

# Highland Happenings



## September 2025

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### Fall Worship Service Schedule (starting September 7)

**Wausau:** 8:00 am, 10:15 am Traditions, 10:30 am (English & Spanish)  
(9:20 am Sunday school age 3 - adult)

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

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



**Men's Fall BBQ Dinner:** Men, come and enjoy a great time of fellowship, encouragement, and the best BBQ you can find on Thursday, **September 25**. Cost is \$5 at the door with the doors opening at 6:00 pm and dinner starting at 6:30 pm. Register online at [hcc-register.com](http://hcc-register.com) by September 20.

**DivorceCare:** Divorced? Separated? DivorceCare is a life-changing support group that will help you heal from the hurt. It's a warm and caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. The 2-hour sessions start on Sunday, September 7, and run through November 30 from 12:15 to 2:15 pm at the Weston campus (6615 County Rd J, Weston). Adults register online at [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

**New This Year:** DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) will be offered at the same time as the adult support group. This program is for children ages 5-12 whose parents are separated or divorced. The session activities help kids process their feelings and communicate with their parents. The children learn that they are loved, they will be okay, and God's love will strengthen them. Please contact the church office at 715-842-5683 or email Barb Mesenberg at [barbchristfollower@gmail.com](mailto:barbchristfollower@gmail.com) for a registration form.

**Orientation Class:** Coming up in November we will have a combined English/Spanish Orientation class during the Sunday school hour. This will be a five-session class on November 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Register online at [hcc-register.com](http://hcc-register.com).

**Fair Gate Helpers:** Thank you to all the volunteers who filled over sixty shifts at the fair gate. We hope everyone had a wonderful time serving and enjoying the fair. We were able to help twenty-seven kids attend camp this summer. Thank you for your time in serving the Children's Ministry. —The Next Gen Team

**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, September 12, at El Tequila Salsa (150518 County Rd NN, Wausau). Please RSVP by September 10 to Blanche at [foreverwhitedaisy@gmail.com](mailto:foreverwhitedaisy@gmail.com) or 651-246-5990.

**Golden Oldies (age 55+) Out to Lunch:** The Golden Oldies' next luncheon is Friday, September 26, at 11:30 am. We will be meeting at Denny's (1500 County Hwy XX, Rothschild). We would love to see you there. Your family and friends are welcome. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jeanne Becker at 715-350-1825 or Karen Arnold at 715-297-0809 for more information.

**Women's Ministries Cruise:** Ladies, are you interested in joining the "Be Renewed" Mediterranean Cruise in April 2026? If so, there will be an informational meeting on **October 5** at 12:30 pm at the Wausau campus in Room B7. Daily devotions and seminars will be 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](mailto:smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

**Grief Passages Informational Meeting:** Grief Passages meets every other Sunday at the Wausau campus in Room B6 during the school year. On September 14 at 1:00 pm there will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in knowing more about the group. 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.

**Centershot Archery 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, 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 is limited. Please register by contacting Kris Schumacher at 715-679-0575 or email [ktschuma@uwalumni.com](mailto:ktschuma@uwalumni.com).



**A Huge Thank You:** Thank you to Highland attendees for supporting local children in need. With your help and support we were able to provide over 110 "filled" backpacks to local students in the communities we are called to serve. Thank you for your kindness and generosity, and for going into our communities to make a difference.

**Highland FMSC MobilePack, Nov 13–15:** You're invited to our 4<sup>th</sup> annual MobilePack! We will have over 1,300 volunteers pack 280,000+ meals in 3 days. The rice-based meals will be sent overseas and served primarily at schools, refugee camps, and orphanages. Last year's 295,488 meals were sent to Haiti, Cuba, and Burkina Faso. Last year's 1,315 volunteers included groups from 16 churches, 16 businesses, and 20 student groups from 12 schools in 8 districts. Plan now to bring your friends, neighbors, sports team, or work colleagues! It's a fun, meaningful way to serve locally and impact globally.

Sign up for a 2-hour packing shift at [give.fmssc.org/Wausau](https://give.fmssc.org/Wausau). *Private early registration starts September 26 at 9:00 am with code "Highland".* Registration opens to the general public on October 2. It's free to participate, and anyone age 5 and older is welcome.

