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We are excited to announce our  
official web site!

**LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK**



Keep up to date on events, worship changes, and access newsletters. We will be adding more information and photos, archiving past newsletters, and linking with our facebook page (hopeucccochrane) in the coming months. Let us know what you think.

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## Pastor's Letter:

Love the energy that is moving among this congregation! We continually pray that we move into the Spirit of God who is already flowing among us. We pray to be faithful in loving God, loving our neighbor, growing in wisdom and courage, and to learn all we can about who we are called to be.

Thank you for all you do for God in this community, through prayer, through serving on the consistory which makes carefully considered decisions on behalf of the congregation, through volunteering with our children's program, for the dozens of small projects

that get done around the church building to keep it going, and for your continued brainstorming about new ways to do things. We look forward to including ALL in worship and activities as we explore making our building accessible to all people.

Thanks to all who shared Easter flowers in worship. In Memory or in Honor of: Marilyn & Tom Bollinger - In honor of our grandchildren Jack, Calvin and Lylly Herendeen; Diane Bossert - One in memory of Andy and One in honor of children & grandchildren; Eija & Jay - In Memory of Eija's father Olli Kemppainen & Jay's grandpa

Jack Paulsen Sr;  
Steve & Jenny Ehlenfeldt family - In Memory of Grandma Diane Dale;  
Lois Beseler - In memory of Roger & Jim Beseler;  
Dawn & Ben Holien family - In Memory of Eldeen Sedgwick, David Holien, Arlene Mayne & Jim Malanaphy; Debra & Steve Knutson - In memory of Randy Kollmann.

The color and scent of these lovely flowers added to our Easter celebration! Blessings and Courage for the work of Jesus Christ in this place!

Blessings,  
Pastor Colleen Kwong

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Pastor Colleen Kwong

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# Lifting Up Hope

## Project Update

Looking for people to assist with researching and writing grants to help fund our Accessibility Project. We have some very good grant possibilities and need a little help to cover as many applications as possible. Willing to try? Have experience?

Blessings, Sarah Kramer  
715.497.5222 | knabel.sarah@gmail.com

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## Chinese Dinner Fundraiser

**Saturday, May 5, 2018**

Our Chinese Dinner will be held at the VFW in Cochrane, WI. Tables will be invited to the buffet. 200 seats available, so get your tickets now! Chef Peter Kwong will be heading the crew preparing authentic and delicious Chinese fare.

Tickets are: \$15 Adults, \$5 Children 4-12, under 4 are free.

Get your tickets by contacting:

Lori McCammon  
608.248.1074  
LMCCammon55@gmail.com.

If you would like to help, call Jeri Baures or Orlin Brommer.

VFW - COCHRANE, WI

4:30pm Social Hour - 5:30pm Seating

# Graduation Sunday

**Sunday, May 6, 2018**

We celebrate with those who have achieved their graduation, received a certificate to completion of courses, or met another educational goal. Join us in worship to honor these grads. If you have someone who has met their educational goal, let us know so they can be included.

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# WI Conference of the UCC

**June 8-10 at Green Lake**

Opportunity to network with others from churches our size, smaller, and larger! Great worship and workshops, too, all on the banks of beautiful Green Lake. Pastor Colleen will also be there.

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# Where's the Pastor?

**Schedule Update**

If you are in worship during some of May and June, you may not see Pastor Colleen because she is working her other part-time job exhibiting and selling her pottery at Church Conferences across the US.

May 17-31, 2018: She will be on the road to Washington DC for the Festival of Homiletics, then on to St. Cloud, Minnesota for the United Methodist Annual Conference of Minnesota and the Dakotas.

June 15-18, 2018: She will be in Madison for the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodists.

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# Hope in Action

## Project Update

The group has decided to meet quarterly to gather new ideas. Contact Rose Cyert 608.248.2986 or rosecyert@gmail.com to attend next brainstorming session.

The Weird Church Think Tank was created to gather ideas of how best to learn from one another and share resources. Hope Church wants to reach out of the Church into community to experience God's presence, justice and love together. With Pastor Colleen's guidance we are keeping in mind 4 areas while brainstorming. They are Spiritual Growth, Learning, Worship/Community and Mission and Services.

Some of you have experienced ideas implemented such as the April 4, 2018 Soup and Supper. We gathered in the Church basement, broke bread and enjoyed prepared soup. We shared stories, poems, and questions of faith.

We listened deeply to our joys and sorrows, our fears and hopes. We shared stories of resilience and learned a new word SISU of the Finnish people. It was a powerful and moving experience and everyone agreed to do it again. Look for a possible September date soon.

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## Worship Time Change

### Sunday, May 6, 2018

May 6 begins our 9:00am Worship time. Worship will be at 9:00am through October. In November we will return to our 10:00am worship time.

# Children's Christian Education (God2L)

## Schedule Update

Our enthusiastic group of children (usually we have fifteen or so on Wednesday afternoons, ages 4-12) are learning, growing in the faith, and enjoying time together.

The group enjoyed a field trip to the Eagle Center in Wabasha on March 30, with family and friends accompanying. We learned about bald eagles, a golden eagle, and were able to watch these magnificent birds from just a few feet away!

The children continue to decorate and send cards of care to members of the congregation who we don't get to see in person very often, just to let them know that we are thinking of them.

They are currently beginning a project on learning about church architecture and how it reflects the beliefs of those who use worship in the buildings. They will be designing and building with wood pieces in the coming weeks.

On May 23, we conclude the school year's God2L sessions with a trip to Tom's Park on the haywagon, with activities and picnic! All are welcome to join.

We all enjoy having the children take part in assisting in worship on Sunday mornings (we emphasize the last Sunday of each month as children's time to help). Their reading, singing, ushering, lighting candles, and other activities remind us that each of us is a valued member of the congregation.

Thanks to Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Sarah Kramer, Marilyn Bollinger, Audrey Holien, Jesse Bollinger and Pastor Colleen for their leadership and care for God2L."