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

Name of Center: St John Lutheran Preschool **Enrollment:** 15 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18187

Street: 416 Main Ave **City:** Clinton Iowa **Zip** 52732 **County:** Clinton

Mailing Address: 416 Main Ave, Clinton, IA, 52732

Director's Name: Cindy Sperry **Phone Number:** 563-242-5588

On-Site Supervisor(s): none **E-Mail:** csperry@stjohn-clinton-ia.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-11-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received **Yes** **No** X **NA** **Date Signed:**

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

Date Inspected: 08-08-2023

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
General			24		24
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2025 to 02-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 09-23-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 9/11/24. The center director and lead preschool teacher, Cindy Sperry, was present along with another staff on the day of the visit. The center director is highly qualified with education and experience. The center's main assistant is also highly qualified having a CDA and has been with the program for a number of years. This center is not for profit and is owned and operated by the St. John Lutheran Church. The center uses designated space in the St. John Lutheran Church including one classroom area, restroom areas, and some space in the church kitchen. There is also a large outdoor play area. This program does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The classroom area is large and very well organized. It is generally clean and very well maintained. The room is bright with large windows, and is abundantly stocked with age appropriate and accessible materials and is decorated in a child-friendly manner, including displaying items made by the children. The room is arranged with centers to support the learning activities including; writing/art, manipulatives/games, computer, sensory table, books, and blocks. The preschool displays books nicely for the children, and books are further organized by topic for easy access by staff. The center also uses the church chapel for "chapel time" with the church pastor. The center occasionally uses the church fellowship hall for indoor large motor activities. The program room includes an adjacent restroom area with one sink and one toilet. Men's and women's restroom areas are used in the hallway area just outside of the preschool room as well. All program space was observed.

The children are required to bring their own lunch from home. The center provides milk for the lunch and reports monitoring the lunches and supplementing to meet CACFP requirements whenever necessary as required.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center director and her assistant continue to be enthusiastic and highly involved with the children in the presentation of a variety of activities. The children appeared engaged in and to be enjoying their preschool experience. The program continues to be highly organized, and materials abundant, are well maintained, and are accessible to the children. Books are displayed nicely for the children and are relevant to the present activity plan/topic/theme. The program room is bright and spacious, and hallway are decorated with the children's projects. The staff continue to work very well together. Activity planning and posted lesson plans are excellent. The center has set up the outdoor play area in the outdoor classroom format adding various activity "centers". Staff and child files and other required licensing documentation continue to be highly organized. Once again, the attention to detail with the organization and operation of this center does not go unnoticed.

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

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have the required annual training hours.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Restroom area in the classroom needs supervision when children are in that area. This was discussed at length with the center director at the visit.

The center will continue with a full license. Please address the violation and the concern noted above in this section of the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

*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.