

Coming Up at TPOG in Fall 2013

All are welcome! Please join us at any events listed below

- **The Gathering** “Live Life with No Regrets” with Bill Limmer in the Warrior Underground at Wisconsin Lutheran College on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, 2013 at 7pm. Join us for a little Christmas sing-along, a great talk, and some food!
- **Weekly TPOG Bible Studies:**
- **MSOE:** Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Room CC47
- **UWM:** Wednesdays at 7pm (call for location)
- **Marquette:** Thursdays at 6pm in William Wehr Physics Building Room 150
- **Women’s Group** : Thursdays at 1pm at the TPOG Campus Ministry House

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What’s Happening at TPOG

This month’s *Gathering* at Marquette University was very well-organized, thanks in no small part to student volunteer James Ward! We appreciate your willingness to serve! We heard Pastor James Hein start with this thesis statement:

What has been done will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 1:9)

... to remind us that, even though our post-modern minds view our culture and technology as “new & improved,” we still all struggle with the same issues as the ancients: idolatry! We still seek love, money, success, children who will make us look good. . . and we still need the same thing: a Savior!

Hope you or a student you know in the Milwaukee area can join us at our December *Gathering* at Wisconsin Lutheran College!

Supporters, please pray for:

- Students preparing for final exams
- Students traveling during the holidays
- The direction of TPOG’s ministry—pray that we accept and follow God’s will for our group
- Our December *Gathering* at Wisconsin Lutheran College

November Newsletter

A Student's Perspective

Brittany Hesselman
—University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee—
To supporters of The Point of Grace Campus Ministry:

My unique story with The Point of Grace:

I started taking confirmation classes with Pastor Don in February 2013. I wanted to start taking these classes because I was starting to go to church with my fiancé who is WELS, and with not knowing the Word, I thought it would be good to be part of a church. Then, after I got confirmed on May 5, 2013, I decided that I wanted to become part of The Point of Grace Campus Ministry. I was so enthused when I was asked to be part of campus ministry. Coming to faith while on this Journey is one of the greatest gifts ever, and I'm proud to be part of what campus ministry is doing on campus -- thanks to the support you have given us! While attending the Bible studies with Pastor Don, I noticed that there were few people on campus that would actually come to The Point of Grace which was sad because it was so welcoming to me even though I at first wasn't WELS. In the spring of 2013, we ended up having to sell our chapel building. Because of this loss, many were worried that campus ministry would disappear, but it was only the start of something better. If it was not for The Point of Grace, I don't think I would have found myself among the wonderful people I've met through the ministry.

The focal point for campus ministry has changed since we don't have the old building, but the campus ministry is still saying strong. In the last semester, we have had three *Gatherings* at different campuses: UWM, MSOE, and Marquette. Each topic is different but it relates to us college students and our struggles, even when it comes to our faith. The *Gatherings* are either held at the school, in a general room, or even a WELS church near the school. The topics are something we get to pick out, so it's something that we believe other students, Christian or non-Christian, can relate to. But it also ties back to the Bible, which can appeal to students of all backgrounds, especially in the evolution vs. creation *Gathering*.

As our campus ministry grows, we are greatly appreciative of your gifts to **The Point of Grace**. Even though we don't have the building, we are still going strong and doing amazing work through the *Gatherings* that we are having. We are blessed to have amazing people like you to help us and give us this opportunity to share God's Word with others.

Thank you again,

Brittany Hesselman



Congratulations from The Point of Grace to Brittany & her fiancé Jon, who were recently engaged and are planning a Fall 2014 wedding!

Check out the video of "Evolution/Creation - A Case from Science" speaker Jay Seegert that Brittany mentions in her letter at <http://tpog.net/the-gathering-videos/>.



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“I thank my God every time I remember you . . . because of your partnership in the gospel.” (*Phil. 1:3*)

Thanksgiving Day is fast approaching. Preparations are being made for food and football, travel and decorating, and perhaps even a Black Friday shopping spree. Of course, the heart and focus is still thanksgiving to God who is responsible for all the spiritual, eternal, and earthly blessings we joyfully receive and thankfully look forward to.

At The Point of Grace, we also have much to be thankful for:

- Our ministry to college students continues to grow and expand. Besides serving young men and women at Marquette, MSOE, and UWM, we additionally now serve students at Wisconsin Lutheran College and a number of young adults not attending a traditional post-secondary education. We are thankful for this growth.
- Our Wednesday night **Gatherings** are events that present Biblical principles from a relevant and non-threatening perspective. We thank God for the opportunity to reveal God’s truth to people who are fed alternate views every day.
- We thank God for the varying maturities of faith He has given the students we serve. It’s a great privilege to help them to grow in that faith and to teach them how to defend that faith in a pagan world.
- We thank God for the volunteers and supporters like you who make this ministry possible. Without your prayers and financial gifts, we cannot continue to reach students with God’s gospel truth.

I understand that you are besieged by financial appeals, especially at this time of year, but would you please consider sending a special Thanksgiving or Christmas gift to support the ministry at The Point of Grace. We need your financial support because we are not sustained by the Synod or a congregation. With your help we can continue to invigorate Bible studies on our campuses, strengthen our local university chapters, and make better use of social media for outreach. In other words, you can help us strengthen a younger generation that needs to be reminded of God’s grace.

Here are some specific ways you can help in our ministry:

- Please pray regularly and fervently for God’s blessings and the Spirit’s wisdom.
- Consider making a special financial gift. Your generosity is needed.
- Go online to www.tpog.net and view our short, new promotional video. Hear what the students themselves are saying about the direction of our ministry.
- Share the enclosed newsletter with your friends and neighbors, your pastor, and members of your church. Help spread the word about our ministry.
- Become a partner. (Go to www.tpog.net/support-tpog/ and download an Individual Partnership form)

Thank you for allowing my intrusion at this busy time of year. From all of us here at The Point of Grace, both students and staff, we hope you have a joyful Thanksgiving and a very blessed Christmas.

With thanks to God for you,
Don Thompson, Campus Pastor
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