

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Egypt

Mysterious Disappearance of Christian Women Sources: Release International, Morning Star News

A young 22-year-old woman went missing last week as she walked to the church where she works in Egypt. Local Christians fear Suzan Ashraf Rawy has been kidnapped, just like the other two young women who suddenly vanished from the same Cairo suburb just days before. It has been reported that women in Al Khosous, a mainly Christian town located just outside of Cairo, are now too frightened to leave their houses. Since the most recent abduction, a women's meeting at Suzan's church was cancelled.

The suspected abductions follow an incident in which a Muslim was accidentally shot and killed during a dispute over money. A Christian man was taken into police custody and is expected to be charged with manslaughter. Since then, there has been a sharp increase in attacks on Christians -- especially innocent women -- in Al Khosous. According to in-country sources, incidents of persecution targeting women is nothing new. Several local women have had acid thrown in their faces for not wearing veils.

Christians across Egypt remain under intense pressure. On May 26th, militants shot dead at least 28 Christians whom they pulled off a bus in Minya Province. In April, church bombings took place in the cities of Tanta and Alexandria; following a suicide bombing in Cairo last December. Altogether at least 70 people were slain, and several more seriously wounded, as a result of the bombings.

Please join us in praying for the safe return of Suzan and the two other missing women. May they each experience God's divine protection and peace wherever they happen to be situated. Ask the Lord to guard their hearts and minds (Philippians 4:7) from fear, discouragement, and the deception of the enemy. Also lift up in prayer their concerned families and friends, that they too will know the 'peace that surpasses all understanding,' and the assurance of His ability to mightily intervene. Intercede for Egypt's governmental leaders, who need God's wisdom, boldness and a firm resolve to quench the spread of militarism in their nation for the protection and unity of all people...His beloved creation.

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Sunday, July 9, 2017

Accompanist: Jackie Kramer Greeters: LeeRoy & Ginger Nelson

Scripture Reader: Gene Preston Nursery: Aaron Skogen

Usher: Terry Kramer Children's Church: LaDell Hanson & Hailey Skogen

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, and Christian Greetings

Praise Affirmation.....Psalm 49:1-4

Hymn #573....."God of Our Fathers"

Prayer of Praise

Offering/Offertory

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Prayer for Royal Family Kids Camp

Ministry of Music.....Chet & Rachel Hsiao

(This is the Hsiao's last Sunday with us before moving to Michigan)

Scripture Reading.....Numbers 27:15-23

Children may be excused for Children's Church (3 yrs-2nd grade)

Sermon..."Choosing God's Choice".....Pastor Merv Kramer

Prayer Response

Communion Service

Hymn #42....."Seek Ye First"

Love Offering – Union Gospel Mission

Closing Hymn #41....."God Is So Good"

Benediction

Postlude

***Nursery care is available for children infant thru 3 years old

(Please contact an usher for information and/or direction)

***Hearing Amplifier Available – Please contact an usher

Please join us after the worship service for coffee and treats in the fellowship room.

NEEDED: Summer Sunday School Teachers for the PreK-3rd grade class for June-August (one teacher per month, if possible)

Sunday School for All Ages

Combined Preschool-3rd Grade in Cubbies room

Combined 4th-8th Grade in Youth room (TREK)

Adult & Youth Class in Sanctuary: this week's topic is "The Influence of the Bible on America" - part 1

For Your Information and Prayer

-Today: -11:30 a.m. **Congregational Meeting** to discuss/vote on pastor candidate

-Thursday: -7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Jackie Kramer home, 6800 E Maple

Next Sunday: July 16, 2017

-Greeters: Glen & Doris Conradson

-Usher: Justin Tiffany

-Nursery: Shawna James

-Scripture Reader: Joan Murphy

-Children's Church: Matt Murphy and Cade Fox

Upcoming Events:

July 16-20 – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at 6:30-8pm: please register

*** Praise & Prayer***

Daphne Dunger, (retired missionary) healing from surgery on broken leg, now in rehabilitation at Bethany Lutheran Home in Sioux Falls

Kevin Van Malsen, resting in hospice care at The Cottage in Luverne

Elmer Gerdes, healing from hip fracture surgery, at Garretson nursing home

Lajeanne Wright, wife of Jim Wright, has been moved from the hospital to Garretson Palisades Nursing Home (room 301), continue to pray for increasing mental clarity, and also encouragement for Jim

Ron Benson, brother of Mike Benson, for heart health issues

Amanda Benson, as her sending church, Amanda has asked that we lift her up in prayer as she is in the mission field.

Serving Our Country: Josh Onnen, Air Guard; Chad Carlson, Air Guard (Son-in-law of Carl & Lindy Johnson); Kristina Lee, Air Force (Grandchild of Ray & Dee Olson)

Card Shower: Please send cards of encouragement to Jim and Lajeanne Wright at 920 4th St. Palisade Manor room 301 Garretson, SD 57030

Needed: Awana has a new program for grades 3-5. Contact Joan about training. We also need volunteers to be a grades K-2 story person and a special events coordinator. We're also seeking a volunteer for Commander.

OUR GIVING:	Sunday, July 2, 2016
General Giving	\$ 1,544.00
Love Offering – Allen Family	\$ 621.00
Furnace Fund	\$ 500.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 2,690.00

(Approximately \$2,500 is needed each week to meet expenses)

Our love offering today will be for the Union Gospel Mission in Sioux Falls. Some information about them: "This corporation is founded for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Salvation by Grace in Christ and Him crucified; for the salvation of souls and the establishing of believers, and doing of whatsoever is usual, convenient or expedient in such ministry; to maintain a place for the sheltering, lodging, feeding and clothing of the unfortunate, indigent and transients."

*Union Gospel Mission is a Haven of Trust
Needful and shielding when life seems unjust.*

Its workings inspired by God's Holy Word

Obeying when cries for assistance are heard

No one's denied its offering hand.

Giving redemption to poor of our land

Omnipotence justly used without shame

Securing relief without searching for blame

Pitting God's power 'gainst Satan's beguile

Each mission builds courage in winning the trial

Let's lend them assistance we fortunate souls.

Make giving our discards and bits of our gold

Inspiring lures to come back to the way

Son of our Father taught us to pray.

Signs are now merging to tell all the world

Its missions like these with banners unfurled

Outstretching their arms to gather us all

Next to manager that started it all.

–poem by A.F. Tony Javurek, 1985

Our Prayer Partnership

- Risen Savior Catholic Church, Brandon

- Pastor Andy & Megan Wright, River Community Church, Dell Rapids, SD