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

Name of Center: Hope Lutheran Preschool **Enrollment:** 25 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28373

Street: 3857 E 42nd St **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50317 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 3857 E 42nd St, Des Moines, IA, 50317

Director's Name: Gina Acers **Phone Number:** 515-265-2057

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

Date(s) of Visit: 03-30-2023

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:** 02-01-2021

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

Date Inspected: 03-21-2023

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			24		24
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2023 to 04-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 04-15-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Hope Lutheran Preschool is located within a single classroom in Hope Lutheran Church. The preschool has been in operation since 1989. There is a secured entrance at the church. The preschool provides programming for children ages three through five years. Gina Acers is the director and she has been in this position since October 2016. Gina has a Bachelors degree in Christian Education. She has previous experience as a teacher prior to coming to the center.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. All mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. Lesson plans and schedules are in place. The classrooms has several well defined learning centers throughout the classroom.

Gina was working today and she assisted with today's visit. There were two additional teachers working. Nineteen children were in attendance. Children were observed during child directed play activities, during snack and during group time. Children made slime in one center with staff's assistance. Table activities were set out for children in addition to play in the interest centers. The staff were spread out throughout the classroom and provided support and assisted the children with their activities throughout the visit.

Parents and the preschool provide the snacks. The snack list was reviewed and was compliant with CACFP. Snack served today was crackers, yogurt, water and milk.

The preschool has an outdoor playground. The area has fencing. Staff complete the monthly playground checklist.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Gina has been the director for several years. The preschool has a spacious classroom. The preschool has an outdoor playground. The church is very supportive of the preschool.

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

109.6(6)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
One staff's SING check wasn't completed on time but it is current at this time.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

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