



Michigan Interfaith Power & Light



As winter weather settles in across Michigan, your congregation may be fielding calls from members and other folks in your community who need help paying their heating bills. When you can't offer direct help, here are other available resources:

1. Financial Assistance.

- 2-1-1, a free, 24-hour service will refer you to utility assistance programs in your area.
- The [Home Heating Credit](#) is a state of Michigan program that helps income-qualified and disabled individuals pay some of their heating expenses. File this with your income tax returns.

2. Free Weatherization and Energy Saving Services. Keep heating costs in check and get comfier (homeowners and renters) in the process!

- Everyone can take advantage of the free [Home Energy Analysis](#) (Consumers) and [Home Energy Consultation](#) (DTE).
- Low-income folks can access additional free products and services through Consumers' [Helping Neighbors program](#) and DTE's [Energy Efficiency Assistance program](#).

3. Protections.

- You can prevent shut-offs and set up payment plans by contacting your utility directly: [Consumers](#), [DTE](#).

4. Join our upcoming webinar for more information! On Tuesday, January 23, 2018, from 12-1pm, we're co-presenting a webinar with Consumers Energy: "Energy Bill Assistance: Connecting Congregants with Community Resources." [Click here to register](#) and/or receive the recording.

And don't forget about our [Light the Way program](#), which provides free energy efficiency upgrades for houses of worship themselves! If your congregation has Consumers Energy service and you want to learn more, call Jennifer: 248-463-8811.



Pastor Ed Meyer and St. Mark Lutheran Church (Saginaw) expect to save more than \$4,600 a year on energy, thanks to Light the Way.

Be like Pastor Ed.

Do you have an event other members of the Michigan IPL community might be interested in? Let us know: admin@miipl.org, 248-537-9175.

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