

November 12, 2026 For Participants in LEA's Retired Ministries Network

Don't let ministry go unnoticed! Nominations for the 2027 LEA Awards. We want to shine a light on the educators, ministers, retired workers, and administrators who serve our children and families with absolute devotion. Think of that colleague who inspires you every day and nominate them right now at tinyurl.com/LEANominations2027!



Who says play is just for children? Across the country, adults are discovering how shared activities, new experiences, and a little fun can lead to meaningful friendships. In When Adults Embrace Play, They Create Community, explore how making time for play can strengthen relationships and bring new enjoyment to everyday life. (Charlotte Massey and Aaron Hurst in *Greater Good Magazine*)

How to Pack Light for Hassle-Free Trips is a useful *AARP* article by Berit Thorkelson for readers who enjoy traveling. It offers strategies for packing efficiently, avoiding unnecessary baggage fees, and making travel easier with lighter luggage.

Looking for a book to read with your grandchildren or at church? This week, LEA highlights:

Oak- The Littlest Leaf Girl

Written & Illustrated by Lucy Fleming

Candlewick Press

2024

A little leaf girl loves living high up in an oak tree with her family and animal friends. As the season changes, she faces cooler air and a bustle of activity in the tree. She isn't happy that her family will be moving out of the tree for the winter. She spots a large acorn, which they will live in next season. She then learns that this move can be a great opportunity for change and adventure, and a chance to be with her family.

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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