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For Members of LEA's Parish 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.

[20 Sunday School Craft Ideas for Fall](#) provides great ideas for any children's church program. Seasonal Bible lessons help children see God's face in each part of creation throughout the year. (Jodi Durr in *Meaningful Mama*)

Play a game with me... Imagine you weren't allowed to have small groups of any kind in your youth ministry. How would you build community? Tony Myles has some suggestions for you in [6 No-Fail Ways to Grow Closer Community](#). (youthministry.com)

Don't miss these weekly LEA resources...

[WOW Video](#)

[Weekly Devotion](#) by Ed Grube

[The LEArning Curve](#)

[What Works For Me Podcast](#)

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