



# Highland Happenings

## January 2022

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Worship Service—January 17:** Doors open at 6:00 pm; the service starts at 6:30 pm at the Wausau campus. Invite a friend!

**2021 Giving Statement:** End-of-year giving statements will be sent out via email by January 31. If you do not receive your electronic statement by Monday, January 31, you will need to contact Amy DeMoss at [finance@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:finance@highlandcommunitychurch.com) to ensure you receive your statement.

**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 February 1. The deadline for signing up is January 18; simply contact Pastor Adam at 715-842-5683 or [adebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:adebroux@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

**Cake Reception for the Plucars (Missionaries):** January 16, noon–1:00 pm in the Café at the Wausau campus. Highland Community Church has been the sending church for Howard and Marilynn Plucar for the past decades of their missionary partnership with Reach Global. As of January, they have retired from full-time missionary service. We would like to celebrate their many years of faithful service to the Lord! Please join us after the 10:30 am service for a time of fellowship. Attenders from all campuses are invited!

**Are you HUNGRY to SERVE?** Would you please consider helping with the very important ministry of providing a meal to someone in need among our church family? Another aspect of our Meal Ministry involves the opportunity to help provide dessert bars for funerals among our church body. No set commitment is required. Just serve as it fits your life schedule. If you would like to sign up, or if you have questions, contact Angela Aldrich at 715-218-0741 or [chrisandangelaldrich@gmail.com](mailto:chrisandangelaldrich@gmail.com).

**A New Season Widow/Widower Luncheon:** Join us for fellowship at 11:00 am on Friday, January 14, at Pizza Ranch. Please RSVP to Jeanne Becker at 715-348-6461 or [jeannebec1948@gmail.com](mailto:jeannebec1948@gmail.com).

**Nifty Fifties Plus:** If you are 50 or older, you're welcome to join us at 5:30 pm on Friday, January 14, at Hu Hot in Rib Mountain. RSVP by Wednesday, January 12, to Jeff and Jeanne Klapperich ([jmklapperich@juno.com](mailto:jmklapperich@juno.com) or 715-845-3543).

**Facebook Grief Group:** Marlowe Embree, a Highland attender, is considering launching a Highland online grief support group on Facebook and would like to know if enough people might be interested in joining. This would be a closed group (by invitation only, though any Highland attender would be admitted on request) and thus confidential in terms of the sharing of prayer requests and personal experiences. The group would 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.

The Facebook group would feature devotional materials with an emphasis on exposition and reflection on Scripture, as well as perhaps some discussion of approaches to grief and loss that are popular in counseling circles but also fully compatible with Scripture. There will be pastoral oversight. If interested, please let Marlowe know via Facebook or at [marlowe\\_embree2@yahoo.com](mailto:marlowe_embree2@yahoo.com).

## Highland on Mission

**2021 In Review:** Often, people think of missions as opportunities outside our local community. January is a great time to reflect on just a few of the ways that you have reached out this past year right in our own backyard, making a difference with the love of Christ.

Hundreds of students were blessed with backpacks and school supplies to help get ready to help provide a successful education. Throughout the area, students had necessary items thanks to your kindness and generosity.

Autumn brings falling leaves. This year many of our Young Adults, along with our Men's & Women's Ministries, joined to rake leaves and Make a Difference in our community. In addition to members of our congregation, community members were also blessed with the removal of yard debris.

Each November, we provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets through a Food Drive to bless those in need with food for a Thanksgiving meal. Through your generous donations of non-perishable food, not only were we able to provide baskets for many families, we provided food for a number of local school and community food pantries.

The Giving Tree once again blessed children in need with Christmas gifts. Each year, we partner with local schools to identify families who could use an extra blessing over the Christmas holiday season. This year, many of these families attended the One Starry Night family event where they heard the gospel message! It was such an encouragement and joy to see the smiles on the faces of families who had never been to Highland before.

Many of you reached out personally to bless a widow, orphan, or family in need. Your kindness and example of living out your faith make an impact on those around us.

Several of you have joined Bridge Street Mission weekly to serve their visitors with a smile and a meal. Many Life Groups have come together to serve and make a difference for those who may be homeless or struggling to get on their feet.

In 2022, let's look forward to the many opportunities that lie ahead to *Connect, Grow, and Go* into our community to make an impact and encourage others to take the next step in their relationship with Jesus Christ!

## 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 [jcklapperich@juno.com](mailto:jcklapperich@juno.com)
- Tikalsky/Benes: Marathon, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, contact Andy at [andyattytikalsky@gmail.com](mailto:andyattytikalsky@gmail.com)

## Adult Sunday School

**No Sunday School:** January 2 & 9.

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

### Marathon Campus

- **1 Peter:** 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. Led by Pastor Adam. The class alternates weeks with the Romans/James class.
- **Romans & James:** Led by Christopher Aldrich. The class alternates weeks with the Biblical Theology class.

