

Highland Happenings



November 2025

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Land Tour with Pastor Jeff Hinds and Musician/Missionary Don Shire—7 Churches of Asia (Revelation 2–3): A year from now (October 17–25, 2026), a group led by Pastor Jeff and his friend, trumpeter extraordinaire and missionary Don Shire, will tour incredible Biblical sites within Turkey. These include all 7 sites from Revelation 2–3: **Ephesus, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea, Thyatira, Pergamon, and Colossae**. Obviously, Ephesus and Colossae also played major roles in Paul's ministry. Additional stops include the amazing city of **Istanbul (Hagia Sophia, The Blue Mosque—Sultan Ahmet)**, **Troas** (where Paul visited twice), and **Hierapolis** (Colossians 4). Enjoy daily Bible teaching by Jeff, daily devotions filled with missionary accounts by Don, and times of worship with Don. If you are interested in learning more, please pick up a more detailed application and information from the Connection Point. Early bird pricing lasts until the end of 2025.

Giving Tree: The annual Giving Tree is right around the corner! This year, we have a RECORD NUMBER of children needing Christmas gifts. Local school staff have recommended families who are most in need this Christmas season, and our Highland family has the opportunity to bless them through the Giving Tree.

If you would like to provide a gift for one or more of these children, stop by the Connection Point (in Merrill, Wausau, or Weston) to pick up a gift tag beginning on Sunday, November 16, and continuing through December 7 or until the gift tags are gone. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 14. If you're unable to stop by the Connection Point but would still like to participate, or if you have any questions, please contact Janna Janke at jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Highland FMSC MobilePack, Nov 13–15.

You're invited to our 4th annual MobilePack! Registration now open. 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. 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. It's free to participate, and anyone age 5 and older is welcome.

Donations are appreciated towards 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 or by check to Highland with "FMSC MobilePack" on memo line. Questions? Contact Sarah Hostetler at wausaupack@gmail.com or 715-680-9049.





Soup & Pie Potluck: Dust off your muffin tins! It's that time of year when we reflect on all that we are thankful for. All attenders are welcome to join together at the Wausau campus for this time of fellowship on Sunday, November 23, at 5:00 pm. His Plans, Our Hands black light puppet ministry will be providing entertainment. Plan to bring a pie and crock pot of soup to share (in labeled containers please). Muffin tins work as a great way to sample a little bit of a variety of soups. Beverages and bread will be provided.

Soup & Pie Potluck—Volunteers Needed: Help will be needed for setup, beverage tables, dessert tables, soup tables, and cleanup. Everyone will be placed on a team, so no one should feel overwhelmed. If you, your family, or your Life Group would be willing to volunteer, please contact Betty Tellekson at halm0103@yahoo.com or 715-359-6477.

Highland Christmas Eve Choir: Join the choir at the Wausau campus for Christmas Eve. The choir will once again be directed by Jody Hettinga! Whether you have sung in the choir for many years or have never been a part of group singing, we would love to sing praise to the Lord with you at the wonder of His birth! We are looking for individuals who are passionate about worship, are able to learn vocal parts by ear (via practice recordings) or notation, and possess strong vocal skills. Rehearsal tracks and sheet music will be provided well in advance to help you learn your part. Register at hcc-register.com. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Nov. 20 6 pm — Café
 Dec. 7 5 pm — Café
 Dec. 18 6 pm — Sanctuary (with band)
 Dec. 23 6 pm — Sanctuary (with band & drama)
 Dec. 24 11 am — Arrival for Services at 1, 3, & 5 pm

Operation Christmas Child Distribution and Collection: OCC is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Highland will be participating in this year's shoebox ministry. Families simply need to pack their shoeboxes and consider sending a suggested \$10 donation directly to Samaritan's Purse to cover the shipping costs. These shoeboxes and additional resources may be picked up from the Connection Point at all four Highland campuses in the

weeks of **October 26, November 2, and November 9. Sunday, November 16, is Highland's collection Sunday.** You may drop your shoeboxes off at the designated locations at each of our four campuses before/after the worship service(s) and Sunday school hour on November 16. This is the only Sunday that we will be able to accept shoeboxes on your behalf. If you are unable to drop off your shoebox at Highland on Sunday, November 16, you can also drop shoeboxes off at a regional collection site (Bible Truth Chapel in Wausau, The Village Church in Kronenwetter, or St. John Lutheran Church in Merrill) during National Collection Week (November 17–24). Please reach out to Pastor Andrew with any questions.

