



THE MESSENGER

First English Lutheran Church

March, 2019

A Message from Pastor Naomi

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As God's chosen ones,
 holy and beloved,
 clothe yourselves with
 compassion,
 kindness,
 humility,
 meekness, and
 patience.
 Colossians 3:12

Dear friends in Christ,

Inside this issue:

The Apostle Paul is a list maker. In many of his letters to the churches he started, he would send them letters filled with lists of ways to think about life together, how to act as followers of Jesus, and what it meant to have life transformed by our Savior Jesus.

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I resonate with Paul. I like lists. I find great satisfaction in being able to cross things off my "to-do" list. Well, the lists Paul gives us are not lists where we can cross something off and say "it is done" and move onto the next item on the list. Paul's lists can be new every day and continued day-after-day. Paul's lists are a list for our life.

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So, back to the list from Colossians. Each of us is one of God's chosen, holy, and beloved ones. When God moves towards us, we reach out to the world filled with the love and wonder God has given us.

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The world we live in has always been complicated. The world we live in has always been a world hurting. The world we live in has always been yearning to be loved. As God's chosen, holy, and beloved ones, we are the ones God depends on to bring compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience to every situation and individual we encounter.

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Do you know how much I would love to say to all of you, "watch me" this is exactly what I do? Truly, this list is what I strive for each and every day. However, I do not do this in each and every situation or with each and every person I encounter. So, what do I do? Well, I write these words so I see them and I change where I put the list. Sometimes the list is on my phone, sometimes the list is on my refrigerator, sometimes the list is on my desk, sometimes the list is in my calendar. I need to be reminded to be clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience BECAUSE I am God's chosen, holy, and beloved child....AND so are each of you!

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Imagine a world where everyone acted with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience!!! What a world this would be!

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ASH WEDNESDAY (MARCH 6TH) WORSHIP

AT 1:00 AND 7:00 PM

March, 2019

CHAPTER A DAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Jeremiah 51	2 Jeremiah 52
3 Hebrews 8	4 Hebrews 9	5 Hebrews 10	6 Hebrews 11	7 Hebrews 12	8 Hebrews 13	9 Lamentations 1
10 Lamentations 2	11 Lamentations 3	12 Lamentations 4	13 Lamentations 5	14 Ezekiel 1	15 Ezekiel 2-3	16 Ezekiel 4
17 Ezekiel 5	18 Ezekiel 6	19 Ezekiel 7	20 Ezekiel 8	21 Ezekiel 9	22 Ezekiel 10	23 Ezekiel 11
24 Ezekiel 12	25 Ezekiel 13	26 Ezekiel 14	27 Ezekiel 15	28 Ezekiel 16	29 Ezekiel 17	30 Ezekiel 18
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COUNCIL SUMMARY

From Feb. 19 Council Meeting.

Old Business:

A call committee has been appointed and those members are being contacted.

New Business

Election of officers took place. New officers are: President - Wayne Jentz, Vice President - Kerwin Kilian, Treasurer - Lisa Hartz, Secretary - Diana Blindert

The 2018 Audit was approved.

The new CenturyLink contract was reviewed and approved. There will be about a \$30 per month increase for our phone and internet service.

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to serve on the call committee. We hope to install the committee at the March 3rd service, so they may begin their work. Serving on that committee will be Fern Nall, Gary Engelke, Maxine Lane, Jerry Schewe, Dan Smith, Brian Brown, Alternates – Mary Doeringsfeld, Youth Rep- Daniel Swenson.

After much discussion regarding summer hours, we decided to try one service on May 26th, Memorial Day weekend, also on July 7th, August 4th, Sept. 1st, and the Sunday of the annual meeting. These services will be at 9:00 a.m. with either an event before or after the services. For example, when we have the annual meeting we would have service at 9:00 a.m. with the annual meeting after the service and then lunch around 11:30 a.m. This isn't set in stone, but will give us options on those Sundays. We also have set summer service hours as 8 a.m. for First Service and 9:45 a.m. for second service, for the months of June through August. Change can upset routines for some, however, we are hoping you will be patient as we try new ideas.

