

The Episcopal Church of The Advent

*“But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous;” 1 John 2:1*

# The Advocate



**FROM THE HEART, REV. TOM TURNER**



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March has been eventful as it generally is.

We returned to daylight saving time on March the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Primarily we waited the month for Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

We had our traditional Palm Sunday procession from the Miller Park. Nice day, but a little windy.

Holy week services and lunches were hosted by the Immanuel Lutheran Church, and various churches prepared the service of worship and lunch. We helped with desserts on Monday of Holy Week.

We held Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services as we always have.

Easter Sunday was a joyful time, returning to saying our Alleluias and praising God for the blessing of Christ's resurrection. We also had a pinata for the children – although the adults may have shared in the bounty.

April is a rather quiet month. We should be seeing warmer days and be able to get outside for activities. And we can use this quiet time to think about God's creation and how we can help preserve it. April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day which will help us remember to care for “our Island Home”. (Eucharist Prayer C)

Remember there is a solar eclipse on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Be careful. Use the special glasses to look at it or prepare other means.

We continue our Easter Season. This is a time when we walk with the resurrected Jesus and hear his words of love and faith as we now await Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

May God be with us as we continue our journey together.

Tom



## God's Messengers

The unexpected kindness  
from an unexpected place,  
A hand outstretched in friendship,  
a smile on someone's face,  
A word of understanding  
spoken in a time of trial  
Are unexpected miracles  
that make life more worthwhile.  
We know not how it happened  
that in an hour of need  
Somebody out of nowhere  
proved to be a friend indeed . . . .  
For God has many messengers  
we fail to recognize,  
But He sends them when we need them,  
and His ways are wondrous and wise . . .  
So keep looking for an angel  
and keep listening to hear,  
For on life's busy, crowded streets  
you will find God's presence near.

---Poems & Prayers By: Helen Steiner Rice

---Scrapbook Page by: Angelwings

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the ADVENT



**The Episcopal Church  
Welcomes Everyone**

**VESTRY will meet at 5:15pm on  
Tuesday, April 16th, 2024**

**WOA/MOA will meet on Sunday  
April 28th following the Service.**

**Please check the weekly pew sheet for  
updates of any scheduled meeting.**

**COME  
WORSHIP**  
WITH US SUNDAY  
@ 9:00 AM

*Come to me, all who labor  
and are heavy laden, and I  
will give you rest.*

Take my yoke upon you, and  
learn from me, for I am gentle  
and lowly in heart, and you will  
find rest for your souls. For  
my yoke is easy, and my  
burden is light."  
Matthew 11:28-30



**April 7**

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner  
Music Director: Lidia Palacios  
Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman  
Lectors: Bruce Hoffman & Clif Hammock  
Usher: Steve Keim

**April 14**

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner  
Music Director: Lidia Palacios  
Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley  
Lectors: Clif Hammock & Jaqui Nix  
Usher: Andy Housley

**April 21**

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner  
Music Director: Lidia Palacios  
Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman  
Lectors: Juliette Wood & Bruce Hoffman  
Usher: Andy Housley

**April 28**

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner  
Music Director: Lidia Palacios  
Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley  
Lectors: Jaqui Nix & Juliette Wood  
Usher: Steve Keim

## The Blessings of Spring

By Deborah Ann Belka

**There are many blessings,  
that each new Spring brings  
you can see it bloom about  
and hear the song it sings.**

**With winters bleakness over,  
and brighter days ahead  
comes promises of new life  
Springtime loves to spread.**

**As God unfolds the flowers,  
and their buds begin to show  
He gives to us the assurance  
grace in our hearts will grow.**

**He sends us the robin's song,  
with the promise to provide  
a shelter under His mighty wing  
where in His love we can abide.**

**He melts the snowy covers,  
and sends the refreshing rain  
sprinkling us with His mercies  
to heal winter's ache and pain.**

**God's given to all His Son,  
to shed upon us a new light  
and the real blessing of Spring . . .  
is keeping Jesus in our sight!**

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**Deborah Ann's Verse of inspiration: King James Version**

