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I like Kosher hot dogs. I also like to use Kosher salt. I promise though, I do not eat in a Kosher way. Leviticus 11:2-28 (Voice) explains some of the dietary/purity codes. I know it's long, but I think if you read the details, you'll find some surprises:

Eternal One: 2 Go talk to the Israelites and explain to them which animals of the earth you may and may not eat. 3 You are allowed to eat any animals with split hooves divided into two parts or that chew the cud. 4 But from those animals with split hooves or that chew the cud, you are not allowed to eat camels. Because they only chew the cud and do not have split hooves, camels are impure to you. 5 In the same way, the rock badger chews the cud but does not have split hooves. Therefore, rock badgers are impure to you. 6 Also the hare chews the cud, but it does not have split hooves. Therefore, they are impure to you. 7 The pig has split hooves divided into two parts, but it does not chew the cud. Therefore, pigs are impure to you. 8 Do not eat their meat or touch their dead bodies, for they are impure to you.

9 You are certainly allowed to eat these creatures of the water: any fish with fins and scales that swim in the seas or rivers. 10 But any finless or scale less fish that comes from the abundance of water-life in the seas or rivers, and any other creatures living in the water, are detestable to you. 11 Recognize and treat them for what they are: detestable. You are not allowed to eat their meat, and their dead bodies are repulsive to you. 12 Any finless or scale less fish or animal or insect in the seas or rivers is detestable to you.

13 Also among the creatures of the air, there are some you should detest as well. Do not eat the eagle, the bearded vulture, or the black vulture, 14 the kite and all kinds of buzzards, 15 any sort of crow, 16 the ostrich, the owl, the seagull, all kinds of hawks,

17 the little owl, the cormorant, the screech owl, 18 the white owl, the pelican, the carrion vulture, 19 the stork, all kinds of herons, the hoopoe, and the bat.

20 Also, any insect that can fly and move around on four legs is detestable. 21 But you are allowed to eat any flying, four-legged insect that has joints above its feet for jumping. 22 You may eat the following insects: locusts, destructive locusts, desert locusts, and grasshoppers. 23 But any other flying, four-legged insects are detestable.

{Have you noticed how often faith and food come together? One of the most authentic expressions of our spiritual lives has to do with the table where we gather with family and friends to bless God for the goodness the earth provides. These regulations recorded here helped Israel to maintain its status as God's chosen and holy people. Kosher laws, as they are called, are unique to Israel's covenant with the Eternal One. They aren't God's laws for everyone; they serve as a cultural boundary-marker indicating what kinds of meat should be eaten. - Commentary from The Voice}

Eternal One: 24 Also you will become impure until dusk if you touch the carcass of any creature. 25 A person who picks up any part of its carcass must wash his clothes and remain impure until dusk. 26 All animals that do not chew cud or have split hooves that are not in two parts are impure to you. Anyone who has contact with them becomes impure. 27 Also, any four-legged animals that walk on paws are impure to you. Anyone who has contact with their carcasses will be impure until dusk. 28 And anyone who carries their carcass is to wash his clothes and remain impure until dusk. They are impure to you as well.

This is background to our text from Acts 10 where Peter has a vision. Peter has followed dietary requirements all his life. Now he sees "pigs, bats, lizards, snakes, frogs, toads, and vultures... (v 12)." Then he hears a voice (which a messenger from God would be considered an angel). Finally, the Holy Spirit breaks through.

At that point, Peter is fundamentally changed and says in verse 34, "It is clear to me now that God plays no favorites..."

Do we play favorites? Some must be playing favorites in Christchurch, New Zealand and in Colombo, Sri Lanka and in San Diego, United States.

Can we get rid of our fears and anxieties about when God is doing something new? I know sometimes I want things to go through 3 subcommittees and 2 committees before we say, "Yes, to the New Dress!"

God, help me and us, to receive Your gifts. Sometimes we think they are threatening or challenging - and sometimes we push them away because, oops, we think we are defending You! When You break through and Your kingdom shines, help us to see all the opportunities. We ask through the newness of Your Son, Jesus, and in the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen



From Steeple to Street has been Cancelled for Tuesday night. Spring rains have made for soggy, muddy grass areas, mud puddles, dried mud, and the weatherman says more rain for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The Apartment Complex is going to let us know when we can reschedule. We need to dry out and it will take several days of sunshine to do that! Watch for the new date!

Duncan High School Student Lunch will be May 15th.

We need Volunteers to help in the Nursery on Sunday Mornings.

We need someone to ride with the Driver on the Church Van on Sunday Mornings to help pick up the kiddos. If you are interested, please contact the office.

If you are interested in a support weekend for Women who have a relative or friend who is or has been incarcerated, please contact Gerry Rawlings for more information about Kairos Outside.



- 1 - Paula Freese
- 6 - Landon Berscheidt
- 7 - Ron Martin
- 10 - Don Henricks
- 10 - Michelle Martin
- 16 - Nikki Pierce
- 17 - Kevin Berscheidt
- 23 - Megan Caveny



- 2 - Billy and Mary Branch



Jana and Plato took 52 kids to Frontier City

Tarah Frye graduates OSU next Sat.

Savannah Martin graduates OSU and flew her first Solo flight.



Tanner Tanaka – 1 week old in NICU at Children’s Hospital in OKC
Beth Horn – Late Stage Liver Failure
Hailey Pratt – Heart Surgery on Wednesday
Allred’s Granddaughters Kirsten and Courtney
Cheryl Johnson and Family – Loss of her mom Iva Johnson
Family of Ranet Tippens after her Father’s death
Ann Starrett – Dementia and broken Hip. In Memory Care.
Trish Lister
James Crow – Cancer
Kay Martin – Dementia and Fell and Broke a Bone
Sara Riggs – for strength and peace as she goes through Divorce
Thomas Bradburry – Healing from Cancer
Carla Johnson – Fracture in her Shoulder
Jo Ann Pierce – Continued prayers for recovering from Knee Surgery
Pat Weber – Continued prayers for recovery from foot surgery
Marian Chessmore’s sister with Heart issues
Della Henry – Heart Surgery
Kathy Allred – Continued prayers for healing and to be healthy
Marcia Haskins – On going foot sores
Drew Cole - Cancer
Junior Brown - Cancer
Connie Green – Cancer
Stacy Mettler – Cancer
Ann Johnson – Continued prayers for healing on her hip
Addie McMurrin
Jason Poorman – (Edith Suiters nephew) Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma
Karen Gibson – Cancer
Gary Gibson – Cancer
Jan Smith – Cancer
Rebecca’s cousin has eating disorder, liver failure and on transplant list
Kathy Bridges – Cancer
Joe Perry – Kidney cancer
Margaret Averre – Throat cancer
Daniel Whittney – Cancer
Jennifer Allred – Spinal pain and fibromyalgia
Melinda Douglas – Lung Cancer