

Highland Happenings



January 2026



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No Regrets Men's Conference: Our No Regrets theme this year is "Surrender," based on Romans 12:1. Together, we will enjoy live group worship, compelling messages from nationally recognized speakers, and live breakout sessions from local pastors. Additionally, lunch and refreshments will be available, with built-in time for meaningful conversations with other men! The conference will be on Saturday, February 7, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$20 for students. The cost will increase by \$5 after January 19. Register at highlandcommunitychurch.com. Contact Pastor Isaiah with any questions you may have.

2025 Giving Statements: End-of-year giving statements will be sent via email by January 31. If you donated in 2025 or intend to by year-end, please make sure we have your current email address on file. If you have unsubscribed from Highland email updates, then to receive your statement, please contact Tracy Cooper at finance@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Congregational Celebration Meeting: Sunday, January 11, 9:20 am at Marathon, Wausau, & Weston. Merrill will stream the meeting after their 10:00 am service. Sunday school and nursery for children and teens will still be held. Please plan to attend to hear updates on the ministries of Highland, welcome new members, and have a financial overview. All are welcome.

Seeking Wausau Attender: The opportunity to help with the Wausau kitchen oversight is becoming available in January. This volunteer position is very flexible, not a big time commitment, and yet provides a vital service to the congregation. It does involve washing dish towels, so access to a washing machine would be needed. Please contact Jolene at 715-842-5683 or ifenwick@highlandcommunitychurch.com if you would like to learn more.

Orientation Class: This class is a great way to learn more about Highland, whether you are new or have been attending for quite a while. Classes will meet in Room C1 at the Wausau campus, 9:20-10:10 am, on six Sunday mornings, from January 18 through February 22. Nursery and Sunday school (for children/youth) will be available during the class. This class is required for those desiring to become members, but one does not need to become a member if they take the class. Register at <https://hcc-register.com>.

Land Tour with Pastor Jeff Hinds and Musician/Missionary Don Shire—7 Churches of Asia (Revelation 2-3): Next fall (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 teachings 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.

Job Opportunity: We are seeking a 24-hour/week Attendance/Front Desk Secretary at the Wausau campus. Days include Monday and Thursday until 4:30 pm and some flexibility on another day. Interested? Please contact Jolene at ifenwick@highlandcommunitychurch.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, January 16, at the Mandarin restaurant (150 E Stewart Avenue, Wausau). Please RSVP by January 14 to Blanche at foreverwhitedaisy@gmail.com or 651-246-5990.

Golden Oldies (age 55+) Out to Lunch: The Golden Oldies' next luncheon is Friday, January 30, 2026, at 11:30 am. We will be meeting at Denny's (1500 County Hwy XX, Rothchild, WI). We would love to see you there. Your family and friends are also 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.

Giving Tree: On behalf of 175 children in the Wausau, Weston, and Merrill areas, **thank you** for your part in making the 2025 Giving Tree Ministry a *HUGE* success! We had a record number of children in need this year, and because of your generosity, every child was cared for. Thank you for your kindness and for helping share the love of Jesus with families in our local communities. Along with their gifts, each family will receive a Children's Bible storybook, as well as a second children's book that shares the message of Jesus' birth. Please join us in praying for these families as they receive their gifts—that they would come to know Jesus through the light of our Savior.



DivorceCare: Divorced? Separated? Let's get together for the Second Sunday Support group beginning January 11, 2026. Whether you've attended DivorceCare sessions before or are new to our support group, just bring your lunch and meet us in Room 4 right after the 10:30 am service at the Weston campus. We'll connect, support, have resources available, watch helpful videos, and discuss social activities. Contact Barb Mesenberg at barbchristfollower@gmail.com or 480-735-4835 for more information.

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 attender:

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 brycebefort5@gmail.com or annie.debroux@gmail.com.

