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

**Name of Center:** St Paul Lutheran Church Preschool **Enrollment:** 77 **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:** 09-05-2024

**Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** X **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** **State** X **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

**Date Inspected:** 05-10-2024

**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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | | 12 | 72 | | 84 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| 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:** 09-23-2024

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

N/A

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 9/5/24. 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 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 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. New carpet has been installed in the three year old room. Several areas have been repainted. 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.

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

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Medication present without current parent authorization form.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Emergency plan postings missing center information (name/address/phone number) and phone numbers for police/fire/poison control at some of the hallway doors.

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.

*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.