

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Egypt

Christians on High Alert Amid Bomb Threats

Sources: Middle East Concern, Release International, World Watch Monitor

Intelligence reports have raised concerns of a fresh wave of violence specifically targeting believers travelling to summer camps by bus. The authorities say militants are planning suicide bomb attacks on Christians, as well as army and police personnel. In light of this news, officials have asked church leaders to cancel any camps and conferences held outside of church buildings.

During this time of year, hundreds of thousands attend such events. Church trips and conferences represent popular summer activities that offer times of spiritual revival in Egyptian communities. Events of this nature are anticipated by many -- especially children -- all year and have never been halted in the past.

A few days after the nation's Christian leaders decided to put a hold on their outdoor activities, a guard in Alexandria was attacked by someone he had prevented from entering a church building. On July 15th, the guard, Mina Fouad Zakhary, stopped a young man at the gateway of Saint Mark and Saint Peter Church, asking him why he wanted to go in. The young man then took out a razor blade and cut the guard's neck. Other security officers nearby intervened and apprehended the attacker. Thankfully, the injured guard survived the attack.

The national alert was announced six weeks after a church group travelling to Saint Samuel Monastery in Minya was ambushed by terrorists of the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS) on May 26th. A total of 30 believers were killed in the attack, including women and children.

As our Christian brothers and sisters in Egypt face these heightened threats, may they remain steadfast in their faith -- casting all their cares upon the Lord and trusting explicitly in Him -- and thus fully experience His perfect peace (Psalm 55:22; Isaiah 26:3). Pray for the healing of the church guard, Mina, who was injured during the recent attack in Alexandria; and that all those in both governmental and spiritual authority will be granted wisdom as they continue in their stance against militarism. Ask the Lord to provide His people in Egypt new and innovative ways to receive discipleship and fellowship so they can be assured of safety amid threats of attack.

August 11-12 – **Awakening: Youth and Young Adult Conference** in Sioux Falls. See poster on the church foyer bulletin board for more information

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Sunday, August 6, 2017

Accompanist: Jan Questad and Pam Osmandson

Greeters: Justin & Sara Tiffany Usher: Paul Osmandson

Scripture Reader: Trevor Skogen Nursery: Aaron Skogen

Children's Church: Dee Olson and Garret James

9:30 am

Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements, and Christian Greetings

Praise Affirmation.....I Timothy 1:15-17

Hymn #25....."Immortal, Invisible"

Prayer of Praise

Offering

Offertory.....Jackie Kramer

Doxology (*Hymn #625*) – please stand

Scripture Reading.....I John 3:1-3

Ministry of Music - video

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

Sermon...“We Are God's Children”.....Pastor Merv Kramer

Prayer Response

Communion Service

Hymn #282.....“The Family of God”

Love Offering

Closing Hymn #268.....“God, Our Father, We Adore Thee”

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.

Sunday School for All Ages

Combined Preschool-3rd Grade in Cubbies Room
Combined 4th-8th Grade in Youth room (TREK)
Adult & High School Class in Sanctuary: this week's topic is "The Influence of the Bible on America" – part 4

For Your Information and Prayer

-UPDATED AGAIN: Please use the **UPDATED Communication Chain (revised 8-1-2017)**. Copies are labeled with your names on the kitchen counter, and spare copies are also available in the foyer.
The chain is only as strong as its weakest link. – The Care Team
-No Thursday Women's Bible Study until fall

Next Sunday: August 6, 2017

- Greeters: Doyle & Barbara Young
- Usher: Mike Kresak
- Nursery: Pam Osmanson & Hailey Skogen
- Scripture Reader: Lindy Johnson
- Children's Church: 2D Gerdes & Maegan Questad

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**AWANA** – Please **REGISTER** your child online as soon as possible. You also may register in person during office hours or August 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm. Regular Awana clubs start September 6<sup>th</sup>.  
**We need volunteers** to be a grades K-2 story person and a special events coordinator. We're also seeking a volunteer for Commander.

### Sioux Falls and Lennox Christian Women's Connection

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The Sioux Falls meeting is on Tuesday, August 8th at 9:30am at the VFW on South Minnesota Avenue. The speaker is Laurie Kimball from Minneapolis, MN (a friend of Judy Preston). Reservations are necessary call Bonnie Herzig 332-7054. The Lennox meeting is on Monday, August 7th at 7pm, Laurie Kimball is the speaker and they meet at the Presbyterian Social Hall, 305 West 1st Ave, Lennox (the west end of the building). Reservations can be made by calling Lois at 605-647-0023 (leave a message) More details about each meeting will be posted on the bulletin board.

Our Prayer Partnership

- Beaver Valley Lutheran Church, Valley Springs
- Pastor Aaron Rush, Danzig Baptist Church, Rural Avon, SD

*** Praise & Prayer***

Carol Kline, mother of Theresa Friesen, recovering from a stroke
Lajeane 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)

OUR GIVING:	Sunday, July 30, 2016
General Giving	\$ 1,799.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 1,824.00

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

Voice of the Martyrs Conference

Many Christians around the world today are persecuted because of their faith in Christ, yet they continue to advance the gospel through their lives and words. At the VOM Advance Conference you will meet persecuted Christians and hear their inspirational testimonies.

There is no charge to attend the VOM Advance Conference. Register online today and bring a friend!

Please join us **Saturday, August 12**, for the VOM Advance Conference.
Community Reformed Church 6800 E 41st St, Sioux Falls, SD 57110
Saturday, August 12 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Doors open at 8 a.m. for registration, resource-center access and prayer. Lunch will be on your own from 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at area restaurants.
Register online at www.vomadvance.com/conference/12/ or by phone at 800-747-0085