

GRANT #1
ST JOHN'S VALLEY OF FAITH,
S.A.Y. YES! CENTER
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St. John's Valley of Faith
Lutheran Church Arvin, CA



St John's Valley of Faith is at once a very old and very new church. Originally the Union Congregational Church of Arvin, started in 1914, it is now experiencing a new identity as an LCMS congregation. Arvin is a farming community, south of Bakersfield, with a population of 20,000, largely Hispanic in culture. This grant is intended for the S.A.Y. (Save America's Youth) Yes! after school program which takes place once a week on the church campus. The S.A.Y. Yes! Center offers activities (Bible Club, Homework Assistance, Academic Tutoring, Recreation, Nutritious Snacks, Practical Living Skills and Family Activity Nights) based on God's Word, that aim to help in a child's spiritual, academic and emotional growth. This free program is led by a dedicated team of volunteers and is offered as an outreach to the community. The prayer is that the children and their families will discover a personal knowledge of Christ and find a church home at St John's.