Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Trinity Lutheran Preschool

Provider No.: 28426

Address: 712 12th St, Boone, IA, 50036

County: Boone

Director's Name: Kristine Seeman

On-Site Supervisor: N/A

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HHS Visit Date: 10/12/2026

Licensing Period: 11/01/2025 to 11/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/19/2025

Comments: Boone Fire Marshal. Per licensing requirements, these inspections are due at least every three years. The City of Boone Fire Marshal typically do these inspections more frequently.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [X] Accrediation — Comments: National Lutheran School Accreditation.

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		7:45 AM to 3:00 PM	
Tuesday		7:45 AM to 3:00 PM	
Wednesday			
Thursday		7:45 AM to 3:00 PM	
Friday		7:45 AM to 3:00 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	18	0	18
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year inspection was conducted on 10/12/26. The director was present for this inspection as was the assistant teacher.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool is located in the Trinity Lutheran School in Boone, IA. The preschool uses one classroom in the building. The classroom is large and has a restroom within the classroom that is shared with the neighboring kindergarten class. The preschool is overseen by a Board and is also provided guidance from parents who belong to the Parent Teacher League. The director of the preschool program as of 8/2020 is Kris Seeman. Kris has her BA, several endorsements, and MSE all in child related fields. Kris also has past experience working in child care and the school setting.

The preschool uses the Creative Learning Curriculum as well as a Christian based learning curriculum. The preschool operates during the school year and serves children ages three, four, and five years of age. Children attend either in the AM or PM with the exception of Wednesdays when there are no classes in session. All children are required to be toilet trained before being enrolled. Total child enrollment on the day of the inspection was 26 children.

NUTRITION: Parents volunteer to bring the snack items chosen by the director for each day, AM/PM. The snack menu is posted for a month at a time. Extra food is kept on hand as well. Children eat in the classroom at the child-size tables and chairs. All food storage items were sufficient.

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TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: Most field trips are walking field trips, but there might be some that require travel. Parents are responsible for transporting their own children to the field trip destinations that are not within walking distance. Parents sign authorization for field trips on an annual basis. For all field trips, a first-aid kit and children's emergency contacts are taken along.

PLAYGROUND: The program has their own playground space that consists of swings and a smaller climbing structure. Pea gravel is used for surfacing and outdoor playground mats are at the base of slides and under swings to help preserve the pea gravel surfacing. This playground area is also fenced in. There is another building as well as trees that provide shade. The "sausage handles" need to be retaped. One step on a rock wall climber is lose and also needs to be tightened. Monthly playground checks are being documented.

During the inspection, children were in the classroom and engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations made available to them. Staff were spaced out and interacting with children. Some children were playing with blocks. Some children were playing with manipulative toys. Some children were doing art projects. Finally, some children were in the dramatic play area pretending to cook. Toys, tables, and other classroom items are being cleaned and sanitized daily. With some prompting from the director, children gave specific answers to this consultant's questions on where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills.

For more challenging child behaviors, teamwork between staff is stressed, but also teamwork with parents. Staff are also taught to know when they might need a short break. Positive guidance and redirection of children is practiced. This was actually observed during the inspection for three little boys who were having a brief argument about sharing. Staff defused the situation calmly and swiftly. Frequent communication with parents is practiced.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

There is a secure entrance into the school building.

Parent/teacher conferences are held two times a year. There is also one home visit a year for children enrolled. Parents are also kept up to date electronically with weekly and monthly updates, newsletters, etc.

The program uses the online apps JMC as well as Trinity.

Files were nicely organized.

Good staff-children interactions were observed.

The director has a lot of experience working in child care and is highly organized.

The program has participated in IQ4K which is a voluntary program based on best practice. They are in the process of reapplying for IQ4K.

The program has their National Lutheran School Accreditation.

The classroom was nicely decorated with children's art work displayed.

Staff work well with each other per the director.

Enrollment remains steady.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.11(4)a: Center must have safe outdoor program area adjacent to the center, with sufficient square footage to

accommodate at least 30 percent of the enrollment capacity at any one time at 75 spear feet per child. Outdoor space must: Be free from litter and unsafe materials and free from contamination by the drainage or ponding of sewage or storm water. Include safe play equipment and an area of shade. Include fencing to protect from bodies of water or vehicular traffic.
1. The "sausage handles" on one climber need to be retaped.
2. One rock climber step is loose and needs to be tightened.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing was last completed 2/22/23 - 2/25/23. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The last boiler inspection expires at the end of 12/2026 and will be reinspected after that date.

All staff have I - Power profiles and training certificates are being uploaded.

The old IQ4K certificate should be taken down.

Date: 10/12/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.