

Highland Happenings



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FALL/WINTER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE (starting September 13)

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

(9:20 am Sunday school age 3 – adult)

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

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

MEN'S BARBEQUE

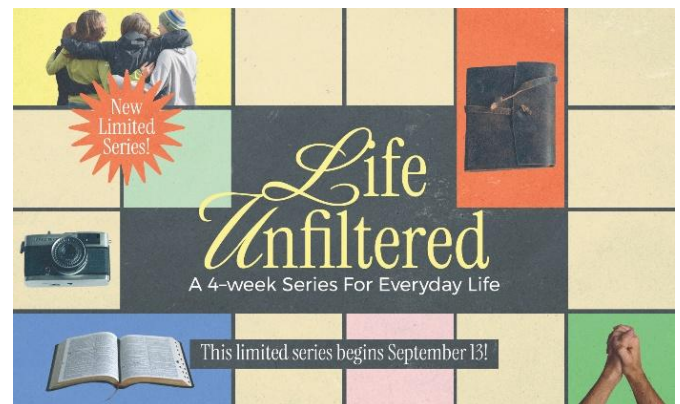
Men, come and enjoy a great time of fellowship, encouragement, and the best BBQ you can find! Thursday, September 24, doors open at 6:00 pm, and dinner starts at 6:30 pm.

Cost is \$5 at the door.

Register online by September 23.

Please contact Pastor Isaiah DeMoss with questions at

idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com.



Life Unfiltered

A 4-week Series For Everyday Life

Join us at all campuses *September 13, 20, 27, & October 4* at the following times:

- 8:45 am at the Merrill Campus
- 9:20 am at the Marathon, Wausau, & Weston Campuses

All people 6th grade and older are welcome! There is no cost, prep, or sign up required.

Nursery & Children's Ministry are Available

MEET & GREET

WITH THE ELDERS

6:30-7:30 pm Open House

Come meet and mingle with Highland Elders! Refreshments provided.

September 22 – Weston Campus

October 27 – Marathon Campus

February 23 – Merrill Campus

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.

Fall Family Bicycle Ride: Join us on Saturday, September 5, at 10:00 am, meeting at the Weston campus parking lot for a family bicycle ride on Mountain Bay Bike Trail. It is an out-and-back ride, so you can decide how far you ride, but we'll plan on 5 miles west and then back. A state trail pass is required for Mountain Bay Biking (\$5 daily or \$25 annual). If you have any questions, contact Collin Sturm at 715-571-8910. In case of inclement weather, we will change to Saturday, October 3.

Golden Oldies (age 55+) Out to Lunch: The Golden Oldies' next luncheon is Friday, September 25, 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, September 25, at Angelo's (1206 N. 6th St., Wausau). Please RSVP by September 23 to Blanche at 651-246-5990 or foreverwhitedaisy@gmail.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.

School Supply Drive: A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in this year's School Supply Drive! Because of your incredible generosity, we had a record number of filled backpacks—**157 backpacks were given away!**

Thanks to your support, children in need will have the school supplies they need to get off to a successful start in the 2026–27 school year. We are so grateful for your willingness to support and invest in children in our community. **Thank you for helping make a difference!**



Ringle Update: A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in our **Ringle Food Truck** event! During our time in Ringle, we had the opportunity to serve **200 people** and connect with residents throughout the Ringle community.

Their gratitude was evident as neighbors came together to fellowship, share stories, and enjoy time with one another. What a blessing to be part of such a meaningful experience!

Together, Highland, we are making a difference! Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and for showing God's love to our community.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (NextGen)

2026–2027 NextGen Calendars coming soon!

One Way Club: Registration is 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:

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

September Schedule:

16 – Sandals Night

Verse: No Verse
Receive Books

23 – Sports Night

Verse: Genesis 1:1

30 – Backwards Night

Verse: Job 36:26



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 to take part in some activities as a family. Parents, plan to join your children this night.

Parent/Child Dedications: Our next Parent/Child Dedication services will be on November 15. The last day to register is November 1. For more information, please contact Maria Anderson at 715-842-5683 or manderson@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

His Plans, Our Hands: His Plans, Our Hands (Creative Drama Puppet Ministry) is gearing up for practices for their annual performance at the Soup and Pie Potluck! Practices will be held 1:00–3:00 pm at the Weston campus on October 4, 11, 18, & 25, and November 1, 8, & 15. A rehearsal will be held at the Wausau campus on November 21, 9:00 am–noon, with the performance taking place at the Soup and Pie Potluck on November 22. We hope you'll join the team! For questions or more information, please contact Natalie Cetranowski at 715-574-0289.

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 September schedule is:

Fridays, September 4, 11, & 25, 7:00 pm: We meet at Highland's Wausau campus for our normal Friday session.

Friday, September 18, 7:00 pm: Game night

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

MARATHON CAMPUS

Life Unfiltered Classes for Adults and Teens: Beginning on Sunday, September 13, at 9:20 am, we will have a limited special series for youth (grade 6 and older) through adult that will meet in the worship center. Life Unfiltered will cover a wide variety of everyday topics and will take place on September 13, 20, 27, and October 4. Children's Ministry is available during this time as well.

