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# Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

## CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Good Shepherd Christian Preschool

Provider No.: 6912

Address: 501 Elliott St, Stanton, IA, 51573

County: Montgomery

Director's Name: Marcia Lantz

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 11/06/2025

Licensing Period: 10/01/2024 to 10/01/2026

**Fire Inspection:**

Date Inspected: 08/30/2023

Comments:

**Report Visit Type:**

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

**License Type:**

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

**Quality initiative:**

- [ ] Accrediation

**Program Duration:**

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

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**Program Population Served:**

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

| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Aged | Capacity |
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| General | | | 20 | | 20 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**1. Basic Overview**

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Good Shepherd Christian Preschool on 11/6/25. The preschool is under the ownership of the Mamreland Lutheran Church in Stanton, Iowa and the center works in conjunction with the Stanton Elementary School. The preschool moved into the community center called the Viking Center on June 18, 2014. The Viking Center is connected to the school. Marcia Lantz became the director in August 2022. Emily Pierson is the assistant teacher. Marcia has her master's degree in elementary education and completed her early childhood endorsement. Marcia has been teaching for over 40 years. Preschool is offered to four- and five-year old children either morning or afternoon. School is Tuesday through Friday. Morning sessions are from 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM and the afternoon session is from 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM. (No preschool programming on Mondays). The program participates in the voluntary grant program for four-year-olds There are 18 children enrolled. I met with Marcia during my licensing visit.

Observation of room:
The center looks great. It is bright and cheerful and has a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The children's art was displayed on the wall as well as photographs of the children's families. There were eight children and two staff present. The children were having fun playing at stations and participating in art projects. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. Marcia develops excellent lesson plans/activities which are posted. She uses Creative Curriculum. The children have a question of the day. The center provides a weekly newsletter that is sent to parents and posted in the programming room.

Nutrition:
The center provides a snack, but sometimes parents donate the snack. Menus were posted. Proper food storage was observed. Breakfast is offered at the elementary school. A majority of the children are fed at daycare as the Preschool only provides snack.

Health and safety:
The monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. The also do a "get help" drill and active shooter drill. The center does not have diagrams posted but does have directions posted. Please post diagrams in the programming room and by exit doors. Radon testing was done in August 2024 and the test score was 4.2 pCi/L. Marcia reported last year that she would do retesting, but it doesn't appear to have been done. Marcia again said she will do retesting. Refer to your Child Care Policies and Procedures handbook for information regarding radon testing as the rules have been updated. Marcia reported they have all electrical appliances.

Playground:
The center has a fenced playground that is located down the hill from the center. They have a shed for their outdoor toys/equipment. Mulch is used for surfacing. They have scooters, tricycles, and helmets. There is a concrete slab for

basketball. Along the walk to the playground is a Story Walk. A member of the community changes the Story Walk on a monthly basis. Monthly playground inspections are completed. There is also an indoor track and basketball court located inside the Viking Center.

Transportation:
The program doesn't provide daily transportation services. Parents provide transportation and many children receive transportation services to Stanton Child Resource Center.

Administrative records:
Three children's files were read and one did not have a current physical. One child's immunization record was on the wrong form. Marcia and Emily's staff files were read and were in good order. The teachers visit the children's home before the start of the school year.

**2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program**

Good Shepherd Christian Preschool is a wonderful resource for the community. The preschool has provided a quality program for over twenty years and has positively impacted the lives of hundreds of children and families. That is a wonderful accomplishment. The program collaborates with the school to provide the four-year-old grant preschool services. Marcia and Emily are enthusiastic and proud of the center; they are always very helpful during my visits. Marcia is very organized. Marcia's goals are to grow, but not too big. She feels there is a lot of 1:1 time with the smaller groups which allows a variety of hands-on and a lot of ways for the children to learn.

**3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard**

109.9(2)i: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

109.11(8)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

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

**5. Special Notes/Recommendations**

A full license is recommended for Good Shepherd Christian Preschool for 10/1/24 to 10/1/26.

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109.11(8)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted. Radon testing was completed, but the reading was over 4.0 pCi/L. Retesting is needed in order to determine what the next steps are.

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Date: 11/10/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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**.