

Disguising the Bad

by Greg Gwin church of Christ at Greenwood Greenwood, Indiana

A nearby bakery shop has a reputation for making some absolutely incredible cinnamon rolls. These rolls are huge, and are literally packed with brown sugar, cinnamon, and butter, and are topped with thick, gooey icing. The very thought of these can make one's mouth water.

But, alas, the health food craze has surely taken its toll on the cinnamon roll business. And though we love our sweets, we've been warned about all those calories — and we shudder to think of the cholesterol! What's a baker to do when cinnamon rolls are getting so much bad press?

The answer, of course, is to offer people an option that appeals to their health conscious sensitivities. And so, the baker of those delectable cinnamon rolls is now selling an oat bran muffin. Well, everyone has heard of the great benefits of oat bran. It has been touted as the remedy to a whole host of health problems. Surely then an oat bran muffin is just what the doctor ordered. Never mind that these particular muffins are as big as a softball, have more than a fair share of sugar, butter, calories, and even contain a huge dose of cholesterol! Which simply proves that if we can hide something bad behind a name that sounds good, most folks will "swallow it."

This same trick is being used by Satan in the spiritual realm. Homosexuality is now an "alternate lifestyle" and no longer called an "abomination" (Leviticus 18:22). Alcoholism sounds better than drunkenness, and it is easier to "swallow" if we call it a disease rather than a sin. You get the idea. But, remember, calling something bad by a good name does not change the outcome.

***"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;
Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness;
Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!
Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes***

NEWSLETTER

Dec. 03, 2023

Mark Dailey, evangelist
(716) 754-2752

minister@lasallechurchofchrist.org

We seek to be a place of healing and worship.

Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday Bible Class 10 to 10:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

La Salle
church of Christ

We Meet At
1121 N. Military Rd.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
Phone (716) 283-1214

Website: lasallechurchofchrist.org
Please check the website for bulletins,
House to House Heart to Heart magazine,
and other things.



We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God's Word

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.

Let's continue to pray concerning the turmoil and fighting throughout the world.

Let's keep the following in our prayers as they deal with medical issues:

Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Jean Cameron.

Butts Sumner is recovering from recent back surgery and has been in a lot of pain.

Jessica Alcorn Let's pray for her as she continues with chemo treatments, and for her husband **David** as he recovers from Covid.

Ron Cameron Let's pray that he recovers well after recent shoulder surgery.

Jeff Elder is recuperating from a sprained and fractured ankle. It was good to see him with us last Sunday.

Michael & Hope Rice Let's pray for them for strength, peace, and stability.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother). Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues. Ray is asking for prayers for his mother and also for the family to deal with situations involving her.

Marsha Wyatt, Pam Schnell's sister, is dealing with health issues.

Dan Callari (from Amherst congregation). Let's pray for him as he deals with the effects of chemo.

Glen Mueller He is the preacher at the Sardinia church of Christ. Let's keep him and Edna in our prayers.

Jane Grenke, a friend of Denise Garlitz, is now out of the trauma unit at ECMC and will be going into rehab.

Bruce Brink's mother-in-law has mobility issues but is slowly getting better.

Carlos Martinez' brother is facing surgery to have a plate put in his head. He is still doing PT but still not talking or walking.

Kassem, a friend of Carlos Martinez, is requesting prayers for his family in Palestine.

Mission Info Please check the *Mission Board* in the back.

Ukraine Relief

John Kachelman, Jr. Cell (901) 626-4538 john@kachelman.com https://kachelman.com

For updated reports go to John's website and click on the tab for Mission Work.

Philippines

Caleb Callari with his wife Vanessa and family are doing mission work in the Philippines.

Caleb & Vanessa Callari *Email Address:* callari.mission@gmail.com

PO Box 0241

Talamban, Cebu City

Philippines 6000

Radio Program "Everyday Follower" can be found on YouTube.

Do a search on youtube.com for "School of National Evangelism Philippines."

Zambia

The LaSalle congregation has been involved in the Zambia mission work for many years.

If you would like to help support the Zambian Mission, please place funds in the offering basket marked for Zambia. More information may be found at www.zambiamission.org

Matthew 19:14

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Order of Worship

Dec. 03, 2023

Theme: Love

Song 421 "Love Lifted Me" (Dave Schnell)

Call to Worship Mark 12:30-31 (Richard Wheeler)

Song 943 "I Love You, Lord" (Dave Schnell)

Opening Prayer (Logan Bennett)

Song 250 "How Sweet, How Heavenly" (Dave Schnell)

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (Kent Blakelock)

Scripture Ephesians 4:2-3 (Wayne Carter)

Song 873 "Love, Love" (Dave Schnell)

Short Sermon (Ray McArthur)

Song 180 "God Is Love" (Rodney Jones)

Song 287 "I Love the Lord" (Rodney Jones)

Communion (Bruce Brink & Roger Mapes)

Song 473 "O How I Love Jesus" (Rodney Jones)

Scripture Proverbs 3:3-4 (Michael Rice)

Song 855 "God's Family" (Rodney Jones)

Announcements (Wayne Carter)

Closing Prayer (Austin Schnell)

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Dec. 03 Today. Short sermon to give time for more singing and scripture reading.

Dec. 17 Men's Business Meeting

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

2024

Jan. 01 New Year's Day

Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 21 Men's Business Meeting

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$924.00

Attendance Last Sunday 41

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.

Today Dec. 03, 2023

Short sermon to give time for more singing and scripture reading.



It was announced last Sunday that Glen & Edna Mueller say hello to everyone.



Thank You
Song Leaders

You Are
Appreciated!