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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: 09/21/2026

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/10/2026

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [X] 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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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		7:00 AM to 5:45 PM	
Tuesday		7:00 AM to 5:45 PM	
Wednesday		7:00 AM to 5:45 PM	
Thursday		7:00 AM to 5:45 PM	
Friday		7:00 AM to 5:45 PM	
Saturday			

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 9/21/26. The program is located in a separate 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 during the school year. Carrie Radford became the director in February 2024. She has been with the center since 2014. Carrie has a bachelor's degree and credit hours in Early Childhood Education. There are 24 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:
Fourteen children were present while I was at the center. When I arrived, the children were outside taking school pictures. After the pictures were over, the children went inside and had circle time. After circle time, the children had snack. The children washed their hands prior to having a snack. The children's artwork was displayed on the walls. 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. Staff had wonderful interactions with the children; they were positive and attentive to the children's needs. The lesson plans/activities looked great. The teachers use Brightwheel curriculum but also adapt their own curriculum. They also have some Christian based enhancements. The lead teachers make the lesson plans. Preschool programming is in the mornings and extended care is in the afternoons.

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Nutrition:
The children bring their lunch and it is refrigerated or they can get the daily lunch from the Treynor school. The center provides breakfast and two daily snacks. CACFP food guidelines are followed even though the center is not on the federal food program. Thermometers are in the refrigerator and freezer. Carrie said they monitor the temperatures in the refrigerator and freezer.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented. Radon testing was done in July 2025 and the test results were in the acceptable range. Radon testing is due every five years as long as the reading is below 4.0 pCi/L. The furnace is fuel burning and requires a fuel burning inspection. There was a furnace inspection. Medication management procedures are followed when a child is prescribed medication. Two children are on rescue medications. They are kept out of reach of the children and are not locked. Staff take the rescue medication with them if they leave the building. They have a first aid kit that they take outside with them if they leave the building. 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. The center has wood slates that they use to separate the cots. Cot sheets are sent home with parents at the end of the week. Cot sheets need to be washed weekly.

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 and surfaces. It has a shade tarp. They have a garden. They received a grant for gardening and will be planting a tree. They also received a grant for indoor and outdoor toys. 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 policies and procedures. Staff have access to and utilize the WAGE$ and TEACH programs. The center has a very supportive board. They also have a parent board. Five children's files were reviewed and were in excellent order. Two staff files were reviewed and were in excellent order. The center uses the Brightwheel Child Care App for communication with parents, curriculum, and checking children in and out.

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 children's needs. Staff have a wealth of knowledge in preschool and child development. The center participates in the IQ4K program and is a level 3. The center receives grants for gardening, equipment, supplies, etc. The center 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. There are monthly staff meetings and a monthly newsletter. They will send out a newsletter more often if there is a need for additional communication. Carrie believes another strength the center has if the staff have education in Early Childhood Education.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

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

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

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

Targeted Assessment Behavior Management
I discussed with Carrie Radford about her oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1. Understand expectations, 2. Managing frustrations, 3. Monitor performance. Carrie reported they discuss children and behaviors at monthly staff meetings. They utilize the CCR&R behavioral specialist. Staff are able to step away if they need a break.

Date: 09/22/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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**.