Wayne Jentz
Council President

A MESSAGE FROM VICAR JONATHAN

First Call Assignment Process

For the December newsletter, I wrote an article entitled "How Does Someone Become an ELCA Pastor?" Many people came up to me in December and asked me further questions. Some shared how fascinating they found the process to be and had never realized how much went into training pastors. By the time this reaches your home, I will already have been assigned to 1 of 9 Regions of our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). So, I figured that I would share what the process is like after being Assigned to a Region (and Synod).

Three predecessor Church bodies merged together in 1988 to form the ELCA. They were the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (AELC), the American Lutheran Church (ALC) and the Lutheran Church in America (LCA). Each of these three bodies brought a different denominational polity (church structure). The AELC formed when 250 congregations left the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LC-MS). The AELC was structured into districts with an elected "President." The AELC also served as the catalyst for merger talks between the three Lutheran church bodies. The ALC was the most "congregationally" structured of the three Lutheran church bodies. The ALC was primarily located in the Upper Midwest. Some ALC congregations didn't like the thought of merging at the time and felt they might lose some autonomy in the merger. (Today that church body has about 90 congregations). The LCA was the most "centralized." In other words, it was more top-down where the ALC was more bottom-up. The LCA also led "higher" liturgical worship services than the ALC. The LCA was primarily in the East Coast and South.

The ELCA then had to take these different church bodies, located in different geographic regions and make them one. The ELCA divided the US and Caribbean congregations into 9 Regions. These were further divided into 65 Synods. When you fill out your paperwork, you are told to rank the 9 Regions, plus preference 3 Synods within the Region. Aside from what is stated below, I check marked that I was "Open to All" (Remaining) Synods in Regions 5 and 3 and the Indiana-Kentucky Synod in Region 6.

Region	States in Region	Synod 1	Synod 2	Synod 3
5 – 12 Synods	IA, IL, WI, UP	NE Iowa (Home)	SC Wisconsin	SE Iowa
3 – 9 Synods	MN, ND, SD	SE Minnesota	SW Minnesota	NE Minnesota
4 – 6 Synods	NB, KS, MZ, AK, TX, OK, LA	Nebraska	Kansas - Missouri	No Other Synods Listed
6 – 6 Synods	IN, MI, OH, KT	N/W Lower Michigan	SE Michigan	NW Ohio

Approximately 175 representatives of seminaries, synods, regions and the ELCA meet together in Chicago during Early Fall and Late Winter. These people pray, discern and look over the paperwork of the prospective First Call Pastors (Technically, Candidates until they are extended a Call by a congregation and Ordained through the Church). These folks attempt to think about congregations to whom the particular Candidate's gifts and passions might be a "fit." Sometimes multiple representatives may be vying over the same Candidate. This whole process is a work of the Holy Spirit moving amongst this Body of Christ in an effort to build up and strengthen our Church, locally, synodically, regionally and nationally.

Once assigned to a Region and within a few weeks, the Candidate will receive a phone call typically from the Bishop welcoming them to X-Synod. Soon thereafter, a Candidate will then be given the paperwork of ONE First Call Congregation to interview at. (This is different from Calling a Pastor, where the Pastor may be given paperwork for multiple congregations. And the Congregation is likely given 5 or more pastor's paperwork). If a Candidate and Congregation feel like a match, then a Call is extended to the Candidate and then the Candidate must accept. If they do not, they are given new paperwork for ONE congregation.

Where are First Call Congregations? They tend to be (not always) congregations with an active membership of 250 or less; located in small town and rural communities (pop. 10,000 or less). Financially, this makes sense because pastors are paid by "Years of Service." A Congregation with an average Mission Support of \$92,000 can't afford a pastor with 22 "Years of Service" because salary, housing, insurance and pension would be about \$74,000 leaving only \$18,000 to support the Church Mission. But, a First Call Pastor's package is about \$49,000 leaving \$43,000 to support the Church Mission. Also, geographically, some 50 – 60% of ELCA Congregations are located in small town and rural communities.

