

Highland Happenings



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FALL/WINTER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE (through December 20)

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)

MEET & GREET WITH THE ELDERS

6:30–7:30 pm Open House

Come meet and mingle with Highland Elders!
Refreshments provided.

October 27 – Marathon Campus
February 23 – Merrill Campus

Golden Oldies (age 55+) Out to Lunch: The Golden Oldies' next luncheon is Friday, October 30, 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.

Orientation Class for Adults: This condensed, two-day class will meet in person on two Sundays (November 1 & 15), 3:00–5:30 pm, at the Merrill campus (but open to all 4 campuses). 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.



REGROW RINGLE

Five months after the tornado devastated Ringle, our neighbors are still rebuilding homes, restoring yards, and putting their lives back together.

On October 24, we're coming together to help Regrow Ringle!

We're looking for **30 volunteers** to form 5–6 teams to help clean up yards, prepare for spring grass planting, plant trees, and restore the beauty of our community.

Volunteers and landscaping equipment are needed!

Whether you can bring a shovel, rake, equipment, or simply a helping hand—we need you. ***Registration by October 17 is required so we can form work teams.***

Let's show our neighbors they're not alone.



Regrow Ringle. Rebuild together.

To volunteer or bring equipment, contact:

Janna Janke at jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com

The International Day of Prayer: The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is Sunday, November 1. Please be in prayer for our sisters and brothers around the world who suffer for their affiliation with Jesus. We will have materials available on that Sunday at our Highland campuses to help us consider and pray for Christians around the world so that we can be informed and lift them up through prayer to the Father who loves them dearly.

Highland FMSC MobilePack Nov 12–14—help pack our 1 millionth meal! You're invited to our 5th annual Highland FMSC MobilePack! Over 1,600 volunteers will pack 340,000+ meals in 3 days. The rice-based meals are sent overseas and served primarily in schools, refugee camps, and orphanages. Last year's meals were delivered to Ukraine, Jamaica, El Salvador, and Burkina Faso. It's a fun, meaningful opportunity—invite your friends, neighbors, sports team, or work colleagues.

Visit give.fmsc.org/Wausau to register to volunteer at a 2-hour packing shift. Limited private early registration is available with code "Highland". Full registration opens to the public Oct 2. It's free to participate, and anyone age 5 and older is welcome.

Donations are appreciated towards \$100,000 cost of ingredients. Each meal is 29 cents, \$106 feeds a child for a year, \$2255 purchases a pallet. Donations can be made at give.fmsc.org/Wausau or by check to Highland with "FMSC MobilePack" on the memo line.

Questions? Contact Sarah Hostetler at wausaupack@gmail.com or 715-680-9049.



Operation Christmas Child—Pack A Box: OCC is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Highland Community Church will be participating in this year's shoebox ministry. Families simply need to pack their shoeboxes and send a suggested \$10 donation directly to Samaritan's Purse to cover the shipping costs. You can use your own shoeboxes or pick one up at the Connection Point counters along with additional resources on the weeks of October 25, November 1, and November 8. **Sunday, November 15, is Highland's collection Sunday.** This is the only Sunday that we will be able to accept shoeboxes on your behalf. If you are unable to drop off your shoebox at Highland on Sunday, November 15, you can also drop shoeboxes off at the regional collection site (Bible Truth Chapel—1600 N 1st Ave, Wausau, WI 54401) during National Collection Week (November 16–20). Please reach out to Pastor Andrew with any questions.

Operation Christmas Child—We'll Pack a Box For You: If you want to participate in Operation Christmas Child but don't have the time to go shopping, for a donation of \$15, we'll pack a box for you! Just make your check payable to Highland Community Church with "OCC" in the memo line and drop it in the offering or bring it to the church office by November 1. We'll make sure a box

filled with toys, school supplies, and personal items gets on its way to a child in need this Christmas—along with a gospel presentation. Note: We will have supplies to pack at least 300 boxes this year. If we receive funding beyond that number and run out of supplies, we will pack boxes online to be sent to children in restricted countries.

