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

Name of Center: St Paul's Lutheran Preschool **Enrollment:** 21 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30107

Street: 612 Jennings ST **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51101 **County:** Woodbury

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

Director's Name: Lindsey Parker **Phone Number:** 712-898-2883

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** office@stpaulssiouxcity.org

Date(s) of Visit: 10-11-2024

Licensing Visit **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:** 09-07-2023

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

Date Inspected: 10-23-2023

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **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			19		19
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2023 to 11-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 10-11-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 10-11-24 and spoke with director Lindsey Parker. Lindsey Parker became director in June 2022. Lindsey completed her elementary Education with Early Childhood endorsement. Lindsey has also worked in the headstart program for a few months. Lindsey is currently teaching in the kindgarden class within the school which is close to the preschool room and Melina Vazquez is the preschool teacher. Ms Vazquez has been with the program since 2016 and has her two year degreee in elementary ed and is doing her bacherlors program in elementary education.

St Paul's Lutheran Preschool is using two classrooms this school year. These rooms open up to each other. One of the rooms has a two stall bathroom for the children. Capacity for the room is 17. The center has classes for 3-4 year olds Monday-Friday 8:30am to 3:15pm. The program also offer before and after care for PS as well as the school agers within the building. Before school begins from 7:30am to 8:15am Monday thru Friday and after school from 2:30 to 5:30 on Mondays and 3:30pm to 5:30pm Tuesday thru Friday.

There are 21 children enrolled in the program. Currently there are 7 children enrolled in the preschool program and 14 school age kids totaling 21 kids total enrollment. At the time of the visit there were 7 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. The center continues in cleaning toys that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, five senses, globe of the world, picture schedule for the children, job chart, children's artwork and the alphabet. . The center utilizes the Creative Curriculum and Gold in their teachings.

The preschool room has many toys and games available to the children. Children have access to sinks and bathroom within the room. Good room arrangement with centers throughout the area. Displayed throughout the preschool were the colors, numbers, children's artwork, US map, emotions poster, helper list, behavior chart, pictures of the children doing various activities, shapes and the alphabet. Children have access to bathroom adjacent to the room. The program started using the Bright Wheel app to help with administration functions of the program. The program is currently on level 2 of the IQ4K.

Parents are responsible to bring snacks. School provides the lunch from Central Kitchen which is apart of the Sioux City Community School District. The center follows the CACFP guidelines. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented monthly. Center follows good sanitary procedures. Radon test needs to be completed. Annual heating inspection needs to be completed. Center has a working carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies/procedures are in place.

The center uses only the school gym, and the school playground for physical activities for before/after school. The large playground is fenced in. The playground has swings, slides and climbing equipment with surfacing material around the equipment. They did add another set of swings for the children. The preschool children are not allowed on the older children's equipment as it is not age appropriate. School maintains the playground. Shade is available on the playground.

Playground has rubber mulch for surfacing.

If the program takes any field trips they rely on parents to assist in transporting as well as staff. Center obtains field trip permission slips.

Goals for the center is to get onto the IQ4K program level 3; increase enrollment, and possible a summer program.

Strengths of the center is that staff work well as a team as well have a good relationship with the children and families that they serve. Staff are also caring and passionate with the kids.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Program is on the IQ4K program 2 out of 5 levels.

Program uses the Bright Wheel App.

Display children's art work in the room.

Monthly newsletter to parents regarding what is happening in preschool.

Conferences with parents 2 times a year(Fall & Spring) to keep parents informed about their child's progress.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

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

109.9(1)a: All files contain statement signed by staff indicating whether they have a criminal conviction or founded child/dependent adult abuse.
Number not in compliance: 2

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

Center will email consultant by 11-24--24 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.

*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.