Lenten Service Information/Community Events

Lenten Services

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Again this year we will be holding services each Wednesday at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The afternoon service will be a shortened version of our evening service.

The evening activities will begin at 6:00pm with a Potluck Supper (no meal Ash Wednesday). The main course will be provided and you are invited to bring a dish to share. We will be eating our meals in the lower level Fellowship hall. This dinner will be followed by a worship service at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

This year's Lenten theme is **"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry."** Come each week of Lent to discover what faith is throughout our lifecycle through the lyrics of one of our Lutheran hymns, "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry." Each week will focus on one of the phases of our lives--- infancy, childhood, young adulthood, middle life, the "evening"—voices from First English will share from their lives of faith. We will sing the hymn each week with a particular emphasis on the theme verse. Come be a part of our Lenten journey and reflect upon your own journey of faith throughout your lifetime.

BOY SCOUTS PANCAKE SUPPER

The Boy Scouts will again be hosting their annual pancake supper on

March 5th this year. Serving should be in full swing by

4:30 or 5:00 pm.

Stop in and support the Boy Scouts!



Grumpy Old Men the musical

Don't miss this laugh-out-loud story of family, friendship, love and romance in a fresh new musical that's guaranteed to delight! Based on the 1993 movie starring Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau and Ann-Margret, Grumpy Old Men is the story of two aging neighbors, Max and John, who have been feuding for more than fifty years. When the beautiful and charming Ariel moves in across the street, the rivalry is raised to new heights! Can her love and compassion reunite their friendship?

Friday, April 26th 2019

Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse-Rock Island, IL

Cost Per Person-\$85.00

Price includes: Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation with Warco, Luncheon and Show

Nonrefundable payment is due by April 15th 2019

Checks made out to: PASS (Platteville Area Senior Serviced)

8:45 AM Depart Platteville Wal-Wart

9:45-10:15 AM Break at McDonald's in Maquoketa

11:00 AM Arrive at the Circa 21

3:45 PM Approximate time show gets out

5:30-5:45 Arrival time back to Platteville Wal-Mart

Call the Platteville Senior Center at 348-9934 to reserve your spot.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 10th

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

8:00

10:30

March 3

Greeters John Pulkrabek, Cindy Martens
 Ushers Pam Stark, Terry Benn
 Readers Maxine Lane
 Communion Assts Maxine Lane, Louise Brockman
 Chris & Wayne Jentz
 Communion Care Pam Stark, Terry Benn
 Coffee Hour *Youth—Cinnamon Rolls*
 Acolytes Daniel Wells
 Organist Mary Baehler

John & Jan Popple
 Joyce Jones/Volunteer
 Jeffrey Strange
 Angie Meylor
 Dan & Pauline Smith
 John & Jan Popple
 Freddy Barraclough

March 10

Greeters Dawn Williams, Diana Blindert
 Ushers Ken & Mary Jo Kramer
 Readers Stephanie Saager-Bourret
 Communion Assts Chelle Calvert, Stephanie Saager-Bourret
 Pam Stark, Kathy Udelhofen
 Communion Care Ken & Mary Jo Kramer
 Coffee Hour Cindy Martens, Naomi Wells
 Bread Baker Mary Jo Kramer
 Acolytes Molly Pulls
 Organist Ellen Acierno

Cindy Schave, Lois Davies
 Lisa Hartz, Volunteer
 Lila Hensley
 Greg & Mary Sieckman
 Jane Harrison
 Lisa & Will Hartz
 Will Hartz

March 17

Greeters Brooke & Joci Grinde
 Ushers Virgil & Marcia Pufahl
 Readers Kathy Udelhofen
 Communion Assts Pam Stark, Louise Brockman
 Kathy Udelhofen, Volunteer
 Communion Care Pam Stark, Terry Benn
 Coffee Hour Gary & Eileen Engelke
 Bread Baker Gary Engelke
 Acolytes Connor Popp
 Organist Terri Ellis