Give Blood. Save Local Lives: Highland Community Church is partnering with Versiti for a community blood drive. Every blood donation can help save the lives of patients right here in Wisconsin. Versiti provides blood to hospitals throughout our state, including Marshfield Clinic Health System, Children's Wisconsin, and all Wisconsin VA hospitals. The blood collected through Versiti stays in Wisconsin to help our own neighbors, families, veterans, and friends when they need it most. The blood drive will be held at Highland's Wausau campus in the Children's Gym on Wednesday, October 28, 9:00 am–1:00 pm. Appointments are encouraged, and new donors are always welcome! To schedule your appointment click visit the link:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11647741

Roll up your sleeve, bring a friend, and help Highland Community Church make a lifesaving difference in our Wisconsin community!

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, October 23, at the Mandarin restaurant (150 E. Stewart Ave, Wausau). Please RSVP by October 21 to Blanche at 651-246-5990 or foreverwhitedaisy@gmail.com.

Daylight Savings: Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, October 31.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (NextGen)

2026–2027 NextGen Calendars are available at Connection Point at each campus or on our website!

One Way Club: 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.

We kicked off One Way Club last month, but it is not too late to register! Registration forms can be found in the lobby at each campus and on our website.

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

- 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

October Schedule:

***Verses and book pages are to be completed before OWC**

Oct. 7 — Bring a Friend Night

Verse: John 1:3

Book Pages: 16–19

Oct. 14 — Pajama Night

Verse: Psalm 62:5

Book Pages: 20–23

Oct. 21 — Parent Night

Verse: John 14:6

Book Pages: 24–27 (We will complete this together at Parent Night!)

Oct. 28 — Life Group Identity/Banner Night

Verse: Genesis 1:26

Book Pages: 28–31

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 Parent Night: On October 21, we will be having Parent 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 October schedule is:

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

Saturday, October 24, 10:00 am: Hike the Rib Mountain Quarry trail.

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. Join us in person at the Marathon campus OR online via Teams (email Brian at bwhitaker@highlandcommunitychurch.com for the link).

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

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 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 Room C14. This study runs through May 27.

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.

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

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.

Shepherding a Child's Heart Study: 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 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 Thomas and Tonya Clyde with Converge in the United Kingdom and Ireland; they are located in SW London. They focus on serving local church staff while developing partner relationships for evangelism, church planting, and discipleship among unreached people groups. Please send them a note of encouragement at: thomasc@converge.org

- **Praise:** Praise God for the growth and hearts that are being transformed!
- **Prayers:** Pray for Thomas' work in Grace Church Football Outreach in N. Leatherhead. Pray for outreach through children's ministry teams, wood shops for men, seniors' Friendship Club, and ministry cafés. Pray for their vision to see 10 churches planted in 10 years in Essex County. Pray for their family to develop deeper relationships.

**Save the Date—Missions Conference
May 2, 2027**

TRADITIONS

Potluck: We will be having a potluck on Sunday, November 1, after the Traditions service (approximately 11:30 am). Please bring a dish to pass!

WAUSAU CAMPUS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Isaiah: This study will be in the conference room. This co-ed class is a group discussion/inductive Bible study. What was the message to the OT saints, and how do we apply these truths to our personal lives and to the church today? This study starts on October 11, 9:20–10:30 am, in Room B4. The Bible studies are a group discussion/inductive Bible study of several questions from the week's text. If you have any questions on this study, contact Jerre Wright at jww1712@gmail.com.

Matthew 24–25: Join us as we explore Jesus' final message to His disciples and how to live faithfully through difficult times with our eyes fixed above. Our goal will be learning how to live for Him in every season. Taught by Dan Myhrer and held in Room C14 starting October 11.

Storyline of Scripture: This class explores key elements of God's redemptive plan from Genesis to Revelation. Who is the promised seed? What is exile? Why is this important? We dive into all of these questions (and more!), as we discover how God invites us into His story. Taught by Pastor Isaiah in Room C1 starting October 11.

Discussion-Based Study: Join us for an engaging, discussion-based study where we learn from Scripture, ask meaningful questions, and grow together through conversation and shared insights. Taught by Steve Vandenberg and Steve Clements in Room B6 starting October 11.

Acts: This will be a verse-by-verse study of God's Word as we slow down, dig into the text, and discover what Scripture meant then and what it means for us today. Starts October 11 in Room B7.

Clase De Biblia En Espanol: Clase basica de doctrina biblica en Espanol y fundamentos cristianos. Se estudiaran los 10 puntos de nuestra declaracion doctrinal como Iglesia, aplicandoos a nuestra vida diaria. Enseno por Byron Caicedo en Café.

WESTON CAMPUS

Second Sunday Sweets and Treats: On October 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 attenders.

