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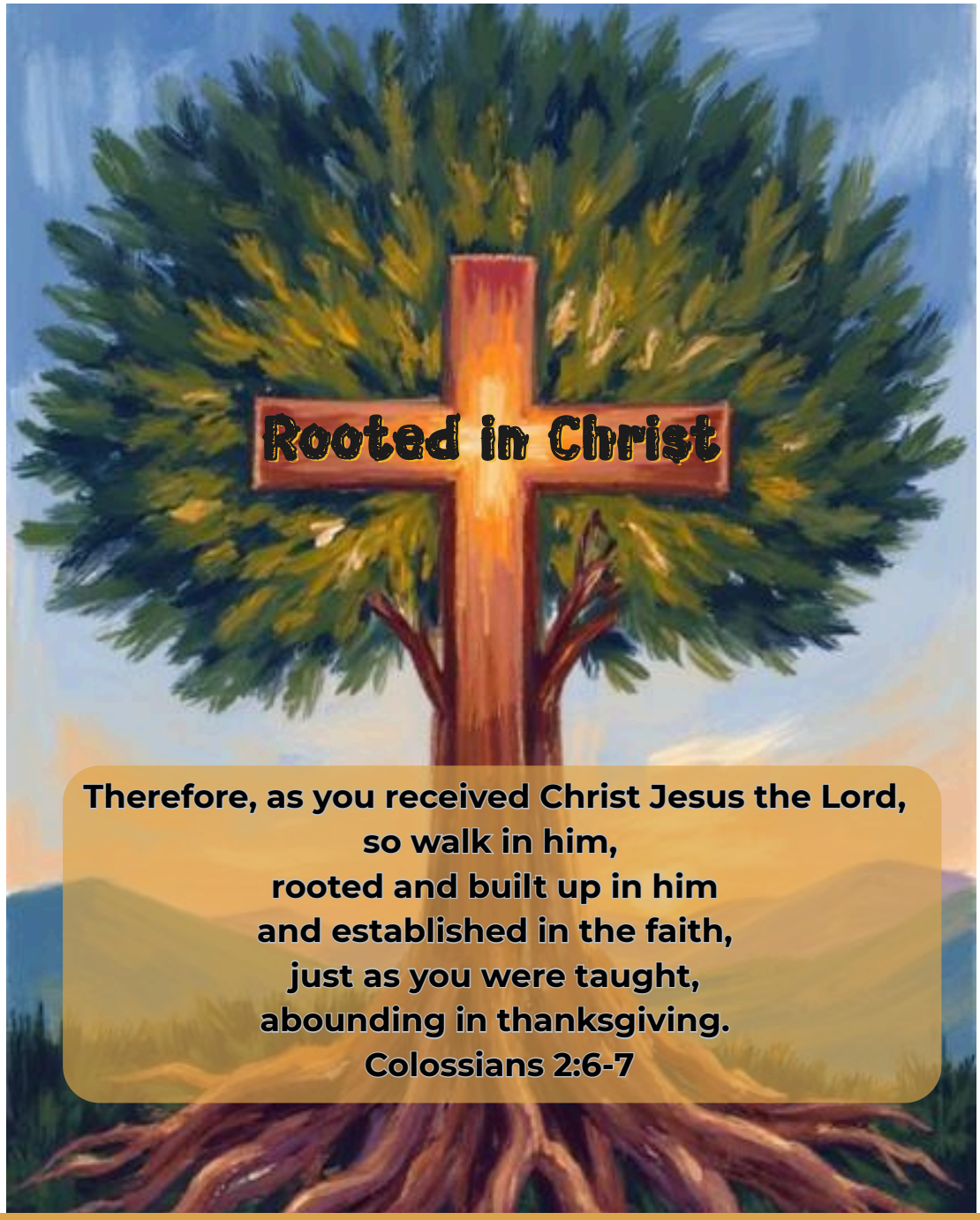
As a student of
Bethlehem Lutheran School I will:
Love, Serve, and Honor God
Love,Serve, and Honor My Neighbor
Love, Serve, and Honor Myself

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"Bethlehem Lutheran School works with parents to guide their children in gaining wisdom, pursuing virtue, and developing skills for life with God, neighbors, and self in this world and in the world to come.."

