

EARLY CHILDHOOD

MINISTRY RESOURCES



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For Participants in LEA's Early Childhood Network

Starting **November 1st, 2026**, our **one-year membership rate will increase to \$149** (with other membership tiers adjusted accordingly). This change allows us to continue delivering the highest-quality services and content to our members.

How to Beat the Increase:

You can lock in current rates by renewing or extending your membership today.

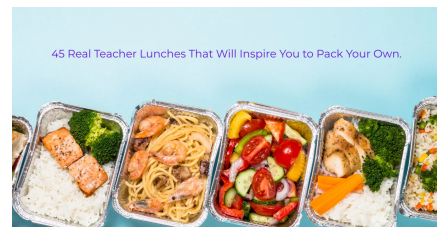
- **Online:** Renew directly [HERE](#).
- **Phone:** Call the LEA office at 708-209-3343.

Full Faculty Discount:

Schools can save **10%** by renewing their entire faculty at the same time. You can access the required group renewal form [HERE](#).

We deeply appreciate your continued support and look forward to serving you!

Looking for some simple, budget-friendly ideas to pack for lunches? Check out the ideas at [45 Real Teacher Lunches That Will Inspire You to Pack Your Own](#). (*We Are Teachers*)



Use [Art Center Books for Little Learners](#) to talk about your art center, teach art techniques, or learn about artists with your little learners. These books are handpicked for preschool, pre-K, and kindergarten students, with simple text and vocabulary and bright, captivating pictures. There are fiction and nonfiction titles, too! (*Pocket of Preschool*)

Our new LEA book review is:

Pigs Dig a Road

Written by Carrie Finison

Illustrated by Brian Biggs

Penguin Random House Books

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A crew of pigs is assigned to build a new road to the county fair. They put on their construction hats and get to work. It will take lots of planning, critical thinking, and sequential work to finish it. They must also work hard to avoid mistakes. This story is a great reminder of the importance of teamwork.

Do you have little ones with special needs in your classroom? How does your church minister to them and their parents? If your church offers little to no ministry, share this article with your fellow church

members. [Ministering to Preschoolers with Special Needs](#). (Karen Jones in *Lifeway*)

Looking for some ways to teach about community helpers in your classroom? [The Community Helpers theme](#) includes activities, lessons, and printables for Pre-K, Preschool, and Kindergarten. (*PreKinders*)

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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