

Relay for Life

What: Relay for Life is a community fund raiser for the American Cancer Society (ACS). Participants raise money to support ACS programs and research. We then walk all night to honor and remember those who have battled cancer.

When: Usually the 3rd Friday evening in June, but it can vary although always in June.

Who: Members and friends from Ascension Lutheran Church form Team Ascension. Cheryl Couillard and Valerie Rittershausen are the current coordinators to promote the event and recruit members.

How: After the team is formed, a point person from Ascension attends several meetings put on by the Relay for Life Committee. Collection envelopes are distributed to team members who then collect donations. The point person keeps the team informed of all pertinent information pertaining to the event.

On Relay night, Team Ascension gathers together at the team campsite and participates in an opening lap that opens the event. We then walk all night into the next morning making sure someone from our team is on the track at all times. After the closing lap early the next morning, the event concludes.

Our team was formed by a member of our congregation while he was battling terminal cancer. Our team banner carries his name (Erik's team). We honor his memory as well as many other church members, friends and family members who have battled cancer.

The event is fun, but also very spiritual and emotional, especially during the Luminary Ceremony that takes place at sunset.