



# Highland Happenings

## December 2021

Dear Highland Community Church Family,

As we approach this Christmas season, may our hearts be filled with gratitude for the wonderful blessings given to us in Christ. May we all seize the opportunities to share the hope within us throughout this Christmas season. One of our favorite verses is Romans 15:13 which reads: **May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.** (ESV) Our prayer is that we have abundant, Holy Spirit, hope.

As we come to the end of 2021, and anticipate 2022, some who attend HCC may give an extra financial donation to at least one charitable mission. If this is true of you, would you prayerfully consider HCC as your choice of giving? About 1/6 of HCC's annual budget is given during December, and we are so thankful for your generosity.

By IRS guidelines, all gifts need to be postmarked by Friday, December 31, or dropped off at the Wausau office by 1:00 pm on Friday, December 31, to count towards one's 2021 tax-deductible receipt.

May our hearts find abundant hope in our Savior as we prepare to enter 2022.

**2021 Giving Statement:** End-of-year giving statements will be sent out via email by January 31. If you donated in 2021, or intend to by year-end, please make sure we have your current email address on file. If you have unsubscribed from Highland email updates, it is important that you contact Amy DeMoss at [finance@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:finance@highlandcommunitychurch.com) to ensure you receive your statement.

Christmas Services:



**Christmas Bookmarks:** This is an easy way to invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family as our Christmas services are listed. The bookmarks are available at the Connection Point counters at each of our campuses.

**One Starry Night Walk Through Jerusalem:** Join us on Saturday, December 4, between 2:00–4:00 pm at our Wausau campus. You and your family/friends have an opportunity to enjoy an interactive event for the whole family. There is no cost. Those who've attended previous years have said that this is a fun and interactive event with a clear Gospel message—so bring family, friends, and neighbors!

**Traditional Carol Service:** If you love singing good old-fashioned Christmas carols, join us on Sunday, December 12, at 3:00 pm in the Café room at the Wausau campus. Invite family and friends for a joyous celebration of Christ's coming!

**Living River Christmas Concert:** This is a wonderful night of Christmas music! Come, enjoy the concert on Friday, December 10, at 6:30 pm at the Wausau campus; doors open at 6:00 pm. The quartet sings a blend of contemporary worship, gospel, and a cappella. Invite

those that are hurting as they will enjoy uplifting music while hearing the gospel message! A freewill offering will be taken to support their ministry.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Worship Service:** For the month of December, there will **not** be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday worship service. Please join one of our other Christmas services.

**Worship Services on December 29, January 2 & 9:**

\*Wausau campus: 8:45 (mask-only); 9:00 & 10:30 am contemporary; 10:15 am Traditions.

\*Marathon, Merrill, & Weston: 10:30 am.

**Winter Weather Policy:** Winter is just around the corner! Please read the following so that you will be familiar with what to do in case of inclement weather.

- **Weekday Activities:** If the Wausau School District cancels or lets school out early due to weather conditions, then all large group activities at our Wausau, Weston, and Marathon campus sites (such as One Way Club, MOPs, G180, etc.) will be cancelled. Similarly, if the Merrill School District cancels or lets out early, then our Merrill campus large group activities will be cancelled. Those attending small group meetings (weeknight Bible studies, aerobics, etc.) at any of our campus sites should check with the group leader. If school is delayed in the morning, evening large group classes will continue as scheduled. If weather conditions are questionable, but the Wausau or Merrill School Districts do not cancel classes, we will update the calendar page of our website at [highlandcommunitychurch.com](http://highlandcommunitychurch.com), send a parent email or text, and update our Facebook page as soon as a decision is made. We will also inform the radio station 89Q and TV stations channel 9 and channel 7—although their cancellation policy media is completely automated so delays may occur in the post appearing.
- **Sunday Morning:** If we ever have to cancel a Sunday worship service or Sunday school, we will post the update on our church website calendar page, as well as on our Facebook page. TV stations and radio updates are completely automated on Sundays, but we will do our best to communicate to them. It is not our intent to cancel Sunday services.

**Food Share Event:** If you are struggling to make ends meet, or know someone who is, we can help. When you sign up for a share of food, an assortment of items will be designated for you to pick up at the Merrill campus on January 4. The deadline for signing up is December 22; simply contact Pastor Adam at 715-842-5683 or [adebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:adebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

**Israel Trip:** Pastor Jeff Hinds plans to co-lead (with Doron from Israel) a trip to Israel from March 23 through April 1, 2022. Israel has just re-opened for tourism. If you are interested in an information packet, please contact the office at [office@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:office@highlandcommunitychurch.com). International travel, to a country like Israel, does require travel insurance.