Donations are appreciated toward the \$82,000 cost of ingredients we will pack together. Each meal is 29 cents; \$106 feeds a child for a year; \$424 feeds a family for a year. Donations can be made at [give.fmssc.org/Wausau](https://give.fmssc.org/Wausau) or by check to Highland with "FMSC MobilePack" on memo line. Questions? Contact Sarah Hostetler at [wausaupack@gmail.com](mailto:wausaupack@gmail.com) or 715-680-9049.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (NextGen)

**One Way Club:** Registration is open! One Way Club (OWC) is for children age 4 (by September 1) – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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



#### September Dress Up Schedule:

- September 17 — Sandals Night
- September 24 — Sports Night

**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.

**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 starting September 7 at 8:45 am in Merrill and at 9:20 am in Marathon, Wausau, and Weston.

**Parent/Child Dedications:** Our next Parent/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](mailto:mdebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

**His Plans, Our Hands:** Come join HPOH creative drama ministry as they prepare to perform at our annual Soup and Pie potluck. We will give thanks to God for His blessings. Practices will be held at the Weston campus, 1:00–3:00 pm, on October 5, 12, 19, & 26 and November 2, 9, & 16. There will be a rehearsal in the Wausau Children's Gym on November 22, and a performance on November 23 at the Soup and Pie potluck. Please contact Natalie [natj9999@aol.com](mailto:natj9999@aol.com) with questions or for more information.

### 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 September schedule is:

**Fridays, September 5, 12, & 26, 7:00 pm:** We meet at Highland's Wausau campus for our normal Friday session.  
**Friday, September 19, 7:00 pm:** Game 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](mailto:LouiseChristFollower@gmail.com).

### MARATHON CAMPUS

*Worship Service 10:30 am—Nursery and Children's Church available.*

**Sunday School:** Starting on September 7 from 9:20 to 10:10 am there will be Sunday school for all ages.

**Adult Sunday School:** Isaiah—Prophesies and Promises led by Pastor Brian Whitaker.

*Be sure to check the other events happening at this campus under the specific ministry title.*

### MEN'S MINISTRY

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

**The Pilgrim's Progress:** Jamie Merchant will be doing a 12-week Men's Study on The Pilgrim's Progress at the Weston campus starting Tuesday, September 16, 6:00–7:30 pm. For more information contact Jamie at 715-574-3906 or [jmerch73@hotmail.com](mailto:jmerch73@hotmail.com).

**Weston Men's Bible Study:** Pastor Dan MacDonald leads a Bible study on Romans on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month. They meet at the Weston campus, in Room 4, 6:15–7:00 am.

**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](mailto:kduesing67@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, long for more, or desire 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 6:30 pm. 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](mailto:jim.hostvedt@gmail.com).

## MERRILL CAMPUS

*Worship Service 10:00 am—Nursery and Children's Church available.*

**Sunday School:** Starting on September 7 from 8:45 to 9:35 am there will be Sunday school for all ages.

**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 October 7 at the Merrill campus. The deadline for signing up for pickup is September 30. Please contact Anne Pulkowski at 715-539-3583 or [anabelmabl@yahoo.com](mailto:anabelmabl@yahoo.com) with questions.

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## Ministerio en Español

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

**Clase de Orientación:** En noviembre tendremos una clase de orientación combinada en inglés y español durante la hora de la Escuela Dominical. Esta clase constará de cinco sesiones los días 2, 9, 16, 23 y 30 de noviembre. Inscribáse en línea en <https://hcc-register.com>.

