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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: St Paul's Lutheran Preschool

Provider No.: 30107

Address: 612 Jennings ST, Sioux City, IA, 51101

County: Woodbury

Director's Name: Lindsey Parker

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 7128982883

E-Mail: office@stpaulssiouxcity.org

HHS Visit Date: 10/10/2025

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 05/01/2024

Comments:

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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Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			19		19
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

I completed an unannounced visit at the St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool where I was able to speak with Lindsey Parker. Ms. Parker became director in June 2022. Lindsey completed her elementary Education with an Early Childhood endorsement. Lindsey is currently teaching in the kindergarten class within the school which is close to the preschool room and Melina Trometer is the preschool teacher. She is currently student teaching for her elementary school degree, and they have a substitute teacher, Pam Schultz. Ms. Schultz taught for many years at the Sioux City School System and had her master's degree.

St Paul's Lutheran Preschool is using two classrooms which provides room for more activities. One of the rooms has a two-stall bathroom for the children. The center has classes for 3–4-year-olds Monday-Friday 8:30am to 3:15pm. The program also offers before and after care for preschool and school aged children who attend St. Paul's. Before school begins from 7:30am to 8:15am Monday through to Friday and after school from 2:30 to 5:30 on Mondays and 3:30pm to 5:30pm Tuesday through Friday. There are 21 children enrolled in the program. Currently there are 8 children enrolled in the preschool program and 14 school age kids totaling 21 kids' total enrollment. At the time of the visit there were 8 children present.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Upon entering the classroom, visitors are greeted by a beautiful decorative "Family Tree" display. The tree features photos of the children with their families, creating a welcoming and personal touch to the environment. The preschool classroom is well-equipped with a sufficient number of toys, materials, and equipment appropriate for the number of children in care. A daily schedule of activities was posted and easy to follow. The environment is rich in visual learning materials, including displays of colors, shapes, numbers, the alphabet, the five senses, a globe, a U.S. map, an emotions chart, a behavior chart, a helper list, and children's artwork. Photos of the children engaged in various activities further enhance the welcoming and child-centered atmosphere.

The center implements the Creative Curriculum and GOLD assessment system, both of which support individualized learning and development through play, exploration, and observation. The classroom is thoughtfully arranged with clearly defined learning centers that promote independence and engagement. Children have convenient access to sinks and a restroom within the room, supporting self-help skills and routines. The preschool incorporates music to capture children's interest and make learning fun and engaging.

Parents provide snacks for their children, and the school provides nutritious lunches through the Central Kitchen, part of the Sioux City Community School District. The center follows CACFP guidelines to ensure children enjoy healthy meals. A

well-stocked first aid kit is available for minor injuries, and monthly fire and tornado drills help keep everyone prepared. The center follows strong sanitary practices to maintain a clean environment. A radon test and annual heating inspection are still scheduled to ensure ongoing safety. A working carbon monoxide detector adds another layer of protection. All program areas were observed to be clean, organized, and well cared for, showing the center's dedication to a safe, healthy, and welcoming space for children. For play and physical activity, children enjoy the school gym and a large, fenced playground. The playground features swings, slides, and climbing equipment with safe surfacing, offering an inviting and secure space where children can explore, be active, and have fun.

The goal of this program is to work with CCR&R on their IQ4K certification.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

A strength of this program is its low teacher-to-student ratio, which allows for abundant opportunities for one-on-one contact and individualized attention.

The preschool has 2 yearly conferences with parents to speak about the progress of their children.

They utilize Bright wheel app to assist with administrative details.

Children at this preschool enjoy a warm, positive, and caring atmosphere that encourages growth and curiosity

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.6(4)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.

109.6(4)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.

109.9(2)d: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.

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

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

It is recommended to continue to work with CCRR for support.

Center will email consultant by 11/30/25 confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been completed.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

Date: 10/10/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer

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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**.