**Widow/Widower Christmas Luncheon:** Holidays can be a difficult time for those who have lost loved ones. If you are a Highland attender, and did not receive an invitation in the mail for this event, please contact the office at [office@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:office@highlandcommunitychurch.com) by Tuesday, December 14. The luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 16, at 11:30 am, in the Café room at the Wausau campus. No cost.

**A New Season Widow/Widower Luncheon:** Join us for fellowship at 11:00 am on Friday, December 10, at Pizza Ranch. Please RSVP to Jeanne Becker at 715-348-6461 or [jeannebec1948@gmail.com](mailto:jeannebec1948@gmail.com).

**Nifty Fifties Plus Dinner:** If you are 50 or older, you're welcome to join us on Saturday, December 11, 5:30 pm at Thrive Foodery. RSVP by December 9 to Jeff and Jeanne Klapperich (715-845-3543 or [jmklapperich@juno.com](mailto:jmklapperich@juno.com))

**Cookbooks:** Christmas is around the corner! Maybe consider giving a Highland cookbook! They can be picked up for a donation at the Connection Point at any campus.

## Highland on Mission

### Operation Christmas Child

**Thank You:** Thanks to all who had a part in the shoebox packing events at Highland this year. Thanks to those who packed their boxes at the event, those who contributed \$15 to have us pack a box for you, and our volunteer packers! We have 205 boxes on their way to children around the world. That's in addition to the 587 boxes that were dropped off by those who shopped for gifts and packed their boxes at home. To all who participated, thank you again, and please remember to pray for the children who will be receiving these gifts this Christmas and throughout the coming year.



## Adult Life Groups

Life Groups are small groups of people that meet on a regular basis 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, contact Janna Janke at [jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com) or 715-842-5683.

The following Life Groups are open to new participants:

- Blake: Marathon, Sunday, mixed group, contact Andy at [Andrew.j.blake@hotmail.com](mailto:Andrew.j.blake@hotmail.com)
- Klapperich: Wausau, Sunday afternoon, 50s/60s, contact Jeff and Jeanne at [jklapperich@juno.com](mailto:jklapperich@juno.com)
- Tikalsky/Benes: Marathon, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, contact Andy at [andypattytikalsky@gmail.com](mailto:andypattytikalsky@gmail.com)

## Adult Sunday School

Meets 9:20–10:10 am at each campus on Sunday mornings. Classes are listed in the back half of this publication.

**No Sunday School:** December 26, and January 2 & 9.

## Children’s Ministry (NextGen)

**One Way Club Leader Training:** Join us Wednesday, January 5, at 5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall at the Marathon campus. A light snack will be provided.

**One Way Club:** We are excited to announce that on *Wednesday, January 12*, we will be kicking off One Way Club at our Marathon campus, from 5:45–7:15 pm. OWC is for children age 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade; there is no cost. **Registration is going on now!** Registration forms can be found at each campus’ Connection Point and at [highlandcommunitychurch.com/resources/publications-forms/](http://highlandcommunitychurch.com/resources/publications-forms/). Pre-register your child(ren) by January 5, and they will earn 5 tokens. We are halfway done with our 2021–2022 Club Year, so we hope you continue to join us Monday evenings from 6:00–7:40 pm at the Merrill campus or Wednesday evenings from 6:00–7:30 pm at the Weston campus or from 6:00–7:40 pm at the Wausau campus

### December Schedule:

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| 6 & 8   | Western Night<br>Verse: Jeremiah 9:23                    |
| 13 & 15 | Crazy Hat Night<br>Verse: Genesis 12:2–3                 |
| 20 & 22 | Happy Birthday, Jesus, Night!<br>Verse: Genesis 13:14–15 |
| 27 & 29 | Merry Christmas! – No Club                               |

### January

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| 3 & 5   | Happy New Year! – No Club   |
| 10 & 12 | Shine Your Light<br>Review verses<br><i>Kick off in Marathon!</i> |



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

**Children Singing:** On Sunday, December 19, children will sing during all services at EACH campus (except for the mask-only service).

**Child Dedication:** Our next dedication service will be on January 16 at each campus. January 5 is the deadline for signing up. Contact Jessica Leptien at 715-842-5683 or [jleptien@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:jleptien@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

**Children’s Calendar:** The 2021–2022 NextGen Calendar is available at the Connection Point at each campus and online on Highland’s children’s page.