**Song of Solomon 2: 11-12**

**"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;  
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;"**

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# April 2024



| Sun                                                                             | Mon                              | Tue                               | Wed       | Thu                                  | Fri       | Sat       |
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| <b>7</b> <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i><br>9:00am HE Rite I                     | <b>8</b><br><i>Solar Eclipse</i> | <b>9</b>                          | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b>                            | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> |
| <b>14</b> <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i><br>9:00am HE Rite II                    | <b>15</b>                        | <b>16</b><br><i>Vestry 5:15pm</i> | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br><i>Book Club 5:00pm</i> | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> |
| <b>21</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i><br>9:00am HE Rite II                   | <b>22</b><br><i>Earth Day</i>    | <b>23</b>                         | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>                            | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> |
| <b>28</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i><br>9:00am HE Rite II<br>10:00am WOA/MOA | <b>29</b>                        | <b>30</b>                         |           |                                      |           |           |

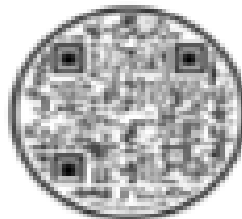
◆ **SOLAR ECLIPSE** ◆  
**MONDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2024 @ CAMP CAPERS**



**Gates Open @ 10 AM**  
**General Admission Day Pass \$15**  
**Parking Included - children under 6 are free**

***Registration Opens February 26th!***

**FAMILY-FRIENDLY**  
**VIEWING DAY PASSES**  
**LIVE MUSIC**  
**VIEWING GLASSES**  
**CONCESSION STAND**



**UNOBSTRUCTED VIEWS**  
**OVERNIGHT CAMPING**  
**HIKING TRAILS**  
**ON-SITE FOOD TRUCKS**  
**PARKING INCLUDED**

***For more information, contact Camp Capers  
830.995.3988 or at [camp.capers@dwtx.org](mailto:camp.capers@dwtx.org)***



## SOLAR ECLIPSE



*Partial Eclipse Begins: 12:14 pm*

*Totallity: 1:32-1:36 pm*

*Partial Eclipse Ends: 2:55 pm*

***Overnight accommodations available  
for Sunday, April 7th***

*\$15 Day Passes/person must also be purchased  
in addition to each overnight accommodation*

### **Whole Bunk Cabin \$250**

- Each Cabin has 4 sets of 3 bunk beds for a total of 12 beds, no linens provided
- Cabins have a bathroom with 2 sinks, 2 showers and 2 stall toilets
- Air Conditioned

### **Tent Camp Sites \$50/tent (max 6 persons)**

Get back to nature, bring your tent, lawn chairs, and enjoy clear starlit night skies. Camp out before the big event!

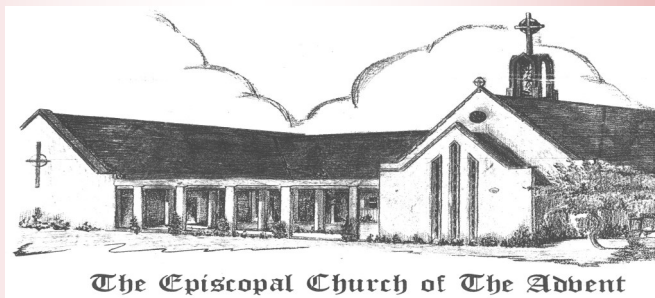
- Walk-in, primitive campsites – electricity, water, and bathrooms are not provided at each campsite.
- Outdoor pavilion with potable water, electricity, and bathrooms on the property.
- Distance to walk-in is less than 50 yards for most campsites.
- All tent campsites are 10 x 12 feet – large enough to fit an average 6-person tent.

### **Meal Options**

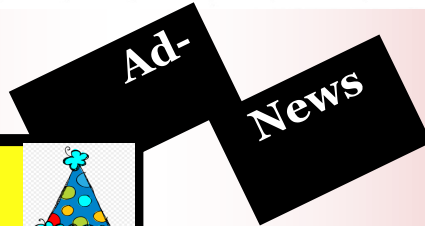
For those persons staying over Sunday night, we will be offering Dinner on Sunday and Breakfast on Monday morning prior to the EclipseFest. Meals will be served in the Dining Hall and need to be reserved in advance.

