

10 Things to Know about 1517 Media Spring 2023

1. The *All Creation Sings* family of resources continues to expand, including the *Assembly Song Companion to All Creation Sings*, the *Ensemble Setting of Holy Communion (Setting 12)*, and the soon-to-be-released braille edition. We continue to add online resources that can help you use this liturgy and song supplement to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* to enliven your congregation's worship. augsburgfortress.org/allcreationsings
2. Kids will find new ways to explore and learn about Lutheran worship with the newly updated *Kids Celebrate* series, featuring topics like Worship, Creation, the Trinity, and Hymns and Songs. *A Time to Say Goodbye: A Booklet for Kids about Funerals* helps kids understand what happens during a Lutheran funeral. augsburgfortress.org/for-kids
3. This summer we invite kids to learn what it means to become menders in God's world with *Operation Restoration*, a new Vacation Bible School based on Daniel Erlander's timeless works. This flexible VBS complements other Erlander resources: *A Place for You* (Holy Communion), *Come to the Water* (Holy Baptism), *Baptized, We Live* (introduction to Lutheranism), and *Manna and Mercy* (the biblical narrative). augsburgfortress.org/operationrestoration
4. Fortress Press continues its legacy of publishing compelling theological, biblical, and ethical books for the church and the world in which it lives. Recent and upcoming releases include *The Everyday Advocate: Living Out Your Calling to Social Justice* by Deacon Ross Murray, *Blessing and Beseeking: Seventy Prayers Inspired by the Scriptures* by Gail Ramshaw, and *So That All May Flourish: The Aims of Lutheran Higher Education* by a veritable "who's who" of Lutheran higher education, a must read for everyone concerned about the work being done on Lutheran campuses. fortresspress.com
5. Our Broadleaf Books imprint explores the expanse of human experience—seeking to deepen faith and understanding and bring wholeness to readers and society. Recent releases include *Ordinary Blessings for Parents: Prayers, Poems and Meditations for Family Life* by Rev. Meta Herrick Carlson, *Red State Christians: A Journey into White Christian Nationalism and the Wreckage It Leaves Behind* by Rev. Angela Denker, and *What Makes You Come Alive: A Spiritual Walk with Howard Thurman* by Dr. Lerita Coleman Brown. broadleafbooks.com
6. For a low annual fee, Sparkhouse provides access through *Sparkhouse Digital* to a wide range of regularly refreshed resources for early childhood, children, and youth. Subscribers can access new digital activity kits that help congregations provide resources for use in the home or as a supplement to in-person faith formation activities. sparkhousedigital.com
7. Congregations looking to bridge connections with families during the summer will find, *Families Celebrate Summer* an excellent resource. This colorful deck of 56 cards is full of faith-based activities, rituals, reflections, and other ideas for families to try at home and on the go. augsburgfortress.org/familiescelebrate
8. This spring Sparkhouse released *Remind Me Again: Poems and Practices for Remembering Who We Are*, a collection of 41 poems by Joe Davis that will inspire, challenge, and affirm readers from all stages of life. This fall, a facilitator guide by Rev. Jia Starr Brown will help youth and adults engage with the poetry and encourage meaningful discussions and connections to your own community. augsburgfortress.org/remind-me-again
9. Beaming Books continues its mission to publish high-quality children's books that help kids thrive in every part of who they are—emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Recent and upcoming releases include *I Am Not Afraid: Psalm 23 for Bedtime, Wherever You Are*, and *Pause, Breathe, Be: A Kid's 30-Day Guide to Peace and Presence*. beamingbooks.com
10. Frolic Preschool, Frolic Nursery, and Frolic Family introduce little ones to faith concepts in age-appropriate ways. The award-winning Frolic Storybooks are now available in affordable paperback bundles that make great gifts for kids in your communities. wearesparkhouse.org/frolic