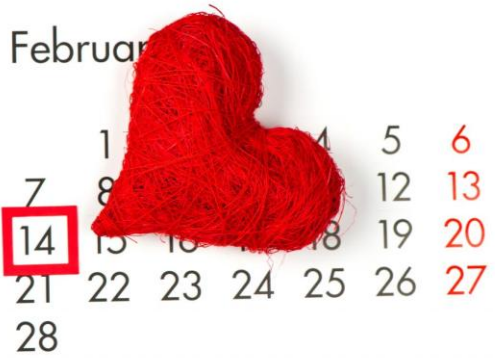


# Closet Talk

## February 2019



1. Pray for the preparations for the Robbie Burns dinner tomorrow. Pray for all the volunteers helping.
2. Pray for the Montes family speaking at our Robbie Burns dinner. Thank God they are able to attend the fundraiser on their behalf for their work in Asia.
3. Pray for our combined service today as we gather around the Lord's Table. Thank God for His sacrifice on our behalf, and for the opportunity to worship Him as God's family.
4. Pray for Monday Morning Bible Study on Hope. Pray for the class to have a sense of hope that is only possible through their relationship with God.
5. Pray for the Student Dinners on Tuesdays til the end of March. Pray for the students who come, to feel the touch of God's love through each volunteer serving them.
6. Pray for those leading us in Sunday worship. Pray for the time they give to practice and prepare for their leadership each week. Pray for Pastor Joan co-ordinating the leaders.
7. Pray for Emmanuel's two ESL classes scheduled on Thursday mornings and one class on Sunday morning. Thank God for the opportunity to assist those new to Canada and to the English language. Pray they feel welcomed and supported.
8. Pray for the Youth Retreat this weekend. Pray for the teens attending and their leaders.

9. Pray for the Chinese New Year event at the church this evening. Thank God for our diverse family of God here at Emmanuel and how we can celebrate together on various occasions.
10. Thank God for our Sunday School teachers leading our children, youth, and adult classes each week. Thank God for their time of preparation and interaction with their students.
11. Pray for our church Board meeting once a month to go over the business of the church. Pray for wisdom and grace in all of their discussions and decisions.
12. Pray for the Food Market in the Fireside Lounge each Tuesday at 3:00 pm. Pray for those who benefit from receiving this support.
13. "Love in tennis, nothing; in life, everything." (Frank Tyger). Love is what all human beings need to thrive, as the person God has made them. Pray love will permeate all of your actions and thoughts today.
14. Today is Valentine's Day. St. Valentine wrote notes of encouragement from prison. This developed into what is now Valentine's Day. St. Valentine sent notes, not of romance, but of encouragement to fellow Christians in difficult circumstances. Send a note of love and encouragement to someone you love today, or someone you know needs encouragement.
15. Emmanuel's After School program has a Pro-D day today, providing care for the children all day. Pray for the After School program and staff, as they seek to provide nurturing care to each child entrusted to our care.
16. Pray for the small groups meeting weekly in our church family; pray especially for the Mandarin groups meeting on Friday and Saturday evenings at our church.
17. Pray for our worship today. May we remember the audience of what we do in church on Sunday is God, not

the congregation. God is observing our worship of Him, so may our focus be on Him.

18. Today is Family Day in our province. May we pray for families today and all of the pressure and stresses they feel in various aspects of life.
19. "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." (Martin Luther King, Jr.). Pray your heart may be filled with love and care rather than judgement or hate.
20. "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). Pray your life may look like that today.
21. Pray for our Good Friends group meeting today to hear from an UVic professor in the area of "Inflamm-aging", and how we can help our body be healthy. Pray for the friendships formed at these gatherings.
22. Pray for the Women's Bible Study on Friday mornings. Pray for this group as they meet today.
23. "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 for His amazing love today.
24. Pray for our worship today, in two languages, giving our praise, thanks, and appreciation for God. May our minds be freed from all that fills them during the week, so they can be filled with gratitude for God and His relationship with us.
25. "Love talked about is easily turned aside, but love demonstrated is irresistible."  
(Stanley Mooneyham). Pray your love may be demonstrated today.

- 26. Pray for the Student Dinner. Pray many students will see the service of our church volunteers as genuine, authentic, love that touches their hearts and makes them open to the possibility of God's love.
- 27. Pray for the needs of our church as we move forward. May we first and foremost be a praying church, seeking God's leading in all we do.
- 28. God loves His people. May we love Him back with a fullness of our hearts, ever seeking to bless Him and others with our love.

