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

Name of Center: Trinity Lutheran Preschool **Enrollment:** 35 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28426

Street: 712 12th St **City:** Boone Iowa **Zip** 50036 **County:** Boone

Mailing Address: 712 12th St, Boone, IA, 50036

Director's Name: Kristine Seeman **Phone Number:** 515-432-6912

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** kseeman@tlsboone.us

Date(s) of Visit: 10-10-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-10-2023

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

Date Inspected: 09-14-2022

Comments : Boone Fire Marshal. Per licensing requirements, these inspections are due at least every three years.

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	0	0	18	0	18
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

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: Nate Knepper **Date:** 10-10-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 10/10/23. The director was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool is located in the Trinity Lutheran School in Boone, IA. The preschool uses one classroom in the building. The classroom is large and has a restroom within the classroom that is shared with the neighboring kindergarten class. The preschool is overseen by a Board and is also provided guidance from parents who belong to the Parent Teacher League. The director of the preschool program as of 8/2020 is Kris Seeman. Kris has her BA, several endorsements, and MSE all in child related fields. Kris also has past experience working in child care and the school setting.

The preschool uses the Creative Learning Curriculum. The preschool operates during the school year and serves children ages three, four, and five years of age. Children attend either in the AM or PM. All children are required to be toilet trained before being enrolled.

During the visit, children initially involved in free-choice play at the different learning stations set up within the classroom. Later, children were observed reading books either independently or with staff. Children gave appropriate answers to questions about when and how often they wash their hands as well as what they do for fire and tornado drills.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

There is a secure entrance into the school building.

Parent/teacher conferences are held two times a year. There is also one home visit a year for children ages four and five years of age. Parents are also kept up to date electronically with weekly and monthly updates, newsletters, etc.

Files were nicely organized.

Good staff-children interactions were observed.

The director has a lot of experience working in child care and is highly organized.

The program participates in QRS and has begun the process of IQ4K (previously known as QRS). IQ4K is a rating scaled based off best practice.

The program has their National Lutheran School Accreditation.

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

109.9(2)b: 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.
Number not in compliance for medical: 0
Number not in compliance for dental: 1
Information lacking: The name, address, and phone number (for dentist) was missing for one child's file. It appears the paperwork copy was cut off at the bottom thus omitting the dental information.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was last completed 2/22/23 - 2/25/23. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The annual furnace/boiler inspection expires in 12/2024.

The center does go on field trips. Most field trips are walking field trips, but there might be some that require travel. Parents are responsible for transporting their own children to the field trip destinations.

IQ4K and I-Power were discussed at the visit.

One child has to have their immunization records transferred over to a State of Iowa approved form.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended. The application and payment was sent in and processed on 10/10/23.

*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.