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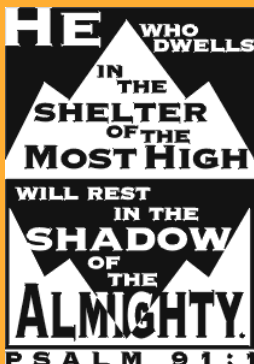
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LCEF investments at work in Polk City supporting Christian child care



Beautiful Beginnings Preschool and Childcare in Polk City has put a little spring in their step! Operations Director Jessica Paulin (*photo*) joined the staff last fall, and Rev. Mark Schwalenberg (*photo*) provides chapel and serves Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. Located northwest of the Des Moines metro area, Polk City has grown by 39% since the year 2000. Projected growth rates are 16% for the next five years, thanks in part to a four-lane corridor connecting this community to Des

Moines. Blessed by the opportunity of many young families moving into their neighborhood, this ministry partnered with LCEF to fund an expansion in 2006. They are now able to offer quality, Lutheran preschool, before- and after- school age care, and all-day child care throughout the year. Beautiful Beginnings promotes their use of age-appropriate curricula written by Concordia Publishing House, including inspirational morning devotions. The center also provides transportation to and from the local grade school which is a wonderful service for working parents. Visit <http://beautifulbeginnings.info/> to learn more.



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the love of God, and
respect for each other."

Beautiful Beginnings Staff

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