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

Name of Center: St Paul Lutheran Church Preschool **Enrollment:** 71 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 21149

Street: 2136 Brady St **City:** Davenport Iowa **Zip** 52803 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 2136 Brady St, Davenport, IA, 52803

Director's Name: Karen Strusz **Phone Number:** 563-326-3547

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kathy Jane Becker **E-Mail:** karenstrusz@stpaulqc.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-12-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 08-16-2022

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.) X 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		12	72		84
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2023 to 12-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 09-12-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 9/12/23. The preschool director, Karen Strusz, was present along with many other staff. Karen is the preschool director and has worked at the preschool for a number of years and is highly qualified. This large preschool is non-profit and is owned and operated by the St. Paul Lutheran Church. The board is governed by a voluntary board of directors comprised of church members and/or parents. The preschool participates in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The preschool typically occupies three classroom areas on the main floor and three classroom areas on the second floor of the building (one being the "music" room, occupied by the various program rooms for a special activity on a schedule basis), however, one of the preschool rooms is not currently being used on the main floor except as an additional music room. A large hallway/room area is also used on the lower level for indoor large motor activities. Program rooms are generally spacious and furnished with materials that are well maintained. Program rooms on the main floor all have adjacent restroom areas including one toilet. Hand washing sinks are located outside of the toilet room within these program rooms. The program rooms used for the youngest children include a fold down wall diapering station located within the restroom area. There is a separate boys and girls restroom area located on the second floor hallway area. Children do have to travel for toilet and hand washing routines on this floor. All program space was observed.

Snack is served at the preschool. Parents provide this on a rotating basis for the class, including the beverage. The preschool does keep materials on hand to supplement if/when necessary. The preschool does not participate in the CACFP.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The director and staff continue to provide a positive preschool experience for the children attending. The preschool continues to be very well managed. The director and some of the staff have been with the program for many years. The staff continue to work quite well together. The staff were again observed to be highly involved with the children in activities and were positive and nurturing in all program rooms. There continues to be excellent support from the church for the preschool program, and the building itself and materials are very well maintained. Program rooms are bright with windows and colorfully painted and decorated in child friendly themes. The rooms are large and provide for ample space and plenty of accessible materials including books that are displayed nicely for the children. The children's projects are on display in many areas including photo displays. Staff and child files and other licensing information continue to be highly organized. The center uses an online application and a private Facebook page per classroom to enhance communication between the teachers and the parents. The center has achieved a four star QRS rating through 11/30/23 and is working toward the IQ4K rating. Since the last licensing visit, the outdoor play area has had new equipment installed, new fencing, and new pour in place fall surfacing installed throughout. The preschool now has a video monitoring system for the entry doors of the building, and the staff are able to remotely open the door. New storage cabinetry and new furnishings have been added to various rooms as well. The preschool has a new website which also allows for online payment. The preschool continues to offer scholarships. The attention to detail that is required to provide a quality preschool experience for the children does not go unnoticed at this program.

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

109.10(3): Medications.
Several medications present without the specific period of authorization indicated on the medication authorization form.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Ensure all surfaces used for food service/food preparation activities are cleared off and are properly cleaned and sanitized immediately prior to use for this activity.
2. Complete emergency plan posting is needed and needs to be visible at all times at the door from the honeybee/ladybug room.
3. Ensure daily schedules are posted where visible to parents.

The center will continue with a full license. Please correct the item cited and address the items noted above in this section of the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

*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.