OCTOBER
UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3 Fall Festival
- 9 End of First Quarter
- 14 2-HOUR DELAY
- 13 — 15 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 19 — 23 Fall Break
- 26 PTL Meeting
- 30 Vision Screening



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NLSA National Lutheran School Accreditation

BETHLEHEM
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

A Message From Our Headmaster

GOD AT WORK IN HISTORY

"In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue." And in October, we remember his discovery of the Americas with Columbus Day. However, in recent years, some people have proposed an alternative holiday: Indigenous (Native) Peoples Day. It's argued that we should not celebrate the European conquest of the New World because they stole the land, and mistreated, enslaved, and killed the native people. So are Columbus and the other explorers heroes or villains?

In 7&8th grade history, we've studied Columbus, and we've learned that history is usually complicated. Whenever there are two sides to a human conflict, you can find heroes and villains on both sides. It's true, grievous wrongs were done. On the other hand, the Queen of Spain and many European missionaries opposed the slave trade and believed all people belonged to one human race created by God. Plus, the discovery of the Americas led to the creation of one of the most prosperous and free societies the world has ever known.

When studying history, it's not so much our job to judge but to learn how people thought and try to see the world through their eyes. Sometimes we might even find out that our modern ideas are in the wrong and we should be corrected by those who came before us. The blessing of history is that we are not limited only to the wisdom of our day but can benefit from thousands of years of human thought and activity.

Most importantly, as Christians, we study history with the understanding of a fallen world in desperate need of a Savior. Until Jesus returns, there will always be conflict between sinners. Yet, we know that Christ's holy blood was shed to cover all of human history in a cleansing flood. We can be honest about the sins of our forefathers, regardless of ethnicity or religion, without being so quick to condemn, for we know the human frailty in them and in ourselves. We can also give thanks to God for the good things that were accomplished even alongside acts of evil. Through all our human adventures and achievements, and in spite of all our sinful errors and tragedies, we know that God is at work for His own good purposes. One day, He will bring our history to a glorious and happy ending.



Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Dodgers

SCHOOL CREDIT

Help us to promote our school and get a tuition credit at the same time!
The Bethlehem Board of Education is offering a $200 tuition credit to any Bethlehem school family who refers a student to Bethlehem. That student will need to be enrolled for at least one school year. There is no limit on number of referrals to be eligible for this credit.
For more information, please contact the school office.

WASHINGTON D.C. GROUP

Our Washington D.C. group appreciates your continued support.
Please continue to save your newspapers, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, old phone books, office/ school papers and hard/soft cover books. Along with cereal type boxes.
(NO COROGATED CARDBOARD)
Bring your recycled paper to school and dispose of it in our "PaperGator" located right next to the trash dumpster in the front parking area of the school.



Weather permitting the students will be going outside for recess time.
Please have your child dress appropriately for the weather. Temperatures below 60 degree *wind chill* will require a jacket or winter coat.
Potential delays and cancellations for Bethlehem will follow the same as Northern Wells Community Schools.

PTL Committee
Erin Schumm- President
Katy Haiflich – Vice President
Laura Nahrwold – Treasurer
Josh Boehm – Secretary

Board of Christian Education Members
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FUNDRAISING

Shop at Kroger and help Bethlehem Lutheran School's tuition Assistance Fund
With the Kroger Community Rewards Program.
Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com, be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with Bethlehem Lutheran School as your organization for the reward.

The NPO number for Bethlehem is WG595#.

If you don't have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk. Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered card when shopping for each purchase to count.



RaiseRight

Please be sure to check out our new scrip order sheet attached to this newsletter. Physical cards from local vendors and more are now available for order. Ordering dates are set to reduce shipping costs.
For questions or placing an order contact Jill Holtzclaw 260-301-1965, current PTL representative.