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).

Beginning October 11, Brian Whitaker will continue leading an adult study through the book of Isaiah during the Sunday school for adults and teen class.

Be sure to check the other Men's/Women's studies or events happening under the specific ministry title in the pages that follow.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Barbeque: Men, come and enjoy a great time of fellowship, encouragement, and the best BBQ you can find! Thursday, September 24—Doors open at 6:00 pm, and dinner starts at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$5 at the door.

Register online by September 23. Please contact Pastor Isaiah DeMoss at idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.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.

Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study: Meets on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 6:15–7:00 am at the Weston campus in Room 4. The study is led by Pastor Dan MacDonald.

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 C14. This study runs August 6 through May 27.

Be sure to check the other studies or events happening under the specific campus titles too.

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 October 6 at the Merrill campus. The deadline for signing up for pickup is September 29. Please contact Anne Pulkowski at 715-539-3583 or anabelmabl@yahoo.com with questions.

Life Unfiltered Classes for Adults and Teens: Beginning on Sunday, September 13, at 8:45 am, we will have a limited special series for youth (grade 6 and older) through adult that will meet in the worship center. Life Unfiltered will cover a wide variety of everyday topics

and will take place on September 13, 20, 27, and October 4. Children's Ministry is available during this time as well.

Kids' Sunday School (PreK–5th Grade): Our children's Sunday school includes three classes: PreK–Kindergarten, 1st–3rd Grade, and 4th–5th Grade. This year, the kids will dig deeply into several parts of Scripture, including Ezra, Nehemiah, Daniel, the life of Solomon, and portions of the Gospel of Matthew. With excellent teachers and age-appropriate lessons, Sunday school provides some of the deepest Biblical teaching and instruction offered through our Kids' Ministry.

G180 Student Sunday School (6th–12th Grade): Starting October 11, students in 6th–12th grade are invited to G180 Sunday school. This class combines discussion, video and live teaching, and time for fellowship. It's a place where students can ask honest questions, grow in their understanding of Scripture, and build stronger relationships with other students and caring adult leaders.

Union with Christ—Taught by Jeff Nelessen: What does the Bible mean when it says that believers are “in Christ”? This class will explore the wonderful truth that, through faith, we are joined to Jesus so that His righteousness, victory over sin and death, resurrection life, and inheritance become ours. Jeff will help us understand both the theological richness and everyday practicality of union with Christ, how it shapes our identity, strengthens our assurance, transforms our lives, and draws us into deeper delight in Jesus Himself.

Authentic Masculinity—Taught by Ken Sutton & Friends: What does it mean to be a godly man in a culture filled with competing and often distorted pictures of masculinity? Drawing from Seth Troutt's book *Authentic Masculinity*, Ken Sutton and friends will explore a Biblical vision of manhood that moves beyond both passivity and domineering strength. Men will be challenged to grow in Christlike character and embrace their God-given responsibilities in their relationships, work, leadership, marriages, families, and church.

Bible Study

Shepherding a Child's Heart: This study is being offered to parents of young children who desire to understand and influence their child's heart, using Biblical principles. Intentionally shepherding our young children's hearts toward Christ is foundational to parenting. This study includes discussion time and video sessions of the updated *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp. No homework is required, though you will find this study readily applicable to life in parenting. We'd love to have you join us Wednesday evenings, September 16 through

December 16, 6:05–7:35 pm, at our Merrill campus. If you have any questions, please contact Chris (715-218-3722) or Angela (715-218-0741) Aldrich.

Be sure to check the other Men's/Women's studies or events happening under the specific ministry title in the pages that follow.

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 Adult & Teen Challenge of Wisconsin. They have a vision for bringing long-term recovery to men in this community. This is more than a program, it is a place where hope is restored, lives are rebuilt, and new beginnings take root.

Praises: Praise God as they help people struggling with addiction to love themselves again. Lives are being transformed through the hope of the gospel.

Prayers: Pray for Micah Meline as the new Men's Center Director in Wausau. Pray as they help others find freedom from their addictions.

Short-Term Missions Updates

Over a weekend in August, HCC Young Adults sent a team of twenty people to the WI Dells to partner with Zac and Becky Alwin who serve with Cru City. The Alwins have a strategic ministry among the many international students who live and work in the Dells through a visa program. Our young adults were able to expand a hosting area at the Alwin's house, host multiple gospel-centered outreaches among the international students, learn about disciple-making, and share the love of Christ through service.

WESTON CAMPUS

Second Sunday Sweets and Treats: On September 13, 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.

Life Unfiltered Classes: Beginning on Sunday, September 13, at 9:20 am, we will have a limited special series for youth (grade 6 and older) through adult that will meet in the worship center. Life Unfiltered will cover a wide variety of everyday topics and will take place on

September 13, 20, 27, and October 4. Children's Ministry is available during this time as well.

Beginning October 11, we will resume two adult classes:

- Dan Esterline and Mark Voss will teach a practical discipleship course on living the Christian life entitled: "Living the Fruit of the Spirit Every Day" (meets in Room 4).
- Rob Brayton and Dan MacDonald will continue teaching through the Gospel of John (meets in the worship center).

