Health and Human Services

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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Trinity Lutheran Preschool

Provider No.: 28426

Address: 712 12th St, Boone, IA, 50036

County: Boone

Director's Name: Kristine Seeman

On-Site Supervisor: N/A

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HHS Visit Date: 10/02/2025

Licensing Period: 11/01/2025 to 11/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/19/2025

Comments: Boone Fire Marshal. Per licensing requirements, these inspections are due at least every three years. The City of Boone Fire Marshal typically do these inspections more frequently.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 2

- [X] Accrediation — Comments: National Lutheran School Accreditation.

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	0	0	18	0	18
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

A licensing inspection was conducted on 10/2/25. The director was present for this visit.

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.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool is located in the Trinity Lutheran School in Boone, IA. The preschool uses one classroom in the building. The classroom is large and has a restroom within the classroom that is shared with the neighboring kindergarten class. The preschool is overseen by a Board and is also provided guidance from parents who belong to the Parent Teacher League. The director of the preschool program as of 8/2020 is Kris Seeman. Kris has her BA, several endorsements, and MSE all in child related fields. Kris also has past experience working in child care and the school setting.

The preschool uses the Creative Learning Curriculum as well as a Christian based learning curriculum. The preschool operates during the school year and serves children ages three, four, and five years of age. Children attend either in the AM or PM with the exception of Wednesdays when there are no classes in session. All children are required to be toilet trained before being enrolled.

When this consultant arrived, children were beginning to line up per staff directives to go outside to play on the playground. These children were later observed playing on the playground and then lining back up to go inside as their parents were arriving to pick them up for the end of the AM session. Toys and other equipment are being cleaned and sanitized daily. The classroom was nicely arranged with learning stations of calendar/group, blocks, art/writing, dramatic play, and manipulatives all observed.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

There is a secure entrance into the school building.

Parent/teacher conferences are held two times a year. There is also one home visit a year for children enrolled. Parents are also kept up to date electronically with weekly and monthly updates, newsletters, etc.

The program uses the online apps JMC as well as Trinity.

Files were nicely organized.

Good staff-children interactions were observed.

The director has a lot of experience working in child care and is highly organized.

The program participates in IQ4K which is a voluntary program based on best practice.

The program has their National Lutheran School Accreditation.

The classroom was nicely decorated with children's art work displayed.

Staff work well with each other per the director.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

No below standards were identified at this year's inspection visit.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing was last completed 2/22/23 - 2/25/23. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The boilers are new as of recently. The next inspection is due at the end of 12/2026.

The center does go on field trips. Most field trips are walking field trips, but there might be some that require travel. Parents are responsible for transporting their own children to the field trip destinations.

For nutrition, parents volunteer to bring the snack items chosen by the director for each day AM/PM. Extra food is kept on hand as well. All food storage items were sufficient.

IQ4K and I-Power were discussed at the visit. The program participates in IQ4K and it appears staff are uploading their training certificates to I-Power.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

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HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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