**No Sunday School:** December 26, and January 2 & 9.

## Journeys Singles Group

If you are single and at least 40 (or so), join us! Journeys is a safe place to develop genuine, Godly friendships and to grow together in Christ. Join us for study and fellowship at 7:00 pm on Friday evenings in room B11/12 at the Wausau campus.

### December Schedule:

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| 3  | 7:00 pm Friday study & fellowship       |
| 10 | 6:00 pm Living River Christmas Concert  |
| 17 | 7:00 pm Christmas party                 |
| 24 | Christmas Eve Services                  |
| 31 | 7:00 pm game night at the Wausau campus |

For more information, or to be added to the Journeys weekly email list, please contact Louise Cooke at [LouiseChristFollower@gmail.com](mailto:LouiseChristFollower@gmail.com) or call 715-212-5040.

## Marathon Campus

**Christmas Together in Marathon:** On December 19, after the service, we will have a potluck dinner including a special time to sing some treasured Christmas carols together to focus on the blessing of Christ’s birth.

## Men’s Ministry

**No Regrets Men’s Conference—Save the Date:** Saturday, February 5. Registration goes live on December 13, at [hccregister.com](http://hccregister.com). The conference includes live feed plus nine breakout sessions. This conference is designed to equip men to be better fathers, husbands, co-workers, and citizens in the community. It includes a wide range of topics for men. There is also a Teen Track for those 12–18

years old. For more details, contact Pastor Isaiah at [idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

**Men's Log Cabin Breakfast:** Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 6:00–7:00 am at the Log Cabin Restaurant (1522 Metro Dr, Schofield). RSVP to Bob Aspinwall at [rbaudioguy@charter.net](mailto:rbaudioguy@charter.net) or 608-259-6903.

**Men's Study & Fellowship:** Join with other men for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer Tuesdays at 6:30 am at the Friendship House in Merrill. If you have questions, contact Carl Berndt at 715-409-9131.

**Finally Free Study for Men:** This curriculum is designed for men wrestling to find victory over sexual sin. Join the brotherhood in finding freedom from sexual sin! The class starts in January! For details, contact Pastor Isaiah ([idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com)).

Please check out current Bible studies and activities under *Men's Ministry* in the back half of this document.

## Merrill Campus

**Ladies' Christmas Evening:** 6:30 pm Friday, December 10, at the Merrill campus. All ladies, and girls 13 years old and up, are invited! There will be hors d'oeuvres, desserts, music, and fellowship. RSVP by December 5 to Kathy Ponzer at 715-921-4433.

## Weston Campus

**Potluck:** 9:00 am Sunday, December 19. Let's celebrate Christmas as a church family with a potluck breakfast! Bring a hot dish to pass, or a fruit or a sweet bread, and we'll enjoy a meal together before the 10:30 am service. There will be no Sunday school on that day.

**No Sunday school:** December 19 & 26 and January 2 & 9.

## Women's Ministry

**Sewing Inspiration Class:** Sewing is becoming a dying art. Have you been interested in learning more? Do you have a sewing machine in the closet collecting dust? Perhaps a project you started and didn't quite know how to finish? Can't sew a button on, but would love to learn more? Please join Sharon Marquardt on Thursday, January 13, 1:00–3:00 pm at the Wausau campus. For more information or to sign up, please contact Sharon at 715-297-7364 or [sharonmarquardt@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonmarquardt@yahoo.com).

### WOMEN'S WINTER BIBLE STUDIES

New women's studies starting in January:

***Cherish: The One Word That Changes Everything for Your Marriage*** by Gary Thomas: A lot of marriages just survive. Would you like your marriage to thrive? Learn to cherish your husband using words and actions that bring glory to the Lord, build up your husband, and ultimately build your marriage. Led by Lori Haight. More details to follow in January's Highland Happenings.

### **Tuesday Morning in Merrill:**

**James:** Who is he? What does God have to say to us in the book of James? In a few chapters, God addresses many aspects of a Christian's life; then, today, and tomorrow. Led by Cheryl Wright and co-led by Laurie Jensen. Meets Tuesday mornings starting January 11, 9:00–11:00 am at Laurie's home (N 205 Riverview Avenue, Merrill). **To sign up for the class, contact Cheryl Wright** (715-536-1290, [wife70@hotmail.com](mailto:wife70@hotmail.com)). Childcare is not available.

