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

Name of Center: Zion Lutheran Preschool-Manning **Enrollment:** 21 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6217

Street: 1204 Center St **City:** Manning Iowa **Zip** 51455 **County:** Carroll

Mailing Address: 1204 Center St, Manning, IA, 51455

Director's Name: Amy Blackwell **Phone Number:** 712-655-2352

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

Date(s) of Visit: 11-15-2023

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-10-2022

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

Date Inspected: 05-18-2022

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

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	0	0	24	0	24
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

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

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 11-27-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off year licensing visit was made to Zion Lutheran Preschool-Manning on 11/15/2023. Zion Lutheran Preschool is located in a lower-level classroom of the Zion Lutheran Church, there is one classroom. The church was built in 1963 and the preschool was established in 1985. The preschool is non-profit and overseen by a Board. Amy Blackwell continues to be the director, this is her second year, she began working at the center in 7/2022. Amy has an AA degree, past experience working in child care.
Preschool is offered during the school year, and serves children three to five years old. Morning and afternoon sessions are held, no classes are held on Friday.
I met with Amy during my licensing visit.

Observation of room:
The room looks great and has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment including a smart board. The room was in ratio. The children were having fun watch Amy's dad build a bird house.
The center uses Creative Learning Curriculum Gold Series and they have lesson plans/activities.
The center only takes walking field trips within the community, they bring in agencies for presentations to children.
Staff maintain good Communication with parents. There are two parent teacher conferences held throughout the year. A monthly newsletter and weekly updates to parents is provided. The program also has a Facebook page.

Nutrition:
The center provides a snack. Make sure you comply with the CACFP food program guidelines.

Health and Safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
Radon testing was completed in September, 2022 and the radon test score was 1.7 pCi/L. The center has a radon mitigation system.
A fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection date is 11-8-2022 to 11-30-2023, Please make sure you have this updated in December 2023.
A janitor cleans, sanitizes, and disinfects the preschool classroom and restrooms daily.

Playground:
The center has an outdoor play area and a hand-crafted playhouse. Monthly playground inspections were completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services. Walking field trips are taken within the community.

Administrative records:
The center has an IQ4K level 1.
Staff and child files were in good order.
The center will have an immunization form audit on 11-27-023.

All staff and subs should review the handbooks annually and sign off and date that they have done so. Subs also need to have the same training, record checks, and physicals that regular staff need to have.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Your program is a wonderful resource for the community. The church, preschool board and parents/community are very supportive.
Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
The preschool works with the Family Resource Center as needed.
The program participates in IQ4K and are a level 1.
The center receives grants for equipment, they recently installed double sinks.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 1-1-2023 to 1-1-2025.
Off year licensing visit 11-15-2023.

*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.