Gary & Susan Chace
 Dan & Pauline Smith
 John Urness
 Dan & Pauline Smith
 Angie Meylor
 John & Ellen Urness

Emilia Bohlken

March 24

Greeters Dawn Williams, Troy Moen
 Ushers Pam Stark, Terry Benn
 Readers Penny Moen
 Communion Assts Chelle Calvert, Cheryl Schober
 Diana Blindert, Volunteer
 Communion Care Pam Stark, Terry Benn
 Coffee Hour Volunteer
 Bread Baker Anita Carns
 Acolytes Clara Kilian
 Organist Rebecca Swenson

Jeff & Sarah Strange
 Phil & Janean Wyse
 James Swenson
 James & Daniel Swenson
 Jane Harrison
 Volunteers

Volunteer

March 31

Greeters Dennis & Suzanne Neuser
 Ushers John Pulkrabek, Fern Nall
 Readers Maxine Lane
 Communion Assts Louise Brockman, Brooke Buch
 Pam Stark
 Communion Care Pam Stark, Terry Benn
 Coffee Hour Cindy Martens, Naomi Wells
 Bread Baker Barb McVay
 Acolytes Daniel Wells
 Organist Mary Baehler

Chuck & Linda Witz
 Joyce Jones, Cheri Oftedal
 Mary Sieckman
 Greg & Mary Sieckman
 Amy Barraclough
 Barraclough Family

Freddy Barraclough

ALTAR GUILD FOR MARCH: PAM STARK & TERRY BENN

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR

March, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 2:00 - Muslim Prayer Service	2
3 SCRIP ORDERS DUE 8:00 - Worship 9:15—Sunday School 10:00 - WPVL 10:30 - Worship	4 6:30-Children's Choir	5 10:00—Exercise 6:30—LCW Board	6 ASH WEDNESDAY 8:00 - WMM 9:00 - Cover Girls 1:00-Lenten Svc 1:30 - Busy Hands 5:30—Table Talk 5:00- Chimes 5:45-Choir 7:00-LentenSvc	7 10:00—Exercise	8 2:00 - Muslim Prayer Service	9
10 8:00 - Worship 9:15—Sunday School 10:00 - WPVL 10:30 - Worship 12:00-Council Retreat	11 AARP Tax Prep 6:30 - Book Club 6:30-Children's Choir	12 10:00-Exercise 7:00 - Boy Scouts	13 1:00-Lenten Svc 1:30 - Busy Hands 5:00- Chimes 5:30—Table Talk 5:45-Choir 6:00-Soup Sup. 7:00-LentenSvc	14 10:00—Exercise 6-9 pm—Diakonia Class	15 9:30- LCW Bible Study 2:00 - Muslim Prayer Service	16 9:00—Quilting Day Event
17 8:00 - Worship 9:15—Sunday School 10:00 - WPVL 10:30 - Worship	18 AARP Tax Prep 2:00- Women's Issues @ FELC 6:30-Children's Choir	19 10:00—Exercise 7:00 - Boy Scouts	20 8:00 - WMM 9:00 - Cover Girls 1:00-Lenten Svc 1:30 - Busy Hands 5:00- Chimes 6:00-Soup Sup. 7:00-LentenSvc	21 10:00—Exercise 6-9 pm—Diakonia Class	22 2:00 - Muslim Prayer Service	23
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Family Promise Week						
31 8:00 - Worship 9:15—Sunday School 10:00 - WPVL 10:30 - Worship			DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 10th			

LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

LCW Bible Study from Gather Magazine March Issue
Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus - Session Three
Friends for life in Christ

Over the course of this four-session study in John's Gospel, we have been meeting Jesus through his encounters with various characters. Because the Gospel of John is independent from the other Gospels, our primary reference point for understanding John's Gospel is found within the Gospel itself and not by "filling in the gaps" with details from other Gospels. In the session, we will explore several stories in which biblical characters' lives are transformed through their interactions with Jesus. Their conversations beckon us to accept the invitation to "come and see" and invite us to grow in faith and understanding.