### **Tuesday Evenings at the Wausau Campus:**

***Sexual Faithfulness: Gospel-Infused, Practical***

***Discipleship for Women:*** This study by Harvest USA is for those who need help applying the gospel to their sexual and relational struggles. This 10-week curriculum addresses such issues as building healthy friendships, suffering, beliefs about men, spiritual warfare, and more. Led by Sue MacDonald. Meets on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evenings starting January 11, 6:00–7:30 pm. Register at [hcc-register.com](http://hcc-register.com).

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDIES at the Wausau Campus—Start January 12, 9:00–11:00 am — Childcare Available:**

**James:** Who is he? What does God have to say to us in the book of James? In a few chapters God addresses many aspects of a Christian's life; then, today and tomorrow. Led by Cheryl Wright ([wife70@hotmail.com](mailto:wife70@hotmail.com), 715-536-1290) and co-led by Michelle Molinare.

***In the Image of God*** by Jen Wilkin: God created us in His image to reflect His character. Join us to dig deep into who God is, and grow in your love for Him, and allow His character to shine through you as well in your words, attitudes, and actions. Led by Kirstin Bare (715-302-3814, [kbare@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:kbare@highlandcommunitychurch.com)) and co-led by Kathy McEvoy. Starts January 12 and then will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month. Please purchase the book online or at a bookstore and plan to read chapter 1 prior to the first class. *Since the class meets every other week the cost for childcare is \$20 for one child; \$25 for two children; \$30 for three children or more.*

**REGISTER FOR CLASSES:** Register for classes online at <https://hcc-register.com/> (unless instructed to connect with the study leader to sign up). After you register for a study you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not



receive that email, contact Sue MacDonald at [smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto: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.

**Attention Moms:** *Childcare is offered for infants–4 years concurrent with the Wednesday morning Women’s Bible studies. Pre-registration for childcare is required; sign up online as you register for your Bible study class. If there is a waiting list for childcare, you will be notified via email. Scholarships are available for those needing assistance. The cost is \$40 for one child; \$50 for two children; \$60 for three children or more, unless stated otherwise in the class description.*

Please check out current Bible studies and activities under *Women’s Ministry* in the back half of this document.

**Ladies’ Luncheon:** Will not meet in December.

**Attention Women:** Sign up to be on our email list to get updates about women’s studies and events. Go to [highlandcommunitychurch.com](http://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](mailto:smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com). “Like” our Women’s Ministry Highland Community Church Facebook page to receive ministry updates.

## Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults is for anyone college-age through their 30s, 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; the study starts at 6:30 pm.

Join us as we finish our series, *Inside the Upper Room*, from John 13–17.

### December

- 6 Deep Unity (John 17:20–26)
- 13 YA Christmas party
- 20 NO – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Worship Service
- 27 NO YA—Merry Christmas!

**Save the Date:** Mark your calendars for the Young Adults Winter Conference, January 21–23! Come enjoy an entire weekend of worship, sessions, and plenty of activities with your YA family!

## Youth Ministry – Generation180

(Grades 6–12)

**Districts Conference:** Registration has closed. But if you haven’t signed up and are interested in going, please

contact Sarah at [snames@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:snames@highlandcommunitychurch.com). We can put you on a waiting list.

**No G180 on December 29**—Enjoy winter break!

**No Sunday School:** December 26, and January 2 & 9.

**Generation180 2021–2022 Calendar of Events:** Our fall/spring calendar is available online and at the Connection Point at all four campus sites. Feel free to grab one, or download it from [highlandg180.com](http://highlandg180.com)!

**G180 Social Media:** Stay connected with G180 online!

**Facebook:** @highlandg180

**Instagram:** highlandg180

**Web Page:** [highlandg180.com](http://highlandg180.com)

## Ministry Contacts

**Body & Soul Fitness:** Janet Reid at 715-921-4444 or [janetreidrdh@gmail.com](mailto:janetreidrdh@gmail.com)

**Adult Co-Ed & Sunday School Studies:** Pastor Isaiah DeMoss at [idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Adult Life Groups:** Janna Janke at [jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Centershot (archery & Bible study for ages 10 and up):** Chris Janke at 715-571-7037 or [centershot@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:centershot@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Children's Ministries: (Children's Church, Nursery, One Way Club, Sunday School, VBS)**

**Merrill:** Pastor Adam DeBroux at [adebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:adebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Wausau:** Kirstin Bare at [kbare@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:kbare@highlandcommunitychurch.com); Jessica Leptien at [jleptien@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:jleptien@highlandcommunitychurch.com);

