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

Name of Center: Zion Lutheran Preschool-Manning **Enrollment:** 26 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6217

Street: 1204 Center St **City:** Manning Iowa **Zip** 51455 **County:** Carroll

Mailing Address: 1204 Center St, Manning, IA, 51455

Director's Name: Amy Blackwell **Phone Number:** 712-655-2352

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** zionmanningpreschool@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-30-2022

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-10-2022

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

Date Inspected: 05-18-2022

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

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	0	0	24	0	24
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

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

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 11-30-2022

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 11/30/22. The new director was present throughout the visit as was the assistant teacher and a substitute teacher.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed

Zion Lutheran Preschool is located in a lower-level classroom of the Zion Lutheran Church. There is one classroom. The church was built in 1963 and the preschool was established in 1985. The preschool is non-profit and overseen by a Board. Amy Blackwell is the new director of this program as of 7/2022. Amy has an AA degree, past experience working in child care, and has completed a number of professional development training to meet the requirements for director. Melanie Enenbach is the main assistant teacher.

The preschool serves children ages three years of age to five years of age using the Creative Learning Curriculum Gold Series. Classes are held in the AM and/or PM, Monday - Thursday. There are not any Friday classes this year. The preschool is only in session during the school year. Children are required to be toilet trained in order to attend the preschool. If a child does have an accident, parents are called to come to the preschool and change their child if they haven't provided a change of clothes for their child previously.

During the visit, children were observed in free-choice play at the different learning stations set up in the classroom. Later, children were observed washing their hands and then sitting down for snack.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Enrollment remains consistent indicating a need in the community.

The preschool continues to get a lot of support from the church, the preschool Board, and parents/community.

Good interactions and classroom activities were observed throughout the visit between staff and children.

The preschool has a hand-crafted playhouse on their playground.

Communication with parents is stressed. There are two parent teacher conferences held throughout the year and one open house visit is also scheduled. In addition, the preschool sends out a monthly newsletter and weekly updates to parents to keep them informed of their child's activities and progress within the program. The program also has a Facebook page.

The preschool works with the Family Resource Center as needed.

The preschool participates on QRS (working on their IQ4K) which is a voluntary program based on best practice.

The director has past experience working in child care and stated she plans on staying at this preschool for a long time.

A janitor cleans, sanitizes, and disinfects the preschool classroom and restrooms daily.

A dishwasher is in the classroom.

A radon mitigation system was installed in the recent past.

Recently, the center received some grant money that they will put towards classroom enhancements (smart board, etc.).

The classroom has been painted within the past year.

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

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
Number missing: 0
Number invalid: 2 immunizations observed were not signed and/or dated.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing is due every two years and was last tested 9/20/21 - 9/22/21. Radon levels came back below the 4.0 cutoff.

The annual boiler inspection expires in 11/2023. It was conducted in 11/2022.

The center only takes walking field trips within the community. The center will also bring in agencies for presentations to children.

All staff and subs should review the handbooks annually and sign off and date that they have done so. Subs also need to have the same training, record checks, and physicals that regular staff need to have.

It was noted that there have been some difficulties getting the fingerprint results for staff. The results apparently were mailed to the wrong address. The director should follow up with DCI as needed on getting these results.

IQ4K and I - Power were discussed at the visit.

This consultant's phone number will have to be changed in the center's Emergency Preparedness Plan word document.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended. The application and payment were sent in at or around 11/10/22 per the director.

This consultant showed the director the CACFP smart phone app.

*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.