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

Name of Center: St Paul Lutheran Preschool **Enrollment:** 35 **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: Carrie Radford **Phone Number:** 712-796-1177

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

Date(s) of Visit: 02-27-2024

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

Date Inspected: 08-29-2023

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*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
Summer					0
General			37		37

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
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:** 02-29-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to St Paul Lutheran Preschool on 2-27-2024. The program is located in a separate single story building behind 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. Carrie Radford became the director in February 2024 as the previous director, Linda Eitman retired. Linda will continue to help at the center as needed. There are 35 children enrolled in the center.

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:
The centers two program rooms looked great and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The rooms were combined and the children were having a snack and playing in the activity centers. Staff had wonderful interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
The lesson plans/activities looked great.
Preschool programming is in the mornings and extended care is in the afternoons.

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 August 2023 with test results of 1.5 pCi/L and 2.0 pCi/L.
The fuel burning inspection was done on 8-30-2023.
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 outdoor play area/learning environment offers so many fun things for the children to do. The area has a variety of different textures/surfaces and has shade and a garden. They received a grant for gardening and will be planting a tree. Monthly playground inspections are completed.

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

Administrative records:
The center has all of the required postings. Monthly staff meetings are held. The center has emergency preparedness polices and procedures.
Make sure substitutes have both record checks and the required staff training.
Carrie and a couple staff participate in the Wages/Teach program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Carrie Radford became the new director in February 2024, she is very positive and enthusiastic about the program. She is very organized and is always helpful during my licensing visits.
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, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. Staff have a wealth of knowledge in preschool and child development.
The center participates in the IQ4K program and are a level 3.
The center receives grants for gardening, equipment/supplies.
The center has a new sign and they will be planting a tree.

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.
Off year licensing visit 2-27-2024.

*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.