As you purchase SCRIP you will also accumulate a percentage of profit to be applied to your child's tuition. ***NEW: The School receives 10% back when you shop at Ginger Fresh.***

Thank you to the church congregation and school families for supporting the Scrip Program!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

To redeem Box Top products, you will need to download the Box Tops app on your phone and then scan each receipt that contains your Box Tops products. KEEP ON SCANNING!

Gradelink
School Administration System

With Gradelink you can stay updated on your child's academic progress at school and get information on upcoming assignments such as assignment descriptions and due dates.
The following information is available to you when you log in to Gradelink:



- Current Grade in each class
- Current GPA for the term, if applicable
- Descriptions, Grades, and Teacher Comments for graded assignments
- Descriptions and Due Dates for upcoming assignments
- Assignment handouts or documents (attachments)
- Email Alerts you can configure for grades and attendance Information
- Transcript Information, if applicable
- Billing Information, online payment for tuition and lunch fees

To access this information go to www.gradelink.com and click on the green Log In button.

Please call the school office if you need any help logging in.

Bethlehem Lutheran School

Fall

FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 3, 2026
6:00 P.M.
STAUFFER FARMS
3584 NW STATE ROAD 116-90 MARKLE, IN 46777

DELICIOUS FOOD PROVIDED BY THE BETHLEHEM PTL
Loaded Baked Potato Bar, Fresh Apple Cider, Popcorn

HAYRIDES, BARREL RIDES, BOUNCE HOUSES, STRAW TOWER,
POTATO SACK RACES, TUG-OF-WAR, SAVENGER HUNT,
PUMPKIN PAINTING ....AND MORE!





As the 2026–27 volleyball season comes to a close, we celebrate everything the team accomplished together.

Each player worked incredibly hard, showing dedication, perseverance, and teamwork through every practice and match.

Their growth and commitment made this a season to be proud of.

Special thanks to our team captains:

Emma Campbell (7th grade)

and

Bailey Meyer (8th grade).

Keep practicing and hope to see you all back next year!

With Tiger Pride,

Coach Brittany

Coach Katy

A reminder to please turn your uniforms into the school office

OCTOBER
Birthday and Baptism

BIRTHDAYS
October
10th Maisie Partick
11th Alex Fuhrmann
19th Anthony Tolson
22nd Avery Geiger
23rd Gabriella Campbell
25th Evelyn Wanner

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS
October
8th Vincent Schumm
19th Anthony Tolson



Chapel

Our God has given so much to us!
One way that we worship Him is by giving back a portion of His gifts to Him and to His Church.

As you are able please bring an Offering for Chapel on Wednesdays.
Students may place their offerings in the offering plate
as they come into chapel every Wednesday.

CHAPEL TIMES

Monday-, Tuesday, Thursday
9:45 AM
Wednesday
10:00 AM
Friday
2:30 PM

Please join us!

Chapel Offering - 1st Quarter ending Oct.9th

Over the past few years, we have collected offerings to help support church worker students. We've adopted men and women who are preparing to serve as pastors, deaconesses, and church musicians. This year we are supporting Jenna Oberly who is studying to serve as a Lutheran School Teacher. Please read her article and support her as you are able through chapel offerings.

We currently have $179.20 of our $300 goal.

Chapel Project

Chapel Offering Project for 2nd Quarter:
October 12- December 18
Collection for the Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op
The Fort Wayne Seminary is beginning to build a new home for their Food & Clothing Co-op which helps students and families with their needs. They currently have the opportunity to match donations dollar for dollar. Please consider giving to this project that supports future servants of the church.