Adult Sunday School: 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" (Room 4).
- Rob Brayton and Dan MacDonald will continue teaching through the Gospel of John (Sanctuary).

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—Taste of Fall: Thursday, October 22, 6:00 pm at the Weston campus (6615 County Rd J, Weston). Come join us for soup and sweets. Bring your favorite soup or sweet to share. Bring one copy of your recipe. All moms are welcome to attend. If you have questions, contact Ann Kaster at 715-573-3164.

Women's Ministries Invites You to Highland's Women's Fall Conference—Brokenness to Blessing: Doors open at 8:30 am on October 10. Cost is \$50*. Register online at hcc-register.com. *Childcare will not be provided, but nursing babies are welcome.*

*An additional charge for certain Connection Hour Activities will be added to your admission fee.

Moms In Prayer (MIP) Groups: Meeting at the Wausau campus on Wednesdays, 11:15 am–12:15 pm, in Room B6. Meeting at the Marathon campus on the 1st and 3rd Mondays, 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. Contact Sue MacDonald at smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com if you do not receive that email. 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 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. (or purchase used at abebooks.com or amazon.com). No childcare available.

Wednesday Mornings at the Wausau Campus:

Meets 9:00–11:00 am. Childcare available (please register at hcc-register.com).

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 continue our Fall Series—Luke: The Gospel for the Lost, the Last, and the Least.

October Schedule:

- October 5: Luke 7:1–10 / The Centurion:
From Pride to Humility
- October 12: Luke 7:11–17 / The Widow of Nain:
From Grief to Relief
- October 19: 3rd Monday Service
- October 26: Luke 7:36–50 / The Sinful Woman:
From Broken to Blessed

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 Equip: Equip is a discipleship group for 10th–12th grade students centered around growing in Christ. The goal of each meeting will be to deepen students’ understanding of scripture and their faith, while also equipping them to practically live out their faith. This year the focus of Equip will be on Biblical Community. Students will learn about what the Church is, the history of the Church, how to disciple others, and how to invite others to hold students accountable in their pursuit of Jesus. G180 Equip will begin October 14, 8:00–9:00 pm, in the Café Room at the Wausau campus.

Junior and Senior High Sunday School Classes:

Wausau Campus: Sunday school will be held in Room B6 starting October 11 and will be taught by Mr. and Mrs. Zeidler. This is for students 6th–12th grade. This year students will go through a verse-by-verse study of the book of Ephesians.

Districts Youth Conference January 15–17, 2027: More details will be coming soon, and registration will be opening in early October.

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.

Centershot Family Life League: 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, from 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.

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

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 are meeting 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.

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](#) 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.

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.

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. Meets in Room 4 at the Weston campus, 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.

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Study the book of Isaiah and learn to expand your understanding and application of Biblical texts with an overview and application of inductive Bible study methods. What was the message to the OT saints, and how do we apply these truths to our personal lives and to the church today? This will be an opportunity to engage with other men as we study Isaiah. Meets in Room C2 at Wausau on Wednesday mornings, 9:00–11:00 am. Contact Jerre Wright at jww1712@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 10:30 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 encontrarás 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.

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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.

Tuesday Mornings at N205 River View Ave, Merrill:

Ephesians: Led by Laurie Jensen (motherjens@gmail.com; 715-573-3459). Meets Tuesdays, 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. Led by Jean Ann Nelessen (nelessen7@gmail.com; 920-944-2625). Meets Tuesdays 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 or Thursday Mornings at the Marathon Campus:

1 Peter: Led by Kristin Whitaker (715-571-0865; kristinjwhitaker@gmail.com). **Two classes are being offered at Marathon:** attend the evening class on Tuesdays, 6:30–8:00 pm, or attend the morning class on Thursdays, 8:30–10:00 am. 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: Led by Dawn Bridges (m1racle.dawn@hotmail.com or 715-302-9089). Meets Thursdays 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:

Meets 9:00–11:00 am—Childcare available (please register at hcc-register.com).

Daniel Part 1: Led by Kathy McEvoy (715-212-0748; mcevoykib1035@gmail.com). Meets 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. Led by Teresa Stine (teresa@stineeye.com; 715-571-0525). Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings each month through February 17. Please purchase *Shepherding a Child's Heart: Parents Handbook*.

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 more information, 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.

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/viewform>. Please fill out the application and submit it. Once the application is received, you will be on your way to receiving a mentor.

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).

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