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News and Information for LEA Members

LEA is excited to share a refresh designed to elevate your member experience and better support your daily ministry. To ensure our digital spaces are as modern, intuitive, and resource-rich as possible, we have rolled out several updates across our platform:

- **Network Name Change:** Professional networks are now called **Ministry Resources**, serving as your streamlined hub for tools and collaborative growth.
- **Refreshed Design:** You will notice an updated look for [LEAconnects](#) and our main [website](#).
- **Blog Renaming:** Our flagship blog, *LEAven*, has officially transitioned to [The LEarning Curve](#), your go-to source for contemporary insights and trends in Lutheran education.

We invite you to explore these new features and see how we are continually growing to better serve you.



Are you searching for some [Chapel Skits](#), [Christmas Services](#), or [Spring Programs](#)? LEA has all of these on its LEAconnects site. Written by fellow LCMS educators, all are free to download. If you have any you wish to share with our members and school, please send them to Denise Rice at denise.rice@lea.org for upload.

The first week of school stands out from the rest of the year as a unique transition period. During this initial time, teachers and students focus on building relationships, adjusting to their new shared classroom, and mentally shifting away from summer vacation. To support this fresh start, [Great Activities for the First Week of School](#) offers project-based learning ideas designed by experienced educators to help you navigate these opening weeks (Jacqui Murray in *Ask a Teach Teacher*)

Typing may be faster, but the research shows that handwriting engages our brains in richer, more meaningful ways. Learn more at [Why Writing by Hand Beats Typing](#). (Youki Terada in *Edutopia*)

Don't miss these weekly LEA resources...

[WOW Video](#)

[Weekly Devotion](#) by Ed Grube

[The LEarning Curve Blog](#)

[What Works For Me Podcast](#)

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