

Highland Happenings



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Orientation Class for Adults: This condensed, two-day class will meet in person on two Sundays (August 2 & 16), 6:00–8:00 pm. This class is a great way to learn more about Highland's denomination, structure, and beliefs. It is required for membership; however, all are welcome to attend. You must attend both classes to proceed with membership. There is no cost, but it is important to register at hcc-register.com. Childcare is not available.

Free Sale: The sale will be on August 13, 4:00–6:30 pm. Drop-off will be August 12, 3:00–7:00 pm, at the Wausau campus. Please allow time to set out your items. We cannot take the following items: books, CDs/videos, car seats, light fixtures, computers, electronics, damaged or dirty items, and anything with a motor (snowblower, lawnmower, etc.). We could still use more volunteers to help with the sale. Please contact Betty Tellekson at 715-359-6477 or email halm0103@yahoo.com.

Golden Oldies (age 55+) Out to Lunch: The Golden Oldies' next luncheon is Friday, August 28, at 11:30 am. We will be meeting at Denny's (1500 Cty Hwy XX, Rothschild). 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.

Nifty Fifties Plus: If you are 50 or older and would like to share an evening meal, join us at 5:30 pm on Friday, August 21, at El Mezcal (227100 Rib Mountain Drive, Wausau). Please RSVP by August 19 to Blanche at 651-246-5990 or foreverwhitedaisy@gmail.com.

All-Campus Baptism Service & Summer Celebration

August 23 at 9:30 am
1914 Jackson Street, Merrill

All Highland campuses will gather together at the Merrill campus at 9:30 am for a baptism service and to celebrate afterwards with an ice cream social. This will be a child-friendly service, so no nursery or children's church will be provided. Bring your blanket or lawn chairs and allow extra time for parking and walking to the lawn area. Handicap parking will be available, but there is still some lawn to traverse. The Wausau campus will have a sermon-based service in the Café Room at 10:00 am for those wanting that option (no children's ministry available).

In the event of inclement weather, we will plan to have the baptism service in the Sanctuary at the Wausau campus at 9:30 am and a sermon-based service inside at Merrill at 9:30 am, as well as the Wausau 10:00 am Café Room service mentioned above (no nursery or children's church for services that day). We will post a change of venue, if necessary, to our app, website calendar, and Facebook page by 6:00 pm on Saturday evening, August 22, or as soon as a decision is made, so be sure to check these locations.

Spanish interpretation will be available at the baptism service (whether indoors or outdoors). A pre-recorded online service will also be streamed at 10:00 am.

If you desire to be baptized, you will need to attend a class scheduled on **Wednesday, August 12, 6:30–8:00 pm**. Registration is available at hcc-register.com.

GO Opportunity

Ringle Tornado August Food Truck: We are seeking volunteers to help with our next outreach event in the Ringle community, as we take this opportunity to share Christ's love through service. This outreach is a simple but meaningful way to provide encouragement, nourishment, and a caring presence during a difficult time. On **Sunday, August 9, 3:30–6:00 pm**, we will be providing a Taco Truck Meal at Riverside Elementary School in Ringle for the victims of the April 17 tornado. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Food Preparation (desserts only)
- Face Painters for the Children
- Setup Team (before the event)
- Greeting/Assisting Team (during the event)
- Cleanup and Teardown Team (following the event)
- Prayer and Encouragement Team (walking in the neighborhood during the event)

If you are willing to help, please email Janna Janke at jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ as we serve our neighbors in their time of need. Your kindness and willingness to help can make a lasting difference.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

Centershot Family Life League: We are holding a 7-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, starting September 14 through October 26. Families with students in fourth grade and up are eligible, and parents are encouraged to participate. Cost is FREE; all materials and equipment are provided. Space will be limited. Preference will be given to newcomers. Please register by contacting Kris Schumacher at 715-679-0575 or ktschuma@uwalumni.com or email Chris Janke at centershot@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Divorce Care: Divorce Care is a caring and supportive group for people walking through separation or divorce. You'll find encouragement and helpful tools with people who truly understand what you're experiencing. The 13-week, two-hour sessions start on Sunday, September 13, after the 10:30 am service at Highland's Weston campus. Registration is required at www.divorcecare.org. Childcare is available for children under the age of 5. For children ages 5–12, Divorce Care for Kids may be offered if there is enough interest. For details, please contact Barb Mesenberg at barbchristfollower@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (NextGen)

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

Our 2026–2027 club year will kick off on September 16. Make sure to pre-register by September 7 to receive 5 tokens. Registration forms can be found in the lobby at each campus and also on our website.

