Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Grace Lutheran Preschool **Enrollment:** 33 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 34744

Street: 415 10th St **City:** De Witt Iowa **Zip** 52742 **County:** Clinton

Mailing Address: PO Box 156, De Witt, IA, 52742

Director's Name: Christine Greve **Phone Number:** 563-659-9153

On-Site Supervisor(s): none **E-Mail:** preschool@gracedewitt.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-06-2024

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received **Yes** **No** X **NA** **Date Signed:**

FIRE INSPECTION X **State** **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 12-11-2023

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			28		28
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2023 to 11-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 09-23-2024

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 9/6/24. The center director, Christine Greve, was present along with two other staff. Christine is qualified with education and experience working at a child care center and as a center director at another child care center prior to this center. This center is owned and operated by the Grace Lutheran Church and is managed by a voluntary preschool board made up of church members. The center does participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program partnering with the DeWitt School District.

The center uses two classroom areas located on the lower level of the church. Both preschool rooms continue to be bright and decorated in child-friendly themes. Both rooms include a very nice supply of age appropriate materials and furniture. Books are displayed nicely for the children. The rooms are arranged with various learning/activity centers including; blocks, books, music, sensory table, arts/crafts, manipulatives, dramatic play, and games/puzzles. The children leave the program rooms to travel down the hallway to use the restroom areas marked separately for boys and girls. Staff travel with the children for these activities to ensure supervision. The center uses the fellowship area of the church for yoga activities. All program space was observed.

Snack and beverage are provided by the center. The center does not participate in the CACFP but does follow guidelines as required. The church kitchen is used for dish washing (pitchers used for snack) activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center director is highly qualified as outlined above. There continues to be active involvement and support from the church and the community in providing a quality preschool program. The staff continue to work well together. The staff were once again observed to provide careful supervision of the children and were very engaged in activities with the children. The children appeared to enjoy their preschool experience. Activity planning and newsletters provide detail as to what the children are learning at preschool. The preschool compiles individual keepsake journal binders as observed for all of the children in the four year old preschool. There continues to be attention to detail to meet licensing requirements and to provide a quality program. The program room is well maintained with accessible and organized materials. The building itself is well maintained, generally clean, and organized. A hand washing sink has been added to the three year old preschool room. Staff and child files and other licensing information continue to be highly organized. The attention to detail in the operation of this center does not go unnoticed.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

N/A

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center will continue with a full license. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.