Para más información contacto:

**Byron Caicedo:** 956-658-0077  
[bcaicedo@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:bcaicedo@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

## TRADITIONS WAUSAU CAMPUS

*Worship Service 10:10 am at Wausau in Room B11/B12*

## WAUSAU CAMPUS

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

**Sunday School:** Starting on September 7 from 9:20 to 10:10 am there will be Sunday school for all ages. This includes class offerings for adults:

Book of Acts — Pastor Dave Mahler (Room B7)

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.*

**Sunday School:** Starting on September 7 from 9:20 to 10:10 am there will be Sunday school for all ages. This includes two class offerings for adults:

**Christ and His Kingdom:** A study from the Gospel of Matthew, taught by Dan Esterline, meets in Room 4.

**Gospel of John:** Taught by Rob Brayton and Dan MacDonald, meets in the Worship Center.

**Second Sunday Sweets and Treats:** On September 14, 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 attenders.

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## 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](http://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](mailto:smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

**Women's Ministries Invites You to Highland's Women's Fall Conference—RIVERS in the DESERT:** Scripture tells us in Isaiah 43:19b that the Lord will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. God provided all that His people, the Israelites, needed while they were in the desert wasteland. He does the same for His people today through His Son Jesus. In days of struggle and uncertainty, join us for a day of encouragement as we learn how to trust the God who saves. Our day will include times of worship, hearing from our main speaker, Laura Sandretti ([laurasandretti.com](http://laurasandretti.com)); breakout sessions; and a Connection Hour Activity\*. All women from high school and up are welcome to attend. Saturday, October



25, 9:00 am–4:00 pm at Highland Community Church at the Wausau campus. The cost is \$35\* per person and \$40\* after October 16; this includes lunch (if you have dietary restrictions, you are welcome to bring your own meal). Please bring a feminine product to donate to local high schools. Doors open at 8:30 am. Registration starts on September 1 at [hcc-register.com](http://hcc-register.com). *Childcare will not be provided, but nursing babies are welcome.* If needed, scholarships are available—contact Sue MacDonald at [smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

\*An additional charge for certain Connection Hour Activities will be added to your admission fee (choose from card making, exercising class, a craft, painting class, & more!).

**Women's Prayer Group:** Are you excited about what God is doing at Highland, as we minister to our families and our community? Do you want to see God at work in even greater ways? Come join our Women's Prayer Group. Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month, 1:00–2:00 pm, at the Wausau campus in Room B3. All women are invited to join. If you have questions, contact Betty Ann Hinds at [bettyannahinds@icloud.com](mailto:bettyannahinds@icloud.com).

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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). For more information or to sign up, please contact Sharon at [sharonmarquardt@yahoo.com](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, 7:00–8:30 pm (following the mornings that 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.



**Register for classes:** Register for classes online at [hcc-register.com](http://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](mailto: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.

**Abide by Jen Wilkin:** This is a study of 1, 2, & 3 John where Jesus says in John 15:9 (ESV) “As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love.” In this study we will do a deep dive into how to abide in the love of God so as believers we not only hold on to our faith but grow and thrive in our relationship with God and others. Led by Jean Ann Nelessen (920-944-2625; [nelessen7@gmail.com](mailto:nelessen7@gmail.com)). Class meets on Tuesdays, September 9 through November 18, 6:30–8:00 pm, at the Merrill campus. Please purchase *Abide: A Study of 1, 2, and 3 John — Bible Study Book with Video Access* by Jen Wilkin. No childcare available.

#### **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](mailto:kristinwhitaker@gmail.com); 715-571-0865). Two classes are being offered: attend the evening class starting Tuesday, September 16 (going through January or February), 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 is \$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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [hcc-register.com](http://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](mailto:mcevoy317@yahoo.com)). Meets **September 10–November 12**. Please purchase online (go to [precept.org](http://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, & 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](mailto:bettyannhinds@icloud.com); 715-551-8041). Meets September 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 (715-218-8742; [hse0202@gmail.com](mailto:hse0202@gmail.com)). Meets every other Wednesday morning starting September 17 through 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](mailto: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 of 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 (715-302-9089; [m1racle.dawn@hotmail.com](mailto:m1racle.dawn@hotmail.com)). Meets Thursday, September 4–December 11, 6:30–8:00 pm, at the Wausau campus in Room B6. 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 (715-302-9089) texting is fine or [m1racle.dawn@hotmail.com](mailto:m1racle.dawn@hotmail.com). Meets at the Wausau campus in Room C14 on Saturday mornings, 10:00 am–12:00 pm, 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 Testaments. 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 gaining a deeper understanding of how He personally loves each woman intimately and unconditionally. Led by Cindy Carlson ([deanncindy@yahoo.com](mailto:deanncindy@yahoo.com), 715-722-4297). Starts September 7 through May 17 at 9:20 am in Room B6 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](mailto:agutberlet@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