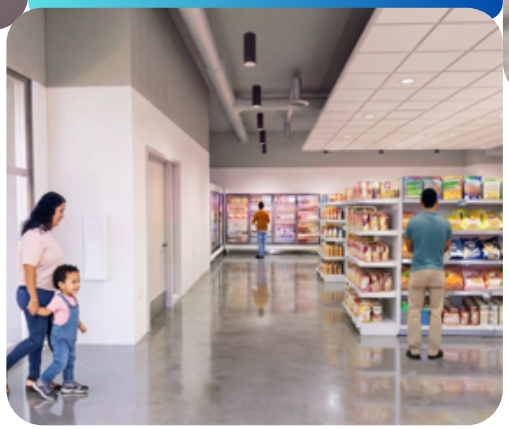
Along with our weekly chapel offerings, we will be collecting different items:

October 12–30	Canned Goods	150 cans
November 2–13	Personal Hygiene	50 items
November 16–December 4	Boxed Food	100 items
December 7–18	Paper Products & Snacks	100 items



Pictures of the future facility





OSSIAN DAYS PARADE



















LITERACY TIGER

Autumn reads are abundant in the school library. Students can find cozy mysteries, Reformation resources, historical fiction novels, and many other options to enjoy on a rainy fall afternoon.

We are thankful for our Bethlehem Library, and for continued support that allows us to grow. We are in the process of adding many new books acquired through generous donations and credits from our spring book fair. We will not be hosting a book fair this fall - but do plan to once again offer a StoryGlory book fair in the spring!

Whether your reading choices are new or old, we hope all of our Bethlehem families take time to make reading part of your family routine. We are here to work with parents in guiding children, and this includes their reading choices. Feel free to contact the librarians or teachers at any time if you have concerns or requests about your child's library selections. You can reach us through our Library Ladies profile on Class Dojo, or email library@blcsossian.org.

Happy Reading!

Your librarians,
Jennifer Bultemeier
DoRena Wirgau

Gathering Leaves

BY ROBERT FROST

Spades take up leaves
No better than spoons,
And bags full of leaves
Are light as balloons.

I make a great noise
Of rustling all day
Like rabbit and deer
Running away.

But the mountains I raise
Elude my embrace,
Flowing over my arms
And into my face.

I may load and unload
Again and again
Till I fill the whole shed,
And what have I then?

Next to nothing for weight,
And since they grew duller
From contact with earth,
Next to nothing for color.

Next to nothing for use,
But a crop is a crop,
And who's to say where
The harvest shall stop?

Bethlehem Lutheran School
Library Policies

Library Purpose

The purpose of the library is to supplement classroom learning and provide motivation for reading enjoyment. Visiting the school library helps students learn the basics of library use and etiquette.

Circulation Policies

Kindergarten students may have a maximum of one book checked out, loaned for one week.

1st – 8th Grade students may have a maximum of two books checked out, loaned for two weeks.

Books may be renewed a maximum of two times. If a book is not returned after two renewals (ie, three weeks for Kindergarten students, six weeks for other students), **fines** will accrue at a rate of $0.25 per item per week. Books must be present in the library to be renewed.

Due dates and maximum checkout **exceptions** may be made for book reports, research reports, and other classroom assignments, at the discretion of teachers and/or librarians.

Lost or Damaged Books

Parents will be notified when a book is **overdue**. If an overdue item is not returned within four weeks after parents are notified (or by the library deadline at the end of the school year) the item will be considered lost and a replacement fee will be charged. A handling fee of $5 will be added to the cost of book replacement.

Librarians should be notified of any damage that occurs to a library book. If a damaged item needs to be replaced due to inappropriate handling or accident (i.e. water damage), a replacement fee may be charged. A handling fee of $5 will be added to the cost of book replacement.



BETHLEHEM & NEW HOPE LUTHERAN

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INDOOR TRICK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31 4-5 PM

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE INDOOR TREAT STATIONS
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

NEW HOPE LUTHERAN GYMNASIUM

8643-8691 IN-1, OSSIAN, IN 46777

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

DRIVE - THRU
Pork Chop Dinner

6514 E. 750 N. Ossian

Sunday, Oct. 11th

11am—1 pm

Cost: $15.00



Dinner includes:
Smoked Pork Chop, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans and Roll

TO PREORDER YOUR DINNERS CONTACT:

Pat Meyer 260-227-0400 - spmeyer82@gmail.com
Cheryl Louison 260-414-5526 - clouison@ymail.com

CASH OR CHECKS ONLY MADE PAYABLE TO WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

Proceeds Benefit Northern Wells/Ossian Food Pantry and Women of Bethlehem Project Fund

BETHLEHEM
LUTHERAN CHURCH

6514 E 750 N OSSIAN, IN 46777

Swiss Steak Dinner

INCLUDES: MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, ROLL & DESSERT

ADULT TICKETS: $15
CHILDREN'S MEAL (HOT DOG OR STEAK): $6

SERVING
DINE IN OR
CARRY OUT
11-1:30 PM

SUNDAY
1
NOVEMBER

SHOPPING
10:30-2:00

ALSO HOSTING OUR
FIRST ANNUAL

Christmas
SIP & SHOP

Sip, Shop & Be Merry!





Christmas at Bethlehem

Bethlehem Swiss Steak Dinner
Christmas Sip & Shop Market
Vendor sign-ups

Along with our annual Swiss Steak Dinner, we will also be hosting our first Christmas Sip & Shop Market on Sunday, November 1st with serving Dine in or Carry out from 11-1:30 p.m. Shopping 10:30-2:00 p.m.We are inviting crafters, makers, and small businesses to join us as vendors for this festive community event. Booths are 10 x10, and vendors must bring their own table. Special rates for Bethlehem members: $10 for a booth, or $25 for the community. Vendor registration can be found on our church's website, blcsossian.org under the church tab.

We are also asking for 2 members to donate a Thrivent card to help support the events expenses. Please text or call Erin Schumm at 260-437-3717 if you are able to contribute.

OCTOBER 2026

Bethlehem Lutheran



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 L- Walking Taco 24g Lettuce 1g, tomatoes 2g, Refried Beans 23g Fruit Choice	2 Grilled Cheese Sandwich 34g Tator Tots 16g Fresh Vegetables Applesauce 21g
5 L- Chicken Tenders 16g Mashed Potatoes 15g Fresh Carrots 5g Pears 16g Dinner Roll 12g	6 L-Pancakes 36g Sausage Patty 0g Hash Brown Patty 15g Fresh Vegetable Choice Juice 17g	7 L- Chicken Nuggets 16g Corn 12g Fresh Broccoli 5g Applesauce 21g	8 L- Cheeseburger on Bun 22g Baked Beans 26g Fresh Vegetable Choice Banana 27g	9 L- Mozzarella Sticks 27g Marinara Sauce 10g Fresh Vegetable Choice Juice 17g
12 L-Taco Snack Bites 30g Refried Beans 23g Broccoli 3g Pears 19g Funnel Cake 19g	13 L- Chicken Fries 16g Potato Wedges 20g Fresh Vegetable Choice Raisins 30g Garlic Bread 12g	14 L- Pizza 24g Green Beans 4g Carrots 5g Blueberries 16g Sweet Treat	15 L- Corndog 30g Sidewinder French Fries 20g Fresh Vegetable Choice Carmel Apple Cup	16 L- Sack Lunch PBJ Uncrustable 32g Fresh Veggies Tiger Bites 21g Assorted Fruit Cup
19 Fall Break No School	20 Fall Break No School	21 Fall Break No School	22 Fall Break No School	23 Fall Break No School
26 L- Chicken and Waffles Chicken Tenders 16g and Waffle14g Hash Brown Potatoes 17g Fresh Vegetable Choice Juice 17g	27 L-Chicken Patty on Bun 34g Potato Wedges 20g Baked Beans 26g Peaches 12g	28 L- Stuffed Crust Pizza 31g Peas 9g Fresh Carrots 5g Applesauce 21g	29 L-- Build your Own Soft Taco Taco meat 5g, Cheese1g, Shells 28g Lettuce 1g, Tomatoes 2g, Corn 12g Dried Fruit Choice	30 L- Sack Lunch Turkey and Cheese Sandwich 24g Fresh Veggies Chips 18g Fruit Cup

Menu is subject to change without notice
Carbohydrates are listed in red

Bethlehem Lutheran Scrips Order Form

Date: _____ Student _____

Name _____ Circle One: BLS Student(named above)

Phone # _____ Check # _____ Total _____ Physical stock?

