

Collection Center Information

What is it? Where is it? Why is it? Maybe it is time to again explain our “Collection Center” to persons who may not know about it – or might like to be reminded!

We have a “Collection Center” located behind two of the three sets of double wood doors along one wall of our fellowship hall. We use these storage closet areas to collect things that we give away or use for projects to help others. We use the closets located on the left and the middle for the Collection Center. Tables, tablecloths, and miscellaneous items are stored in the closet on the right.

We appreciate any donations you might be able to share. Actually, many of the items we seek might normally be thrown away. It may not cost you anything but a little time to share them. Some might even help us “preserve our earth for future generations” because some things are actually being recycled. The items are periodically given away or used for our various projects.

Feel free to take a peek into these cupboards to see the labeled bins and decide if you might enjoy sharing some of these items. Following is a list of things that can be donated.

In the left closet, there are bins provided on shelves located on the left-side wall. These are for items we collect for the homeless, abused, and needy. We rely on Community Action Team to distribute them for us.

The items most requested are toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, laundry soap, and toilet paper. In addition, we collect other personal items such as hand and bath soaps, shampoo, lotions, facial tissue, shaving supplies, hygiene items, combs, washcloths, and hand towels. (Note: soaps, shampoo, and lotions provided my motels are great, but they must be unopened.)

Note: We also store supplies and donations for our Harvest Bazaar in this left-side closet.

The center closet has containers labeled for collecting the following:

- Brown paper grocery bags (preferably with handles) – The Senior Center uses them for delivering Meals on Wheels.
- Used or new white bed sheets – We tear them into strips, sew the strips together, and roll them for bandages for Global Health Ministries. Note: we no longer are able to use colored sheets or crocheted bandage strips.
- Pull-tabs from aluminum cans—The Elks take them to Portland to support kidney dialysis programs.
- Labels for Education – Local schools can use them to obtain special supplies and equipment free. (Look for the symbols on various food products –Progresso soups and General Mills products for example. Note: Campbell’s soups no longer participates in this program.)
- Santiam and FLAV-R-PAC labels – We receive cash for them.
- Market Fresh grocery receipts – Our local IGA store returns 1 percent of all sales (that are shown on those receipts) to our church.
- Cancelled postage stamps – Audrey Webster (via Norse Hall) gives them to a group who sells them, and the money is used to provide medical services for children with disabilities. Note: Please leave a ¼ inch border around the stamps.
- Eyeglasses and hearing aids—The Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation shares them with persons in need.
- Cell phones—Women of the ELCA have teamed with the Women’s Funding Network in an ongoing effort to recycle cell phones, help women, and raise money at the same time.
- New and used candle wax – Pastor Joe and Sofie Strandjord enjoy melting and recreating candles.

We appreciate your help!