**September 1** – Not Meeting (Happy Labor Day)

**September 8** – Fall Kick off Meeting

**September 15** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Worship

**September 22 & 29** – Regular Meeting

## **YOUTH MINISTRY— GENERATION180 (Grades 6–12)**

**G180 Fall Kickoff and Parent Orientation:** Calling all students in grades 6–12! Meet us Wednesday, **September 3**, 6:00–8:00 pm, for Generation180's kickoff! All campuses will meet together at Willow Springs in the Round Barn. It will be a fun evening filled with games, good food, community building, and an introduction to the G180 year. Students are welcome to arrive any time after 5:30 pm.

**G180 Parent Orientation Night:** We are inviting parents of all G180 students to join us at Willow Springs on Wednesday, **September 3**, 6:00–8:00 pm. While your students enjoy a kickoff party in the Round Barn, the youth team will be discussing the G180 calendar and teaching content, logistics for Wednesday nights, activities for the entire year, and our vision for partnering with parents in the discipleship of our students. This will be a fruitful time together, and we look forward to seeing you there.

**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 High and Senior High Sunday School Class:** All students grades 6–12 are invited to be a part of Sunday school beginning September 7.

**Wausau Campus:** 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 of Genesis that points us toward Jesus. 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. For more information email Isaac Sutton at [isutton@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:isutton@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

**Weston Campus:** Sunday school held in the Youth Room, with a combined class for 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Chris LeSage who has a love for Scripture, the students and everyday wisdom, will be teaching the class.

**Marathon Campus:** Sunday school held in the Youth Room with a combined class for 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Jim and Mary Small will be returning as the teachers.

**Merrill Campus:** Sunday school held in Room 10 at 8:45 am.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:janetreidrdh@gmail.com) or 715-921-4444. Or go to [www.bodyandsoul.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:adebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com)
- Wausau: Janna Janke at 715-842-5683 or [jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com)
- Weston: Betty Tellekson at [halm0103@yahoo.com](mailto:halm0103@yahoo.com) or 715-359-6477 or Karen LeSage at [cklesage@outlook.com](mailto: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.

**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/](http://highlandcommunitychurch.com/resources/donate/). If you have questions or need more information, please send an email to [finance@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:finance@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

**Social Media Groups of Highland:** We have a variety of Facebook and Instagram social media pages for ministries. [HighlandCommunityChurchWI](https://www.facebook.com/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.

**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 attendee 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](mailto:marlowe_embree2@yahoo.com) or via Facebook.

**Highland's Lay Elders:** Luke Budleski, Steve Clements, Tony Morice, Scott Names, Jason Reith, Jim Schlais, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [wausaupack@gmail.com](mailto:wausaupack@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](mailto: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](http://highlandcommunitychurch.com).

**Adult Sunday School:** Meets at each campus from September through May (8:45–9:35 am at Merrill & 9:20–10:10 am at Marathon, Wausau, & Weston). 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](mailto: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 ([kdusing67@gmail.com](mailto:kdusing67@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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 am at the Log Cabin Restaurant in Schofield. Led by Bob Aspinwall ([rbaudioguy@charter.net](mailto: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 to 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](mailto: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:

**Byron Caicedo:** 956-658-0077

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## Women's Ministry

*The desire of Women's Ministry is to support and encourage women through fellowship, doctrinally sound Bible teaching, prayer, mentorship, discipleship, and service to the church and community. Our main goal is to glorify God by Helping women take the next step in their relationship with Jesus Christ.*

**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](http://momsinprayer.org) or contact Debbie Myhrer, MIP area coordinator, at [debbiemyhrer@gmail.com](mailto:debbiemyhrer@gmail.com) or 715-551-6076. The MIP website has many prayer resources and encouraging testimonies to uplift you in prayer.

## 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](mailto:jweiss@highlandcommunitychurch.com) or Pastor Bryan Niemeyer [bniemeyer@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 during the school year (8:45-9:35 am at Merrill & 9:20-10:10 am at Marathon, Wausau, & Weston). It resumes September 7.

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