

# OPINION



## Lisa's Lines

by Lisa Ingebrand

### RX: Mom Laughter

Sometimes, you just need to laugh. I've been a mom for almost a decade now and have seen my kids do things I never thought possible... like getting mastitis as a newborn, getting stuck in a chair, requiring "super" (fake) teeth because their baby teeth failed to grow in, having the backs of earrings grow INSIDE their earlobes... It's a never-ending list.

I didn't know how little I knew until I became a mom.

And, honestly, after a rough day or two, I start to question myself.

Growing up, my brother and I never broke a bone, never had hoof and mouth disease, never struggled with a super-sensitive nose, and never puked all over the vegetable display at the store.

Those things just didn't happen. And, there's no set protocol for what to do after your child throws up over cases of broccoli and asparagus.

Maybe my brother and I were lame. Maybe my parents parented better.

I don't know, but when a string of random, crazy things occur, I do stop and think, "Is this really my life?"

Recently, I had one of the best, soul-healing conversations of my life. A group of mom friends got together for a casual visit.

Thankfully, we're all past that stressful early stage of parenting during which you try to impress each other with parenting advice, strategies, and clean kids' clothes. Heck, now, if our kids wear underwear on a daily basis, we call it a win.

It's a nice place to be. Reality of the difficulty and the pure craziness of parenting has not only set in, but has plowed us over—repeatedly. We are humble. We are willing to admit our mistakes and misgivings, and laugh about them.

Over glasses of wine, we spill stories of our kids and our parenting whoopsies, not to diminish them, but to lift each other up and share in the wonderful hilarity of it all... and celebrate our survival (and the survival of

our children). Here are a few good laughs (all people involved will remain anonymous):

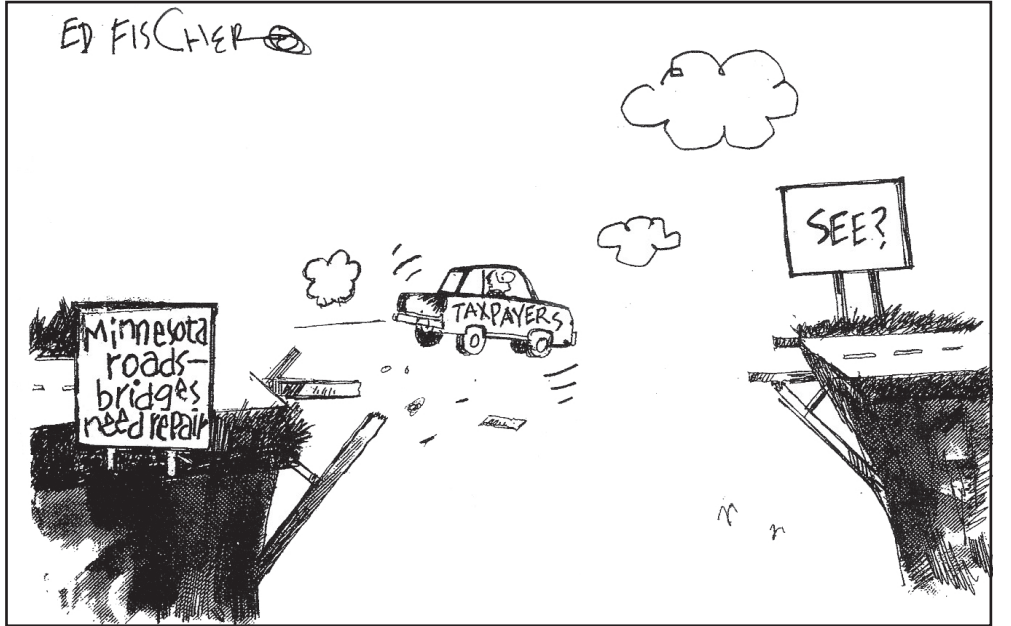
- One mom was enjoying an early spring day in her yard with her two young children. She was pulling weeds from the landscaping while the kids played tag on the swing set. Then, she overheard her young son inform his sister that he was really thirsty and was going to get a drink from the hose. It took a few minutes before the mom processed the fact that the hoses weren't out yet, so she went to look for her son to see what he was doing... and found him drinking out of the sump pump hose!