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

Highland's Cancellation Policy: Activities (such as One Way Club, G180, Young Adults, etc.) will be canceled by 3:00 pm, and large group morning activities (MomCo, Wednesday studies, etc.) by 7:30 am if necessary. Small group meeting participants (Bible studies, aerobics, etc.) should check with the group leader. It is not our intent to cancel Sunday services. If it becomes necessary to cancel large group events or Sunday school, it will be posted on our app first (say "yes" to notifications). We will also update the calendar page of our website at highlandcommunitychurch.com, update our social media pages, and inform the 89Q radio station and Channel 7 & Channel 9 TV stations as soon as possible. Radio and TV cancellation media are completely automated, so delays may occur in the post appearing.

Big Blue Dumpster Raises Some Money: As you clean out old white papers (no colored paper), cards, softcover books, magazines, newspapers, or hardcover books with covers removed, please consider putting them in the big blue dumpster located by the Wausau campus garage.

Highland is paid for papers put into that bin. No need to bag the items; just push them in.

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: We hope you continue to join us on Wednesday evenings in the second semester. One Way Club is for children age 4 (by September 1, 2025) – 5th grade, and it is free! One Way Club meets on Wednesday nights during the following times: Marathon campus (5:45–7:15 pm), Merrill campus (6:00–7:40 pm), Wausau campus (6:00–7:40 pm), and Weston campus (6:00–7:30 pm). Registration forms can be found in the lobby at each campus and also on our website.

January Schedule:

- 7 Silly Socks Night
Recite: No Verse
Book: Receive your second semester book on January 7 at One Way Club
- 14 Life Group Banner Night
Recite: Isaiah 46:9
Book: Complete pages 8–11 before OWC
- 21 Shine Your Light/Flashlight Night
Bring a flashlight
Recite: John 3:16
Book: Complete pages 12–15 before OWC
- 28 Bring a Friend Night
Recite: Isaiah 52:7
Book: Complete pages 16–19 before OWC

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

Child Dedications: Our next Child Dedications will be on Sunday, February 15, at all campuses. The deadline to sign up to participate is February 1. For further information, please contact Maria Anderson at manderson@highlandcommunitychurch.com or call the church office 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 (no Sunday school on January 4).

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 December schedule is:

Fridays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, at 7:00 pm – We'll meet at Highland's Wausau campus for our normal Friday session.

Saturday, January 17, 1:00 pm – Snowshoeing or hiking at Bluegill Bay Park

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.

MEN'S MINISTRY

A Study of 1 Peter: Starting Wednesday morning on January 7, 9:00–10:30 am, at the Wausau campus in Room C2. Contact Jerre Wright at jww1712@hotmail.com.

How Do We Stay Close to Jesus: A five-week video series study of the book of Jude. Meeting every Tuesday from 6:00–7:30 pm in Room 4 at the Weston campus. Contact Jamie Merchant at 715-574-3906 for more details.

No Regrets Conference: Register and see all the details for this February 7 event on the Highland website.

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

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 February 3 at the Merrill campus. The deadline for signing up for pickup is January 25. Please contact Anne Pulkowski at 715-539-3583 or anabelmabl@yahoo.com with any questions.

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WESTON CAMPUS

Second Sunday Sweets and Treats: On January 11, 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.

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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: Spa Night on January 22 at 6:30 pm. Come join us for a night of pampering, relaxation, and fellowship at the home of Beth Tritten (226830 Clearview Drive, Weston). For more information and to RSVP, contact Megan Pickens at 901-438-2521. *All moms with preschool to elementary-aged children are welcome to attend.*

Women’s Bible Study Equipping Day: Come and join us as together we explore being a fervent servant of God’s Word. *Romans 12:11 (NIV) “Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”* Spiritual fervor can be hard to gain and maintain. On this day we hope to encourage you to keep fervently studying God’s Word, inspire you to fervently share God’s Word, and connect you with other women fervently seeking God through His Word. Come grow together! Join us **February 28 at the Wausau campus from 8:30 am to 11:00 am.** A light breakfast will be available.