				QTY.	Total					QTY.	Total
A	Amazon.com	2%	$10			L	Little Caesers	8%	$20		
	Amazon.com	2%	$25				Lowe's	4%	$25		
	Amazon.com	2%	$50				Lowe's	4%	$100		
	Amazon.com	2%	$100			M	Marathon	3%	$25		
	Amazon.com	2%	$250				Marathon	3%	$100		
	Applebee's	8%	$10				Marathon	4%	$250		
	Applebee's	8%	$25				McAlister's Deli	6%	$25		
	Applebee's	8%	$50				McDonalds	5%	$5		
	Arby's	8%	$10				McDonalds	5%	$10		
	Arby's	8%	$25				McDonalds	5%	$25		
B	Barnes & Noble	8%	$10				McDonalds	5%	$50		
	Barnes & Noble	8%	$25				Meijer	3%	$25		
	Bath & Body Works	12%	$10				Meijer	3%	$50		
	BP	2%	$50				Meijer	3%	$100		
	BP	2%	$100				Menards	3%	$25		
	BP	2%	$250				Menards	3%	$100		
	Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	$10				Mike's Carwash	20%	$11		
	Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	$25			N	Nine Mile	8%	$20		
	Burger King	4%	$10			O	O'Charley's	13%	$25		
	Burger King	4%	$25				Old Navy	14%	$25		
C	Chipotle	10%	$10				Olive Garden/Cheddars & Longhorn Steakhouse	8%	$25		
	Colliers Comfort	5%					Outback	10%	$25		
	Cracker Barrel	8%	$10			P	Panda Express	8%	$25		
	Cracker Barrel	8%	$25				Panera Bread	8%	$10		
	Culvers	10%	$10				Papa John's Pizza	8%	$10		
	Culvers	10%	$20				Pizza Hut	8%	$10		
D	Dairy Queen	7%	$10			R	Richards	10%	$20		
	Dairy Queen	7%	$25				Red Lobster	8%	$25		
	Dick's Sporting Goods	8%	$25			S	Speedway	4%	$25		
	Disney	3%	$25				Starbucks	5%	$5		
E	East of Chicago	10%	$10				Starbucks	5%	$10		
	East of Chicago	10%	$25				Starbucks	5%	$25		
F	Fazoli's	9%	$25				Steak & Shake	8%	$10		
G	Gallery	10%	$20				Subway	6%	$10		
	Ginger Fresh Market	5%	$25				Subway	6%	$50		
	Ginger Fresh Market	5%	$50			T	Taco Bell	5%	$10		
	Ginger Fresh Market	5%	$100				Target	3%	$25		
	Gordons Food Service	4%	$25				Texas Roadhouse	8%	$25		
	Gordons Food Service	4%	$100				TJ Maxx/ Marshalls	6%	$25		
H	Hall's	10%	$15			V	prepaid VISA	1%	$25		
	Hall's	10%	$30				prepaid VISA	1%	$50		
	Happy Moments	10%	$25				prepaid VISA	1%	$100		
	Hardees	5%	$10				prepaid VISA	1%	$250		
	Hardees	5%	$25			W	Walmart / Sams Club	3%	$25		
	Hollywood Nails	17%	$20				Walmart / Sams Club	3%	$50		
K	Kohl's (can NOT use to pay bill	4%	$25				Walmart / Sams Club	3%	$100		
	Kohl's (can NOT use to pay bill	4%	$100				Walmart / Sams Club	3%	$250		
	Kroger	4%	$25				Walgreens	5%	$25		
	Kroger	4%	$50				Walgreens	5%	$100		
	Kroger	4%	$100				Wendy's	6%	$25		
	Kroger	4%	$250			Z	Zurcher Tire	5%			
	Kroger	4%	$500								