

# 10 Things to Know about Augsburg Fortress PUBLISHERS

1. Announcing **For the Sake of the World: ReEngaging ELCA Social Teaching**, a new book series by Augsburg Fortress. This collection invites individuals and small groups to consider how ELCA social statements and social messages can guide our faith and deepen our moral discernment regarding complex ethical issues of today. Current titles include **ReEngaging ELCA Social Teaching on The Church in Society** and **ReEngaging ELCA Social Teaching on Abortion**. Look for new releases in 2025!
2. The latest **Worship Matters** book by Augsburg Fortress has arrived! **Preparing the Assembly's Worship** supports pastors, musicians, lay people, planning committees, and anyone else involved in the understanding, preparing, enacting, and reviewing of worship. This new title joins 26 other books in this series to draw you deeper into the hows and whys of worship in your community.
3. Fortress Press continues to publish relevant titles to support ministry professionals in their challenging and rewarding work. Recent releases include **Refilling the Reservoirs: Spiritual Care for the Exhausted Caregiver** by Bishop Brenda Bos, a much-needed exploration of the deep needs of caregivers. Also available is **Spiritual Care First Aid: An All-Hands Approach for Church and Community** by Cody J. Sanders, a resource to help everyone develop basic skills for hearing, helping, and healing.
4. Coming soon! Read and explore scripture with **Lutheran Study Bible, Second Edition** (NRSV Updated Edition). More than 70 Lutheran theologians and biblical scholars guide this exploration and provide new and updated study notes, articles, and charts. It also includes a section on Martin Luther and the Bible, a 52-week Bible reading plan, and 15 full-color maps. Hardcover and paperback editions will be available this summer from Augsburg Fortress.
5. A new Bible study is on its way from Augsburg Fortress called **Together by Grace: Bible Conversations**. Participants gather, dwell, and engage together through roundtable discussion that can be led and attended by anyone. This series invites all to the table together to dig deep and make connections. The first two studies cover the Gospel of Matthew and the book of Romans and will be available in Summer 2025.
6. Augsburg Fortress publishes music that inspires both musicians and congregations. Our **Let It Rip!** series continues our tradition of enhancing worship and uniting the assembly in song. The newly released third volume offers introductions and piano accompaniments to 94 hymns from several sources, including *All Creation Sings*. Brenda Portman has written a gorgeous setting of the hymn **"My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"** for SATB choir with cello and piano accompaniment. The instrumental collection **A Garland of Graces: Music for Organ and C Instrument** features a range of original solo pieces from a variety of composers. And don't forget our Summer Music Clinics!

7. Introducing a new book from **Mouth House**, a series from Augsburg Fortress that amplifies voices for change. **See Me, Believe Me: A Guide to Deepen Allyship with Congregational Leaders of Color** by Rev. Dr. Yolanda Denson-Byers offers an honest and unflinching look at the challenges faced by leaders of color in the predominantly white ELCA. Denson-Byers's insights and concrete suggestions for action illustrate how seeing and believing leaders of color are essential steps in the journey of allyship.
8. In our current social and political climate, the strength and fervor of Christian Nationalism is changing the way our citizens view themselves and their neighbors. Broadleaf Books offers a collection of titles on **Christian Nationalism** that can help you understand how we got here, and what to do next. Check out **How to End Christian Nationalism**; **Disciples of White Jesus: The Radicalization of American Boyhood**; **The Violent Take It by Force: The Christian Movement That Is Threatening Our Democracy**; and **Preparing for War: The Extremist History of White Christian Nationalism—and What Comes Next**.
9. Beaming Books has just released two new books for the Easter season. The vibrant illustrations in **Look-and-Find Easter Stories for Young Children** beckon little ones into the stories of Easter morning, the road to Emmaus, Jesus' ascension, and more. In **Mary and the Gardener**, kids will see and hear the story of Easter morning in a new way.
10. We continue to offer vibrant resources for worship and faith formation through our online subscription platforms. **SundaysandSeasons.com** remains a vital worship planning tool, with new content added quarterly. **Sparkhouse Digital** offers lesson content for Early Childhood, Children, and Youth, plus hundreds of extras.

**Want to learn more?** Follow us on social media, sign up for our free e-newsletters, and connect with us this summer at the Churchwide Assembly and our Music Clinics!

<https://go.augsburgfortress.org/synod-assembly-10-things>

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