Come and join us for this special series. Because the Diakonia classes continue on Thursday evenings, the morning and evening Bible study groups will continue to meet in a combined session on Friday morning, March 15th at 9:30 a.m. at the church. If you need a ride, please call Stephanie or Jessie.

BOOK CLUB



This month's selection is, "My Brilliant Friend" by Elena Ferrante. Beginning in the 1950s in a poor but vibrant neighborhood on the outskirts of Naples, Ferrante's four-volume story spans almost sixty years, as its protagonists, the fiery and unforgettable Lila, and the bookish narrator, Elena, become women, wives, mothers, and leaders, all the while maintaining a complex and at times conflictual friendship. Book one in the series follows Lila and Elena from their first fateful meeting as ten-year-olds through their school years and adolescence.

The book club will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday evening, March 11th in the nursery room. Anyone is welcome to attend.

COFFEE FOR EVERYONE'S TASTE AND LIFESTYLE

Have you checked out the various options to purchase for Equal Exchange coffee? Do you like whole bean or ground? We offer both in both regular and decaf. Interested in flavors? We have hazelnut and french vanilla.

We've restocked and have a wide variety from which to pick. Check out the shelves outside of office. We also watch expiration dates and mark down any that will be expiring.

It's a one stop shop to keep you warm this winter.



WOMEN'S ISSUES

Monday, March 18th at 2:00 pm
Ruth Jones house (185 Bayley Avenue)

Fern Nall will guide us as we study "*Herodias & Herodias: Not So Sexy After All*" (pages 151-157) in our book *Fierce Women of the Bible* by Alice Connor. Dessert will be provided by Ruth Jones. Please let Fern know if you plan to attend.

Celebrating National Quilting Day Gathering—March 16th

National Quilting Day is being celebrated on Saturday, March 16th all across the country. Lutheran World Relief is encouraging quilters everywhere to participate. Quilts are their most requested item, and we are going to help! Come and join our intrepid FELC quilters to get in on the action. **We will start at 9 am in the lower Fellowship Hall and finish by mid afternoon. Come for an hour or the entire time.** If you can cut, we have a job for you. If you can use a sewing machine, we have a job for you. If you can pin pieces together, we have a job for you. If you can tie a knot, we have a job for you. Kids: help us create quilt tops, or help tie fleece blankets. There is a job for all ages. Guys, you are welcome too!

To help Pauline plan, please sign up on the kiosk if you are thinking about coming. Thanks in advance for your help!



LUTHERAN WORK RELIEF DONATIONS NEEDED

With both Lent and spring a few weeks away, I think of cleaning. So for the month of March, we will put our emphasis on donating individually wrapped bath size bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief. Two bars of soap are put in each baby care kit and each personal care kit so many bars of soap are needed. They can be put in the Lutheran World Relief box in the upstairs entry.

Thanks for your support.

Pauline



On February 10th, First English Welcomed Interim Pastor Naomi Garber





As we prepare to host families in need of our hospitality, we would like to thank our volunteers for

their continued support. The holidays are a time of busyness and excitement and it is an incredible thing to have the opportunity to share the love of Christ with our neighbors. Consider sharing the joy of the season with the people who need it most in the community around us.

Family Promise is an organization of churches that provides shelter, fellowship, and sustenance to families experiencing homelessness in our county. Each church welcomes guests in the program into their church homes for one week at a time. Volunteers help provide meals, set-up and tear-down, laundry, and an overnight presence at the church. If you're interested in joining our team of volunteers, please contact Joci Grinde at (608) 778-2866 or jocigrinde@yahoo.com.



Advanced Care Planning Presented by Melissa Kilian

March 17th Between Services

In this session, you will learn:

- What is advance care planning?
- Why it's important—regardless of your current health status.
- How to have the conversation about your wishes.
- Steps to create your plan!