- Sunday Dinner, 6 pm \$22/person
- Monday Breakfast, 8 am \$12/person





## BIRTHDAYS



In April we celebrate the Birthdays of Gail Hoffman on the 4th, Eleanor Martin on the 8th, Aubryanna McGee on the 11th, Brooke Bolinger on the 14th, Alannah Gonzales on the 15th, Stephanie Hoffman on the 17th, Cynthia Powell on the 21st, Winter Ross on the 21st, Tom Turner on the 22nd, Philip Lemieux on the 24th, Jayson Lizotte on the 25th, and Claire Keliehor on the 30th.



## Linda's Book Club



The Book Club has been renamed to "Linda's Book Club" in memory of the Founder, Linda Keim. The book club will meet again in January 2024, in the library. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to join in.

If you have any questions please contact Juliette Wood.

**July** All the Light We Cannot See: A Novel by Anthony Doerr - MJ Rives

**August** The Great Sex Rescue: The Lies You've Been Taught and How to Recover What God Intened by Sheila Gregoire - Heather Bilbrey

**September** Luck Be A Chicken: A Comic Novel by Jameson Gregg - Judy Mumme

**October** Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston -Jacqi Nix

**November** The Old Place by Bobby Finger - Glenda Dove



## Linda's Book Club 2024 Reading List

**April** The River We Remember by William Kent Krueger - Aaronette Housley

**May** The Wager by David Grann - Kristen Turner

**June** The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride by Joe Siple - Judy Mumme

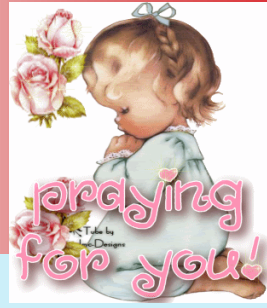


## ANNIVERSARIES

In April we celebrate the anniversary of Roge & Liz Hoffman on the 5th.



# Prayer Request



**Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:**

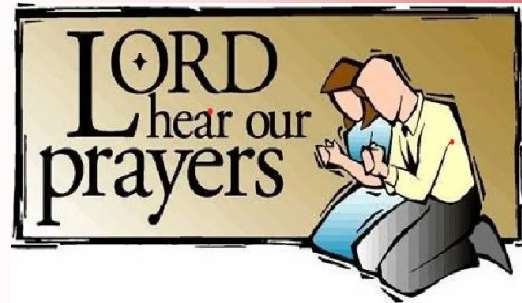


*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.*

*~Amen~*

**Bill Acker, Keith Arnold, Rachal Ash, Alex Aquino, Anne Bayless, Sandra Barnum, John Berry, Clayton Black, Brad Blankerbecker, Buzzy Botard, Jack Bradford, Debbie Brown, Edith Burris, Cindy Case, Bill Christian, Gregg Edlin, Bob Eifling, Garron Farrar, Rhonda Farrar, Tammy Findley, Delfi Flores, Bill Ford, Melba Gafford, David Herbert, Bosco Hillman, Erica Hoelscher, Liz Hoffman, Stephanie Hoffman, Aaronette Housley, Andy Housley, Kelly Hunter, Jill Kirby, Darla Lee, Autumn Lemieux, Philip**

**Lemieux, Alex Lopez, Loyce Maroon, Ian Milligan, Katherine Milligan, Mickey & Pat Myane, John & Terri Myers, Susan McCarn, Megan McLaughlin, Jaqui Nix, Susan Paul, Nena Pitts, Stacey Reed, Lesley Riddick, Roberta Riddle, Alex Rising, Beth Roddy, Isaul Santos, Jim Siverd, Paulette Southard, Annette Starr, Virginia Starr, Avery Stein, David Sullivan, Roberta Thomure, Lainey Topacio, Joe & Kerry Wardle, Holden Weaver, Dale Wilson, Clare Wonders and Cinco Woods.**



**One Nation Under God**

**Pray for our Military Family**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad; especially; Benjamin, Caton, Correy, Drew, Joseph, Noah, and Phillip. Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils, which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ~Amen~

**If you have placed someone on either prayer, please contact Debbie in the office; by email at <aliceadvent@sbcglobal.net>.**

