

## *Devotion from the past ... 2015*

Read [Deut. 31:9–13](#)

### **Awe-some Education for All**

“Gather the people together—men, women, children, and the foreigners living among you—so they can listen well, so they may learn to live in holy awe before GOD, your God, and diligently keep everything in this Revelation. And do this so that their children, who don’t yet know all this, will also listen and learn to live in holy awe before GOD” (from Deut. 31:9–13 *MSG*).

Have you ever wondered if Moses was a Lutheran school graduate? Have you ever wondered why there are no schools named Moses Lutheran School? Have you ever wondered why Moses is reputed to have carried around a stick at recess, randomly whacking rocks, puddles, and an occasional reptile?

No. You probably have not wondered such things. At least not out loud or leaving a paper trail of evidence. But let’s wonder together. There must be some similarities! (Otherwise, it’s “Amen,” and this devotion is over!)

Moses had a wonderful situation in today’s reading. You have a wonderful situation too. Moses was to proclaim “the Year-All-Debts-Are-Canceled.” Your situation is that now is the time to announce that your students’ debts are canceled, the debt, of course, being sin. This is big time! This is YOUR sins. And mine. And the sins of all who have attended your school—and all who have not—piled high and wide.

It’s your God-given privilege to declare them all forgiven. In the name of Jesus, of course.

The reason for Lutheran education—at all ages and to church members and to the “foreigners” alike—is so they may “live in holy awe before God.” Your task, like that of Moses, is to do that kind of teaching.

Now those who don’t know the full expanse of wonders included in this awe may think only of things like the 10 Commandments and that we are to teach them. And yes, that is good, right, and salutary (but that’s another story). The awe you teach must also include the awful suffering and death that Jesus endured to accomplish the awesome victory over sin and Satan.

But there’s more.

Lutheran education must continue for “children who don’t yet know all this.” We can’t have a bunch of aweless children running around. They turn into aweless adults, who are much more difficult to reach with the wonders of our loving God!

**So get together with the Holy Spirit and get out there and teach all people. Get awing! Leave them awestricken. Just don't use Moses' stick. It's probably pretty filthy by now. (The Nile wasn't exactly clean, you know.)**

### **Quick Questions**

What is the future of Lutheran education in your congregation or agency?  
Who can you encourage to become a Lutheran educator of the future?

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***To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Phil. 4:20)***