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

Name of Center: Wee Wisdom Preschool-St Paul Lutheran Church **Enrollment:** 13 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30263

Street: 310 E 2nd St **City:** Holstein Iowa **Zip** 51025 **County:** Ida

Mailing Address: PO Box 206, Holstein, IA, 51025

Director's Name: Kathy Mohr **Phone Number:** 712-368-2228

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** jim.kistenmacher@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-26-2023

X **Licensing Visit** **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:** 09-27-2022

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

Date Inspected: 11-19-2021

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **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			20		20
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 5

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2022 to 11-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 10-26-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 10-26-23 and spoke with Kathy Mohr, director. Ms Mohr has a two year degree in a non-child related field and twenty four years' experience working with children. Wee Wisdom Preschool is housed in the St Paul Lutheran Church in Holstein. The preschool utilizes a Sunday school room, which appears clean and well lighted. The program serves children ages three to five years old. The program operates Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9am to 11:30am for the four and five year olds and Tuesday-Thursday 9am to 11:30am for the three year olds.

There are 13 children enrolled in the program(7-3 year olds and 6-4 year olds). At the time of the visit there were 6 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 following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center cleans toys daily 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. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit, reminding the children about rules, engaging the children in activities. Staff had good interaction with the children. The center utilizes the Creative Curriculum. The center has updated a bathroom for the children as well as installed new flooring for the center.

Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Good food storage. Nutritious snacks are provided by parents each day. CACFP guidelines are followed.

Center does not administer medication. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is complete. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Annual heating inspection was complete. Radon test was just completed and and being sent in the next day. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. Center has a radon mitigation system.

Center Playground
NA

The center does not transport the children. The center will walk to various locations in town (library, etc.).

Goals of the center are to get on the IQ4K level 4 program when the QRS program expires.

Strengths of the center is that they have a good relationship as well as a good reputation with the church and community. The center is a play based program. Center has a experience with working with children with behaviors. Program is Christian based.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center has parent/teacher conferences once a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on.

Center does evaluations three times a year to inform parents of their child's current basic knowledge.

Display children’s art work in the room.

QRS rating of five stars.

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

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: 2

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

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.