### Wausau Campus:

- **Abiding in the Word:** Starts January 16, in room C1. Reading the Bible shouldn't be thought of as "work." Rather, it is spending time with the Lord, who desires to speak to His children. Hearing God speak is not just for the spiritually mature but for all believers who have the desire to hear Him as they spend time in His Word. Each class will have a 30-minute video followed by a walk through the handbook. Classes may have a small amount of homework. Register at [hcc-register.com](http://hcc-register.com). There is a \$10 cost for a digital download of the course material. If you have questions, contact Dean Nienhuis at [dean.nienhuis@gmail.com](mailto:dean.nienhuis@gmail.com).
- **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

### 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 (NextGen)

**One Way Club Marathon Campus 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:** Begin the new year with us at One Way Club if you have not yet joined us! Come out on:

- Mondays: 6:00–7:40 pm at the Merrill campus
- Wednesdays: 6:00–7:30 pm at the Weston campus
- Wednesdays: 6:00–7:40 pm at the Wausau campus.
- In addition, we will kick off OWC at our Marathon campus, on Wednesday, January 12, from 5:45–7:15 pm.

OWC is for children age 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade; there is no cost. Registration forms can be found online at [highlandcommunitychurch.com/resources/publications-forms/](http://highlandcommunitychurch.com/resources/publications-forms/) and at the Connection Point at each campus.

### January Schedule:

3 & 5	Happy New Year! – No Club
10 & 12	Shine Your Light Night Review verses <i>Kickoff in Marathon!</i>
17 & 19	Mustache Night Verse: Genesis 17:1b–2
24 & 26	Silly Socks Night Verse: Romans 4:21
31	Formal Night Verse: Isaiah 59:2

### February Schedule:

2	Formal Night Verse: Isaiah 59:2
7 & 9	NFL Night Memory Verse: Ephesians 5:2

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

**Family Carnival Night:** Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 23, 6:00–7:40 pm at the Wausau campus for a fun time as families enjoy carnival games, bounce houses, popcorn, and much more!

**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).

**Sunday School:** We are excited to start up again on Sunday, January 16, as we kick off a new semester! Please join us from 9:20–10:10 am (any campus) and each child will earn 5 tokens. This is a great opportunity for children ages 4–5<sup>th</sup> grade to dive deeper into the Word of God.

**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.

## 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.

### January Schedule:

7	7:00 pm Friday study & fellowship
14	7:00 pm Friday study & fellowship
21	7:00 pm Friday study & fellowship
28	7:00 pm movie night—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

**One Way Club:** We will kick off OWC at our Marathon campus on Wednesday, January 12, from 5:45–7:15 pm. OWC is for children age 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade; there is no cost. Registration forms can be found online at [highlandcommunitychurch.com/resources/publications-forms/](http://highlandcommunitychurch.com/resources/publications-forms/) and at the Connection Point at each campus.

## Men's Ministry

**No Regrets Men's Conference—February 5:** This year's conference will be held at the Wausau campus from 8:15 am–1:15 pm. It will include the simulcast 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 will also be a Teen Track for those 12–18 years old. The cost for adults is \$25/ticket (\$30 after Jan. 31); the cost for youth is \$15/ticket (\$20 after Jan. 31). Register at [hcc-register.com](http://hcc-register.com) and pay with a credit or debit card. If you must pay with cash, stop by the Wausau office. The most up to date information is on the No Regrets page of our website. Questions? Contact Pastor Isaiah at [idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

**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—A Study on Sexual Purity:** This resource allows men to fight for purity using the power of grace. The class will start on January 20, 6:30–7:30 am in room B11/12 at the Wausau campus. The cost is \$10 for the book. If you have questions, contact Pastor Isaiah at 715-842-5683 or [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). If you have questions, contact either Bob Aspinwall at 608-259-6903 or [rbaudioguy@charter.net](mailto:rbaudioguy@charter.net) or Pastor Isaiah at [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.

## Weston Campus

**Christmas Undecorating Party:** Join us following the service on January 9. We will have pizza for lunch!

**No Sunday school:** January 2 & 9.

## Women's Ministry

**Sewing Inspiration Class:** Learn about sewing no matter where you fall—beginner or seasoned sewer. Please join Sharon Marquardt on Thursday, January 13, 1:00–3:00 pm or 6:00–8:00 pm at the Wausau campus in room B6. 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

**REGISTER FOR CLASSES:** Register for classes online at [hcc-register.com](http://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.*

### **Tuesday Mornings in Merrill:**

**James—Living a Life of Genuine Faith** by Jen Wilkin: This 11-week study will help us learn what God has to say to us in the book of James. In a few chapters, God addresses many aspects of a Christian's life. Co-led by Cheryl Wright and Laurie Jensen. Meets Tuesday mornings, starting January 11, 9:00–11:00 am at Laurie's home (N 205 Riverview Avenue, Merrill). Class cost: \$5.00. **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, from 6:00–7:30 pm. Register at [hcc-register.com](http://hcc-register.com).

