I had planned to feature another crock pot recipe this week, but after serving desserts at St. Edward Pre-School Open House last Thursday, I decided to re-run one of my recipes, previously featured in the Independent a couple of years ago. This was given to me by Jennifer Boyle (now Jennifer Jeakins) and it has been a favorite with almost everyone who tries it. It has all the qualities of a great recipe – easy, fast, and inexpensive. I hope you will treat your family and friends to this dessert sometime soon.

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE

1-21 oz. pkg. Duncan Hines Family Style Brownies (Chewy Fudge) for a 13×9 pan

1 large pkg. instant Jello Chocolate Pudding

1 – 8 oz. container Cool Whip

1 pkg. Heath candy bars (6 bars) crushed

Prepare brownies according to package directions. Bake and cool. When cooled, tear into bite sized pieces and place in the 13 x 9 baking dish. Prepare Jello pudding according to package directions and pour over the brownie pieces. Spread the carton of Cool Whip over the Jello pudding mixture, and then sprinkle the chopped Heath bars over the top. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serves 12 to 15.

HELPFUL HINTS: I put the Heath bars in the freezer for a few minutes, and then Denny pounds them with a meat tenderizer while they are still wrapped in the packaging. This procedure relieves some of Denny's stress, and keeps the kitchen from becoming a mess.

Angie, Lorelei and I made four desserts for the Pre-School Open House (Fruit cups, a strawberry dessert, Peach Crisp and Death by Chocolate). Past experience has taught us that although all these desserts are wonderful, the most favorite, by far, is Death by Chocolate. I had so many people asking for the recipe that I thought it would be a good time to re-run it for those of you who might have missed it the first time around.

Food for Thought: Happiness held is the seed; happiness shared is the flower.

Pray for Peace!