



St. Paul Lutheran Pre-school

Heidi Lund, director at the St. Paul Lutheran pre-school, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on June 13. This is the 10th anniversary of the pre-school in Treynor. They had 17 students the first year, 68 this year, and have 73 registered for next year with a maximum of 75 for the facility. They have maintained a five star rating the past five years.

Heidi said that there are about 2000 days between a child's birth and the first day of kindergarten. 80% of brain development occurs before age 5. There are 13

million children in non-home care in the United States.

The pre-school has a governing board of seven members. They meet monthly. There is also a Parent Advisory Board to plan the family fall festival, Christmas program, family fun night in the winter, and a spring event. Pastors from Zion and St. Paul in Treynor alternate for chapel time.

This year 40 children from the pre-school are going to Treynor. Two are going to Riverside and two to Lewis Central.

There are 13 staff, including administrative staff. The day-care/pre-school is open 7:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. 29 children stay all day. Morning pre-school is 8:30-11:15. Afternoon is 12:30-3:50. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday they have morning and afternoon classes. Tuesday and Thursday they only have afternoon classes. They have eight different learning centers. The lunch program is connected to the Treynor school.

The school emphasizes letters and numbers in preparation for kindergarten. Parent teacher conferences are held three times a year. They also have volunteers that help with crafts and reading.

The pre-school gets a \$4000 grant each year. This past year they built a 20x20 slab outside and installed new windows.