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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: St Paul Lutheran Preschool

Provider No.: 7225

Address: 12 1/2 Park St, Treynor, IA, 51575

County: Pottawattamie

Director's Name: Carrie Radford

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 7127961177

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HHS Visit Date: 11/24/2025

Licensing Period: 09/01/2025 to 09/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/29/2023

Comments: Fire inspections are due every three years

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 3

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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Program Population Served:

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

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

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made to St. Paul Lutheran Preschool on 11/24/25. The program is located in a separate single-story building behind St. Paul Lutheran Church in Treynor, Iowa. Preschool and extended child care services are offered to children three to five years old, Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 5:45 PM. Carrie Radford became the director in February 2024. She has been with the center for 11 years. There are 20 children enrolled in the center. The centers mission statement is "Love the children, teach God's wonders and discover the love of learning" and their program philosophy is "St. Paul Lutheran Preschool is dedicated to knowing Jesus, telling about Jesus and loving as Jesus loves". Reflecting that mission, St. Paul Lutheran Preschool seeks to instill within each child as assurance that he/she is a lovable and capable child of God. This is accomplished through a loving and caring Christian environment, which invites independent and group learning through exploration, interactive plan and developmentally appropriate practices. The center has a very supportive board. I met with Carrie during my visit.

Observation of rooms:
The center's two program rooms looked great and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Toys are rotated at least monthly. The rooms were combined and the children were having a snack and playing in the activity centers. Staff had wonderful interactions with the children; they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The lesson plans/activities looked great. The teachers create their own lesson plans from their own curriculum that is based off of the Creative Curriculum. Preschool programming is in the mornings and extended care is in the afternoons.

Nutrition:
The children bring their lunch and it is refrigerated or they can get the daily lunch from the Treynor school. The center provides the daily snacks. CACFP food guidelines are followed even though the center is not on the federal food program. Proper food storage was not observed. Please seal all food in an airtight container after opening. Thermometers are in the refrigerator and freezer.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. Radon testing was done in July 2025 and the test results were in the acceptable range. Rado testing is due every five years as long as the reading is below 4.0 pCi/L. Carrie said all appliances are electrical; however, the previous report mentioned a fuel burning inspection. Please find out if you have any fuel burning appliances. If you do, please have an annual fuel burning appliance inspection completed. Medication management procedures are followed when a child is prescribed medication. Purell Surface is used for sanitizing tables and bleach/water is used for disinfecting the bathrooms. The three-step bottle procedure is followed for sanitizing and disinfecting. 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing, and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting. Bleach water is mixed daily.

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Playground:
The outdoor play area/learning environment offers so many fun things for the children to do. The area has a variety of different textures/surfaces and has shade and a garden. They received a grant for gardening and will be planting a tree. Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't offer daily transportation services.

Administrative records:
The center has all of the required postings. Monthly staff meetings are held. The center has emergency preparedness polices and procedures. Carrie and a couple of staff participate in the Wage$ and TEACH program. The center has a very supportive board. They also have a parent board. Three children's files were reviewed and were in excellent order. Two staff files were reviewed and were in excellent order.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Carrie Radford became the new director in February 2024; she is very positive and enthusiastic about the program. She was helpful during my licensing visit. St. Paul Lutheran Preschool is an excellent resource for the community and surrounding towns. It offers quality preschool and extended care programming. The staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. Staff have a wealth of knowledge in preschool and child development. The center participates in the IQ4K program and are a level 3. The center receives grants for gardening, equipment/supplies, etc. The center has a new sign and they will be planting a tree. Carrie identified the strengths as longevity for staff, staff pursuing higher education, staff have great relationships with families, the center has great relationship with the school, the center brings in AEA and Child Care Resource and Referral as needed, they apply for grants, they accept CCA, and they participate in fundraisers.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.13(5)b: food was not properly sealed after opening. Please make sure all food in sealed in an airtight container after opening.

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

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended for 9/1/25 to 9/1/27.

Date: 12/01/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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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**.