Operation Christmas Child—For \$15, We'll Pack a Box for You: If you want to participate in Operation Christmas Child but don't have the time to go shopping, for a donation of \$15, we'll pack a box for you! Just make your check payable to Highland Community Church with OCC in the memo line and drop it in the offering or at the church office. We'll make sure a box filled with toys, school supplies, and personal items gets on its way to a child in need this Christmas, along with a gospel presentation. To ensure your box gets packed this year, please make your donations by November 2, although donations will be accepted through November 13.

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, November 14, at Zaika Gourmet India (151522 County Road NN, Wausau). Please RSVP by November 10 to Blanche at foreverwhitedaisy@gmail.com or 651-246-5990.

Golden Oldies (age 55+) Out to Lunch: The Golden Oldies will not be meeting during the months of November and December because of the holidays.

Surviving the Holidays: After separation or divorce, the holidays won't look the same. To help you manage social events and difficult emotions, you are invited to a special DivorceCare session on Saturday, November 15, 12:15–2:30 pm at the Weston campus in Room 6. A light lunch will be served, followed by a video and discussion with tips to help navigate the holiday season. For details email Barb Mesenberg at barbchristfollower@gmail.com.



Life Groups: Life Groups are small gatherings where people meet regularly to study God's Word, care for one another, and serve together as we seek to Connect, Grow, & Go. If you're interested in joining an Adult Life Group, please contact Janna Janke at 715-842-5683 or jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com. The following Adult Life Groups are open to any campus attendee:

Ellie Life Group meets at the Weston campus on Tuesday evenings 6:30–8:30 pm. Contact Dave and Beth at bethellie@gmail.com or dave.ellie@gmail.com.

Lundborg Life Group meets in the southeast Wausau area on Thursday evenings. This group is for young families with children. Contact Phil or Abby at abbybelton08@gmail.com.

Voss Life Group meets in the Weston area. Contact Mark Voss at trailmanwi@solarus.net.

Benes/Tikalsky Life Group meets in the Marathon area and is open to anyone (all ages are welcome, but no childcare is provided). Contact Heather Benes at hmbenes@gmail.com.

Befort/Sutton Life Group meets in the Wausau area. This **newly-forming** group is open to everyone. Since small children will be part of the group, members should enjoy spending time with kids and embrace a family-friendly environment. Contact Bryce or Annie Befort at annie.debroux@gmail.com or brycebefort5@gmail.com.

Life Group for **divorced/separated** adults. Contact Barb Mesenberg at barbchristfollower@gmail.com for specific details and events that are being planned.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (NextGen)

The 2025–2026 NextGen Kids' Ministry Calendar is available in your campus lobby and on the NextGen page of our website.

One Way Club: One Way Club (OWC) is for children aged 4 (by September 1, 2025) – 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.

Registration forms can be found in the lobby at each campus and also on our website. One Way Club meets on Wednesday nights during the following times:

Marathon campus (5:45–7:15 pm)
Merrill and Wausau campuses (6:00–7:40 pm)
Weston campus (6:00–7:30 pm)

November Schedule:

5 Hawaiian Night
Recite: Acts 7:55
Book: Complete pages 32–35 before OWC

12 Favorite Color Night
Recite: Psalm 119:73
Book: Complete pages 36–39 before OWC

19 Camouflage Night
Recite: Matthew 7:21
Book: Complete pages 40–43 before OWC

26 Thanksgiving Break – No Club
Book: Complete pages 44–47

If you have questions, please contact Maria or Kirstin (Wausau), Maggie (Weston), Patty (Marathon), or Pastor Adam (Merrill) at 715-842-5683.

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 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 November 16. The last day to register is November 3. For more information and to register, please contact Maria at 715-842-5683 or mdebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Children Singing: Children, ages 4K through 5th grade, will be singing a Christmas song on Sunday, December 14, during the services at all campuses. This song will be learned and practiced during Children's Church and One Way Club.

His Plans, Our Hands: Come join the 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 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 nati9999@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 November schedule is:

Fridays, November 7 & 21, at 7:00 pm: We meet at Highland's Wausau campus for our normal Friday session.
Friday, November 28, at 6:00pm: We meet for dinner at a local restaurant.

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.

MERRILL CAMPUS

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 December 2 at the Merrill campus. The deadline for signing up for pickup is November 25. Please contact Anne Pulkowski at 715-539-3583 or anablmabl@yahoo.com with questions.

Be sure to check the other studies/events happening under the specific ministry title in the Overview of Ministries Section.

TRADITIONS

Traditions Potluck: Our next potluck is Sunday, November 2, in the Wausau Café Room following the Traditions service. The theme is Fall Flavors!

