

## Coming Up at TPOG in Fall 2014

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

- **The Gathering**, our apologetics seminar series, at **Wisconsin Lutheran College** on **Tuesday, October 7th** at **7pm** in the Warrior Underground with **Jason Ewart** of Hope Lutheran Church in Oconomowoc, WI. He will present **“Hooked Up—a Contrarian Guide to Love, Sex & Dating.”** Dinner will be served. Join us at this free event.
- **Weekly Chapel Service Wednesday evenings** at **8:30pm** at 2215 E. Kenwood Blvd. led by our new vicar, seminary student **Benjamin Ehlers** and followed by food & fellowship.
- **Weekly Bible Study at MSO E on Tuesdays** at 6:30 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the CC
- **Weekly Bible Study at UWM on Tuesdays** at 8:30 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of UWM Union near the Kenwood Inn

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## What’s Happening at TPOG

In the first few weeks of the semester, we have already held our first **Gathering**, which is a seminar series designed to discuss relevant topics from a Christian viewpoint that anyone on campus will find interesting. Our goal is to allow for an **open environment** with discussion during the session and to provide our students an introduction to **Christian apologetics**, i.e., reasons for their beliefs. In September, UWM again hosted Jay Seegert of the Creation Education Center (<http://www.cecwisc.org/>), who gave a unique talk about the role faith plays in all worldviews, not just religious ones, and how that relates to the question of human origin. Please find a video of this talk at <http://tpog.net/the-gathering-videos/>. We pray that this gives students confidence to address skeptics that claim faith to be the enemy of logic rather than the counterpart it truly is. In October, WLC will host Pastor Jason Ewart, who will candidly address the “hooking-up” culture that has evolved on campuses everywhere.

Our first Chapel service, led by Vicar Benj Ehlers, was nicely attended! A special guest was 9-day-old Neriya Ehlers. The message focused on wisdom contained in God’s Word, especially as described in Proverbs 1:

**“. . .for gaining wisdom and instruction;  
for understanding words of insight. .  
.knowledge and discretion to the young. .  
..The fear of the Lord is the beginning of  
knowledge.” (Proverbs 1:2,4,7)**

**Supporters, please pray for:**

- Our students to develop Christian friendships in their college years, a buoy in this crazy time of life!

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## A Student's Perspective

**Hannah Schermerhorn**  
—Milwaukee School of Engineering—  
To supporters of The Point of Grace Campus Ministry:

Beginning college at Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) was honestly a **pretty miserable time** for me. Before I started, I had gone to high school at Winnebago Lutheran Academy, which was a wonderful experience. The support that I got there from fellow students, teachers, and parents was amazing, and the friendships I was blessed with I'm sure will last well into eternity. I was used to a positive Christian culture in school, so **when I started college, I was in for a surprise**. I was surrounded by many people who didn't share any Christian values or morals. I barely knew anyone at school, and it was quite hard to make friends, being one of the only girls in an extremely introverted group of people. Also, I was being challenged academically like I had never experienced before. Every week, I got support from going to church at Grace Lutheran [adjacent to the MSOE campus] as I slowly built friendships in school.

MSOE is a fairly conservative campus, but that does not mean that everyone is Christian. In the past four years, **my beliefs and values have constantly been put to the test** by fellow students and friends. On a non-Christian college campus, I have been surrounded by friends and peers who have had extremely different upbringings and backgrounds than me. Therefore, I have experienced everything from being asked my Christian belief on gay marriage in front of a large group of non-Christian peers to debating religious views with friends from different countries and cultures.

**In all of the chaos and questioning, one of the biggest personal blessing I have gotten is from The Point of Grace.** Not only has it provided Bible studies for strengthening in faith, but also friendships with fellow Christians. **Having a core group of Christian friends has gotten me through many hard challenges** in college including academics, relationships, and health.

This summer I had the opportunity to go the **WELS Youth Rally in Knoxville Tennessee**. It was amazing to see such a huge number of teenagers coming together to worship God, grow in their faith, and build Christian friendships.

I had the opportunity to speak on stage about Campus Ministry and invite all of the teenagers to come to our booth to talk, sign up for information, and get free sunglasses. There was **a lot of enthusiasm for campus ministry**, and I had the chance to talk with hundreds of students to answer their questions about going to a non-Christian campus. It was great to see the enthusiasm the teenagers had for continuing in their faith in college. I hope that campus ministry continues to grow as new teenagers go to college so that campus ministry can be as big of a blessing in their lives as it is in mine.

**Sincerely,**  
**Hannah**  
**Schermerhorn**

*Thank you, Hannah & Michelle, for taking the time to represent TPOG at the rally! We appreciate your enthusiasm & commitment to campus ministry!*



*Hannah (pictured (left) with Michelle Hasse (right) at the WELS Youth Rally) is in her final semester at MSOE with majors in Electrical Engineering & Technical Communication. She is looking forward to a post-graduation backpacking trip through Europe this spring.*