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

Name of Center: Trinity Lutheran Preschool **Enrollment:** 32 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 44020

Street: 1825 530th St **City:** Cherokee Iowa **Zip** 51012 **County:** Cherokee

Mailing Address: 1825 530th St, Cherokee, IA, 51012

Director's Name: Shannon Schwarz **Phone Number:** 712-221-2718

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** preschool@trinitycherokee.org

Date(s) of Visit: 11-07-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-06-2022

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

Date Inspected: 09-09-2022

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **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			30		30
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2022 to 12-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 11-07-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 11-07-23 and spoke with Shannon Schwarz, Director. Shannon Schwarz is the Director since the fall of 2019. Shannon has her elementary education degree/early childhood and several years of experience working at the center. Trinity Lutheran Preschool is located in a building that was renovated for a preschool in Cherokee. The program has a morning and afternoon sessions: 8:30 to 11:30am & 12:30pm to 3:30pm on Monday thru Thursday for three & four year olds.

There are 32 children enrolled in the program. There are 15 (3 year olds) enrolled in the morning sessions and 17 (4/5 year olds)in the afternoons. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center continues in cleaning toys that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, five senses, picture schedule for the children, job chart, children's artwork and the alphabet. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit, leading the children in exercise, reminding the children about rules, and engaging the children in activities. The center utilizes Pocket of Preschool Curriculum, Abecca Christian Curriculum, and Handwriting without tears. The program continues to do fund raising to help with tuition assistance.

Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Good food storage practices were observed. Nutritious snacks are provided by the parents which the center has given them a list of what is allowed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Center does not administer medication. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills were documented each month. Heating is electric therefore a carbon monoxide detector is not needed. Good sanitary procedures are followed. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies procedures are in place. Center has a fenced-in playground next to the center. Shredded rubber is used on the playground for surfacing. They have a cement riding track for the tricycles. The center has trikes, helmets, & toys. The center had expanded area to include a grassy area for the children to run. Monthly playground inspections are completed. The program has a gym in the basement to use for indoor large motor. Center transports children to preschool using a church bus with restraints and for any fields trips they do. The program does pick up children from their homes/daycares in town that parents pay extra for.

Goals of the center wants kids to grow academically and socially to be ready for Kindergarten. The program is working on getting on the IQ4k program. Program is looking at fund raising and grants as they need to update their smart board.

Strengths of the program is that they have a good relationship with the children and families that they serve and that they utilize a strong Christian background of learning.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

The classroom is well organized

Center has child size furniture throughout the room

Positive interaction with the children as well as good communication with parents.

Christian base preschool program.

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

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 1

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Director needs to email consultant by 12-01-23 confirming that all items that fall below standard have been corrected.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.