



Health and
Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: St John's Christian Preschool

Provider No.: 6106

Address: 815 E Division St, Audubon, IA, 50025

County: Audubon

Director's Name: Jennifer Mosinski

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 09/16/2025

Licensing Period: 03/01/2024 to 03/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 03/28/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- ☐ PTO
- ☐ Licensing Visit
- ☒ Drop In
- ☐ Administrative Change

License Type:

- ☒ Full
- ☐ Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- ☐ Accrediation

Program Duration:

- ☐ Year-Round
- ☒ School Year
- ☐ Summer Only



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Program Population Served:

- ☐ Infant(0-<24 Months)
- ☐ Toddler
- ☒ PreSchool
- ☐ School Age
- ☐ All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			31		31
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made to St. John's Christian Preschool on 9/16/25. The preschool is located in the St. John's Lutheran Church basement. The preschool opened in 1978. The program operates under the Church Board of Education. I met with the director, Jennifer Mosinski. She has been employed at the preschool since 2010 and became the director in January 2014. Jennifer has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Secondary Teaching, and Coaching. There are 28 children enrolled in the program. Preschool sessions are held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from 8 AM to 3:15 PM.

Observation of room:

The program space is a nice large spacious area arranged into fun and inviting activity centers. The children were having fun playing and participating in an activity. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The program has a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment that are rotated each month. The preschool uses Creative Curriculum, Second Step curriculum, and Jennifer develops the lesson plans/activities which includes a Bible story theme with a letter. This week they are talking about Adam and Eve. The program offers small group activities and can focus on individual time with the children. Parent teacher conferences are held during the year. Goals and progress are discussed. Jennifer prepares a monthly newsletter for the parents. While half of the children are eating snack, the other half work with Jennifer on developmental things. Then the two groups switch. The preschool had the daily plan, calendar, and lesson plans posted. Jennifer was affectionate with one of the children after she got hurt. Jennifer picked her up, sat her on her lap, and gave her a hug which calmed the child.

Health and safety:

A radon exhaust system was installed in 2007. Radon testing was done in April 2025 and had a test result of 3.6 pCi/L. The preschool practices and documents monthly fire and tornado drills. Jennifer reported an annual fuel burning inspection was completed and she needs to get the receipt with the date. Jennifer provided me with fuel burning inspections from 11/29/24 and 9/16/25, both of which reported everything was in good working order. No children are prescribed medication during the brief period of time they are at preschool although one child has an EpiPen. They follow the action plan and proper medication procedures. The first aid kit was properly stocked. The preschool has a carbon monoxide detector. The preschool has an emergency preparedness plan. Clorox Anywhere is used for sanitizing. The children all washed their hands before they sat down for snack.

Nutrition:

The preschool provides a nutritious snack each day. Menus are posted. Proper food storage was observed. The preschool is not on the federal food program, but they still follow CACFP guidelines.

Playground:



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The preschool has a fenced playground area. They have a shed and a trunk to store equipment, a sand table, tree stumps, and other toys. They don't have equipment that requires surfacing. Monthly playground safety checks are completed. Recently, many of their trees that would shade the playground were removed. There is one tree remaining that provides shade, but it does not provide shade to the playground in the afternoon. The preschool would greatly benefit from a shade tarp or another way to provide shade to the playground area at all times of the day. The Growing Iowa grant would be a good way to provide for this need.

Transportation:

The program doesn't offer transportation services. They take one field trip a year to the pumpkin patch in Denison, IA and a school bus is rented for the trip. Walking field trips are taken and guest speakers visit the program.

Administrative records:

Staff and children's files were read and were in good order. The only thing missing in the children's files is permission for the preschool to secure emergency care. The preschool had the required postings. The preschool has all of the required policies and procedures. Jennifer has an associate teacher.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Jennifer has excellent skills as the director. Jennifer is organized, enthusiastic, and excited about the program. Jennifer and Alysia work well together and they have wonderful interactions with the children. The preschool is an excellent resource for the community. The preschool is IQ4K Level 1. Jennifer identified their strengths as the staff having excellent interaction with the kids and the staff having good communication with the parents. The preschool is full for their 2026-2027 school year. They have a waiting list.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(2)d: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care. The children's files did not have anything that would give the preschool permission to secure emergency care.

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 St. John's Christian Preschool for 3-1-2024 to 3-1-2026.

The Growing Iowa grant would be a good way to provide for the necessary shade needed for the playground area.

Date: 09/23/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff



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