

2008 RELAY FOR LIFE

June 6 and 7

Frawley Stadium

This year, the Ladies of Grace, with help from the congregation, will again have a “Relay For Life TEAM.” Please join us as a Core Walker, Buddy Walker, or financial supporter. Also, we hope that many cancer survivors and their caregivers will participate this year. Opening ceremonies will be at 6 PM followed by the Survivors Walk (one lap) and the “Survivors and Caregivers Reception” at 7 PM on Friday, June 6. The Relay will conclude at 9AM Saturday, June 7. This year there will be a special “Children’s Walk” the last hour of the Relay (8AM – 9AM).

Let me review the two purposes of Relay For Life. First and foremost, it offers hope to the survivors, and gives family and friends of those who lost their battle to cancer a place to heal and continue their journey of remembrance for their loved one. Secondly, this is an event to raise research dollars for cancer.

As in the past, all survivors walk immediately after the opening ceremony for one or more laps. Some survivors were also core walkers and walked a full hour sometime during the event. The goal for each of the 15 core walkers is to raise \$100 in contributions. In past years some walkers raised more and some less. This is fine because the team’s goal was met.

A team member will be in the narthex on Sundays, beginning May 4, with a sign up sheet and luminaria bags. Also, you may give the team member your contribution to help meet the team’s goal. Please make checks payable to “**American Cancer Society.**” For more information, call our team coordinators Barbara Gilbert (479-9289) or Nancy Fuson (571-9333).

PUT SOME LIGHT INTO HOPE

Read on to see how you and your family can put **LIGHT** into **HOPE** for those touched by cancer.

This year’s American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life, will be held at Frawley Stadium on Friday, June 6, starting at 6 PM and continuing through Saturday morning at 9 AM.

The Ladies of Grace (St. Mark’s Lutheran Church) will sponsor a team in this relay. We envision this as an all church opportunity for caring, giving healing and sharing of our stories. Any participation is welcomed. Come walk with us...help raise funds ...purchase a luminaria bag.

On Friday evening at 9 PM, a beautiful luminaria ceremony will take place to remember and honor our special loved ones and friends with cancer. Luminarias (candles in white bags) with your special message will be placed around the track and will light our way throughout the night.

Purchasing and decorating luminaria bags is a way for you, your children or grandchildren to honor or remember those with cancer. You can write the name of your loved one on the bag and/or decorate them. We also have “sticker type labels” that say “In Honor of” or “In Memory of” that you can put on your bags. In the past we have seen bags decorated with pictures, poems, drawings by children and grandchildren.

Luminaria bags are purchased through a donation of \$10.00. Bags will be available in the narthex each Sunday beginning May 4. Coordinators for this event are Barbara Gilbert (479-9289) or Nancy Fuson (571-9333). Call for more information.