and confidentially pray for requests that come in, email office@highlandcommunitychurch.com to let us know, and we will add you to our prayer chain.

Prayer Meeting: Join us Wednesday mornings at 7:15 am in the Wausau campus Library (Room B1) to pray for the needs of the church body.

Sermons Available Online: Watch or listen to a recent sermon or encourage a friend to hear what the Scriptures say about a topic! Find sermons on our app, podcast, or our teaching page at highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Adult Sunday School: Meets at each campus from 9:20–10:10 am from September through May. Nursery and Sunday school for children and youth also meet during this time. Classes will resume again on September 7.

Men's Ministry

Acts: The book of Acts will be studied on Wednesday mornings at 6:00 am at the Wausau campus in Room C14. Contact Dan Esterline at dester13@gmail.com.

Merrill Men's Life Group: This men's Life Group meets for true fellowship. Join us to study books of the Bible, learn how to apply Biblical truths practically, and pray for one another. Friday mornings, 6:00–8:00 am, at the Merrill campus. Led by Ken Duesing (kduesing67@gmail.com).

Friendship House Life Group: This group meets to study Scripture, build community, and walk as brothers in Christ. Meets Tuesday mornings at 6:30 am at the Friendship House Restaurant in Merrill. Led by Jeff Nelessen (jeff.p.nelessen@gmail.com).

Log Cabin Life Group: Meet with other men for fellowship and breakfast... start the day off right! Whether you are looking to share ideas, concerns, suggestions, or inspiration... maybe looking for other Christian brothers to lean on, or maybe you're just HUNGRY! All are welcome. Come once, occasionally, or every month... whenever you can make it. Come as you are for relaxed conversation and a relaxed atmosphere. We'd be happy to have you! Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 am at the Log Cabin Restaurant in Schofield. Led by Bob Aspinwall (rbaudioguy@charter.net).

Singles' Ministry

All Single Adults: Single adults of all ages are invited to attend studies or other events that meet at Highland. Feel free to join any group at any time.

Journeys: For singles age 40 and older (singles under 40 are also welcome). Our Friday Night Fellowship is a safe place to develop genuine, Godly friendships and grow together in Christ through His Word and prayer. We meet from 7:00–8:30 pm in Room B11/12 at the Wausau campus. Check Highland's online calendar for current social events. For more info, or to receive email updates, contact Louise Cooke at 715-212-5040 or louisechristfollower@gmail.com.

Ministerio en Español

Estudios bíblicos: Domingo 9:20 am, Wausau Campus, salón B8 (Café Room), 1005 N 28th Ave. 54401.

Cada domingo, en la iglesia de Wausau nos reunimos para compartir un estudio bíblico, es un tiempo donde hablamos de la palabra de Dios, conversamos y damos nuestro entendimiento, también tenemos un tiempo de compartir. Se reanuda el 7 de septiembre.

Servicio con traducción al español: Cada primer domingo 10:30 am, Wausau Campus, 1005 N 28th Ave.

Cada primer domingo en nuestro segundo servicio, contamos con traducción directa del Inglés al español, lo hacemos a través de un dispositivo móvil, que podrás usar personalmente durante todo el servicio de Adoración. Podrás escuchar la predicación completamente en español.

Los dispositivos para la traducción los encontraras en el Conexión Point, que está frente a la entrada principal de la iglesia.

Servicio de Adoración en español: Cada domingo (excepto el primer domingo) a las 10:30 am, Wausau Campus, salón B8 (Café Room), 1005 N 28th Ave.

Todos los domingos con excepción del primer domingo de cada mes (servicio en conjunto), Highland ofrece servicios completamente en español en el campus de Wausau, con alabanzas y predicación directamente en español. Con el propósito de alcanzar a nuestra amada comunidad hispana en el área de Wausau.

Para más información contacto:

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Women's Ministry

Please check out the new and upcoming activities under the Women's Ministry section in the front half of this document.

