



Highland

Happenings

September 2018

For more information on regularly scheduled activities / Bible studies please read the listing of ministries in the "Overview of Ministries" section. If you have the shortened version, refer to the complete newsletter online.

Worship Service Time Changes: Starting September 9, the Wausau campus services will be held at 8:00 & 10:30 am (contemporary music) and 10:20 am (Traditions service hymnal-based music). Marathon and Weston services will remain at 10:30 am. Sunday school for all ages will also resume on September 9, at 9:20 am (at each campus).

Orientation Class: If you would like to learn more about Highland and our denomination (the EFCA), you'll want to attend our Orientation class. It will be held at the Wausau campus, during Sunday school (9:20–10:10 am), October 7 through November 25. Pastor Jeff Hinds and other pastoral staff will teach the sessions. If you desire to become a member of Highland, this class is a requirement (though you do not need to become a member if you take the class). Please register online.

Highland Bike Ride For All Attendees: Meet at the Weston campus at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 1. (8:00 am for a safety check or to get tires pumped up.) Bring a bike, helmet, drinks, and power snacks. We'll depart at 9:30 am. There are bike rides for those with little ones and for those who can bike longer distances.

- Kids can ride along the paved path to Ryan Road and back (about four miles); you can turn around at any point on the trail
- Intermediate family ride—about 10 miles
- Experienced riders—about 17–20 miles along the Eau Claire River and back through Ringle
- Kid-friendly activities and post-ride treats from 10:00 am – noon.

DivorceCare Group: Going through a separation or divorce? The next 13-week session starts Monday, September 10, from 6:30–8:00 pm in room C14 at the Wausau campus. Topics include: facing anger & loneliness, financial survival, kid care, single sexuality, forgiveness, reconciliation, and how to survive holidays. Cost: \$20 for the book; scholarships are available. For

more information, contact Ken or Alisa Landry at AHenkensgang@aol.com or 715-297-4012.

Seminar on Grief: If you are a widow, and would like to learn more about grief and loss, you are welcome to join this six-session group. We'll meet once a month from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm on the following Mondays: September 24, October 8 & 22, November 12, December 3, and January 7. The sessions, and a light lunch, will be held at Suzanne Grim's home (2502 Harwood Avenue, Weston). Each session will include time to encourage each other, gain practical help, and look into God's Word for strength and guidance. If interested, contact Suzanne at 715-432-2502 or suzannegrim6@gmail.com. Limited to 12 ladies.

3rd Monday Worship Service—Be More Than a Fan. Join us on September 17 as we launch our new series! Throughout this year, we are going to examine what it means to truly be a "Follower of Christ." During each service, we will dive into a passage where Jesus explains a different, important facet of being His follower not merely His fan. The night opens up at 6:00 pm with our full-service espresso bar making made-to-order drinks. The worship service officially kicks off at 6:30 pm and lasts for about one hour. This is a great service to invite co-workers, family members, or friends to come along with you.

Centershot Archery: This fall we are holding a nine-week session for those trying Centershot for the first time. It will meet on Thursday evenings (6:30–8:00 pm), from September 13 through November 8. Children and youth, 3rd grade and up, are eligible to participate. There is no cost; materials and equipment are provided. If interested, register by contacting Kris Schumacher at 715-675-3686 or ktschuma@uwalumni.com. Information will soon be available for: a Weston fall session, Wausau winter competition session, and a Marathon spring session. The winter and spring sessions will be open to returning participants.

Nifty Fifties Plus: If you are 50 or older, single or married, you are welcome to join us for dinner at Thrive Foodery (2105 N 2nd St, Wausau) on Friday, September 28, at 6:30 pm. RSVP by September 26, to Jeff or Jeanne at 715-845-3543 or jmklapperich@juno.com. To see their menu, visit www.thrivefoodery.com.

Grapevine Card Ministry: You are invited to an evening of fun and fellowship making cards for the card ministry. Our cards are used for those in our church family and community as the Lord leads. Card supplies and ideas will be provided, or you may bring your own to share. If you have never made cards before and are interested in learning, or if you are already a card crafter, we would love to have you join us for the evening. Bring scissors, and double-sided tape or a glue stick, and join us Tuesday, October 9, from 6:00–8:00 pm in room B6 at the Wausau campus. If you have questions, call Debbie Zastrow at 715-675-3881 or Cathy Livingston at 715-536-3606.

New Baby Congrats: Tesorah Grace, born to Holgen & Marjolein Guerisma on August 1, and Cedric Warner, born to Jake & Leah Anderson on August 14.

Highland on the GO

Feed My Starving Children—September 29: Mount Olive Lutheran Church (in Weston) is this year's host site for the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) event. FMSC is a Christian non-profit that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. This is a great way to serve as a family, Life Group, or together with friends and neighbors to serve in a way that will impact the world. Visit the Community Outreach page on our website to sign up to serve.

Response to Our Marathon Community Day Event:

Thanks to all who participated! You ARE making a difference! Following is a note from people that we served that day: *"Good morning! I am writing on behalf of the Saturday group of Stratford area road bicyclists to "thank you" for warm hospitality and surprising offering of sustenance!! I have attended many community events but yours is by far the most memorable and appreciated. Kudos to you all and heartfelt wishes for success, good health and great life adventures."*

Community Involvement Page: Check out this page on Highland's website for current opportunities.