Be sure to check the other Men's/Women's studies or events happening under the specific ministry title in the pages that follow.

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.

MomCo Moms Night Out—Campfire: Thursday, September 17, 7:00 pm at the Wausau campus firepit. Come join us for s'mores and fellowship while relaxing on the patio at the Wausau campus. In case of rain, we will be inside. All moms are welcome to attend. If you have questions, contact Ann Kaster at 715-573-3164.

Prayer and Worship Night: Inviting all women to join us on Thursday, September 17, at 6:00 pm at the Wausau campus in Room B7 for a night of corporate prayer and worship. Let's start the ministry year asking God for His guidance and power. No experience needed! God delights in hearing and answering our prayers. Led by Betty Ann Hinds (bettyannahinds@icloud.com)

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 about 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 attenders—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.

Moms In Prayer (MIP) Groups: Meeting at the Wausau campus on Wednesdays, beginning September 16, 11:15 am–12:15 pm in Room B6, and at the Marathon campus on the 1st and 3rd Mondays, beginning October 19, 7:45 am–8:45 am in the fellowship area. Please contact Debbie Myhrer at 715-551-6076 with questions and/or to inquire about any changes to meetings.

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 Mornings at N205 River View Ave., Merrill:
Ephesians: The book of Ephesians contains glorious truths of who we are in Christ, as recipients of God's glorious grace. As we better understand our identity in

Christ, we are more fully able to celebrate and hope in our inheritance as God's children, which equips us to live as citizens of God's kingdom. Join us as we study and celebrate these truths! Led by Laurie Jensen (motherjens@gmail.com; 715-573-3459). Meets Tuesday mornings starting September 8, 9:00–11:00 am, in Laurie's home (N205 River View Ave., Merrill). No childcare available.

Tuesday Evenings at the Merrill Campus:

The Way of Wisdom: This Bible study in the book of Proverbs will lead us to apply wisdom in several areas including work, friendship, marriage, parenting, neighborliness, money management, leadership, and more. The world bombards us with its version of truth. Let us lean into the scriptures together to see what God says about these important areas of life. Led by Jean Ann Nelessen (nelessen7@gmail.com; 920-944-2625). Meets Tuesdays, **September 29** through November 17, 6:30–8:00 pm in Room 8 at the Merrill campus. Please purchase *The Way Of Wisdom* by Lifeway (Authors: Jen Wilkin, Ruth Chou Simons, Kelly Minter, Adrienne Camp, Elizabeth Woodson, & Courtney Doctor). No childcare available.

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 Christlike 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** through November 17, 6:00–7:30 pm in Room 6 at the Weston campus. Please purchase *On Earth As It Is In Heaven: 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. For this 12-week study, 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 through December 8, 6:30–8:00 pm at the Marathon campus or attend the morning class starting Thursday, September 10 through December 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 out. 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 through December 10, 6:30–8:00 pm in Room B6 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 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; mcevoykib1035@gmail.com). Meets September 16 through November 18. Please purchase online (go to precept.org) or at a bookstore: *Daniel Bible Study—Part 1 of 2* (Precept Upon Precept–ESV).

Shepherding a Child's Heart: This is a book by Tedd Tripp is a foundational Christian parenting guide that explains how a child's behavior stems from their heart. Rather than merely trying to control outward actions, parents are encouraged to use Biblical principles to address the inner desires and motivations driving that behavior. Led by Teresa Stine (teresa@stineeye.com; 715-571-0525). Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings each month starting September 16 through February 17. Please purchase *Shepherding a Child's Heart: Parents Handbook*.

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 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.

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 kick off our fall series!

September Schedule:

September 7: Not Meeting (Labor Day)

September 14: The Family Meal Kickoff Potluck (bring a side, salad, or dessert to share). We will meet in the main auditorium room 6:00–8:30pm!

September 21: 3rd Monday Worship Service

September 28: Young Adults—First Life Group

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)

G180 Fall Kickoff and Parent Orientation: Calling all students in grades 6–12! Meet us Wednesday, September 9, 6:00–8:00 pm, for Generation180's kickoff! All campuses will meet together at Willow Springs in the Round Barn. It will be a fun evening filled with games, good food, community building, and an introduction to the G180 year. Students are welcome to arrive any time after 5:30 pm.

G180 Parent Orientation Night: We are inviting parents of all G180 students to join us at Willow Springs on Wednesday, September 9, 6:00–8:00 pm. While your students enjoy a kickoff party in the Round Barn, the youth team will be discussing the G180 calendar and teaching content, logistics for Wednesday nights, activities for the entire year, and our vision for partnering with parents in the discipleship of our students. This will be a fruitful time together, and we look forward to seeing you there.

G180 Fall Retreat: 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.



Junior and Senior High Classes: All students grades 6–12 are invited to be a part the fall teaching series called “Life Unfiltered: A 4-Week Series for Everyday Life” meeting in the sanctuary at each campus starting September 13. Merrill's class will start at 8:45 am, and other campuses will start at 9:20 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

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 10:30 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.

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:

Byron Caicedo: 715-842-5683

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.

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 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.

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 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 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.

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