WESTON CAMPUS

Second Sunday Sweets and Treats: On November 9, 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 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 Ministries "Be Renewed" Mediterranean Cruise April 2026: Daily devotions and seminars offered (taught by Betty Ann Hinds and Michele Kuhn). Come aboard the Celestyal Journey on April 9–18, 2026. Tour of Athens included. Ports include Kusadasi (Ephesus), Rhodes, Agios Nikolaos (Island of Crete), Santorini, Mykonos, & Milos. For more information, contact smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

The MomCo Moms Night Out—Swap Shop: Please join us on Tuesday, November 11, at 7:00 pm at the Wausau campus for our annual Swap Shop. We encourage you to bring items from your home that you do not need anymore, then swap them for things that you need. RSVP to Megan Pickens at 901-438-2521. All moms with preschool to elementary-aged children are welcome to attend.

Embroidery on Paper: Come join us for a morning of fun! You will learn to embroider designs on paper and make a greeting card. A practice pattern will be supplied along with embroidery thread and a needle. You will paper punch the design and create the design on cardstock. You will assemble and complete the card if time allows, or you can complete it at home. Saturday, November 8, 10:00 am–12:00 pm in Room B6 at the Wausau campus. Please bring a pair of scissors and some Scotch tape. An additional design packet will be given to each student to take home and be inspired! No cost for the class. Please register at hcc-register.com. Contact Sharon Marquardt at 715-297-7364 for more details.

Mentor Training: Titus 2:3–4 "Older women... train the young women..." (ESV). This call is for all women. If you would like to be trained to be a mentor, please join the mentor training on Tuesday, November 18, 6:00–8:00 pm in Room B6 at the Wausau campus. Please register at hcc-register.com. Contact Suzanne Grim at 715-432-2502 for more details.

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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.

We're concluding our Genesis series, "Beginnings," and launching "New Beginnings" from Exodus.

Nov. 3 The Dreamer (Genesis 37–50)
Nov. 10 A New King (Exodus 1–2)
Nov. 17 3rd Monday Service
Nov. 24 Availability, Not Ability (Exodus 3–4:17)

Save the Date: January 23–24 will be our annual Winter Conference! Registration opens on November 24.

YOUTH MINISTRY— GENERATION180 (Grades 6–12)

The 2025–2026 G180 Calendar is available in your campus lobby and on the G180 page of our website.

Junior High and Senior High Sunday School Class: All students in grades 6–12 are invited to be a part of Sunday school.

Wausau Campus: Sunday school meets at 9:20 am in Room B3 for senior high and Room B5 for junior high. This year, all students will go through a study of Genesis that points us toward Jesus. Mr. and Mrs. Zeidler (AKA Mr. & Mrs. Z) will teach the junior high class, and the senior high class will be taught by Youth Ministry Director Isaac Sutton and other G180 Life Group leaders. For more information, email Isaac Sutton at isutton@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Weston Campus: Sunday school is held at 9:20 am in the Youth Room, with a combined class for 6th–12th grade students. Chris LeSage, who has a love for Scripture, the students, and everyday wisdom, will be teaching the class.

Marathon Campus: Sunday school is held at 9:20 am in the Youth Room with a combined class for 6th–12th grade students. Jim and Mary Small are the teachers.

Merrill Campus: Sunday school in Room 10 at 8:45 am. Dan Shields will be teaching on Genesis.

G180 Equip: G180 Equip is a teen discipleship group, rooted in Christ, designed to equip students with theological, Biblical, and practical tools as they seek to minister to others. This year, G180 Equip is focusing on Biblical literacy. Students will receive tools for how to correctly interpret scripture, properly defend its reliability, and rightly apply it to their lives. Meets after the regular G180 meeting in Merrill and Wausau. Meeting dates are November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 18, and April 8.

Districts Youth Conference: January 9–11, 2026. This is one of our most popular and highly-attended events! The conference is for grades 7–12, and the price includes the conference fee, lodging, transportation, and lunch and dinner on Saturday. Full payment is due at registration along with a Highland Permission Form. Register online at hcc-register.com.

Early Bird Cost (through October 22):

\$190–cash
\$196–credit card

Regular Rate (October 23–November 6):

\$225–cash
\$231–credit card

**G180 will not meet on November 26.
Happy Thanksgiving!**

Christmas Eve Worship Services
Wausau Campus
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
All Other Campuses – 6:30 pm

Worship Service Schedules (through Dec. 21)

Wausau:

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

Marathon & Weston:

10:30 am (9:20 am Sunday school)

Merrill:

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

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: 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 on Mondays, 6:30–8:00 pm, 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 ktschuma@uwalumni.com or 715-679-0575.

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.

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 meet on Sundays through November 30, 12:15–2:15 pm at the Weston campus (6615 County Rd J, Weston). Adults register online at www.divorcecare.org.

DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K): DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) is offered at the same time as the adult support group (12:15–2:15 pm on Sundays at the Weston campus). 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 for a registration form.

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.

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 or via Facebook.

Grief Passages: Grief Passages meets at the Wausau campus in Room B6 during the school year on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 1:00 pm. Marlowe C. Embree and one or two other individuals will be group facilitators. Plan to join us or call Marlowe at 715-679-4897 for more information.

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 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.

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 on 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 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 & youth also meet during this time.

Men's Ministry

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

The Pilgrim's Progress: Jamie Merchant is doing a 12-week Men's Study on The Pilgrim's Progress in Room 5 at the Weston campus on Tuesdays, 6:00–7:30 pm. For more information, contact Jamie at 715-574-3906 or jmerch73@hotmail.com.

Marathon Men's Bible Study: "Colossians: Who Christ Is and How We Live for Him" led by Brian Whitaker on Wednesdays, 12:00–12:45 pm. Come in person to the Fellowship Hall at the Marathon campus or join online via Teams—email bwhitaker@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Weston Men's Bible Study: Pastor Dan MacDonald leads a Bible study on Romans on the 2nd and 4th 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, in the Fellowship Hall at the Merrill campus. Led by Ken Duesing (kduesing67@gmail.com).

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.

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).

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 pm 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.

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.

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

bcaicedo@highlandcommunitychurch.com

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry desires 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.

Classes:

Tuesday Nights at the Merrill Campus:

Abide by Jen Wilkin: This is a study of 1, 2, & 3 John. 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 also grow and thrive in our relationship with God and others. Led by Jean Ann Nelessen (nelessen7@gmail.com; 920-944-2625). Class meets Tuesdays through November 18, 6:30–8:00 pm in Room 8 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 at the Weston Campus:

Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table: 2 Corinthians 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. Led by DeeAnn Westerhaus (deeannjw@gmail.com; 608-617-1857), Joanne Altman, and Sue Gotham. Meets through November 4, 6:00–7:30 pm, in Room 4 at the Weston campus. Please purchase the *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table Study Guide*. 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; 715-571-0865). Two classes are being offered (going through January or February) in Room 3 at the Marathon campus: attend the evening class on Tuesdays, 6:30–8:00 pm, or attend the morning class on Thursdays, 8:30–10:00 am. 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. Meets 9:00–11:00 am at the home of Laurie Jensen (N205 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).

Wednesday Mornings at the Wausau Campus:

9:00–11:00 am (Scholarships and childcare are available; please see Sue MacDonald.)

Ezekiel Part 2: 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. 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 until 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).

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. Led by Betty Ann Hinds (715-551-8041; bettyannhinds@icloud.com). Meets until November 12. 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.*

Finding Joy—Applying the Wisdom of Philippians to our Everyday Lives: We will look at Paul's teaching and discover how to boost our joy and combat worry and anxiety. The age old wisdom in Philippians highlights how small shifts in mindset and intentional living can help us welcome more joy into our everyday experiences. Led by Heidi Schafer-Edwards (715-218-8742; hse0202@gmail.com). Meets every other Wednesday morning 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.*

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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! Led by Dawn Bridges (m1racle.dawn@hotmail.com; 715-302-9089). Meets Thursdays through 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! Led by Dawn Bridges (715-302-9089—texting is fine; m1racle.dawn@hotmail.com). Meets at the Wausau campus in Room C14 on Saturday mornings, 10:00 am–12:00 pm, on 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. Led by Cindy Carlson (deanncindy@yahoo.com; 715-722-4297). Meets through May 17 at 9:20 am in Room B6 at the Wausau campus. No registration is needed.

Ongoing Ministries:

Moms in Prayer (MIP) Grandma's Group: We will meet at the Wausau campus on Wednesdays, 11:15 am–12:15 pm, in Room B6. Please text Debbie Myhrer at 715-551-6076 if you have questions.

Moms in Prayer (MIP) Marathon Schools Group: We will meet at the Marathon campus, 7:45–8:45 am, on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Please text Debbie Myhrer at 715-551-6076 to learn of any changes to meetings.

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. Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 1:00–2:00 pm, at the Wausau campus in Room B5. All women are invited to join. If you have questions, contact Betty Ann Hinds at bettyannhinds@icloud.com.

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 in Room C2 at the Wausau campus 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 during 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 715-297-7364 or sharonmarquardt@yahoo.com.

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 themomcohighlandausau@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.

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 at jweiss@highlandcommunitychurch.com or Pastor Bryan Niemeyer at 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 at the Wausau campus.

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 during the school year (8:45–9:35 am at Merrill & 9:20–10:10 am at Marathon, Wausau, & Weston).

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