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

- Merrill Campus – 6:00–7:40 pm
- Marathon Campus – 5:45–7:15 pm
- Wausau Campus – 6:00–7:40 pm
- Weston Campus – 6:00–7:30 pm



One Way Club Leaders: Mark your calendars for our annual leader training on September 2. This will be held at each campus. Watch for more details from your director.

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

One Way Club Family Night: On October 21, 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.

Fair Gate Fundraiser 2026: Working at the fair gate is a great way to serve the community and raise money for NextGen's summer camp fund. We need people to sell tickets every day during the Wisconsin Valley Fair (August 4–9). Shifts are four hours long between 9:15 am & 11:30 pm. As a bonus, those serving get free admission to the fair. Please contact Patty Tikalsky at patty@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Parent/Child Dedications: Our next Parent/Child Dedication will be on Sunday, August 16, at all campuses. The deadline to register is August 2. Or register for our November 15 dedication service by November 1. For further information, please contact Maria Anderson at manderson@highlandcommunitychurch.com or call the church office at 715-842-5683.

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. Our August schedule is:

Fridays, August 7, 21, & 28, 7:00 pm — We meet at Highland's Wausau campus for our normal Friday session.

Friday, August 14, 6:00 pm — Bonfire at Lake Dubay campground (4501 County Road E, Junction City)

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

MARATHON CAMPUS

Marathon Men's Bible Study: "Colossians: Who Christ Is and How We Live for Him" led by Brian Whitaker will meet Wednesdays, 12:00–12:45 pm, resuming September 9. Join us in person at the Marathon campus OR online via Teams (email Brian for the link at bwhitaker@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

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

MEN'S MINISTRY

I Don't Have Enough Faith To Be an Atheist: Meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:00 am at the Wausau campus in Room C14. Contact Dan Esterline at dester13@gmail.com.

Men's Weekly Bible Study: Join a community of men dedicated to growing deeper in faith, character, and leadership. Based on Proverbs 27:17, this group provides a space for men to study God's Word, engage in honest discussions about modern life, and build lasting friendships. Whether you are a long-time believer or just starting your spiritual journey, you will find support and encouragement here. Please join us Thursday nights at the Wausau campus, 6:30–7:45 pm, in Conference Room B4. This study runs August 6 through May 27.

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 September 1 at the Merrill campus. The deadline for signing up for pickup is August 25. Please contact Anne Pulkowski at 715-539-3583 or anabelmabl@yahoo.com with questions.

MISSIONS UPDATES

We invite you to join us in praising God and praying for the work He is doing through the missionaries and local ministry partners supported by Highland Community Church. We partner with Josh and Jaja Krato who serve with Reach Global in Prague, Czech Republic. They partner with Czech churches in church revitalization and planting, discipleship, and evangelism. Please send them a note of encouragement at josh.krato@efca.org.

- **Praises:** There has been a response for their request for an increase in support from their supporters—so that has been encouraging! Josh has been able to capture what he is learning in his faith and share it with others through sermons/programs! Jesse is growing!
- **Prayers:** Pray for wisdom and clarity as they move forward with final decisions on invitations for new team members to join. Pray people's hearts will be soft and seeking the Savior.

Short-Term Missions Updates:

- **Kansas City (G180):** A group from G180 had a wonderful trip to the EFCA Challenge Conference. God moved in amazing ways! Pray that God would continue to work in the hearts of those that attended.

TRADITIONS

Coffee Social: On Sunday, August 2, we will be having a coffee social after the Traditions service. We will also be having a presentation by Jennifer Thompson from ADRC (Aging & Disabilities Resource Center) on Alzheimer's and dementia and caring for loved ones who have received that diagnosis. Everything will be held in the Café Room at Wausau. Bring coffee cake, scones, muffins, etc.

WESTON CAMPUS

Second Sunday Sweets and Treats: On August 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 attendees.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

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

Wednesday Mornings at the Park: Ladies, you all are invited to come to connect and fellowship together these last Wednesday mornings of the summer through August 12, 9:30–11:00 am! We will meet at Agra Pavilion (404 S. Park St., Merrill). Bring your favorite coffee and a lawn chair. Enjoy guest devotionals to encourage us! Moms with children are welcome; however, supervision is not provided. Contact Kathie Ponzer with questions at 715-921-4433.

MomCo Summer Playdate: August 13, 9:00–11:00 am, at JoJo’s Jungle. All moms are welcome to attend. If you have questions, contact Laura Thunder at 715-551-6564, Becca Borchardt at 608-633-3042, or email themomcohighlandwausau@gmail.com.

