# Hospice Newsletter



Spring 2024

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## Iroquois Memorial Hospice Brunch Returns April 21!









Iroquois Memorial Hospice is thrilled to be bringing back the annual Hospice Brunch for 2024! This will mark the return of the Hospice Brunch since the last Brunch of 2019. We are excited to announce a new Springtime date for this event.

The Spring debut and return of the 2024 Iroquois Memorial Hospice Brunch and Silent Auction event will be held on Sunday, April 21st, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Watseka Community High School cafeteria, located at 138 Belmont Avenue, Watseka. The Brunch is a free will donation and silent auction, raffle baskets will also be available to bid upon during the event. We will offer a delicious menu including biscuits and gravy, egg casserole, pastries, coffee, juice and other delights.

We hope to see everyone there to ring in the return of this special event!

# A Life Celebrated – An opportunity for loved ones to share memories with others

### In Memory of Mae Horner

"The fond memories of 74 years of marriage to my wife Mae are many, and they have sustained me to this day. She loved our vacation trips with family and friends, and documented most of them. Being born into a large family made family a high priority. She saw family as a tree. All of the branches go different directions, but their roots remain the same. Even though there were negative events in our lives, she thought and spoke positively. She truly viewed life as a journey and not a destination. She proved that love will grow stronger as we live longer."

Love, Ted Horner, Spouse

## **Grief Share**®

(Weekly Grief Support Group)

### Wednesdays from 1/10/24 to 4/3/24

6:00-8:00 pm at Milford Christian Church 811 E. Hickory St., Milford, IL

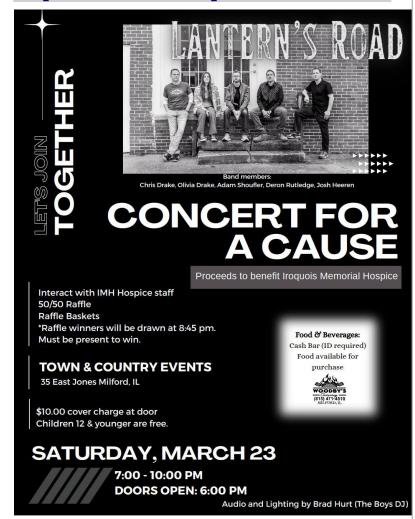
Questions: Call 815.889.4474

#### Saturdays from 1/13/24 to 3/30/24

8:30-10:30 am at Onarga Christian Church 721 W. Seminary Ave., Onarga, IL

Questions: Call Peggy at 815.644.6134

# Concert for a Cause on March 23 Benefitting Iroquois Memorial Hospice!



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### A Pastor's Thoughts on Iroquois Memorial Hospice Care



An interview with Pastor Don MacDonald III, senior pastor of Danforth Reformed Church

Pastor Mac, you have been serving at Danforth Reformed Church since 1994. Over those years what have your church members told you about the care they receive from Iroquois Memorial Hospice?

"They are always extremely positive. They talk about the excellent care that they receive and especially how IMH Hospice keeps the patient very comfortable. They also talk about the team members being very respectful to the patient and family."

## When people think of hospice care, they usually think of the patient. Are there ways that the family is helped as well?

"I have found IMH Hospice to be very holistic in their care, caring for both the patient and the family. They interact with and communicate very well with family. This is very important because families need to know what to expect as the patient progresses on their journey."

### Have you ever seen anyone go "over and above" in caring for a patient?

"I certainly have. They were caring for a terminally ill patient. That patient desperately wanted to go to a family wedding in California. IMH Hospice made certain that the patient got on the aircraft with needed oxygen, etc. and arranged for oxygen and needed equipment to meet the patient on arrival."

#### What about hospice care for people who have a strong Christian faith?

"People of faith know that an unimaginably wonderful eternity awaits them. However, hospice care helps facilitate for the believer very important conversations that might not otherwise happen. Hospice care even helps me to provide the pastoral care that patients need.

# Pastor Mac, what would you say to people who plan to delay hospice care for as long as they can or to never accept hospice care?

"I would ask why they would not want to be as comfortable as possible."

## **Iroquois Memorial Hospice for 28 Years!**



On February 14, 2024, IMH Hospice marked 28 years of serving Iroquois county and surrounding communities. IMH Hospice is based in Watseka, serves all of Iroquois county and portions of 5 surrounding counties. IMH Hospice is non profit and fully certified by Medicare. Medicare, Medicaid and private insurances pay for IMH Hospice services. IMH Hospice provides patients with outstanding medical care wherever they live so they will be comfortable and have no need to be hospitalized.

Services which IMH Hospice offers to all patients and families include: RN nurse visits, CNA visits, chaplain, social work, volunteer, and bereavement follow up. We are able to care for individuals living in their home, nursing home, assisted living or independent living situations. IMH Hospice has earned a reputation of providing days, weeks and months of improved quality of life and comfort. Please talk to your healthcare provider or be in touch with us at 815.432.0185 to find out if we can serve you or a loved one.