**Please confirm the names you have on the regular and/or military prayer lists.**



May 3-5, 2024

## Spiritual Retreats in Recovery #121

### Camp Capers, Waring, TX

The 121<sup>st</sup> Spiritual Retreat in Recovery will be held May 3-5, 2024, at Camp Capers in Waring, TX. Our Retreat Leader will be Joan Ellis Thompson, M.A., LPC, LCDC of San Antonio, who will guide us through the retreat's recovery theme, *Spiritual Solutions for Emotional Sobriety*. Joan is a private practitioner specializing in addictions and addiction-related problems. She has been in the service of addicted persons for over 51 years, helping them find spiritual solutions for their healing. Spiritual Leader for the retreat will be Rev. Bryn Caddell, Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church in Blanco, acting as Celebrant for worship services, as well as providing topical spiritual insight and pastoral care.

The recovery ministry of our Episcopal Diocese of West Texas began in 1941, when Rev. Everett Jones, rector of St. Mark's in San Antonio, first learned of the seminal Twelve Step recovery program Alcoholics Anonymous. Co-founded in 1935 by Bill W (ilson) and Dr. Bob (Smith), AA was grounded in the spiritual roots of the Oxford Movement. The Rev. Dr. Sam Shoemaker, rector of Calvary Episcopal in New York, acted as spiritual guide in those earliest years. Following his 1943 consecration to lead the Diocese, Rt. Rev. Jones advanced the idea of holding recovery services in the church, leading somewhat later to the first Spiritual Retreat in Recovery at Camp Capers, October 7, 1961. The Retreats became semi-annual in 1965, and by 2015 began alternating between spring in the Hill Country at Camp Capers and fall on the Gulf Coast at Mustang Island Conference Center. And here we are, sixty-two years and one-hundred twenty retreats later!

The earliest founders and medical practitioners of recovery programs came to believe that, at its core, dependence is a *spiritual malady*. As old as the Garden of Eden, it is the hubris that our human, ego-driven self-will can supplant the will of God. When we finally accepted our "dis-ease" and recognized that *no cure could be provided by any human power*, we prepared ourselves to *turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to care that out*.

We all know someone – spouse, family member, co-worker, friend, etc. – who is in recovery. (Or at least someone we imagine ought to be – perhaps even that face in the mirror?) Many may think recovery is about what we run away from, but

it so much more about what we run *toward*. Spiritual Retreats in Recovery provides a safe place to deepen one's spiritual journey – open to anyone in recovery from alcoholism or other abuses and behaviors, as well as to families and friends affected by the disease of addiction. Members of twelve step programs AA, Al Anon, NA, CA, ACA, etc. *share their experience, strength, and hope with each other* in a community of love and support. We explore and share *what it was like, what happened, and what we are like now*.

At Spiritual Retreats in Recovery, consolidated and dedicated group meetings, on-site services, topical spiritual insight, and pastoral care are provided. Ample time is set aside for breakout workshops and individual exploration. All friends in recovery are welcome – here we seek a *spiritual solution* to our *spiritual malady*. Although grounded in Episcopal liturgy, this is not a specifically denominational event, and no church affiliation is required.

Camp Capers, in Waring, Texas, is an idyllic spot, with accommodations in comfortable Lodge rooms or in the Cabins used for youthful summer campers (with AC/heating and indoor plumbing!). Meeting facilities are modern and comfortable, yet completely compatible with the gently rustic nature of the setting. Pricing includes 2 nights and 5 meals (Fri-Sun): Lodge, \$450 for single occupancy, \$255 per person for double; Cabin, \$165 per person (4-6); Commuter Day Rate (no lodging), \$105 per person. Check-in is 5:00pm Friday; dismissal is 10:45am Sunday.

