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

**Name of Center:** St Paul Lutheran Preschool **Enrollment:** 42 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 7225

**Street:** 12 1/2 Park St **City:** Treynor Iowa **Zip** 51575 **County:** Pottawattamie

**Mailing Address:** PO Box O, Treynor, IA, 51575

**Director's Name:** Linda Eitmann **Phone Number:** 712-796-1177

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** **E-Mail:** admin@treynorpreschool.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 04-03-2023

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:** 09-03-2020

**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.) 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 |
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| General | | | 37 | | 37 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** 5

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 09-01-2023 to 09-01-2025 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 04-06-2023

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

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

An unannounced licensing visit was made to St Paul Lutheran Preschool on 4-3-2023. The program is located in a separate single story building in the back of St Paul Lutheran Church in Treynor, Iowa. Preschool and extended child care services are offered to children three to five years old, Monday through Friday 7:00 am to 5:45 pm. Linda Eitmann is the Director, Linda was the director several years ago and she returned in January 2017. There are 42 children enrolled in the center. Linda Eitman was gone at the time of my visit, I met with Carrie Radford.

The centers mission statement is "Love the children, teach God's wonders and discover the love of learning" and their program philosophy is "St Paul Lutheran Preschool is dedicated to knowing Jesus, telling about Jesus and loving as Jesus loves". Reflecting that mission, St Paul Lutheran Preschool seeks to instill within each child as assurance that he/she is a lovable and capable child of God. This is accomplished through a loving and caring Christian environment, which invites independent and group learning through exploration, interactive plan and developmentally appropriate practices.

Observation of rooms:
There are two program rooms. There were eleven children taking a nap and three staff were present. The room looked great. They have fun and inviting activity centers and a great variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment.

The lesson plans/activities looked great.
Preschool programming is in the mornings and extended care is in the afternoons.
The center has a guinea pig.

Nutrition:
The children bring their lunch and it is refrigerated or they can get the daily lunch from the Treynor school, the center provides the daily snacks. CACFP food guidelines are followed. Proper food storage was observed. Thermometers are in the refrigerator and freezer.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. Radon testing was done in July/August 2021 and both test results were in the acceptable range. The fuel burning inspection was done on 9-2-2022.
Medication management procedures are followed when a child is prescribed medication.
Purell Surface is used for sanitizing tables and bleach/water is used for disinfecting the bathrooms. The three step bottle procedure is followed for sanitizing and disinfecting. 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting.

Playground:
The staff are very proud of their outdoor play area/learning environment. There are so many fun things for the children to do. The area has a variety of different textures/surfaces and has shade and a garden.
Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't offer daily transportation services.

Administrative records:
The center has all of the required postings. Linda has monthly staff meetings. The center has emergency preparedness polices and procedures.
Child files were read and were in excellent order.
Staff files were read and were in excellent order.
Make sure substitutes have both record checks and the required staff training.
Two staff are participating in the TEACH program and one staff is working on her CDA.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

St Paul Lutheran Preschool is an excellent resource for the community and surrounding towns and offers quality preschool and extended care programming. The staff had excellent interactions with the children. Linda and the staff are very enthusiastic and proud of the program. Staff have a wealth of knowledge in preschool and child development.
The center participates in the Quality Rating System (QRS) and they have a level 5 and they will apply for the IQ4K program.
The center receives grants for equipment and the staff incentive grant.
Carrie Radford was very helpful, knowledgeable and organized for my licensing visit.

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

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A full license is recommended for 9-1-2023 to 9-1-2025.

You will need an approved fire marshal inspection by 9-3-2023.

*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.