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Special interest:

- New resources for spring and summer
- March 3rd report
- Reviews
- New items of general interest

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You simply must see these new things!

We have a five-issue series on small church resources. Titles are: **Small Church Pastors Really Matter**; **Evangelism Through the Small Congregation**; **Christian Education in the Family Size Church**; **Worship in the Small Congregation**; **Stewardship Strategies for the Small Membership Church**. These were written by pastors and lay persons who have been or are in small church settings. Their thoughts and insights can be of great help to anyone dealing with the uniqueness of small congregations. Missouri School of Religion Press publishes the series.

If you are looking for small group studies, we have lots of them! A good series from Augsburg has just arrived: **Who is God?**; **Who is Jesus?**; **Who is the Holy Spirit?**; **What Happens in the End?**; **Why Bother?** Each course includes six

sessions, designed for 50 to 60 minutes. They work well in Sunday school classes or weekday discussion groups. The Learner books provide good material to study with. The Leader guide has complete helps to lead well. Plus, we have many more sets AND video sets. Come in and look them over.

On the bookshelves: **The Unnecessary Pastor-Rediscovering the Call** by Marva Dawn and Eugene Peterson talks about pastors being called to equip

the people they serve with faith and skills for living the gospel way in the midst of a culture that is increasingly non-Christian. But all kinds of forces in that culture that are subtle and obvious can pressure a pastor into false expectations of charisma and success, numbers and power. A great read!

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord – the Social Ministry of the Church by Foster McCurley. "In Jesus,

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A great workshop

The Education Workshop held on March 3 was a rousing success! We had 20 churches represented with 50 people enjoying the presentations and information. Many thanks to the Education staff of First Lutheran, Arlene Wright from Our Saviour's in Chippewa Falls and to Lorna Swanson from Augsburg Fortress. All of them spent the morning sharing their knowledge and expertise on the Sunday School style in their congregations. Lorna talked about Augsburg publications plus the new "Firelight" curriculum.

Participants said they enjoyed the morning, learned a lot and appreciated the healthful refreshments!

Thanks to all who came.

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