Registration information can be found at [dwtx.org/events](http://dwtx.org/events), scrolling down to the Spiritual Retreat in Recovery dates. Registration opens Wednesday, March 20 and closes Monday, April 29. Limited scholarship funds are available based on need on a first-come-first-served basis. Scholarship recipients will be expected to contribute a portion of their own funds to this program. Please contact the Registration Coordinator at 210-367-9584

† † †

*“Recovery happens in community. At this retreat, I enjoyed the awesome presence of God through others in recovery – and in a beautiful setting. It doesn't get any better!”*

*“A great, relaxing weekend. I experienced the spiritual healing of the group, and enjoyed quiet time with my Higher Power in one of His most wondrous creations. And the food was terrific!”*

† † †

# From one Kitchen to Another

## Apple Enchiladas

### Ingredients:

- 2 Apples, cored & peeled
- 2 sticks butter
- ½ Cup white sugar
- ½ Cup brown sugar
- ¼ block of cream cheese softened
- 1 Cup Sprite
- 3 Tablespoons cinnamon
- 8 flour tortillas



**NOTE:** *(I use canned pie filling) By doing this I only need the pie filling, cinnamon, Sprite and tortillas I've done this using apple pie filling, cherry pie filling, and peach pie filling. Use your imagination.*

### Directions:

Spread some cream cheese (optional) on a tortilla, being careful not to tear it  
Lay on some apples or pie filling.

Sprinkle on some cinnamon

Roll it up like an enchilada closing all edges and place seam side down in a 9×9 pan that you have sprayed with non-stick spray.

Pre-heat oven to 350F

**SKIP** to step 2, if using canned pie filling!

- 1 Put the butter, white sugar and brown sugar in a pan along with any left-over cinnamon and over medium heat, stir until melted then pour over enchiladas.
- 2 Carefully pour the Sprite around the sides only of the enchiladas, Let sit for about 20-30 minutes before baking.
- 3 Place, uncovered, in oven for 30-40 minutes.

Remove from oven and allow cooling for a few minutes, and then place on a plate adding ice cream if desired, YUM!!!

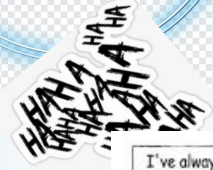
You can use a larger pan to double the recipe.



# THE WALL OF COMEDY!



May his 'REIGN' in your life be as refreshing as springtime 'RAINS' watering the Earth.  
Psalms 72:6

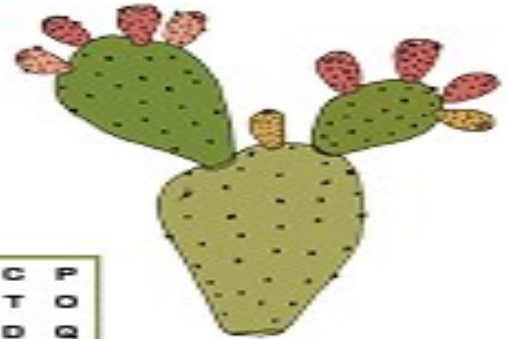


and the Kingdom of God is like the granpa who fell asleep in church while hearing the word, and if not for the granddaughter waking him would not have been ready at the end of the service... ?? .. sorta

## Texas STATE SYMBOLS 1

**DIRECTIONS:** Find and circle the Texas state symbols (IN CAPITALS) in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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State Fiber and Fabric: COTTON

State Fish: GUADALUPE BASS

State Flower: BLUEBONNET

State Footwear: COWBOY BOOT

State Fruit: RED GRAPEFRUIT

State Gem: BLUE TOPAZ

State Grass: SIDEOATS GRAMA

State Horse: QUARTER HORSE

State Insect: MONARCH BUTTERFLY

State Large Mammal: LONGHORN (Cattle)