Adult Co-Ed Bible Studies

The Book of James: True faith produces fruit. A faith without action and without life change is ultimately a dead faith. The book of James speaks to the realities of a living faith in Jesus—the kind of roll-up-your-sleeves and get-your-hands-dirty discipleship that is borne out of an authentic relationship with the risen Lord. James writes to

believers who know suffering, who've faced trials, and who ultimately desire a deep relationship with God. Study led by Pastors Jeff Hinds, Dan MacDonald, Sam DeLoye, Isaiah DeMoss, Andrew Gutberlet, and Brian Whitaker. Meets Wednesday mornings, beginning October 10, from 6:30–7:15 am in room B11/12 (Wausau campus). Classes won't meet every week, so please check our online calendar for specific dates. Questions? Contact Pastor Isaiah at idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Spiritual Warfare Series—Wausau Campus: In this timely, unique exploration of spiritual warfare, Dr. Tony Evans unveils a simple yet radical truth: every struggle and conflict faced in the physical realm has its root in the spiritual realm. The key to experiencing and living out on earth the victory that God has already secured in heaven, is to learn how to intentionally and effectively do battle in the spiritual realm. With passion and clarity, Dr. Evans demystifies spiritual warfare so that listeners can tackle challenges and obstacles with spiritual power—God's authority. Begins Thursday, September 13, at 6:30 pm, in room B4. Led by Tom Krause.

Lord Change My Attitude—Marathon Campus: It's not about your struggles. It's not about your circumstances. It's not about your relationships. It's about your attitude. In this study, James MacDonald reveals just how much our attitudes affect our lives. Drawing on the experience of the Israelites' journey from Egypt into the wilderness, he shows how bad attitudes rob us of joy and wholeness. If you're ready for a serious, inside-out attitude adjustment, there is no better place to start than this: "Lord, change my attitude...before it's too late." Begins Wednesday, September 12, from 6:30–8:00 pm, in room 1. Led by Ryan McCain & Andy Tikalsky.

Marathon Adult Sunday Classes:

Christian Beliefs: Dale Sturm, Tom Krause, and Pastor Brian Whitaker will lead us in learning how to study Scripture to help answer fundamental questions such as: What is the Bible? What is creation? What is God like? What is the atonement? What will happen when Christ returns? Starts Sunday, September 9, at 9:20 am.

Wausau Adult Sunday Classes:

Classes start Sunday, September 9, at 9:20 am.

Verse by Verse—1 Timothy: In the book of 1 Timothy, Paul encourages and challenges his protégé to hold fast to his calling and continue the work that the famed evangelist had begun. Come learn how to grow closer to God! Led by Dave Mahler; room B7.

Equipping Class—Discipleship: The class format will blend teaching, video, and discussion. The goal of the class is to "equip the saints" (Ephesians 4). Come

expecting to connect, grow, and go! Led by Steve Vandenberg and Steve Clements; Café room.

Mission Minded Class: What in the world is God doing? We'll hear from some of our church-supported missionaries (including Mitch Cooper on September 9!) and learn some of the ways God is at work all around the world. Guest speakers will address questions like these: What's it like growing up as a missionary kid? What value comes from a short-term mission trip? What do HCC pastors do when they go train other pastors? Various speakers; room B5.

Book of Ephesians: While many see Ephesians as a letter of general teaching, it was, like most of Paul's letters, written to address a particular problem at Ephesus: pride leading to division. In the first half of the letter, which we covered last year, Paul lays out God's plan for salvation and the Church. This year, starting at the end of chapter 3, we will see how Paul begins to reveal how this impacts our lives as believers. In doing so, Paul covers some of the most wonderful and controversial teachings in the Bible, teachings that are as vital and important today as they were when he wrote Ephesians. Led by Elgin Hushbeck; room B3.

Romans: This study will be group discussion based using Inductive Bible Study methods. It will include the Sovereignty of God and the text that fueled the Reformation, and how these truths should impact saints today. There will be three to four discussion questions from the week's text. Led by Jerre Wright; room B4.

Women's Only Class—Habits of Grace: See the description and online registration details under the Women's Ministry heading.

Weston Adult Sunday Classes:

Classes start Sunday, September 9, at 9:20 am.

Equipping Class— The Mingling of Souls by Matt Chandler: This class will include a video and discussion that focuses on the Song of Solomon and covers a Biblical understanding of relationships and marriage. Led by Pastors Andrew and Dan; meet in the Worship Center.

Isaiah: The Salvation of Yahweh: This class is a general introduction of the book of Isaiah that will cover the high points and lay a firm foundation for future examination. Throughout its pages are found prophecies whose fulfillment is realized in Jesus Christ. Led by Mark Voss and Dan Esterline.

Adult Life Groups

Life Groups are a small group of people that meet weekly or biweekly to study God's Word, discuss the issues and

challenges of life, pray, and care for one another. We are looking for more leaders. If you are interested in joining or leading a Life Group, or if you desire more information, please contact Janna Janke at 715-842-5683 or jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

The following Life Groups are open to new participants:

Sazama, Hatley Area, Wednesday, 60+
Contact April at aprilsazama@yahoo.com

Klapperich, Wausau, Sunday afternoon, 50s/60s
Contact Jeff or Jeanne at jcklapperich@juno.com

Nelessen, Merrill, Tuesday evening, mixed group
Contact Jeff or Jean Ann at nelessen7@gmail.com

Embree, Wausau campus, Sunday afternoon, 60+
Contact Marlowe at marlow_embree@yahoo.com

Blake/Schlagel, Marathon, Sunday, mixed group
Contact Andy at Andrew.j.blake@hotmail.com

Esterline, Wausau West, Thursday evenings, mixed group
Contact Dan Esterline at dester13@gmail.com

Children's Ministry (NextGen)

(Age: birth to grade 5)

Ministry Training—One Way Club: The training for BOTH Weston & Wausau Clubs will be on Wednesday, September 5, at 6:00 pm in rooms C7/8 at the Wausau campus.

