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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Our Redeemer Preschool

Provider No.: 25137

Address: 2301 E Court St, Iowa City, IA, 52245

County: Johnson

Director's Name: Kaja Mueller

On-Site Supervisor: Sara Cross

Phone Number: 3193383949

E-Mail: preschool@ourredeemer.org

HHS Visit Date: 12/12/2025

Licensing Period: 10/01/2025 to 10/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 05/15/2025

Comments: Does Comply

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		7:30 AM to 12:45 PM	
Tuesday		7:30 AM to 12:45 PM	
Wednesday		7:30 AM to 12:45 PM	
Thursday		7:30 AM to 12:45 PM	
Friday		7:30 AM to 12:45 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			25		25
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

This worker arrived at Our Redeemer Preschool - 25137 on 12/12/2025. The center is located inside of Our Redeemer Church. The center uses one classroom with adjoining restrooms. The center's fire inspection was completed on 5/15/2025. The center is open Monday-Friday from 7:30am to 12:45pm. They care for preschool aged children. They currently have 20 children enrolled.

The director is Kaja Mueller. Kaja started in 7/2013. She has a Bachelor's Degree and Certification as Director of Christian Services.

The onsite supervisor is Sara Cross. Sara started in 8/2017. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and Political Science.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center staff provided careful supervision during the visit. The center was in ratio during the visit.

The center ensures that: medication is stored and documented appropriately. handwashing procedures were followed, and staff know how to use the cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting products.

The center has parents provide snacks on a rotating basis. Parents also provide their child's lunch. The center ensures that each child is served a full, nutritionally balanced meal/snack as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff provided careful supervision at the table during snacks and meals. Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage

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sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage were followed. Menus were posted.

The center's curriculum is teacher created using the following curriculum: One in Christ. The center does go on walking field trips to City High.

All required postings were displayed on the date visit. Child files were in full compliance. Staff files were in full compliance.

The licensing notebook was in full compliance including floor plans. drills, first aid checklist, playground inspections, fuel burning inspection, radon testing, staff handbook/parent handbook and emergency preparedness.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

-The center has been in full compliance since 2017. This is a huge accomplishment.
-Kaja has been with the center since 2013 and Sara has been with the center since 2017.
-Thrivent Choice Dollars helps support Preschool Scholarships. Church members also help support the Preschool Scholarships.
-The preschool has two locked doors leading outside and two locked doors leading into the church. Staff can visually see who is at the door before allowing them access.
-The center's philosophy is to provide a Christ-centered atmosphere that allows children to observe, make choices, be active, explore and experiment.
-The center provides a wide variety of educational and engaging activities.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. If citations were issued please ensure that they are corrected as soon as possible. It is important that the director and all staff review the updated Iowa Code 109 https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/providerportal/DocumentViewer.aspx?ID=19 and Comm. 204: https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/6489/download?inline

This worker encourages all centers to work with Child Care Resource and Referral Consultant and their Child Care Nurse Consultant.

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Child Care Nurse Consultants (CCNCs) are registered nurses who have early childhood training and are experts in child health, child care, and child safety. CCNC services are available statewide and are part of the Healthy Child Care Iowa program. ECE providers may call or email questions to their local CCNC about health and safety policies, health records, health resources, and specific child health or safety concerns. To contact your local CCNC go to https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci and click on the "CCNC Local Services Map."

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Date: 12/14/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

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