- Another mom recapped the story of her adventure to the movie theater with her kids. They went in to see "Dumbo" and she came out with a purse full of her three-year-old's vomit (the red-Icee-and-Sour-Patch-Kid kind). Not only that, the theater seats and her mini van interior are now stained a lovely red. And—the gag-worthy part—she had to stick her hands into her "soupy" purse to find her keys!

- Then, there's the kid who was amazed by the laundry chute at his friend's house and thought that his "laundry chute" was just covered up in his room. Turns out, he stuffed his floor vent FULL of dirty and wet laundry (and proceeded to put the vent cover back on because he thought his family had a "fancy" kind of laundry chute.

- Of course, there's the Bean Queen story... A young girl became obsessed with eating beans—brown beans, baked beans, frozen beans, canned bean, refried beans. That's all she wanted to eat for at least a week. Turns out, she had been informed that she'd be getting a tutor for summer, and she was trying to prove she didn't need help TOOTING.

I'm so grateful for my wonderfully imperfect mom friends and their crazy wonderful kids. And, I'm so proud of the fact my kids have never sipped from our sump pump hose! (I'm still laughing about that one, and I'm pathetically proud that it wasn't one of my kids.)



## Area Church Schedule Thurs., April 25 - Wed., May 1, 2019

**WATERVILLE Cannonville Community**  
20092 Tetonka Lake Road  
Bible Believing  
\* Nondenominational \*  
507-384-2181  
• Sun: 8:30 a.m. Church Service; 9:45 a.m. Christian Fellowship.

**Evangelical United Methodist**  
Pastors JJ & Stefanie Morgan  
• Thurs: Bible Study RC Jail.  
• Sat: 11:30 a.m. Worship at SCDC  
• Sun: 8:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study.  
• Wed: 6-7:30 p.m. Acts 29 Ministry K-12 grades.

**First Baptist**  
Pastor Eugene Witte  
• Sat: 9 a.m. Youth Activity.  
• Sun: 8:45 a.m. 1st Worship Service and Sunday School for all ages; 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. 2nd Worship Service & Kingdom Kids.  
• Wed: 6 p.m. Awana Awards Banquet.

**Holy Trinity Catholic**  
Father Michael Ince  
• Sat: 5 p.m. Mass.  
• Sun: 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**N. Waseca Lutheran ELCA**  
Pastor Kristen Anderson  
40430 120th St., Waseca  
507-234-6463  
• Sun: 8:45 a.m. Worship.

**St. Andrew's Episcopal**  
210 W. Lake St.  
507-720-7251 • 362-8256  
Handicap entrance in back  
• Sun: 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer.

**St. Peter (Bell) Lutheran**  
Rev. Russell Grabau  
• Sun: 8:45 Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship.

**Trinity Lutheran LCMS**  
\* Rev. David Mumme  
• Thurs: 1 p.m. Shut In Calls; 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
• Fri: 1 p.m. Shut In Calls.  
• Sun: 7:45 a.m. Divine Service; 9 a.m. SS (No ABC) 10 a.m. Divine Service with the Rite of Confirmation.  
• Tues: 6:15 a.m. Bible Study at Church.

**ELYSIAN Bethlehem Lutheran**  
Rev. Russell Grabau  
• Sun: 8:30 a.m. Worship/HC.

**St. Andrew's Catholic**  
Father Michael Ince  
• Sun: 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**United Methodist**  
Pastor Dean Wolf  
• Sun: 9 a.m. Worship.

**MORRISTOWN Bethlehem Lutheran**  
Pastor Travis J. Loeslie  
• Thurs: 6:30 a.m. Bible Breakfast.  
• Sat: 9 a.m. A.A. Meeting.  
• Sun: 9 a.m. Divine Service Service/HC; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class.  
• Tues: 7 p.m. Sunday School Teachers/VBS Mtg.

**Peace United Methodist**  
Pastor Elden Eklund  
• Sun: 9:30 a.m. Church Service with SS & Fellowship to follow; 11 a.m. Bible Study.

• Wed: 3:30 p.m. Kids at Peace for K-5th Grade; 7 p.m. Confirmation with mentors.

**Trinity Lutheran**  
North Morrystown  
Rev. Juan Palm  
507-685-2307  
Handicap Accessible  
• Sun: 8:30 a.m. Bible Class; 9:30 a.m. Worship; Fellowship (TLS) Voter's Mtg. SS +Confirmation.  
• Wed: 8:40 a.m. Chapel; 7 p.m. Service; 7:45 p.m. Choir.

