

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

Name of Center: Zion Lutheran Preschool-Denison **Enrollment:** 32 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6319

Street: 1004 1st Ave S **City:** Denison **Iowa** **Zip** 51442 **County:** Crawford

Mailing Address: 1004 1st Ave S, Denison, IA, 51442

Director's Name: Brenda Trunkhill **Phone Number:** 712-263-4766

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** brenda.trunkhill@ziondenison.org

Date(s) of Visit: 05-11-2023

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: 08-02-2022

Comments :

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

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 04-01-2022 to 04-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 05-18-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Zion Lutheran Preschool on 5-11-2023. The preschool is located in Zion Lutheran Church in Denison Iowa. Brenda Trunkhill became the director in August 2020. Brenda has her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education/Early Childhood. 32 children enrolled. I met with Brenda during my licensing visit. Preschool services are offered to children three years to five years old.

Observation of room:

The room looks great and has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment, the toys are rotated frequently. Sixteen children and two staff were present. The children were having fun playing and having a snack. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were attentive to the needs of the children. The children's fun art work is displayed.

The program uses Creative Curriculum and a religious curriculum, the theme was simple machines. Brenda develops the lesson plans/activities.

Brenda provides a newsletter with updates and pictures on the Remind app.

Nutrition:

The children provide the daily snack. A list of nutritious food options is given to the parents.

Health and safety:

An annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection was done on 7-30-2022.

Monthly fire and tornado were documented.

Radon testing was done in August 2022 and the score was 0.7 pCi/L. Radon testing is required every two years.

Playground:

The center has a playground that is located in back of the school/church. It is fenced and has some playground equipment. Refer to your Public Playground Safety Handbook for information on surfacing, equipment, fall zones etc.

Monthly playground inspections were completed.

Transportation:

The center doesn't provide daily transportation services.

Administrative records:

Brenda reported that all staff and child files have been updated.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Brenda began working at the center in August 2020. She is enthusiastic and proud of the program. Val and David have worked at the center for many years.

Staff had excellent interactions with the children.

The center has a level 3 on the Quality Rating System and they are working on the new IQ4K program.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 4-1-2022 to 4-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 5-11-2023.

*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.