

LAUNDRY LOVE

“I know who Jesus is but does He know where I am since I live with my Daddy in a car and move so much?” This is the question an 11-year-old girl asked Susan, a volunteer for Laundry Love. How wonderful that Susan was able to answer her, “Yes, He is always with you wherever you go! And here is a children’s Bible to help you read and hear His Word for yourself.”

Laundry Love is a ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church, San Antonio. Once a month, St. Paul members visit the laundromat and pay for washer/dryer use and supplies for anyone who comes in. The volunteers also provide food for all and activities for the children. More importantly, they listen to the customers, share the love of Jesus and offer reading materials for their new friends to take home.

There are people who count on this ministry and return every month, and there are always new faces too. Some local residents consider this their church. There have even been baptisms at the laundromat.

A regular visitor is a mom with 13 children. She is not only very happy to have their clothes washed for free, but also to have help with the kids as she tends to her laundry. The children are able to do crafts, play games and hear the Gospel. Mom is able to accomplish a chore while being able to visit with adults.



Clockwise from top: St. Paul volunteers and laundry customers pray during a Laundry Love event; Joy Cowan (left) presents a mission grant payment to St. Paul senior pastor Rev. Dave Murillo and member Susan Pennington; Pastor Murillo greets a man outside the laundromat in 2017.

Another regular is Ray, who has recently started attending services at St. Paul. It is encouraging and uplifting for Ray and St. Paul parishioners to get to share together the gifts of God in the liturgy.

Every Laundry Love event includes Bible study and closes with prayer. God is using this ministry to bless the community and the people of

St. Paul. Many thanks are given to LWML Texas District for the mission grant that helps fund this project as the members of St. Paul seek to serve materially and spiritually, as Jesus says in Matt. 25:35: “For I was hungry and you gave me food.”

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