One Way Club: The first night of OWC is Wednesday, September 12, at 6:00 pm. Come dressed for a summer theme. Registration forms are available in the lobbies and online. Club is for children age 4 through 5th grade. OWC meets at both the Weston and Wausau campus sites.

Child Dedications: We will have two dedications this fall: October 14 and November 25. For details, contact Teri Hess at thess@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

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 through His Word, prayer, and fellowship. We will resume our regular Friday night study/fellowship on Friday, September 7, at 7:00 pm in room B11/12 at the Wausau campus.

September Activities:

- 7 7:00 pm – resume study with James MacDonald
- 8 5:00 pm – fishing at Kort Street boat launch & park (corner of West Kort Street & Edgewood

Drive behind St. Therese in Rothschild) – bring your fishing license, a rod, and worms

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15 1:00 pm – International Wisconsin Ginseng Festival (details to come)

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

Men's Ministry



Men's Breakfast: All men are invited to enjoy breakfast together at 6:00 am on Tuesday, September 25, at the Log Cabin Restaurant in Schofield. Questions? Call/text Kevin Voeltzke at 715-574-3588.

Fall Studies: Men, gather and learn principles and practices to help you grow in your walk with Christ. Take your next step—sign-up today! If you miss the study start date, no worries—join in anytime. Better late than never, right? Most of the study leaders will continue to meet at the same time and day with another study once the ones below are complete. Stay tuned. For more info, contact Pastor Isaiah at idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

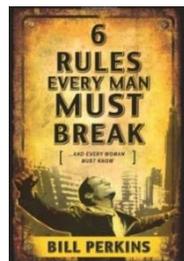
\$5 Men's German Brat Night— September 6: Join us for our fall kick-off meal gathering. The theme is *Building Spiritual Muscle*—becoming the champion we were all designed to be. Are you up for the challenge? Come join your brothers, share a meal, develop friendships, and get encouraged. Learn about some new Men's Ministry opportunities. Meet in the Wausau campus Café room. Doors open at 5:15 pm; dinner at 6:00 pm. Register at www.highlandcommunitychurch.com.



Recovering Redemption: In this 12-session Bible study, we will get to the root of brokenness and our destructive patterns of behavior. With relentless grace, we will study true repentance and the doctrines of justification, adoption, and sanctification with remarkably practical application. It's time to start living like we believe in the ongoing power of redemption. Led by Isaiah DeMoss. Registration is not necessary; please order your own book as the deadline has passed. Begins Tuesday, September 11, from 6:30–7:30 am (weekly) in room C1 (Wausau campus). For more info, contact Pastor Isaiah at idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com.



6 Rules Every Man Must Break: What if by breaking six specific rules, you could throw off the shackles of other people's expectations and pursue a more authentic and liberating

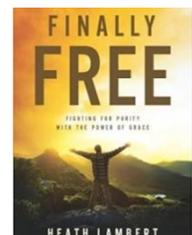


faith? Drawing on personal stories and Scriptural examples, we will show how defying these rules will help you to live a courageous and credible life free from hypocrisy and to unleash the passionate faith that resides within you. Led by Jim Hostvedt. Begins Thursday, September 13, from 6:30–7:30 pm (weekly) in room C1 (Wausau campus). For more info, contact Pastor Isaiah at idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

The Measure of a Man: This study shows men how to live according to God's direction—faithfully, lovingly, and spiritually—by offering 20 Biblical guidelines, life applications, and words of inspiration. This discussion will be based on the book, *The Measure of a Man*, by Gene Getz. Led by Dan Esterline. Begins Wednesday, September 12, from 6:00–7:00 am (weekly) in room B2 (Wausau campus). For more information, please contact Dan at dester13@me.com.

2 Corinthians: Paul's message to the first century Corinthian saints is just as relevant today as it was in the 1st century. The same issues are still troubling the church today, so we'll learn how to apply these practical truths to our lives. The year will finish with an overview of Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi including the historical background of Ezra and Nehemiah. The studies are a group discussion / Inductive Bible Study of the questions from the week's text. Led by Jerre Wright. This study will be offered at two separate times for your convenience: Tuesdays, beginning September 11, from 6:30–8:00 pm (weekly) in room C14 (Wausau campus) and Wednesdays, beginning September 12, from 9:00–10:30 am (weekly) in room C14 (Wausau campus). For more info, contact Pastor Isaiah at idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Finally Free: Fighting Purity with the Power of Grace: If you have struggled personally against the powerful draw of pornography, or if you have ever tried to help someone fighting this battle, you know how hard it is to break free. But real freedom isn't found by trying harder to change. Nor is it found in a particular method or program. Only Jesus Christ has the power to free people from the enslaving power of pornography. Led by Jim Williams, Ken Landry, and Dave Bostrom. Tuesdays, 6:00–7:00 pm (weekly), in room B5 (Wausau campus). For more information, contact Pastor Isaiah at idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com.



