



The Church of Saint Luke GOES GREEN

The Parish Finance Council and I have considered the possibility of installing solar panels for the Church of St. Luke. We've consulted with the Diocese and several parishes that have already installed solar panels and have received preliminary proposals from two contractors.



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It appears that we have two options. One is to lease the solar equipment from a provider and the other is outright ownership of the equipment. The leasing option would save us somewhere in the vicinity of 10% of our energy bills, about \$4,700 annually. The ownership option would save us in the vicinity of 90%. The dollar amount would be between \$35,000 and \$40,000 annually.

We have decided that we prefer the ownership option and, from preliminary bids, expect that it will cost us around \$320,000 to complete the project.

We wish to begin fundraising for the project sometime in 2017 but know that some of you need donation opportunities for this current tax year. For this reason we have established the Solar Project Fund to allow for donations this year. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity you can speak to James Crockett at our office or click the "On Line Giving" button on our website.

Note: Phase III of The Church of St. Luke, also known as the Chapel Project, is still in planning, and funds are still "in the bank". These funds *will not* be used for the solar project.