

Loads of Love - 2020 Year End Report

- Loads of Love happens on the first and third Monday of each month
 - See chart below for some statistics

	2018	2019	2020	% increase
Number of people helped	438	753	1007	+ 25%
Total number of Volunteers	13	9	7	
Loads of Laundry	563	1085	1499	+ 27%
Cost of Laundry	\$2,615.50	\$5,941.75	\$10,584.50	+ 44%
Individual Donations to LOL	\$1,605.05	\$1,862.00	\$3,307.38*	+ 44%

*Does not Includes St. Paul's donation of \$3,223 **costs could vary because of size and amounts of loads. We give a family a maximum six loads.

Loads of Love happens with the support of this congregation. It would not be possible without the volunteer support of people and finances. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the number of people in need of our help. The pandemic has also changed the way we interact with folks and the Loads of Love ministry. We moved from distributing the money and food from a room inside the laundromat to outside with no food, a card table, umbrella, masks, gloves, distancing and hand sanitizer. This method has been difficult over the last two months of Winter. We had awfully bad weather for the last three Monday nights. We had to cancel the last Monday night of the year because of snow and ice.

With the pandemic limiting the ways we can raise money; it has become harder to sustain this ministry. In June we were fortunate to get a monetary gift of \$3,223 from St. Paul's Episcopal Church. In 2021 we will also be getting a \$5,000 grant from the Diocese to help us continue this ministry in 2021. As you look at the numbers of people helped, you can see the outreach to our community has increased considerably. The number of people we serve seems to indicate that we are doing what God has called us to do in our community. Please consider that the vitality of this program can only happen with your support. It is an opportunity to come face to face with people who are seeking hope. Thank you for your generous support. If you would like to volunteer on the first or third Monday, please contact Susan at christchurchblaine@gmail.com.