The Book of James: True faith produces fruit. A faith without action and without life change is ultimately a dead faith. The book of James speaks to the realities of a living faith in Jesus—the kind of roll-up-your-sleeves and get-your-hands-dirty discipleship that is borne out of an authentic relationship with the risen Lord. James writes to believers who know suffering, who've faced trials, and

who ultimately desire a deep relationship with God. Led by Pastors Jeff Hinds, Dan MacDonald, Sam DeLoye, Isaiah DeMoss, Andrew Gutberlet, and Brian Whitaker. This class will be held on Wednesday mornings in **two locations** as follows:

- **Weston (men's study)** – beginning October 3 in Solid Grounds at the Weston campus
- **Wausau (co-ed study)** – beginning October 10, from 6:30–7:15 am in room B11/12

Classes won't meet every week, so please check our online calendar for specific dates. If you have questions, contact Pastor Isaiah at idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Man Camp 2018—September 28-30: Man Camp is a weekend experience where men of all ages can find the time and space to be challenged—spiritually and physically—to become equipped to lead at home, church, and at work. Man Camp offers men the chance to experience brotherhood and learn what God expects of men. Register online at www.forestsprings.us/events/specialty/man-camp. For more information, contact Kevin Voeltzke at 715-574-3588 or kvoeltzke@gmail.com.



Houston Mission Trip: Highland's Men's Ministry and G180 Youth Ministry are partnering together for a mission trip to Houston, Texas, on March 23-30. This trip is designed for men and upper-classmen (junior and senior) male students. We will help with Hurricane Harvey relief work doing light construction, demo work, and other service projects that will be needed. The trip cost is \$400 per person. There will be an informative meeting on **Wednesday, September 19, from 8:00–8:30 pm in the Café Room at the Wausau campus.** Questions? Contact either Pastor Isaiah (idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com) or Pastor Jarrod (jstichter@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

On-going studies or events are listed in the Overview of Ministries section. If you have the shortened version, please refer to the full newsletter online.

Weston Campus

Paint the Gym Outreach: Help us demonstrate in a very practical way that the Church loves the community! Join us on Saturday, September 15, at 9:00 am at the Weston Elementary School to paint their gym. Bring paint roller handles, handle extensions, roller pans, rags, and drop cloths. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to Pastor Dan at dmacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Women's Ministry

Attention Women: Do you want to know what is going on with Women's Ministries? Sign up to be on the email list to get updates about women's studies and events. Go to www.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.

Ladies' Day at Forest Springs – Thursday, September 13:

Ladies' Day is all about being encouraged, equipped and transformed by God's Word. The guest speaker, Jill Briscoe, is a highly sought-after Bible teacher and author. She travels around the world ministering to under-resourced churches and speaking at international seminars and conferences. Cost: \$26. Register online at www.forestsprings.us or call them at 715-427-5241. Meet at the Wausau campus at 7:15 am if you would like to carpool. If you have questions, contact Sue MacDonald at smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Ladies Luncheon: Join us for food and fellowship at Pizza Ranch (in Weston) on Friday, September 28, at 11:00 am. Please RSVP to Jeanne Becker at 715-675-3494 or Peggy Jaeger at 715-574-1814 if you plan on attending.

Moms In Prayer International: MIP International desires to impact children and schools worldwide for Christ by gathering women to pray. The vision for MIPI is that every school in the world would be covered with prayer. Moms In Prayer groups meet weekly during the school year; there are several groups in the Wausau area which meet to pray for K-12 schools and colleges. For more information on these groups and Moms In Prayer, or to learn how to start a group for your child's school, contact Debbie Myhrer, the Moms In Prayer area coordinator, at debbiemyhrer@gmail.com or 715-848-5164.

Moms In Prayer International "Unshaken" Minnesota Conference: Do you want to stand unshaken in this troubled world? With Jesus you can live victoriously in any circumstance. He wants to transform you, empower you, and set you free. Seize God's promises and battle powerfully in prayer. With Him, you can change the course of your life. Join a sisterhood of prayer warriors impacting the next generation for Christ. The conference is October 5-6, at Wooddale Church of Eden Prairie (Greater Minneapolis area – at 6630 Shady Oak Rd, Eden Prairie, MN 55344). The cost is \$30; \$40 after September 1; \$45 after October 1. The cost includes lunch and materials. Hotel costs are not included. For more information, and/or to join area Moms In Prayer ladies, contact Debbie Myhrer at debbiemyhrer@gmail.com or 715-848-5164. You can also go to www.MomsInPrayer.org/events.

Moms In Prayer International Bless Our Schools Sunday: This Sunday prayer event gathers women worldwide to pray for schools, teachers, staff, and students in their congregations. HCC women are invited to join in praying for our teachers and area schools on Sunday, September 16, from 8:00–9:00 am in room B3 (Wausau campus). Prayer material for our schools and children will be available at each Connection Point.

Mothers of Preschoolers: 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 2nd and 4th Tuesdays every month (September 11 — May 21) from 9:00–11:15 am. Childcare is provided, but registration is required. For information, contact Amanda McLellan at 715-212-3643 or WausauHighlandMops@gmail.com.

Moms NEXT: 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 Molly Markey at 716-867-5539 or WausauHighlandMops@gmail.com.

MOPS & Moms NEXT Kick-off: Both groups will kick off on Tuesday, September 11, from 9:15–11:15 am in the Café room (Wausau campus). Registration ahead of time is much appreciated and will secure a childcare spot. Our **Mom's Night Out** will be held at the Clay House in Weston on September 18, at 7:30 pm. If you have questions, email WausauHighlandMOPS@gmail.com.

PraiseMoves Fitness for Women: This 90-minute class is a gentle form of exercise for women of all ages. PraiseMoves' deep stretching and gentle movement can provide benefits such as weight loss, stress relief, flexibility, toning, improved circulation, and decreased back pain. The class will be tailored to fit the physical abilities of the group. It will be held at the Weston campus on Wednesdays, from 1:45–3:15 pm, September 26 – November 14. Certified PraiseMoves instructor Peggy Cotter will lead the class. Participants need to wear comfy clothes and bring their own exercise mat and towel. To register, email Peggy at considerthefields@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: This fall begins our 6th year! Join us in ministering to others with shawls, lap robes, hats, mittens, and other offerings of support to the church family and surrounding community as the Lord leads. Pray-ers, knitters, crocheters, and quilters are welcome. Those interested in learning to knit or crochet, are welcome to join us. We would love to help you. For more information, contact Donna Gregg at 630-337-1661.

