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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: St Paul Lutheran Church Preschool

Provider No.: 21149

Address: 2136 Brady St, Davenport, IA, 52803

County: Scott

Director's Name: Karen Strusz

On-Site Supervisor: Kathy Jane Becker

Phone Number: 5633263547

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HHS Visit Date: 09/18/2025

Licensing Period: 12/01/2025 to 12/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 05/10/2024

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)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General		12	72		84
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 9/18/25. 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 currently occupies two 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). A large hallway/room area is also used on the lower level for indoor large motor activities. Program rooms are 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 room 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.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

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 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.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.10(13)b Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

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1. Fire drills not documented 10/2024 through 1/2025, tornado drills not documented for 11/2024 through 1/2025.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

1. Ensure fuel burning appliance inspection for boiler three is located.

The center will continue with a full license. Please correct the item cited and address the item 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.

Date: 09/22/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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