Women’s Ministries Invites You to Our Fall Kickoff and Campfire at the Wausau Campus—Unseen Blessings: Hebrews 11:1 (ESV) “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” All women (and girls 6th grade and up) are invited to enjoy a time to **Connect** with others as we enjoy a picnic supper, including s’mores; to **Grow** and learn about faith as the foundational assurance of things we hope for and the undeniable conviction of realities we cannot yet see; and to **Go** reach girls in need! Check out what Women’s Ministries has to offer for the fall months and how you can get involved. We will meet at the Wausau firepit on **Thursday, August 20, at 6:00 pm**. Bring a camping chair and a feminine hygiene product to donate to girls in need in our schools/community. Please register online at hcc-register.com. Questions? Contact Chris Mergen at 715-573-9248 or chris.mergen@gmail.com. In case of rain, we will meet in the Café Room.

Women Mentoring Women: This Highland ministry connects women who desire a mentor. Relationships and prayer fortify us as women to take the next step in our faith journey. If you would like another woman to come alongside you during this season in your life, visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffrX-GQjaKKXOaeFgVOrWU2JYLOJOT9virvzPp5uGRH8Hfsw/vi-ewform>. Please fill out the application and submit it. Once the application is received, you will be on your way to receiving a mentor.

Women’s Ministries Invites You to Highland’s Women’s Fall Conference—Brokenness to Blessing: Scripture tells us in 2 Corinthians 12:9a (ESV) “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Our main speaker, Kelli Worrall, a Moody Bible Institute professor, will share two stories from the Bible about women whose lives were completely broken until they met Jesus and how eternally blessed they were after they met Him. Our day will include times of worship; hearing twice from our main speaker, Kelli Worrall, (www.kelliworrall.com); breakout sessions; and a Connection Hour Activity*. All women from high school and up are invited to attend on **Saturday, October 10, 9:00 am–4:00 pm** at Highland Community Church at the Wausau campus. The cost is \$40* per person and \$50* after October 1; this includes lunch (please choose a dietary option while registering—also, if you have dietary restrictions, you are welcome to bring your own meal). Please bring a feminine hygiene product to donate to local high schools/organizations. Doors open at 8:30 am. Registration starts on September 1 at hcc-register.com. *Childcare will not be provided, but nursing babies are welcome.* If needed, scholarships are available for HCC attendees—contact Sue MacDonald at smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com.
*An additional charge for certain Connection Hour Activities will be added to your admission fee.

Volunteers Needed for the Women’s Fall Conference: Please contact Winnie Parker at parkerkw79@pm.me or 616-866-7262.

Women’s Fall Bible Studies:

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

Tuesday Evenings (starting October 6) at the Weston Campus:

Sermon on the Mount: Join us as we study the “Sermon on the Mount” from Matthew chapters 5–7. The Sermon on the Mount is Jesus’ longest recorded sermon and is overflowing with truth for us. Truth for every aspect of our lives and most of all our hearts. Through this study we will be encouraged to grow as disciples of Christ, developing Christ-like responses to the challenges of life, trusting Him in the difficult seasons, rejoicing in all things, and identifying the next steps of obedience fueled by the grace of God. Each week has 5 short daily studies, a key memory verse, and one day for weekly reflection. Led by DeeAnn Westerhaus (608-617-1857; deeannjw@gmail.com). **Meets Tuesdays, October 6–November 17, 6:00–7:30 pm** at the Weston campus. Please purchase *The Sermon on the Mount* by The Daily Grace Co. (FYI: Currently out of stock—back in stock soon) or purchase used at abebooks.com or amazon.com. No childcare available.

Tuesday Evenings or Thursday Mornings at the Marathon Campus:

1 Peter: Peter wrote to encourage believers who were suffering for their faith. We will use a small workbook as a homework and discussion guide as we work through Peter’s letter. Led by Kristin Whitaker (kristinjwhitaker@gmail.com; 715-571-0865). **Two classes are being offered:** attend the evening class starting **Tuesday, September 8, 6:30–8:00 pm** at the Marathon campus or attend the morning class starting **Thursday, September 10, 8:30–10:00 am** at the Marathon campus. Please purchase *1 Peter – Life Change Series* by Nav Press. No childcare available.

Thursday Evenings at the Wausau Campus:

1 and 2 Timothy Verse by Verse: Paul wrote to Timothy about the kind of steady, grounded faith all believers are called to live. The letters remind Christians to stay rooted in truth, live with integrity, and to persevere when life gets hard. In a world full of distractions and conflicting messages, Paul’s words offer a practical blueprint for living out a resilient, authentic faith. Led by Dawn Bridges (m1racle.dawn@hotmail.com or 715-302-9089). Meets Thursdays, September 10–December 10, 6:30–8:00 pm at the Wausau campus. There will be “some” homework involved—so bring your own binder! Cost is \$5 for printing fees. No childcare available.