Times:

- **Day Group:** meets the third Monday in September, November, January, March, and May from 11:30 am–1:30 pm in room B2 (Wausau campus).
- **Evening Group:** meets the second Tuesday in October, December, February, and April from 6:30–8:00 pm in room B2 (Wausau campus).

If:Table: Ladies, you are invited to gather around the *If* table – a place to gather and share a simple meal, while diving deeper over real stories and Christ-centered conversations. We meet after WORD classes on the 2nd Wednesday of each month: September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12, from 11:15 am – 12:15 pm in the Café (Wausau campus). Please make a commitment to attend all four lunches. Bring your own lunch. Childcare is provided, but bring a lunch for your child(ren). To sign up, you must call Lori Schlais (715-845-0178).

Bible Studies

Monday Evening at the Wausau Campus: *A Harmony of the Gospels* by Thomas and Gundry: The central person of Christianity is Jesus Christ. The bulk of what we know about Him is found in the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. An indispensable step toward a better understanding of the four books is to harmonize (bring together) the separate accounts so as to assemble as many details as possible into a chronological sequence. *A Harmony of the Gospels* allows us to study the separate accounts/passages at the same time. Led by Gretchen Christenson. This 17-week study will be held from September 10 – February 25, from 6:15–7:45 pm in room B11/12. Please order your own book as the deadline has passed. Childcare not provided.

Monday Evening at the Weston Campus: *Your Sacred Yes* by Susie Larson: Are you worn out from life's ought-to's and should-do's? It's so easy to give our time away. We commit to something because it's a good cause or there's a great need. Or maybe because no one else will help out. The result? The days blur together and we find ourselves overworked and under-joyed, desperate for a faith awakening. In this practical and liberating book, Susie shares Biblical ways to: learn how – and when – to say no without guilt or shame, find a pace and perspective that matches God's best for you, and discern man-made obligations from God-given invitations. Led by Sue MacDonald. Class meets September 10 – October 22, from 6:00–7:30 pm in room 4. Please order your own book as the deadline has passed. Childcare not provided.

Tuesday Morning in Merrill: *Hoping for Something Better: Refusing to Settle for Life as Usual* by Nancy Guthrie: Do you ever wrestle with a nagging sense of disappointment...that life isn't what you thought it would be...that you aren't who you wanted to be...that faith seems more complicated than it should be? Do you find yourself longing for...something better? As Nancy Guthrie shows in this journey through the book of Hebrews, there is something better. There's something better than superficial spirituality, better than meaningless ritual, better than a life bound by shame and regret. That

something better is within your grasp. This study meets September 11 – December 11, from 9:00–11:00 am at the home of Laurie Jensen (N205 Riverview Avenue, Merrill). For more information, contact Cheryl Wright (715-536-1290) or Laurie Jensen (715-573-3459). Cost: \$12.00. Please order your own book as the deadline has passed. Childcare not provided.

Tuesday Evening in Merrill: A Young Women's Bible Study (*Women in Their 20s & 30s*): *The Uncommon Woman* by Susie Larson: Imagine yourself in a pool of strong swimmers, all swimming clockwise. You, a Christian woman, are swimming counter-clockwise... counter-cultural, if you will. This book is for the woman who longs to rise up out of the stereotypical behavior of gossip, insecurity, pettiness, and small dreams. She has an unfulfilled desire to be someone who goes against the grain of the common for the sole purpose of living a life with conviction. The woman who reads this book is ready to believe in her deep value, ready to accept her high calling, and ready to make a difference in a world in need of her influence. Go ahead, swim against the stream to become *The Uncommon Woman*. Led by Jean Ann Nelessen. Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday, September 11 – April 23, from 6:30–8:00 pm. The study will meet at Jean Ann's home (N366 Lake Road, Merrill). Please order your own book as the deadline has passed. Childcare not provided.



Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study: *The Wisdom of God* by Nancy Guthrie: Wouldn't you love to be wise and know the God who is Wisdom Himself? This 10-week study of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon mines the Wisdom Literature not only for wise principles for living, but also these books point to —Jesus—through their drama, poetry, proverb, and song. Led by Shawna Sturm. Starts September 20, from 9:30–11:00 am at the home of Shawna Sturm (1009 Steuben Street, Wausau). Cost: \$17. Register by September 13 to Shawna at shawnasturm@yahoo.com.

Wednesday Mornings at the Wausau Campus—Kick-off to Bible Study: Register online for the class you want and then plan to join us for a potluck brunch and fellowship on September 5, from 9:00–11:00 am, at the Wausau campus. The brunch will be the first hour, followed by the first class for each study. Come for a time of food and fellowship. Last names beginning with A-L, please bring fruit; last names beginning with M-Z, please bring a main dish.

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. Childcare cost is due the first day of class. Scholarships are available for those needing assistance. The cost is \$40 for one child; \$50 for two children; \$60 for three children or more.