Grandma’s Praying: Calling all grandmas to pray! Please join us as we pray for our grandkids and their schools on

Wednesdays starting January 14, 11:15 am–12:15 pm at the Wausau campus in Room B6.

Winter–Spring Bible/Book Studies:

Register for studies online at <https://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.

Monday Evenings at the Weston Campus:

Worthy—Embracing Your Identity in Christ: What defines you? Your work, relationships, grades, hobbies, home, economic status...? Knowing who we are shapes our character, values, and how we see the world. This 5-week study will teach us how salvation in Jesus transforms our identity. It will expose what the world says about our identity vs. what God says about our identity. It will also guide us in how to embrace our eternal identity gained in Jesus and live in a way that brings Him honor and glory. Led by Sue MacDonald (smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com; 715-297-5320). **Monday evenings starting January 19–February 16, 6:00–7:30 pm, at the Weston campus.** Please purchase the book *Worthy—Embracing Your Identity in Christ* by The Daily Grace Company. No childcare available. **January 19 will be a supper potluck and a short lesson.** Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Tuesday Morning Home Study in Merrill:

7 Feasts by Erin Davis: In this study, we will explore how Israel’s celebration of feasts in Leviticus prepared God’s people for the coming Messiah. This study will enrich and enlighten your understanding of the Messiah of the New Testament and help you trace God’s redemption plan as it is expressed throughout the entirety of God’s Word. Led by Laurie Jensen (motherjens@gmail.com; 715-573-3458). **Tuesdays starting January 13–March 17, 9:00–11:00 am,** at the home of Laurie Jensen (N 205 Riverview Ave, Merrill, WI 54452). Please purchase the book *7 Feasts* by Erin Davis. Childcare will not be available.

Tuesday Evenings at the Merrill Campus:

God of Creation—A Study of Genesis 1–11: “In the beginning, God created...” The God of Creation is the center focus of this study. Come and explore the beginning of God’s redemption plan and become more intimate with the God who creates. Through our study of the creation, the fall of man, and God’s plan of redemption and restoration, we will see the seeds of

God's plan that finds its fulfillment in Christ. Led by Jean Ann Nelessen (920-944-2625; nelessen7@gmail.com). Class meets on Tuesdays, January 13 – March 17, 6:30–8:00 pm, at the Merrill campus. Please purchase *God of Creation: A Study of Genesis 1–11 — Bible Study Book with Video Access* by Jen Wilkin. No childcare available.

Wednesday Mornings at the Wausau Campus:

Register for studies online at <https://hcc-register.com>

Childcare for Wednesday Morning Studies at the

Wausau Campus: Please register at hcc-register.com. 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 children; \$60 for three children or more, unless stated otherwise in the class description.

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1 John, 2 John, 3 John: These epistles by the apostle John are written "...to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13 ESV). So many topics are packed into these short books: God's love for us, loving God and others, abiding, obedience vs. sin, light vs. darkness, truth vs. false teaching, and more. Join us for this 8-week study, and let's grow together in our walk with Christ! Led by Kathy McEvoy (mcevoy317@yahoo.com; 715-212-0748). Meeting January 21–March 11, 9:00–11:00 am. Purchase the *1 John, 2 John, & 3 John Bible Study* book (In and Out—ESV) from precept.org.

Worthy—Embracing Your Identity in Christ: What defines you? Your work, relationships, grades, hobbies, home, economic status...? Knowing who we are shapes our character, values, and how we see the world. This 5-week study will teach us how salvation in Jesus transforms our identity. It will expose what the world says about our identity vs. what God says about our identity. It will also guide us in how to embrace our eternal identity gained in Jesus and live in a way that brings Him honor and glory. Led by Sue MacDonald

(smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com; 715-297-5320). Meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, January 21, February 4 & 18, and March 4 & 18, 9:00–11:00 am. Please purchase the book *Worthy—Embracing Your Identity in Christ* by The Daily Grace Company. **January 21 will be a brunch potluck and a short lesson. Please bring a dish to pass.** The cost for childcare is \$20 for one child; \$25 for two children; \$30 for three children or more.