SCRIP ORDERS WILL BE COLLECTED on March 3rd
Thank you for supporting Campus Ministry.

Save the date for camp! July 28- Aug 2, 2019
Look for registrations soon!

March Birthdays

Leix, Taya	3/1
Leix, Waylyn	3/1
Christiansen, Michelle	3/2
Strange, Eleanor	3/2
Noble, Macie	3/3
Urness, John	3/5
Ellingson, Deb	3/6
Edge, Ethan	3/7
Witz, Chuck	3/7
Jentz, Becky	3/8
Ayres, Emma	3/9
Jentz, Merv	3/10
Masbruch, Carolyn	3/10
Kies, Lucille	3/12
Blevins, Alyssa	3/13
Neuser, Suzanne	3/13
Rath, Alex	3/13
Blevins, Donovan	3/15
Barraclough, Nora	3/16
Cummins, Isaac	3/16
Kasper, Hans	3/16
Leahy, Joseph	3/17
Willis, Bill	3/17
Baehler, Bob	3/18
Jenkins, Parker	3/18
Hammermeister, Grace	3/19
Schewe, Jerry	3/19
Kliebenstein, Luann	3/21
Leahy, Katherine	3/21
Calvert, Chelle	3/22
Meylor-O'Malia, Logan	3/22
Blackbourn, Darlene	3/23
Mattoon, Judy	3/23
Wells, Naomi	3/23
Christiansen, Cal	3/24
Armstrong, Samuel	3/25
Kieler, Leah Elaine	3/25
Young, Lucas	3/25



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gathered and sent to serve our
church, community and the world in
the name of Christ."*

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God's work. Our hands.

Company's Coming

Over the years I have made hundreds of pecan pie tarts for Matt, sometimes four dozen at a time in my two large mini-muffin pans. It has always been a laborious act of love because they have long been his favorite treat. Sitting at the kitchen table, I divide up a huge ball of chilled dough and carefully press gobs into the tiny tins to make the crusts, then try to get the filling to come out right as I also try to avoid dribbling it all over the tops of the tins where it needs to be wiped off or left to bake on and soak off later. When he announced that he likes these easy-to-make pecan bar cookies even better than the tarts, I cheered. That doesn't mean that I'll give up making the tarts, but rather that he might get treats more often!

The recipe, clipped from the Wisconsin State Journal last fall, was named Topsy Toffee Bars because of the addition of 2 tablespoons of bourbon. I added the bourbon to the first batch I made, and a hint of the bourbon flavor was distinguishable over all the other yummy flavors. The next time I omitted the bourbon and upped the vanilla to a tablespoon. Equally tasty, and now part of my recipe. I also changed the chopped white bar chocolate to a half cup of white chips and then from white chips to butterscotch chips. Obviously, you can make your own adjustments to the add-ins. Hopefully, there is just enough time to try out the recipe before giving up sweets for Lent! Tastefully yours, Mary D.

Pecan Toffee Bars

- 1-1/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted
- 2 sticks unsalted butter, melted and cooled slightly
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 2 lg eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 T vanilla and 1 T water
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2/3 cup Heath toffee bits (not chocolate coated)
- 1 generous cup coconut
- 1/2 cup white or butterscotch chips

Preheat oven to 250 degrees; toast pecans for 10-12 minutes. Set aside to cool. Increase oven temp to 350. Mix melted/cooled butter with brown sugars, eggs, vanilla, and water (or use 2 tsp vanilla and 2 T bourbon). Stir in flour mixed with baking powder and salt. Add pecans, toffee bits, coconut, and chips. Spread batter in a 9X13 cake pan sprayed with Baker's Joy (do not use baking sheet or batter will overflow during baking). Batter will be very stiff so use an offset spatula to evenly spread the batter. Bake in 350 degree oven for 30-35 minutes. Sides should be browned and pulling away; center soft but not runny. Cooled bars should be moist and chewy....and yummy. NOTE: I mix the batter by hand with a wooden spoon versus using a mixer because it is so thick.