Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: St Paul Lutheran Preschool

Provider No.: 18054

Address: 610 15th St, Ames, IA, 50010

County: Story

Director's Name: Lori Jenks

On-Site Supervisor: NA

Phone Number: 5152331914

E-Mail: education@saintpaulames.org

HHS Visit Date: 09/29/2025

Licensing Period: 10/01/2024 to 10/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/09/2024

Comments: Fire inspections are due at lest every three years. Completed by Jason Ziph, Ames Fire Dept.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General		10	37		47
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced visit was completed 9-29-25 The Director was present through the entire visit.

This preschool meets in the lower level of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Lori Jenks has been the director since this preschool program started in 2003 and meets qualifications for this role.

St Paul Lutheran Preschool offers different sessions; with a website that details the session options. Creative Curriculum, Handwriting without tears curriculum and gold assessment are utilized . Bright wheel is the application used to communicate with parents.. Teachers were consistently observed to be engaged in leading group activities and the children to be content.

Parents provide snacks from the food groups and snacks are serve in the classroom family-style.

There is a playground that is enclosed with chain link fencing on the same property as the church.

There is not daily transportation provided, and parents volunteer for field trips.

St Lutheran Preschool has attained Level I on Iowa's IQ4K quality rating. (Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®) is Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) licensed Child Care Centers and preschools, registered Child Development Homes and programs operating under the authority of an accredited school district or nonpublic school. IQ4K® provides five levels of quality (building blocks) that programs can achieve and continue to improve on). The program teachers have utilized the WAGES and TEACH programs (WAGE$® Iowa (WAGE $) is a salary supplement program offered by Iowa AEYC. WAGE$ works hand-in-hand with TEACH Early Childhood® Iowa.)

TEACH (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) is a comprehensive scholarship program that provides the early childhood workforce access to educational opportunities and is helping establish a well-qualified, fairly compensated and stable workforce for our children

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center provides a needed program in the community. The Director listens to the community and what the wants and needs are of the community and adapts the program to help meet these needs.

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The director has been at this center since it opened. Many of the staff have been at this center for several years,.

The center has good support from the church and from their board. The congregation from the church are a strong support as well.

The teachers work well with each other and are a support to each other. The staff are committed and dedicated to providing quality care and preschool to the children.

This center has attained level I in IQ4K quality rating system.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were not aspects identified to fall below the standard reviewed.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon was tested in Spring of 2023 and tested below 4.0 cutoff; no due every five years.

The furnace is inspected every fall by the church.

Parents bring in snacks and the preschool ensures they are creditable under the CACFP guidelines.

Date: 10/25/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

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