

Ten Things You Might Not Know about 1517 Media Spring 2018

1. Since last fall, congregations have experienced the Small Catechism in a new way using *By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism*. The book and video-based curriculum are designed to create deep conversations in small groups about Lutheran foundations. This is a great resource for both new members and seasoned Lutherans. augsburgfortress.org/byheart
2. *In Sure and Certain Hope: A Funeral Sourcebook* has become an indispensable resource for those planning, presiding, and preaching at funerals. This fall, Augsburg Fortress will release a companion funeral handbook, designed to assist congregations in teaching about and planning funerals with families and in small groups. augsburgfortress.org/funeral-sourcebook
3. Augsburg Fortress will be releasing a multi-faceted holy communion learning resource for kids and families later this year. Get ready to see a long-time favorite become something new. Receive updates at augsburgfortress.org/lutheran-learning.
4. Fortress Press, Luther Seminary, and the board of the periodical *Word & World* have partnered to launch a new venture called Word & World Books. Its goal is to invigorate and inspire leaders and communities in their mission to proclaim God's *Word* to the *World* God created and loves. The first book in the series is *Future Faith: Ten Challenges Reshaping Christianity in the 21st Century* by Wesley Granberg-Michaelson. fortresspress.com/word-and-world
5. Fortress Press is now producing a greater quantity and variety of books for general readers that intersect religion with topics in art, literature, and culture. Grounded in fresh, substantive, timely, and inspiring theological reflection, these titles are perfect for reading groups, Bible studies, and personal growth. Browse the topics, including youth ministry, social justice, Bible study, and more, at fortresspress.com/popular.
6. This spring, Frolic will expand to offer a new Sunday school curriculum for preschool! The new play-based preschool builds faith formation among three to five year olds, and focuses on sharing stories and themes from the Bible. wearesparkhouse.org
7. *Whirl: All Kids* and *Spark: All Kids* are new models of Spark and Whirl for churches with multi-age or single room classrooms. Created for kindergarten through grade five, these programs offer mentoring and leadership opportunities so all kids can learn together! Available this spring at wearesparkhouse.org.
8. Sparkhouse Family Book Fairs will continue this year and can now be hosted anytime, anywhere. Receive a selection of free books and extend to your congregation or school a discount with free shipping on select books. You can even use it as a fundraiser for your ministry. Learn more at SparkhouseFamilyBookFairs.com.
9. Sparkhouse Family has grown since its launch in 2014 and has a refined mission: to publish high-quality children's books that help kids thrive emotionally, socially, and spiritually. In recognition of these changes, Sparkhouse Family has a new identity: Beaming Books.
10. From the empty tomb to Jesus' appearance to the disciples, the story of Jesus' triumph over death is told with vibrant art in a new pop-up book, *Jesus Is Risen!* This book will bring the Easter story to life in a whole new way for children and the adults who love them. Take a peek at beamingbooks.com.

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