**Weston:** Maggie Brayton at [mbrayton@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:mbrayton@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Coffee Ministry:**

**Marathon:** Christine Jensen at 715-574-4963

**Merrill:** Pastor Adam DeBroux at [adebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:adebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Wausau:** Janna Janke at [jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Weston:** Betty Tellekson at 715-359-6477 or [halm0103@yahoo.com](mailto:halm0103@yahoo.com); Karen LeSage at [cklesage@charter.net](mailto:cklesage@charter.net)

**Community Service:** Janna Janke at [jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Congregational Life:** Betty Tellekson at 715-359-6477 or [halm0103@yahoo.com](mailto:halm0103@yahoo.com)

**Electronic Giving:** [finance@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:finance@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Facility Scheduling:** Jolene Fenwick at [jfenwick@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:jfenwick@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Grapevine Ministry (cards for the HCC Body):** Cathy Livingston at 715-536-3606

**Greeter Ministry:**

**Marathon:** Jane Thompson at 715-443-3092

**Merrill:** Pastor Adam DeBroux at [adebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:adebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Traditions:** Pastor Ryan Bare at 608-482-0122 or [rbare@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:rbare@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Wausau:** Alyson Halbrook at 715-218-0612 or [alysonh2u@gmail.com](mailto:alysonh2u@gmail.com)

**Weston:** Karen Arnold at 715-297-0809 or [popcornka@yahoo.com](mailto:popcornka@yahoo.com)

**Men's Ministry:** Pastor Isaiah DeMoss at [idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Weston Bible Study:** Pastor Dan MacDonald at [dmacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:dmacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Missions:** Pastor Andrew Gutberlet at 715-842-5683 or [missions@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:missions@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Moms In Prayer:** Debbie Myhrer at 715-848-5164 or [debbiemyhrer@gmail.com](mailto:debbiemyhrer@gmail.com)

**MOMsnext (for moms of elementary children who don't have preschoolers):** [WausauHighlandMops@gmail.com](mailto:WausauHighlandMops@gmail.com)

**Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS – mothers of preschoolers):** [WausauHighlandMops@gmail.com](mailto:WausauHighlandMops@gmail.com)

**Nifty Fifties Group:** Jeff or Jeanne Klapperich at 715-845-3543 or [jmklapperich@juno.com](mailto:jmklapperich@juno.com)

**Prayer Chain:** Highland's office at [office@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:office@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Singles' Group (age 40+) called Journeys:** Louise Cooke at [louisechristfollower@gmail.com](mailto:louisechristfollower@gmail.com) or 715-212-5040

**Usher Ministry:**

**Marathon:** Nick Arneson at 715-573-0673 or [narneson@churchmutual.com](mailto:narneson@churchmutual.com); Andy Tikalsky at 715-203-9307 or [andypattytikalsky@gmail.com](mailto:andypattytikalsky@gmail.com)

**Merrill:** Pastor Adam DeBroux at [adebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:adebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Traditions Service:** Pastor Ryan Bare at 608-482-0122 or [rbare@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:rbare@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Wausau:** Miles Hoyt at 715-680-8772 or [edbvd8@hotmail.com](mailto:edbvd8@hotmail.com); Ron Leptien at 715-203-9950 or [leptienr@gmail.com](mailto:leptienr@gmail.com)

**Weston:** Jared Burress at [jaredburress@yahoo.com](mailto:jaredburress@yahoo.com)

**Widow/Widower A New Season Group:** Karen Arnold at 715-297-0809 or Jeanne Becker at 715-551-2065

**Women's Ministry:** Sue MacDonald at 715-842-5683 or [smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Worship Ministry:** Pastor Jeff Weiss at [jweiss@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:jweiss@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Young Adults (20s/30s) Group:** Pastor Sam DeLoye at [sdeloye@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:sdeloye@highlandcommunitychurch.com);

Amy DeMoss at [ademoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:ademoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

**Youth Ministry:** Pastor Jarrod Stichter at [jstichter@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:jstichter@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

Senior High Pastor Andrew Gutberlet at [agutberlet@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:agutberlet@highlandcommunitychurch.com);

Merrill Youth Pastor Dan Shields at [dshields@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:dshields@highlandcommunitychurch.com)

# 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. This could be a social group, a Bible study group, men's group, women's group, Life Group, or more. **GROW:** Attend our Orientation Class (offered a couple 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

**Amazon Smile:** Here's a simple way to support Highland, at no extra cost to you. At [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices and vast selection as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to Highland!