Thursday Evenings at the Wausau Campus:

Daniel Verse by Verse: No matter what things look like, God is in control. How can we be obedient to the Lord in difficult circumstances? How can we remember that He is faithful? The Book of Daniel can be split into two halves, the first half dealing with Daniel and his friends, the second dealing with Daniel's prophecies of the future. Led by Dawn Bridges (715-302-9089, texting is fine; m1racle.dawn@hotmail.com). Meets Thursday, January 8–May 21, 6:30–8:00 pm, at the Wausau campus. There will be "some" homework involved—so bring your own binder! Class cost is \$5 for printing fees. No childcare available.

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YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

Young Adults

Ages 18–35 | Single, Dating, or Married

When & Where:

Monday nights | Café Room, Wausau Campus
— Coffee bar opens: 6:00 pm
— Study begins: 6:30 pm
— Questions? Contact Pastor Andrew at agutberlet@highlandcommunitychurch.com

Current Series: "New Beginnings" from Exodus

Jan 5: The Passover (Exodus 11–12)
Jan 12: Fear Not (Exodus 13:17–14)
Jan 19: 3rd Monday Worship Service
Jan 26: The Wilderness of Pain and Provision (Exodus 15:22–17:7)

Win Con: January 23–24 will be our annual Winter Conference! Registration is open. The standard rate is \$50. You can register on the YA website. This year's theme is The King's Way: Living the Radical Kingdom Life.

YOUTH MINISTRY— GENERATION180 (Grades 6–12)

Junior High and Senior High Sunday School Class: All students in grades 6–12 are invited to be a part of Sunday school (no Sunday school on January 4).

Wausau Campus: Sunday school meets at 9:20 am in Room B3 for senior high and Room B5 for junior high. 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 is held 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. The meeting dates are January 14, February 11, March 18, and April 8.

G180 Exit: Kicks off Wednesday, January 7, 8:00–9:30 pm, in Room B11/12 at the Wausau campus! G180 Exit is for current high school seniors and is designed to help coach and mentor students to transition well from high school to adulthood. Isaac will cover an array of topics that will be engaging and thought-provoking, all to help our students take the next step in their relationship with Jesus Christ! The dates are January 7, February 4, March 4, and April 15.

No Sunday School: January 4.

SAVE THE DATE: February 13—Dodgeball Tournament

Worship Service Schedules

Wausau:

January 4

8:30 am, 10:15 am Traditions, 10:30 am (English & Spanish)

Starting January 11

8:00 am, 10:15 am Traditions, 10:30 am (English & Spanish)

Marathon & Weston:

10:30 am

Merrill:

10:00 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 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 from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. Contact Janet Reid, AAFA certified fitness instructor, at janetreidrdh@gmail.com or 715-921-4444. Or go to www.bodyandsoul.org.

Centershot Ministry: During the months of December through March, Centershot will be practicing and participating in tournaments. There will be an informational meeting Monday, December 1, 6:00–8:00 pm at the Wausau campus. 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. For more information contact Kris Schumacher at 715-679-0575 or ktschuma@uwalumni.com.

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. The sessions meet on the second Sunday of each month at the Weston campus after the worship service there. Contact Barb Mesesenberg at barbchristfollower@gmail.com for ongoing support group events and activities.

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](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 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. (Not meeting on January 4.)

Men's Ministry

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).

Thursday Nights: Men's study at the Wausau campus in Room B4 each Thursday at 6:30 pm. Led by Jim Hosveldt.

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

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.

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. No habrá reunión el 4 de enero.

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.

Para más información contacto:

Byron Caicedo: 956-658-0077

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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.

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 January 10, February 14, March 7, and April 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 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.

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). Not meeting on January 4.

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