Wednesday Morning – *Intimate Issues* by Linda Dillow and Lorraine Pintus: The enemy continues to do all that he can to destroy marriages and the intimate relationship between a husband and wife. The messages from our world are also filled with falsehoods and misinformation leading to struggles and conflict within marriages. This class will study the book, *Intimate Issues*, as well as dig into God's Word to reclaim the area of sexual intimacy as a beautiful gift designed by God for a husband and wife. We will also explore the God-designed differences between men and women, marriage roles, communication, and love languages. This is an 11-week course, meeting every Wednesday, September 12 – November 28, from 9:00–11:00 am. Class will consist of large group teaching / discussion and small group time. Outside reading, homework, and consistent class attendance is a priority. Childcare is available with registration. Class size will be limited to 28 and participants must be married. Led by Karen Vandenberg and team. Please order your own book as the deadline has passed.

Wednesday Morning – *Acts 1 (Chapters 1-12)*: This is the time to know the character of God, the power of salvation, and the inspiration of His Holy Spirit. This is a study of the first twelve chapters of the Book of Acts. This is an exciting historical book which lays the meaning of salvation and foundations of Christian doctrine while recounting the flow of the spread of Christianity from its explosive beginning in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost to the ends of the known world. This class is geared for a first time Bible student and will give you the skills for life-long learning from the Bible. Together, we will explore how to thoroughly observe each passage, accurately interpret its meaning, and then consistently apply it directly to our own lives. More experienced learners will benefit from opportunities for deeper research, especially regarding interpretation methods. You will be equipped to go as deep as you want, at your own pace. We will share insights and applications with each other in class and in small group time. There is no workbook or DVD, but we will provide the Biblical text in a format that will facilitate note taking. There will be optional homework, as the Spirit leads you. Led by Susan Messerly.

Women's Sunday School Class at the Wausau Campus: *Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus through the Spiritual Disciplines*: Three seemingly unremarkable principles shape and strengthen the Christian life: listening to God's voice, speaking to Him in prayer, and joining together with His people as the church. Though often viewed as normal and routine, the everyday "habits of grace" we

cultivate give us access to these God-designed channels through which His love and power flow—including the greatest joy of all: knowing and enjoying Jesus. This study will be practical and applicable as we look, learn, and live, and as we share our “habits.” Led by various women teachers. Starts September 9. Please order your own book as the deadline has passed. Childcare is available.

On-going studies are listed in the Overview of Ministries section. If you have the shortened version, please refer to the full newsletter online.

Young Adults Ministry

The Young Adults Ministry 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. For more info, contact: Pastor Sam at sdeloye@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

September Schedule

- 1 Cookout at Lotz’s home (see below)
- 3 Off – Labor Day
- 10 Young Adults – Fall Launch
- 17 3rd Monday Worship Service
- 24 Young Adults Group

Cookout at the Lotz’s Home: Join us at 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 1, for an end-of-summer cookout at the Lotz’s home. We’ll enjoy great food, yard games, and boating on the river. Bring a swimsuit, towel, yard games, chair, and a dish to pass. We will provide the main course and drinks. For the address, see our Facebook page or contact Pastor Sam.

Youth Ministries (Grade 6 to 12)

G180 Preview: This is for all incoming 6th graders, and new G180 Leaders, to familiarize you with how a “typical” G180 night looks at the Wausau campus. Please join us on Wednesday, September 5, from 6:00–7:00 pm.

G180 Kickoff: Calling students in grades 6-12! Meet us Wednesday, September 12, for Generation180’s Kickoff! The main gathering for G180 will meet from 6:00–8:00 pm at the Wausau campus; the Weston Life Group will meet at the Weston campus from 6:00–7:30 pm. See you there!

Sunday School: Classes for teens are available at all three campus sites at 9:20 am on Sunday mornings, starting September 9. Please join us – info can be found online at www.highlandg180.com!

See You at the Pole: On September 26, join with students across the country as everyone meets at their school flag pole to pray for half an hour before school. There will also be an evening “Saw You at the Pole” rally involving students from Wausau area youth groups. This will be the main event for G180 that evening. Details will be provided closer to the event date!

Storm the Mountain: Sunday, September 23, from 4:00–8:00 pm. We will hike up the south trails of Rib Mountain to enjoy a time of worship and devotion in the amphitheater at the summit. Drop-off and pick-up will be at the South Mountain Elementary School parking lot (at the end of Jonquil Lane just past the DMV). Bring a sack dinner, water bottle, flashlight, and friends for this exciting night of outdoor fun, fall colors, and worship. Refreshments will be available at the top of the mountain.

Houston Mission Trip: Highland’s Men’s Ministry and G180 Youth Ministry are partnering together for a mission trip to Houston, Texas, on March 23-30. This trip is designed for men and upper-classmen (junior and senior) male students. We will help with Hurricane Harvey relief work doing light construction, demo work, and other service projects that will be needed. The trip will cost \$400 per person. Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 19, from 8:00–8:30 pm in the Café Room at the Wausau Campus** for an informational meeting. If you have questions, please contact either Pastor Isaiah (idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com) or Pastor Jarrod (jstichter@highlandcommunitychurch.com).

G180 2018-2019 Calendar of Events: Our year-long calendar is now available at the Connection Point at all three campus sites. Feel free to grab one, or download it from www.highlandg180.com!

G180 Social Media: Stay connected with G180 online! **Facebook:** @highlandg180; **Twitter:** @highlandg180; **Instagram:** highlandg180; or check out the youth web page at www.highlandg180.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, Care Group, or more. **GROW:** Attend an informal newcomer reception (offered a couple times per year); attend our Orientation Class (offered a couple times per year); and/or attend one of our many adult studies. **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 cost to you. At 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 Community Church.