State Motto: FRIENDSHIP

State Music: WESTERN SWING

State Musical Instrument: GUITAR

State Amphibian: TEXAS TOAD

State Bird: MOCKINGBIRD

State Bread: PAN DE CAMPO

State Capital: AUSTIN

State Cooking Implement: DUTCH OVEN

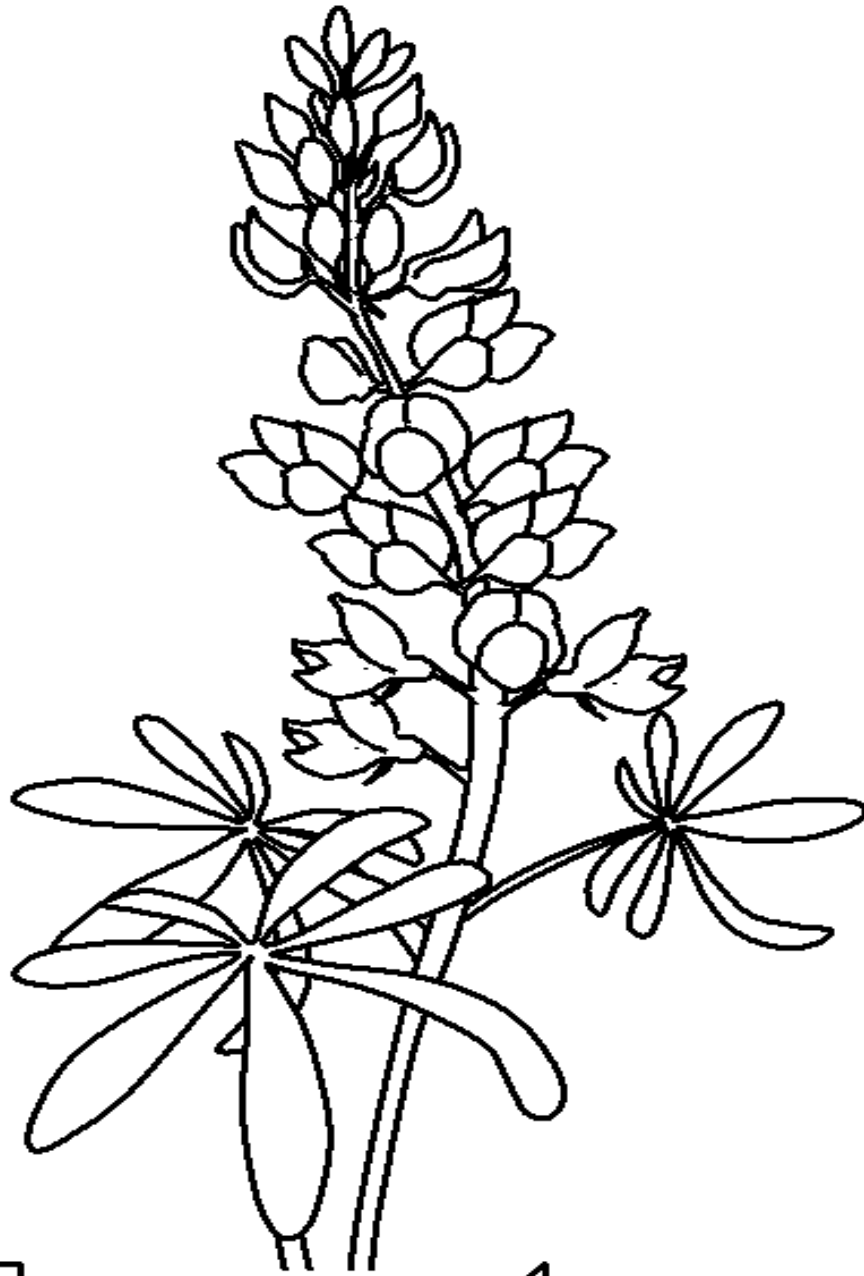
State Dinosaur: PALUXYSAURIUS JONESI

State Dish: CHILI

State Dog: BLUE LACEY



## April coloring page



# Bluebonnet

- The Bluebonnet ("*Lupinus texensis*") is a perennial in warm climates and an annual in colder areas.
- The Bluebonnet blooms in the early spring and can be easily found in fields and along roadsides throughout Texas.
- Adopted as the state flower of Texas in 1901.

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## 2023 VESTRY

*“The Vestry is the body of elected parishioners called to cast vision, care for finances and property, and collaborate with the Rector in servant leadership of the church.”*

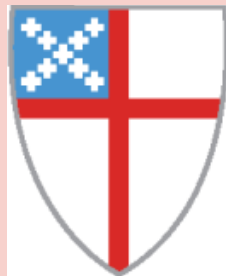
### Rev. Tom Turner

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| <b>Clif Hammock, Jr. Warden</b> | 25 |
| <b>Gail Hoffman, Clerk</b>      | 25 |
| <b>Steve Findley</b>            | 26 |
| <b>Liz Hoffman</b>              | 26 |
| <b>Andy Housley</b>             | 26 |
| <b>Eddie Findley</b>            | 27 |
| <b>David Sullivan</b>           | 27 |
| <b>Juliette Wood</b>            | 27 |

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