

ELEMENTARY

MINISTRY RESOURCES

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For Members of LEA's Elementary Educators Network

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.



This week, LEA is highlighting the book:

Virgil and Owen Stick Together

By Paulette Bogan

Bloomsbury Children's Books

2016

Virgil the penguin and Owen the polar bear are best friends. They like being together at home and at school; however, after a while, they discover that even best friends can be different at times and be on thin ice. They learn to develop patience so they can deal with each other as friends.

Want to build math confidence from day one—but also make students feel like they belong? These [Back-to-School Math Activities That Build Community and Confidence from Day 1](#) do both. (Keanna Ecker in *The Art of Funology*)

Anytime can be the right time to explore STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). Explore [Science Buddies](#) favorite experiments, engineering challenges, and demonstrations for fun hands-on STEM activities! Materials are easy to find, most activities take an hour or less, and the STEM learning

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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