Wednesday Mornings at the Wausau Campus:

Starts September 16, 9:00–11:00 am—Childcare Available (please register at <https://hcc-register.com>)

Attention Moms: Childcare is offered for infants–4 years old 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.

Daniel Part 1: Daniel is more than just familiar Sunday school stories! He was a man of great faith and integrity who models for us how to live in the midst of a pagan culture. It has been said that Daniel is the skeleton on which we hang all other Bible prophecy. The main theme is God’s sovereignty over all the earth; He raises up and brings down kingdoms. We will see prophecies that have already been fulfilled and more yet to be fulfilled. These include His plans for Israel, end time alignments and kingdoms, Antichrist, and the future kingdom when Jesus crushes all earthly kingdoms and reigns forever in perfect righteousness. Led by Kathy McEvoy (715-212-0748; mcevoy317@yahoo.com). Meets September 16–November 18. Please purchase online (go to precept.org) or at a bookstore: *Daniel Bible Study—Part 1 of 2* (Precept Upon Precept–ESV).

Starting Up Again in September:

Moms in Prayer (MIP): Schools and children need your prayers! Gather with 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.

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 is 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.

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.

Join us this month as we conclude our summer schedule!

August Schedule:

August 3: Final Meeting for Our Summer Teaching Tracks
August 10: Worship Night / YA End of Summer Party (Location TBD)
August 17: 3rd Monday Worship Service
August 24: No Young Adults
August 31: No Young Adults

You can find more details regarding our ministry at the Young Adult website:
highlandcommunitychurch.com/ministries/young-adults/

If you are planning to attend Young Adults in the fall and would like to register for a life group, please scan the QR code. We have life groups for every age and stage, and we would love to have you join us each Monday!



YOUTH MINISTRY— GENERATION180 (Grades 6–12)

Fair Grandstand Clean-Up Fundraiser: The funds we earn from this are used for student scholarships. Please join us each morning at 6:30 am from August 5 through August 10 to clean the Marathon County Fair Grandstand! We will meet at Marathon Park outside of the grandstand. Those serving receive free admission to the fair that day.

Bonfire Night at the Merrill Campus: Join us on Tuesday, August 11, 6:00–8:00 pm for a bonfire and games. There will be vans leaving from the Wausau campus at 5:30 pm. Please let us know if you need a ride.

G180 Fall Retreat: October 2–4 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 regular rate will be \$160. Please register using the QR code. A Highland medical permission form and a Forest Springs waiver are also required.



G180 Fall Kickoff and Parent Orientation: September 9, 5:30–8:00 pm at Willow Springs Round barn.

Junior and Senior High Sunday School Class: All students grades 6–12 are invited to be a part of Sunday school beginning September 13. At Wausau Sunday school will begin at 9:20 am and will meet in Room B3 for senior high & Room B5 for junior high.

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

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 at the Wausau campus on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm. Contact Janet Reid, AAFA certified fitness instructor, at janetreidrdh@gmail.com or 715-921-4444. Or go to www.bodyandsoul.org.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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 Room B3 at the Wausau campus 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. Sunday school resumes September 13.

Men's Ministry

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).

I Don't Have Enough Faith To Be an Atheist: Meets 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).

Ministerio en Español

Servicio de Adoración en español: Cada domingo (excepto el primer domingo) a las 10:00 am (1Horario de verano), 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.

Servicio con traducción al español: Cada primer domingo 10:00 am (Horario de verano), 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.

Grupos de vida: Miércoles a las 10:30 am y a las 6:00 pm. En los grupos de vida profundizamos en el sermón predicado el domingo anterior a cada grupo de vida. Respondemos preguntas, damos aportaciones y aplicaciones básicas a la vida diaria de cada uno con tiempos de adoración y oración. Al final de cada reunión tenemos un compartir. Estos grupos son una buena oportunidad para no desconectarnos entre semana y también para invitar amigos y familiares.

Para más información contacto:

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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.

Ongoing Ministries:

Moms in Prayer (MIP): Schools and children need your prayers! Gather with 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 information on the summer schedule, 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 is 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 form and return it to the church office.

Youth Ministry

Email Updates for Parents of Youth: If you would like to receive updates about Highland's Youth Ministry, contact Vianca at vmcsvain@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 April on Wednesdays at our Wausau and Merrill campuses from 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm and at our Weston campus from 6:00 pm to 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). Sunday school resumes on September 13.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE (through Sept. 6 except for Aug. 23)

Wausau:

8:00 am, 9:30 am Traditions, & 10:00 am (English & Spanish)

Marathon, Merrill, & Weston:

9:30 am

Online Service:

10:00 am

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