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

Name of Center: St Paul's Lutheran Before & After School Care **Enrollment:** 55 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 46496

Street: 301 1st ST NW **City:** Waverly Iowa **Zip** 50677 **County:** Bremer

Mailing Address: 301 1st ST NW, Waverly, IA, 50677

Director's Name: Katie Idler **Phone Number:** 319-352-1481

On-Site Supervisor(s): Lisa Ciavarelli & Kyleigh Lindner **E-Mail:** school@stpaulswaverly.org katie.idler@stpaulswaverly.org

Date(s) of Visit: 03-11-2025

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

Date Inspected: 03-14-2024

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.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age X 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	20	40	60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2024 to 04-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost **Date:** 03-20-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 03/11/25 I made an unannounced off year licensing visit to St. Paul's Lutheran Before and After School Care Program in Waverly. I met with Katie Idler, the director. Ms. Idler has a BA in music education and music therapy and is a teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School. She has been with the program since August 2018 and became a director of the childcare program in May 2020. She took the 2021-2022 year off as the director but returned the following year. I also met with Shelby Gracer, who is an assistant director of the program. Lisa Ciavarelli and Kyleigh Lindner are the on-site supervisors. Ms. Lindner has her para educator certificate. She has worked at St. Paul's since 01/30/25. She has previous childcare experience. There are two staff members present in the morning and four staff members in the afternoon.

The program operates out of St. Paul's Lutheran School/St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The church and school are connected. The program serves preschool and school-aged children. The program operates Monday through Friday from 7:00-8:15 am and Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3:10-5:30 pm. The program typically only operates on Wednesday during the morning hours because there are church programs in the afternoon. The program only operates during the school year. There are currently 55 children enrolled.

The program operates out of the multi-purpose room in the new addition of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Windows provide natural lighting. The program has use of the gym. The centers observed include arts and crafts, library, dramatic play, games, table toys, Legos/blocks, transportation and puzzles. Materials were in good condition. Materials are in a closet in the multi-purpose room. The staff members get items out for the children. There is a projector in the multi-purpose room that is sometimes used to show children movies.

I visited the program during the morning hours.

The children have use of bathrooms located down the hallway from the multi-purpose room. There is a family restroom that has one toilet and one sink. The girl's bathroom has five toilets and three sinks and the boy's bathroom has three urinals, two toilets and two sinks. Handwashing procedures were posted in all locations. There is a sink in the multi-purpose room and handwashing procedures were posted. There are bathrooms outside of the gym the children use. The boy's bathroom has one toilet, one urinal and one sink. The girl's bathroom has two toilets and two sinks. Handwashing procedures were posted in the girl's bathroom but must be posted in the boy's bathroom.

There was a phone in the program room and emergency phone numbers with the program's address and phone number were posted. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were posted by the program doors in the multi-purpose room and gym. A daily schedule was posted.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. I reviewed documentation of monthly playground inspections. A radon test was completed in March 2024. Results were within EPA guidelines. The annual fuel burning inspection was completed and no concerns were noted. A carbon monoxide detector was present in the multi-purpose room on the east wall. Outlets were protected. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 03/14/24.

The program is not on the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) but follows the guidelines. There is a refrigerator in the storage room in the multi-purpose room. A thermometer was present. An afternoon snack is provided to the children by the program and food items were stored according to NHSPS guidelines. Snack menus were available for review. The children eat in the room. The program is proving pre-packaged snacks.

The program uses bleach to sanitize the food tables prior to snack and proper procedures are being followed. The program uses H2 Orange to sanitize tables after snack.

The program has a parent board inside the multi-purpose room. The mandatory reporter, childcare consultant and the handbook availability were posted. The license was conspicuously hung. A no-smoking sign was posted at the entrance.

The program uses the school's outside play area. Poured-in-place rubber is used for fall surfacing. There is a piece of climbing equipment with slides and other activities. There is a tire swing and traditional swings. There is a teeter totter, monkey bars, a sandbox, art center, a climbing wall and balance beam. There are benches for the children to rest. There are trees for shade and a pergola shade shelter.

Staff members play a movie on a large screen for the children to enjoy when they arrive in the morning. Staff members greeted the children and parents when they arrived. Staff members talked with the children about their night. There was a dress up day the day of my visit and staff members talked to them about their outfits. When the children left for school the staff members wished them a good day. Staff members modeled good manners. They were patient and maintained positive conversation. The children appeared to enjoy their time at the program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Staff members state they enjoy working at the program.

The program employs college students and the children really enjoy spending time with them.

The program has use of the gym and playground.

The storage area for the program is very organized.

Ms. Idler states their space and their association with the school/church are strengths. They are fortunate to have a nice area with a great outdoor space as well as support from the school and church staff. Ms. Idler states they may have to move to a new space next year.

Ms. Idler is a great director. She is aware of the licensing standards and asks questions when she is unsure. She has a great relationship with the workers in the program.

The program is in a secured building and there is a camera in the program room.

The program meets a need for parents who require care before and after school for their children. Having care at the school eliminates the need for transportation.

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

N/A

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is issued for the remainder of the licensing period. All DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

*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.