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

**New to Wednesday morning—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 ([lori1061@protonmail.com](mailto:lori1061@protonmail.com) or 715-581-0074). Class starts January 26, 9:15–10:45 am. Purchase the *Cherish* book and study guide online or at a bookstore. Class size is limited. Since the class meets for approximately 6 weeks, the cost for childcare is \$20 for one child; \$25 for two children; \$30 for three or more children.

**James—Living a Life of Genuine Faith** by Jen Wilkin: This 11-week study will help us learn what God has to say to us in the book of James. In a few chapters, God addresses many aspects of a Christian's life. Co-led by Cheryl

Wright ([wife70@hotmail.com](mailto:wife70@hotmail.com), 715-536-1290) and Michelle Molinare. Class cost: \$5.00.

***In His Image—10 Ways God Calls Us to Reflect His Character*** by Jen Wilkin: God created us in His image to reflect His character. Join us to dig deep into who God is, grow in your love for Him, and allow His character to shine through in your words, attitudes, and actions. Starts January 12 and will then meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month. Co-led by Kirstin Bare (715-302-3814, [kbare@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:kbare@highlandcommunitychurch.com)) and Kathy McEvoy. 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.*

**Ladies' Luncheon:** Join us at 11:00 am on Friday, January 28, at Pizza Ranch for food and fellowship. RSVP to Jeanne at 715-675-3494 or Peggy at 715-574-1814.

**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 in January as we begin our new series, Meaning in the Madness, from Ecclesiastes.

### January

- 3 How to Pray for People Far from God
- 10 How to Engage People Far from God
- 17 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Worship Service
- 24 Meaning in the Madness: Introduction (Ecc. 1:1–11)
- 31 Meaning in Education (Ecc. 1:12–18)

**January 21–23:** Join us for our **FIRST EVER YA WinCon** - a jam-packed weekend for our YA Family! Our theme is ENGAGE, as we dive into apologetics, learning how to intelligently engage our culture in conversations like Sexuality, Race, and the Problem of Evil. Don't worry — there will be plenty of activities and food to keep us going for the whole weekend. You even have the opportunity to camp out at church on Friday night! All three meals on Saturday will be provided. Please plan to bring \$5 per

meal you plan to eat, to cover the cost. Visit our Facebook Event for the schedule for the weekend!

## Youth Ministry – Generation180

(Grades 6–12)

**No Sunday School:** January 2 & 9.

**January 5:** G180 starts up again for the spring semester.

**Districts:** On January 7–9, 203 students and leaders from Highland will be among 3500 people in Green Bay attending the Districts Youth Conference. This is an exciting time to grow spiritually and build healthy friendships. While our group is away, please pray for safe travel and that God would draw our students (and adult leaders!) closer to Christ.

**Transitions:** Kicks off Wednesday, January 12, 7:45–9:15 pm in Room B11/12 at the Wausau campus! Transitions is for current high school seniors and is designed to help coach and mentor students to transition well from high school to adulthood. Pastor Andrew and Vianca will cover an array of topics that will be engaging and thought provoking, all with the goal of helping our students take the next step in their relationship with Jesus Christ! The dates: January 12 & 26; February 9; March 9 & 30; and April 6 & 20.

**Day Break 2022:** This retreat is for all students in grades 6–8! We are heading to Forest Springs from March 4–6 to enjoy a weekend of digging into God's Word, learning and experiencing spiritual disciplines, worshipping together, enjoying outdoor activities, and making a ton of memories! Day Break Parent Info Packets will be available on Sunday, January 9, at each Connection Point, at G180, and on the church website! Space will be limited for this event, so please turn in your registration form and trip fee soon! If you have questions, reach out to Pastor Jarrod Stichter at [jstichter@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:jstichter@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

**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/Marathon:** 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)

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

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**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)

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**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)

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**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);

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# 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 [highlandcommunitychurch.com/resources/donate/](http://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 Halbrook (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. You can also send us prayer requests, read the Bible, register for classes, and so much more.

**Highland's Lay Elders:** Steve Clements, 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 7:15 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, at the home of Kurt & Valerie Zengler (227340 Raven Ave, Wausau; 715-218-9886). 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).

## Children's Ministry

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

## Men's Ministry

**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 MIPI 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; Weston campus room 4; leader: Jane (715-302-5966). Please call/text leader in case of last minute changes.
- **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).

## 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 Vianca at [vmcswain@highlandcommunitychurch.com](mailto:vmcswain@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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