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

Name of Center: Zion Lutheran Preschool-Manning **Enrollment:** 27 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6217

Street: 1204 Center St **City:** Manning Iowa **Zip** 51455 **County:** Carroll

Mailing Address: 1204 Center St, Manning, IA, 51455

Director's Name: Amy Blackwell **Phone Number:** 712-655-2352

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

Date(s) of Visit: 10-14-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **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:** 11-10-2022

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

Date Inspected: 05-18-2022

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

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	0	0	24	0	24
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2025 to 01-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 10-15-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was made to Zion Lutheran Preschool-Manning on 10-14-2024. Zion Lutheran Preschool is located in a lower-level classroom of the Zion Lutheran Church, there is one classroom. The church was built in 1963 and the preschool was established in 1985. The preschool is non-profit and overseen by a Board. Amy Blackwell continues to be the director, she began working at the center in July, 2022. Amy has an associates degree and participates in the TEACH program - she is working on her bachelors degree in elementary education.
Preschool is offered during the school year, and serves children three to five years old. Morning and afternoon sessions are held, no classes are held on Friday.
I met with Amy during my licensing visit.

Observation of room:
The room looks great and has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment including a smart board. The room was in ratio - two staff and a volunteer were with the children. The children were having fun playing.
The center uses Creative Learning Curriculum Gold Series and they have lesson plans/activities.
The center only takes walking field trips within the community, they bring in agencies for presentations to children.
Staff maintain good Communication with parents. There are two parent teacher conferences held throughout the year. A monthly newsletter and weekly updates to parents is provided. The program has a Facebook page.

Nutrition:
The center provides a snack. Make sure you comply with the CACFP food program guidelines.

Health and Safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
Radon testing was completed in September, 2022 and the radon test score was 1.7 pCi/L. The center has a radon mitigation system. Please refer to your handbook for information regarding radon testing as the requirements have changed.
A fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection was completed in October 2024.
A janitor cleans, sanitizes, and disinfects the preschool classroom and restrooms daily.

Playground:
The center has an outdoor play area and a hand-crafted playhouse. Monthly playground inspections were completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services. Walking field trips are taken within the community.

Administrative records:
The center has an IQ4K level 1.
Staff and child files were in excellent order.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Amy is very enthusiastic and proud of the preschool. Your program is a wonderful resource for the community. The church, preschool board and parents/community are very supportive.
Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive, nurturing and attentive to the needs of the children.
The preschool works with the Family Resource Center as needed.
The program participates in IQ4K and are a level 1, and are working on applying for level 2.
The center receives grants for equipment. The center has a new ceiling (asbestos was removed), the room is newly painted.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 1-1-2025 to 1-1-2027.

*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.