**Body & Soul Fitness:** We believe that 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 and balance, and increases your energy level. Cardio and strength/interval training offer all this and more, with an uplifting positive message through the music. Classes meet on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:45 pm. For details, contact Janet Reid, AAFA certified fitness instructor, at [janetreidrdh@gmail.com](mailto:janetreidrdh@gmail.com) or 715-921-4444. Or go to [www.bodyandsoul.org](http://www.bodyandsoul.org).

**Centershot Ministry:** This archery sport league is for anyone age 10 and up. Sessions include Bible study and target shooting; equipment is provided. This is a great outreach for family and friends. Sessions are held at the Marathon and Weston campus sites. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is necessary, as space is limited for each session. To register for the next session, or if you have questions, contact Chris Janke at [centershot@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:centershot@highlandcommunitychurch.com) or 715-571-7037.

**Coffee Ministries:** A regular rotation of volunteers serve 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](mailto:adebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com)
- Wausau: Janna Janke at 715-842-5683 or [jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com)
- Weston: Betty Tellekson at [halm0103@yahoo.com](mailto:halm0103@yahoo.com) or 715-359-6477 or Karen LeSage at [cklesage@outlook.com](mailto: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 <https://highlandcommunitychurch.com/resources/donate/>. If you have questions, please send an email to [finance@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:finance@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

**Facebook Groups of Highland:** Our Facebook open groups and pages include: The Church in general, Youth group, One Way Club group, Singles group, Women's Bible Study group, and a Centershot Ministries group. Join one to stay in community when online.

**Greeters:** If you would like to serve as a welcoming face, we would love to talk with you about this vital ministry.

- Marathon: Jane Thompson (715-443-3092)
- Merrill: Pastor Adam DeBroux (715-842-5683)
- Traditions: Pastor Ryan Bare (608-482-0122)
- Wausau: Alyson Halbrog (715-218-0612)
- Weston: Karen Arnold (715-297-0809)

**Grapevine Ministry:** Join us for a card-making workshop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Wausau campus. We put together cards for those in our church family who need encouragement. If you prefer writing a card, we have writers who send a card to those who are lonely, hurting, grieving, or to just let them know we are praying for them. Cards are provided by the people in the workshop and from those who make cards at home. If you are interested, contact Cathy Livingston at 715-536-3606 or [livingstoncd@gmail.com](mailto:livingstoncd@gmail.com).

**Highland App:** Text *HighlandCCApp* to 833-245-7596 to download Highland's app. Be sure to say yes to allow the app to send you notifications (even when you are not in the app) so you can learn of important notices, including cancellations. The app has a dynamic home page with weekly updates. The media page contains audio/video

teachings, sermon notes, and questions that you can fill in and save to your device. Have you ever wanted to know what songs we sang this past week? Now you can look them up on the Sunday Set List. You can also send us prayer requests, read the Bible, register for classes, and so much more.

**Highland's Lay Elders:** Steve Clements, Dennis DeLoye, Tony Morice, Rimon Moses, Dan Myhrer, and Steve Vandenberg.

**Hospital Visits:** If you are scheduled for surgery, or end up in the hospital, 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. Please know that the pastoral staff is not always on Facebook, so though you may put your hospitalization or surgery on Facebook, we may not see it.

**Library (Wausau Campus):** You view materials for check out at <https://highlandcommunity.library.site/>. If you need a library checkout code, please email your name and phone number to Krista at [im4gbp@yahoo.com](mailto:im4gbp@yahoo.com).

**Merrill Prayer Group:** It is one of the greatest blessings to come before our Heavenly Father in prayer and seek His will for our communities, loved ones, and nation. Join us Tuesdays, at 6:00 pm, in room 1 at the Merrill campus for a time of intentional prayer and fellowship. If you have questions, contact John Rautiola at 715-350-1478 or [jlrautiola@charter.net](mailto:jlrautiola@charter.net).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@highlandcommunitychurch.com) to let us know, and we will add you to our prayer chain.

**Prayer Meeting in Wausau:** Join us Wednesday mornings at 7:10 am in the Wausau campus library to pray for the needs of the church body.

**Sermons Available Online:** Watch or listen to a sermon, or encourage a friend to hear what the Scriptures say about a topic! Find them on our app, podcast, or our teaching page at [www.highlandcommunitychurch.com](http://www.highlandcommunitychurch.com).

