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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Bethany Lutheran Daycare

Provider No.: 47418

Address: 400 Latrobe AVE, McCallsburg, IA, 50154

County: Story

Director's Name: Stacie Aguilar

On-Site Supervisor: N/A

Phone Number: 5153380182

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HHS Visit Date: 06/26/2026

Licensing Period: 07/01/2026 to 07/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 06/17/2025

Comments: Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years. Completed by Seth Jones, Dept of Inspections Appeal and Licensing. (DIAL)

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Friday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	12	12	12	14	50
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced off year visit was conducted 6/26/26 and the director was present for some of the visit as she was in ratio on this day.

Bethany Lutheran Daycare was established in 2016 and had previously been operated by the local school district and regulated by the Dept of education. Currently, this program is under a Board of Directors from the adjacent Bethany Lutheran Church. The daycare program is operated from a school building; for which maintenance/up-keep is shared with Colo-NESCO schools. This program operates 7:00 AM to 5: 00 PM Monday through Friday to children ages 6 weeks to 12 years of age.

Stacie Aguilar became director in 2024; and had completed continuing child care courses and director courses along with having experience to meet the 100 points criteria for director.

Observation of Rooms: Staff are in ratio; the center utilizes Iowa Early Learning standards in their curriculum with a gospel component. Bright wheel is the application used to communicate with parents. The center offers a variety of age/developmentally appropriate centers and toys. The children were content and resting during this visit. The older children eat cafeteria style by the kitchen in the lower level.

Nutrition:
The center has an on-site working kitchen and dedicated cook; who crafts the menus on a 3 week rotation/seasonally. This center participates in the CACFP food program. The program offers breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

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Playground:
The center enjoys the use of two playgrounds: one for older children, that was surfaced with pea rock. The school and the center share maintenance costs for the playgrounds. The playground for younger children is fenced and has rubber chips surfacing. This playground also in good condition/good repair. The playgrounds also offer open playing areas with natural shade.

Transportation:
This center has contracted with the school to provide transportation and a bus driver for field trips.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center offers needed daycare in a rural community. The center enjoys support/assistance from the school district such as the use of a school-owned building and for building maintenance and school bus/driver transportation.

The center communicates well with the parents and the parents are supportive of the center.

The center has a secure entrance and a security camera is placed in the front entry way.

The center uses the Bright Wheel Application to log children's activities for parents to have ready access.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(1)a: All files contain:Copy of a department criminal history record check form or any other permission form approved by Department of Public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history record checkCopy of a request for child abuse information form, when applicable.Copies of results of Iowa record checks conducted through the SING for review by the department upon request.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any department issued documents sent to the center related to a record check, regardless of findings.

109.9(2)d: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center’s care.

109.11(8)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

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

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-The files provided did not contain the necessary background checks.
-The director will contact child care resource and referral to assist in establishing a file management system to keep in compliance with licensing

109.9(2)d: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center’s care.
-Child files were reviewed to be missing emergency dental care contact
-The director will obtain the information from the family and place in child's file

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--The school helps maintain the building provided for the center
-The director will obtain documentation that HVAC systems are inspected and provide to licensing.

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center last completed radon testing in June of 2022 and all rooms fell under the 4.0 cutoff/now due every 5 years.

The menu's reflect the center is following CACFP guidelines and the center participates in the food program.

Date: 09/08/2026

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.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.