Moms in Prayer (MIP): Schools and children need your prayers! Gather another mom or grandma (or two) and join in united prayer for your children and their schools. Groups meet **regularly during the school year** to pray for children's public and private K–12 schools, homeschools, and colleges. If you desire more information, want to check on an available group, or would like to learn how to start a group, go to momsinprayer.org or contact Debbie Myhrer, MIP area coordinator, at debbiemyhrer@gmail.com or 715-551-6076. The MIP website has many prayer resources and encouraging testimonies to uplift you in prayer.

Grapevine Card Ministry: Do you enjoy making cards and/or writing notes in cards? Grapevine's Card Ministry is eager for you to join. We need people to make the cards and people to write the notes inside the cards. If you would like to do either or both, please join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (1:00–3:00 pm and/or 6:00–8:00 pm). If interested, please contact Cathy Livingston at livingstoncd@gmail.com or 715-536-3606 (or contact Highland at 715-842-5683).

Sewing Inspiration Class: Learn about sewing no matter if you are a beginner or a seasoned seamstress. Please join Sharon Marquardt on Thursdays, 10:00 am–12:00 pm, at the Wausau campus throughout the school year (or 6:00–8:00 pm is also available at the Wausau campus). There are summer get togethers. For more information or to sign up, please contact Sharon at sharonmarquardt@yahoo.com or 715-297-7364.

The MomCo: Are you a mom looking for community, support, and encouragement? Join The MomCo! MomCo is a community of women in the thick of mothering. We meet at the Wausau campus on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 9:15–11:15 am, **during the school year**. Childcare is provided for ages 0–4. Registration and scholarship forms are available on our [Publications and Forms](#) page. For more information, please contact Laura Thunder at 715-551-6564 or Becca Borchardt at themomcohighlandwausau@gmail.com or 608-633-3042.

The MomCo PM: Are you a mom looking for community, but you can't meet in the mornings? Join The MomCo PM, which meets at Highland on Thursday evenings from 7:00–8:30 pm (following the morning MomCo meets **during the school year**). No childcare available. Registration and scholarship forms are available on our [Publications and Forms](#) page. If you have any questions about The MomCo PM, please contact Annie Befort at 715-218-5532 or Samantha Slowiak at 715-218-3333.

Worship Ministry

HCC Worship exists to “Glorify God... Magnify God... Worship God... with lives of devotion to God.” If you are interested in being a part of what God is doing in this area, pick up a Worship Ministry brochure and application in the lobby. Specialties within this ministry include Music Team: bass, drums, keyboard, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, brass, strings, and voice; Tech Team: visual media (ProPresenter) operator, audio engineer, lighting tech, camera operator; and Christmas drama team. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Jeff Weiss jweiss@highlandcommunitychurch.com or Pastor Bryan Niemeyer bniemeyer@highlandcommunitychurch.com. Please fill out the application and return it to the church office.

Young Adults Ministry

The Young Adults Ministry is for anyone college-age through 35, whether married, single, or dating. We meet on Monday nights.

Youth Ministry

Email Updates for Parents of Youth: If you would like to receive updates about Highland's Youth Ministry, contact Vianca at vmcswain@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Generation180: G180 is the Junior High and Senior High Youth Ministry at Highland. Our name describes a generation of youth who desire to turn 180° from the world and toward Christ. Our mission is to glorify God by helping students take the next step in their relationship with Christ by connecting in community, knowing God's Word, growing in their love for

Jesus, and going out as influencers for the Kingdom. G180 meets from September through May on Wednesdays at our Wausau and Merrill campuses from 6:00–7:45 pm and at our Weston campus from 6:00–7:30 pm. There are also yearly trips, special events, district events, and leadership opportunities.

Sunday School: We would love for your student(s) to join us for Sunday school! Sunday school meets at each campus at 9:20 am during the school year. It will resume September 7.

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