Highland App: Listen to sermons on your mobile device, follow our Facebook posts (even if you're not a Facebook member), give online, get notifications, and so much more! Simply go to "the store" of your mobile device, search for our name, and download the free app.

Births and Weddings: If you are a regular attender and have a new baby or adoption in your family, contact the office. We'll put a rose on stage in their honor and the birth/adoption will be announced in next month's Highland Happenings. Similarly, if you are a regular attender and you get married, or have a son/daughter who gets married (at HCC), let us know the wedding date and couple's names (maiden name too, please) and we will add those to Highland Happenings.

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, strength/interval training offers all this and more, with an uplifting positive message through the music. Classes meet on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:45PM. For details, call Janet Reid, AAFA certified fitness instructor, at 715-921-4444 or go to www.bodyandsoul.org.

Card Ministry: Interested in fellowship and card exchanges? Contact Stephanie Christensen at 715-687-4647 or Paulette Lang at 715-352-3564.

Centershot Ministry: This archery sport league is for ages 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 for information, contact Chris Janke at 715-571-7037 or centershot@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Coffee Ministries: A regular rotation of volunteers serve the congregation at both the Wausau and Weston campus sites. If you are interested in this ministry opportunity, at the Wausau campus, contact Janna Janke at 715-842-5683 or jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com. For the Weston campus, contact Betty Tellekson at 715-359-6477 or halm0103@yahoo.com or Karen LeSage at 715-359-2618.

Congregational Life Ministry: This ministry includes: the Free Sale, Thanksgiving Soup & Pie Potluck, funeral meals, and meals made and delivered to homes. Many volunteers are needed in this ministry to give comfort and encouragement to those in need. If you are interested in serving in any of these areas, contact Betty Tellekson at halm0103@yahoo.com or 715-359-6477.

DivorceCare Group: Going through a separation or divorce? Contact Ken or Alisa Landry at 715-297-4012 or AHenkensgang@aol.com about this ministry.

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.

First Fruits – Highland's Electronic Giving Program: To participate, fill out the authorization form found in our *First Fruits* brochure. Find it in the lobby or on our website. For information, contact Debra Schonscheck at dschonscheck@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Highland Community Church Cookbook: Available in the church office during office hours or at the Wausau campus Connection Point counter. The donation is up to the purchaser; funds go to the Sudan Mission Project.

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, please contact the church office. While the hospitals 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.

Grapevine Ministry: This ministry serves to encourage those in need. Services include: loaner home medical equipment, and handmade cards of encouragement. Contact Kathy Comport at 715-675-3557.

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

- ♦ Marathon campus: Jane Thompson (715-443-3092)
- ♦ Traditions service: Michele Sattler (715-551-4974)
- ♦ Wausau campus: Alyson Halbrook (715-218-0612)
- ♦ Weston campus: Karen Arnold (715-297-0809)

Meal Providers: Show Christ's love by providing a meal for those in our church body who have just had a baby, surgery, etc. Meals can be as simple as delivering a pizza. If willing to help, contact Lorna Sellin at 715-845-1329.

Missions Committee Meetings: If you have a heart for missions and would like information about the next meeting, contact Pastor Brian Whitaker at bwhitaker@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Prayer Chain Ministry: If you are willing to confidentially be in prayer about requests that come in, let us know you would like to be involved in this vital ministry. Send an email (with your name included) to the office at office@highlandcommunitychurch.com and we will add you to our prayer chain.

Prayer Requests: Blank prayer cards are located at each Connection Point and in the Friendship Registers. Completed prayer cards may be placed in the offering basket or the lobby drop box. You may also contact the office at office@highlandcommunitychurch.com or 715-842-5683 to submit non-confidential requests for our email 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry (part of Grapevine Ministry): We meet for prayer, work on shawls/lap robes, and provide instruction for those who are interested in learning to knit or crochet. For more information, contact Donna Gregg at 630-337-1661.

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 teaching page at www.highlandcommunitychurch.com, on our App, or on podcast.

Traditions Service: Did you know Highland offers a choice of worship styles? Each week, our Traditions service continues the rich tradition of worshiping God through hymns with piano accompaniment. It's a smaller service with a friendly, welcoming, family atmosphere where it's easy to know everyone's name. If you're looking for a change of pace, check out the Traditions service at 8:50 am each Sunday during the summer or at 10:20 am during the school year. It is held in room B12 (previously the Youth Room) at the Wausau campus.

Adult Sunday School Classes

Sunday School: Each campus has a full offering of adult Sunday school classes starting at 9:20 am each Sunday during the school year (except during Christmas and Easter breaks.) Classes resume September 9.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School: Sunday school for age 2 to 5th grade meets during the school year at 9:20 am.

One Way Club (Wausau and Weston Campus Sites): Meets Wednesdays, from 6:00–8:00 pm (7:30 pm the Weston campus), from mid-September through mid-April.

Men's Ministry

No Regrets 2019 – Saturday, February 2: Yes, it is a long time from now... pencil in the date now, add it to your electronic calendar(s). Help us get the word out early, too. Ask a friend to join you!! More information will come later this year.



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. 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 B12 at the Wausau campus. (Our Friday Night Fellowship does not meet during the summer.) Check Highland's online calendar for Journeys current social events. Singles under 40 are also welcome. For more information, or to

receive email updates, contact Louise Cooke at 715-212-5040 or louisechristfollower@gmail.com.

Women's Ministry

Women's Bible Studies (WORD): Studies meet throughout the school year on a various days at our campus sites.

