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

Name of Center: St John's Christian Preschool **Enrollment:** 27 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6106

Street: 815 E Division St **City:** Audubon Iowa **Zip** 50025 **County:** Audubon

Mailing Address: PO Box 123, Audubon, IA, 50025

Director's Name: Jennifer Mosinski **Phone Number:** 712-563-2114

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** jsmosinski5@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-15-2018

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 03-15-2018

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			31		31
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2018 to 03-01-2020
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 03-20-2018

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This consultant made an unannounced licensing visit to St. John's Christian Preschool on 3/15/2018. The preschool is located in the St. John's Lutheran Church basement. The preschool opened in 1978. The program operates under the Church Board of Education. I met with the director, Jennifer Mosinski. She has been employed at the preschool since 2010 and became the director in January 2014. Jennifer has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Secondary Teaching and Coaching. There are twenty seven children enrolled in the program. Preschool is held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and there is a morning and afternoon session this year (AM 8:00 am to 11:00 am and 12:15 pm to 3:15 pm)

Observation of room:
The program space is a nice large spacious area arranged into fun and inviting activity centers. The room was in ratio and two staff were present. The children were playing in the activity centers, and having snack time. The staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were nurturing and involved in programming. The program has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment that are rotated each month.
The center uses Creative Curriculum and Jennifer has a Bible story theme with a letter. She develops the lesson plans with theme related activities. The program offers small group activities and can focus on individual time with the children and focuses on fun, hands on educational activities for the children. Parent teacher conferences are held twice a year. Goals and progress are discussed. A monthly newsletter is given to the parents.

Nutrition:
The preschool provides a nutritious snack on a daily basis. Proper food storage was observed. The center has thermometers in the refrigerator and freezer.

Health and safety:
A radon exhaust system was installed in 2007. Radon testing was done in August 2016 and had a test result of 2.0 pCi/L. The center practices and documents monthly fire and tornado drills. No children are prescribed medication during the brief period of time they are at preschool. The first aid kit was properly stocked. The center has a carbon monoxide detector. They center has an emergency preparedness plan. Clorox Anywhere is used for sanitizing the tables.

Playground:
The center has a fenced playground area. They have a new shed, a trunk to store equipment, a sand table, tree stumps and other toys. They don't have equipment that required surfacing.

Transportation:
The program doesn't offer transportation services. They take one field trip a year to the pumpkin patch in Denison, IA and a school bus is rented for the trip. They go on walking field trips. They also have guest speakers visit the program such as a fireman, and a school nurse.

Administrative records:
Two staff files were read and were in excellent order. Fifteen children's files were read and were in excellent order. The

center had the required postings of mandatory reporter of child abuse, consultant information, no smoking and emergency information. The center has all of the required policies and procedures.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Jennifer continues to do a great job as the director she is very organized, enthusiastic and excited about the program.
Jennifer and Becky are a great team and they have wonderful interactions with the children.
The center participates in the Quality Rating System (QRS) and have a level III.

New in 2017:
An afternoon preschool session was added this school year.
The Second Step Curriculum has been added to the programming. This curriculum works on social and emotional aspects.
There is some new equipment in the center - a train table and a teaching easel.
A playhouse was moved to the playground.
A grant provided funding for program equipment.
The center participates in some fundraising.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for St. John's Christian Preschool for 3-1-2016 to 3-1-2018.

*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.