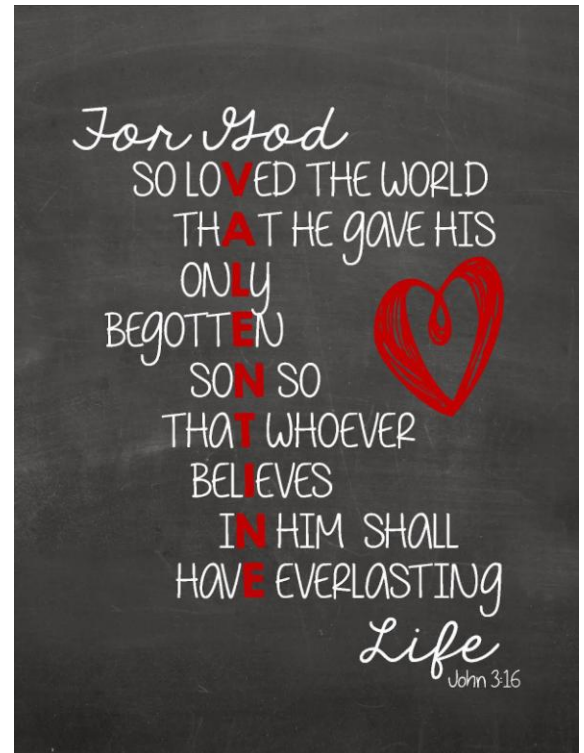


Closet Talk - February 2018

1. Pray for the Montes family, as they minister in Asia, a challenging area of the world.
2. Pray for the Youth groups meeting this evening. Pray for Extreme Team youth as they are in a crucial time of their faith development.
3. Pray for the Robbie Burns Dinner tonight, a fundraiser for the Montes family.
4. Pray for the 2018 Church Board and Deacons as they are introduced in the service this morning. Pray for wisdom, compassion, and strength for their ministries.
5. Pray for the Hazel Merritt Group meeting tonight. Thank God for this group as they assist with Memorial service receptions so faithfully at Emmanuel.
6. Pray for the Student Dinner ministry. We thank God for ongoing hospitality to UVic and Camosun College students. Pray for relationships to be developed.
7. "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." (Martin Luther King Jr.) Pray today for a loving heart, even towards those we find difficult to relate to.
8. Pray for Emmanuel's ESL classes meeting weekly. Thank God for the volunteers serving in this area of ministry. Pray for our students to experience care and love.
9. Pray for our Youth groups at the Shawnigan Lake Retreat this weekend. Pray this will be a meaningful time of growth, faith development and friendship.
10. Pray for our Mandarin Small Groups meeting on Saturday evenings. Pray for God's word to bless them as they share together.
11. Pray for our Family Day Service this morning, and for our Emmanuel Preschool children and their families as they join us. Thank God for your family.
12. Family is an integral part of our society. Pray for the families in our community and for the agencies that seek to support them. Pray for the families in our church.
13. Pray for the Food Market held in our church each Tuesday. Pray the food distribution helps those in our community who need assistance and a glimpse of practical grace.
14. Pray for our Ash Wednesday Service this evening as we begin the Lenten season. Pray for this meaningful time of repentance and cleansing.
15. Pray for Good Friends Group today celebrating love. Pray for them, as they hear from a variety of individuals about areas of love in their lives.
16. Pray for the Chinese New Year Celebration tonight. Thank God for this time of gathering as a community.



17. "We need to be loved and we need to give love. When we are thwarted in this, we suffer terribly." (G.H. Montgomery). Pray for God to give you opportunities today to be a giver of love to the unlovely, and to be open to receive love from those around you.
18. Sunday morning is a time we come together as the body of Christ to express our collective love for God. We worship Him in recognition of the amazing love He has given to each one of us individually and us as a church.
19. Pray for the church board today as they oversee the needs of our church family. Pray for clarity of purpose, for wisdom in response to various issues, and for a heart for God in all things.
20. Pray for the staff as they gather each Tuesday to pray, plan, and implement ministries of the church. Pray for them as they cover so many different areas and feel stretched at times.
21. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like." (Augustine) May your hands, feet, eyes and ears demonstrate love today.
22. Pray for Emmanuel's Knitters Group as they come together once a month to knit items for various needs. Pray their knitting projects done at home or when they meet together, will bless someone in our community.
23. Pray for our After School Program today as the children have a Pro-D day from school and will need care in our program all day.
24. Pray today for Emmanuel Preschool's Open House for prospective students for next fall. Pray many families will attend.
25. Pray for Emmanuel's Young Adults gathering after church for lunch weekly. Pray for positive connections and relationships to be built.
26. "It is easier to love humanity as a whole than to love one's neighbour." (Eric Hoffer) Pray for love for your neighbours today.
27. "Love: in tennis, nothing; in life, everything." (Frank Tyger) Pray for love to permeate all you do in your life today. Do not take love for granted. Thank those who love you today.
28. "God proved His love on the cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, "I Love you." (Billy Graham) Thank God today for Christ our supreme example of love.

