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

Name of Center: Immanuel Lutheran Preschool **Enrollment:** 29 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6320

Street: 501 Glad St **City:** Schleswig Iowa **Zip** 51461 **County:** Crawford

Mailing Address: PO Box 27, Schleswig, IA, 51461

Director's Name: Leslie Gustafson **Phone Number:** 712-676-2235

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** leslie.gustafsonk@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-12-2025

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: 07-17-2024

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				20	20
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2024 to 02-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 04-18-2025

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 Immanuel Lutheran Preschool in Schleswig, Iowa on 3-12-2025. The program is located in Immanuel Lutheran Church. The preschool program operates under a preschool board. The center offers preschool services to children three to five years old on Monday through Thursday. The center began providing the voluntary preschool program in August 2016. (Full day programming is offered to four year olds). twenty nine children are enrolled in the program.
Leslie Gustafson is the director. Leslie began working at the preschool in the fall of 2016. Leslie has her Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education with Early Childhood and Pre-Kindergarten endorsements. She also received her Early Childhood Special Education endorsement. The administrative assistant is Lisa Schroeder, she helps with paperwork. I met with Leslie during my licensing visit.

Observation of room:
The program room looks great and has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Fourteen children and two staff were present. The staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The children were having fun playing.
Leslie is enthusiastic and creative. Fun, hands on learning experiences are offered to the children.
Creative Curriculum and Teaching Strategies Gold are used. Weekly lesson plans/activities are completed.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented.
A fuel burning inspection was done in August 2023, pleas make sure you have an annual fuel burning inspection. Radon testing was done in August 2023 with a test score of 4.5 pCi/L, the center completed a long term test and they are waiting for the test results. Please refer to your handbook for information on radon testing. Please send me the date and test score of your long term radon test results. Purell Surface is used for sanitizing.

Nutrition:
The center provides a nutritious snack. Make sure you have a snack menu. Even if you aren't on the federal food program you must follow the CACFP food program guidelines.

Playground:
Monthly playground checks were completed. The playground has a piece of equipment.

Administrative records:
Leslie provides a newsletter to parents.
A weekly newsletter with the lesson plan/activities is posted on See Saw for the parents.
Child files were reviewed and were in good order.
Staff files were reviewed and were in good order.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Immanuel Lutheran Preschool opened in 1984. They have provided quality preschool services for 40 years.
The staff have wonderful interactions with children. Leslie is very enthusiastic and creative and she provides excellent programming.
IQ4K level I
The center usually has two fund raising events each year. i.e. carnival and steak sandwiches.
Grants have been received for equipment and supplies.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 2-1-2024 to 2-1-2026.
Off year licensing visit.

*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.