

Press Release: Pilgrim Lutheran Has a New “Green” Roof!

Pilgrim’s Lutheran Church, in St. Paul’s Macalester-Groveland neighborhood, has completed construction of its new dark metal roof with textured shingles, a sharp look atop the existing classic brick, and functional as well. The congregation dedicated the new "green" roof during worship services on September 18, 2011. The church got a substantial increase in its insulation under the metal roof, in the lower side roofs, and in the office wing, which pretty much maxes out the insulation potential. Chuck Regal, Pilgrim roof committee member, reports that the church felt cooler this summer already, noting that the winter utility bills will provide more concrete proof. While staying within budget, Pilgrim was able to fix a recurring leak on the small (formerly flat) roof above the northwest entrance to the church and increase the energy efficiency of the entire building. The congregation chose a metal roof, in part because of its environmental sustainability, its long 50-year lifespan, equal to about 3 asphalt roofs, will significantly reduce material use. The congregation hopes the roof can be recycled after it has served Pilgrim. Pilgrim is located at 1935 St. Clair Ave. For more information, call 651-699-6886.

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