## Adult Co-Ed Studies

**Timothy:** This coed (singles/couples) Bible study will go through the two books of Timothy. The study meets on Tuesdays, 6:30–8:00 pm, in room C14 at the Wausau campus. This study will cover 6 to 8 questions from the

week's text, in a group discussion-based Inductive Bible study. If you have questions, contact Jerre Wright at [jww1712@gmail.com](mailto:jww1712@gmail.com).

## Adult Wausau Sunday School

Meets from 9:20–10:10 am. Nursery and Sunday school (for children and youth) also meet during this time.

**Marathon Campus—1 Peter:** This class will study 1 Peter. It will be taught by Pastor Brian and Ray Jensen. Meet in the sanctuary.

**Merrill Campus—Biblical Theology:** Even the youngest Christian can read God's Word and profit from it, while mature believers can never exhaust its rich depths. This course will carefully explore Biblical themes that weave through Scripture and are fulfilled in Jesus. We will explore Biblical themes such as: creation, priest, sacrifice, temple, covenant, kingdom and more. This class will be taught by Pastor Adam.

### Wausau Campus:

- **Hebrews:** We'll see how the truths impact our faith today. The study is a group discussion-based Inductive Bible Study using questions from the week's text. Led by Jerre Wright; room B4.
- **1 Peter:** Led by Dave Mahler; room B7
- **Equipping Class:** Led by Steve Vandenberg and Steve Clements; Café room
- **Gospel of John:** Led by David Wheat; room C14
- **Orientation Class:** room C1 (starts October 3; pre-registration is required)

### Weston Campus:

- **1 Peter:** As suffering intensifies around the world, how do we understand it? How do we live as Christians in the midst of it? Peter helps us understand what it means for the church to be an outpost of the Kingdom of God in a world that is perishing. Led by Pastor Dan; Worship Center.
- **A Bird's Eye View of the Bible:** Join us as we do a "flyover" of some books of the New Testament. When we complete that, we will start *A Bird's Eye View of Bible Doctrine*—a practical study of what Christians believe. Led by Dan Esterline. Room 4.

## Children's Ministry

Please check out the current activities under Children's Ministry in the front half of this document.

## Men's Ministry

**The Heart of Leadership Training:** Join us at the Wausau campus in room B4. Join Pastor Isaiah as he teaches men to grow in leadership. During this 12-week study, we will



dive into the Biblical meaning of leadership. Topics include: Task of Leadership vs Heart of Leadership; Pride vs Humility; Insecurity vs Secure Identity; Fear vs Courage; Culture vs Scripture; Joyful Service vs Complaining; Shepherd vs Cowboy; Patience vs Agitation; Submitting vs Leading; Fun vs Frustration; Vision vs Reality; Vocational Ministry vs Marketplace Ministry. No need to register.

**The Measure of Man—Twenty Attributes of a Godly Man** by **Gene A. Getz**: True masculinity is not measured by the strength of a man, but by these 20 Biblical guidelines drawn from the Apostle Paul's letters to his young protégés Timothy and Titus. Inspiring, encouraging, and practical, this book shows men how they can reach God's standards as fathers, husbands, and mentors to other men. Meets Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 pm, at the Wausau campus in room C1. Led by Jim Hostvedt ([jim.hostvedt@gmail.com](mailto:jim.hostvedt@gmail.com)).

**Timothy Study**: The Wednesday morning Men's Bible study will be going through the two books of Timothy. Meets Wednesdays, 9:00–10:30 am, in room C14 at the Wausau campus. This study is a group discussion-based Inductive Bible study using the 6 to 8 questions from the week's text. Questions? Contact Jerre Wright at [jww1712@gmail.com](mailto:jww1712@gmail.com).

**Acts Men's Study**: Let's get involved!! Find out how to be involved in fulfilling the Great Commission by studying the book of Acts. Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 am in room C14 at the Wausau campus. Led by Dan Esterline.

**The Book of Acts**: This class meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month, from 6:15–7:00 am at the Weston campus and is led by Pastor Dan MacDonald.

**Men's Ministry D-Groups (Discipleship Groups)**: D-Groups are small groups of men who meet regularly with the goal of understanding what it is to be a disciple and how to follow Jesus well. For details, contact Pastor Isaiah DeMoss ([idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com)).

## Singles' Ministry

**All Single Adults**: Single adults of all ages are invited to attend studies or other events that meet at Highland. Feel free to join any group at any time.

