

PARISH EDUCATION

MINISTRY RESOURCES



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For Members of LEA's Parish Educators Network



Effective November 1, 2026, there will be a slight increase in membership dues. This is our first dues adjustment in four years. This change allows us to invest directly back into our community by expanding our resources, upgrading our offerings, and continuing to deliver the high-quality value you expect. Take advantage of our current pricing now! Renewing early ensures you keep your current rate for the upcoming year while having full access to all our expanding benefits and features. To renew, go to <https://tinyurl.com/LEArenewal>. If you have any questions, please email lea@lea.org.

Need some new ideas for fundraising? Here are 10 great ideas from youth workers to add some variety to your fundraising season. [10 Better Ways You Could Fundraise](#). You might find some new ideas as you go further down the post. (Sam Townsend in *Youth Workers*)

There is a pressure that many small churches feel. It is the pressure to be exciting. To be dynamic. To keep up. But what if the very thing your church is trying to overcome is its *greatest gift*? What if young families are not looking for another source of chaos or change? What if the true goal is to become a stable church for young families searching for an anchor? Think about the ideas in [How to Become a Stable Church for Young Families](#). (Laurie Graham Ertl in *Small Church Ministry*)

Looking for a book to use in children's ministry? This week, LEA highlights:

Bailey... The Little Diva

By Lanie Jones

Pawprint Village Press

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Bailey enjoys bows, beauty time, and having everything in a particular order and place. Some may think that she is opinionated and dramatic regarding life. When you get to know her, though, her friends see a beautiful side of her, which is gentle, loyal, and full of love. This book is part of a beautiful six-book series, written and illustrated by an early childhood educator, about real-life dogs.

["Starting the New School Year: Seeing and Serving Unique Learners"](#) by BJ Wiemer is this month's *Shaping the Future* article. She writes about how best to help all your students succeed this year as they learn in your classroom.

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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