MOPS and Moms NEXT: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meets during the school year on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month from 9:15–11:00 am. You will be blessed with a time of food, fun, and fellowship with other mothers. Registration is required. Childcare is limited, so if you need childcare, please call the church. Moms NEXT (mothers of school-age children) meets in conjunction with MOPS, breaking off from time to time for topics more specific to our stage of mothering. Register online. No cost, unless childcare is needed. If you would like more information about either MOPS or Moms Next, contact WausauHighlandMOPS@gmail.com.

Moms in Prayer: Groups are women meet regularly to intercede on behalf of children and schools through prayer. Several Wausau area groups meet weekly during the school year. For more information on the groups, or if you want to start a new group, contact Debbie Myhrer (715-848-5146) or visit www.MomsInPrayer.org.

If you are not currently receiving Women's Ministries updates, and would like to, please contact Sue MacDonald (smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.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 to the church office.

Young Adults Ministry

Young Adults is for anyone college-age through their 30s – whether single, married, dating, or engaged. For more information, contact Pastor Sam DeLoye at sdeloye@highlandcommunitychurch.com.

Youth Ministry

Email Updates for Parents of Youth: If you would like to receive updates about Highland's Youth Ministry, contact Trudy at tmorice@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. While the Jr. High (grades 6 to 8) and Sr. High (grades 9 to 12) groups both meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 pm during the school year, each group has separate programs aside from combined worship and a few events. There is also Sunday school, yearly trips, special events, leadership opportunities, and so much more for youth. Just ask us!

Youth Sunday School Classes: Sunday school for grades 6 to 12 meets during the school year at 9:20 am.

Ministry Contacts – September 2018

Body & Soul Fitness: Janet Reid at 715-921-4444 or janetreidrdh@gmail.com

Card Exchange Group: Stephanie Christensen at 715-687-4647 or schristensen@emcsinc.com; Paulette Lang at 715-352-3564 or plang@membranepc.com

Adult Co-Ed & Sunday School Studies: Pastor Isaiah DeMoss at idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com

Adult Life Groups: Janna Janke at jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com

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

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

Teri Hess at thess@highlandcommunitychurch.com or Kirstin McEvoy at kmcevoy@highlandcommunitychurch.com

Coffee Ministry:

Marathon: Lynn Schlagel at 715-257-1856

Wausau: Janna Janke at jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com; Jolene Fenwick at jfenwick@highlandcommunitychurch.com

Weston: Betty Tellekson at 715-359-6477 or halm0103@yahoo.com; Karen LeSage at 715-359-2618

Congregational Life: Betty Tellekson at 715-359-6477 or halm0103@yahoo.com

DivorceCare: Ken & Alisa Landry at 715-297-4012 or AHenkensgang@aol.com

Electronic Giving: Debra Schonscheck at dschonscheck@highlandcommunitychurch.com

Facility Scheduling: Jolene Fenwick at jfenwick@highlandcommunitychurch.com

Grapevine Ministry (respite equipment and care needs, cards and prayer shawls for the HCC Body): Kathy Comport at 715-675-3557,

Cathy Livingston at 715-536-3606, or Debbie Zastrow at 715-675-3881

Greeter Ministry:

Marathon Campus: Jane Thompson at 715-443-3092

Wausau Campus: Alyson Halbrook at 715-218-0612 or alysonh2u@gmail.com

Traditions Service: Michele Sattler at 715-551-4974 or michelesattler@gmail.com

Weston Campus: Karen Arnold at 715-297-0809 or popcornka@yahoo.com

Marathon MTL: Joel Stencil at 715-218-6757 or jstencil@membranepc.com

Meal Providers: Lorna Sellin at 715-845-1329

Men's Ministry: Dan Fiorenza at dggcampmore@gmail.com or Pastor Isaiah DeMoss at idemoss@highlandcommunitychurch.com

Wausau Campus: Dan Fiorenza at dggcampmore@gmail.com

Weston Campus: Kevin Voeltzke at kvoeltzke@gmail.com

Weston Bible Study: Pastor Dan MacDonald at dmacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com

Missions: Joel Wissmueller at 715-848-1297 or jwissmu@charter.net

Moms In Prayer: Debbie Myhrer at 715-848-5164 or debbiemyrer@gmail.com

Moms NEXT (for moms of elementary children and no preschoolers): Molly Markey at 716-867-5539 or WausauHighlandMOPS@gmail.com

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS): Amanda McLellan at 715-212-3643 or WausauHighlandMOPS@gmail.com

Nifty Fifties Group: Jeff or Jeanne Klapperich at 715-845-3543 or jmklapperich@juno.com

Prayer Chain: Highland's office at office@highlandcommunitychurch.com

Single Parenting Family Ministry: Janna Janke at 715-842-5683 or jjanke@highlandcommunitychurch.com

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

Usher Ministry:

Marathon: Ryan McCain at 715-571-0026 or pryanmc@hotmail.com

Wausau: Miles Hoyt at 715-257-7886 or edbdv8@hotmail.com

Traditions Service: Michele Sattler at 715-551-4974 or michelesattler@gmail.com

Weston: John Drinville at 715-297-0412 or flockofeagleswi@gmail.com

Weston MTL: Kevin Voeltzke at kvoeltzke@gmail.com

Women's Ministry: Sue MacDonald at 715-842-5683 or smacdonald@highlandcommunitychurch.com

Worship Ministry: Pastor Jeff Weiss at jweiss@highlandcommunitychurch.com

Young Adults (20s/30s) Group: Pastor Sam DeLoye at sdeloye@highlandcommunitychurch.com

Youth Ministry: Pastor Jarrod Stichter at jstichter@highlandcommunitychurch.com; Trudy Morice at tmorice@highlandcommunitychurch.com