**Journeys**: For singles age 40 and older (singles under 40 are also welcome). Our Friday Night Fellowship is a safe place to develop genuine, Godly friendships and grow together in Christ through His Word and prayer. We meet from 7:00–8:30 pm in room B11/12 at the Wausau campus. Check Highland's online calendar for current social events. For more info, or to receive email updates, contact Louise Cooke at 715-212-5040 or [louisechristfollower@gmail.com](mailto:louisechristfollower@gmail.com).

## Women's Ministry

**Moms in Prayer (MIP)**: Groups meet regularly during the school year to pray for public and private grade schools, homeschools, and colleges. Groups are for moms, grandmothers, aunts, and any believing women desiring to pray for a child and his/her school. If you have questions, or would like to learn how to start a group, go to [www.momsinprayer.org](http://www.momsinprayer.org) or contact Debbie Myhrer, MIP area coordinator, at [debbiemyhrer@gmail.com](mailto:debbiemyhrer@gmail.com) or 715-551-6076. The MIP website has many prayer resources and encouraging testimonies to uplift you in prayer.

### Moms in Prayer groups that meet at a Highland campus:

- **Marathon Elementary/Middle School**: Mondays, 8:00–9:00 am; at the Marathon campus; leader: Heather (715-680-1415).
- **Grandmas**: Mondays, 12:30–1:30 pm; Wausau campus room B2; leader: Debbie (715-551-6076).
- **College/Career**: Mondays, 5:15–6:15 pm; Wausau campus room B2; leader: Jane (715-302-5966).
- **Church**: Wednesdays, 11:15 am–12:15 pm, Wausau campus room B2; leader: Debbie (715-551-6076).

Women are welcome to join any of these groups. For more information on other groups, or if you desire to start a MIP group for your school, please contact Debbie, MIP area coordinator, at [debbiemyhrer@gmail.com](mailto:debbiemyhrer@gmail.com) or visit [www.MomsInPrayer.org](http://www.MomsInPrayer.org).

**Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)**: Are you a mom with young children looking for community, support, and encouragement? Join MOPS! Mothers of Preschoolers is a community of women in the thick of mothering young children. We meet at the Wausau campus on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, through May 24, from 9:15–11:15 am. Childcare is provided; registration is required. For info, contact [WausauHighlandMops@gmail.com](mailto:WausauHighlandMops@gmail.com).

**MOMSnexT**: This ministry is for moms whose children are elementary school age. Join us as we seek to encourage and learn from each other! We meet in conjunction with MOPS, breaking off from time to time for topics more specific to our stage of mothering. For more information, contact [WausauHighlandMops@gmail.com](mailto:WausauHighlandMops@gmail.com).

### WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDIES at the Wausau Campus—9:00–11:00 am—Childcare Available:

**Gospel of John: Finding Identity and Purpose** by **Matt Williams**: John wants his readers to understand who Jesus is and what His purpose was during His earthly ministry. In understanding Jesus and believing in His truth, we will discover our own identity and purpose. Led by Betty Ann Hinds ([bettyannahinds@icloud.com](mailto:bettyannahinds@icloud.com)). Meets on Wednesdays, 9:00–11:00 am, at the Wausau campus.

Purchase the *Gospel of John: Finding Identity and Purpose* Participant Guide. **Ends December 15.**

## Worship Ministry

**Worship Ministry:** If you are interested in being a part of the Worship Ministry pick up a “Worship and Arts Ministry: Application to Serve” in the lobby. Ministry areas include: music (bass guitar, drums, keyboard, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, and voice), visual media (ProPresenter), drama, audio, lighting, media, camera operation, graphic design, and event planning. Please fill out the application and return it to the church office.

## Young Adults Ministry

The Young Adults Ministry is for anyone college-age through their 30s, whether married, single, or dating. We meet on Monday nights at the Wausau campus. The study starts at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact Pastor Sam at [sdeloye@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:sdeloye@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

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## Youth Ministry

**Email Updates for Parents of Youth:** If you would like to receive updates about Highland’s Youth Ministry, contact Sarah at [snames@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:snames@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

**G180:** 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 goal is to equip youth to grow in their relationship with Christ, build healthy friendships, and learn from God’s Word. Generation180 meets at three of our campuses on Wednesday nights from September through May: Wausau meets 6:00–7:45 pm; Weston meets 6:00–7:30 pm; Merrill meets 6:00–7:45 pm. We are one ministry that meets in three locations! There is also Sunday school, yearly trips, special events, leadership opportunities, and so much more for youth. Just ask us!

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