**KILKENNY St. Canice Catholic**  
• Sun: 9 a.m. Mass.

**St. John's Lutheran**  
Vacancy Pastors  
• Sun: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

**CLEVELAND Church of Christ**  
www.clevelandchurch.net  
507-931-5924  
900 State Hwy 99, Cleveland  
Randy Hardy, Interim Pastor  
• Sun: 10 a.m. Worship Service.

**St. Paul's Lutheran on German Lake ELCA**  
P.O. Box 219,  
Cleveland, MN 56017  
10 mi. W of Waterville or  
10 mi. NW of Elysian  
Pastor Richard Jorgensen  
507-332-8066  
stpaulslutherangermanlake.com  
• Sun: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

## Waterville Police Report

**Monday, April 15:** Compliance Check, Area Business and Residential Check, Suspicious Activity / Person / Vehicle, Report of 2015 Criminal Sexual Conduct - Under Investigation, School Patrol, Informational, Animal Complaint, Security Check, Alarm.

**Tuesday, April 16:** Security Check, Area Business and Residential Check, Informational, Medical, School Patrol, Area Business and Residential Check, Suspicious Activity / Person / Vehicle, Security Check, 911, Warrant.

**Wednesday, April 17:** Citation, Area Business and Residential Check, Verbal Domestic (Boyfriend and Girlfriend), Administrative Detail, School Patrol, Traffic Stop, Security Check.

**Thursday, April 18:** Domestic (Ex-Boyfriend and Girlfriend - Male Arrested, Misdemeanor Assault Charge), Motor Vehicle Accident - Party Advised They May Have Hit Small Animal - No Animals Located, School Patrol, Alarm, Informational, Suspicious Ac-

tivity / Person / Vehicle.

**Friday, April 19:** Fight Reported at Corner Bar - Intoxicated Party - No Charges, Waterville City Ordinance, Suspicious Activity / Person / Vehicle, Security Check, Area Business and Residential Check, Theft - Gas Drive Off at Casey's - Driver Returned and Paid, Security Check, Medical, Child Protection, Area Business and Residential Check, Traffic Stop, Suspicious Activity / Person / Vehicle, Security Check, Security Check.

**Saturday, April 20:** Area Business and Residential Check, Security Check, Assist, Property Damage, Verbal Domestic, Traffic Stop, Security Check, Area Business and Residential Check, Noise Complaint, Security Check, Suspicious Activity / Person / Vehicle, Noise Complaint.

**Sunday, April 21:** Area Business and Residential Check, Security Check, Traffic Stop, Traffic Stop, Security Check, Area Business and Residential Check, Violation of Order for Protection.

## Senior Dining Menu

**Monday, April 29:** Hamburger, Oven Brown Potatoes, Corn, Bun/Margarine, Rhubarb Sauce, Milk.

**Tuesday, April 30:** Taco Salad: Taco Meat, Cheese, Salsa, Shredded Lettuce, Chopped Tomatoes, Sour Cream; Dinner Roll/Margarine, Fresh Fruit, Bar, Milk.

**Wednesday, May 1:** Chicken in Cream Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Bread/Margarine, Cream Puff Dessert, Milk.

**Thursday, May 2:** Pork Loin, Buttered Boiled Potatoes, Carrots w/Dill, Bread/Margarine, Poke Cake, Milk.

**Friday, May 3:** Italian Meat Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Lettuce/Dressing, Green Beans, Garlic Bread/Margarine, Ice Cream, Milk.

## WEM School Menu

**Breakfast and Lunch**  
**Monday, April 29:** Biscuits & Gravy, Chilled Fruit, Carrot Sticks, Milk. Cook's Choice.  
**Tuesday, April 30:** Do-

nuts, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Juice, Milk. Tacos, Soft Shells, Meat, Cheese, Onions, Sour Cream, Lettuce, Corn-Pinto Beans, Apple-sauce, Milk.  
**Wednesday, May 1:** Unavailable  
**Thursday, May 2:** Unavailable  
**Friday, May 3:** Unavailable

## THE BOOK CORNER

The 100th anniversary of Children's Book Week is April 29 - May 5. Celebrate with a few good children's books. These, and hundreds more, are available at the Waterville Library, in the children's section:

- "Wolfie the bunny" by Ame Dyckman.
- "Sally Sore Loser, a Story About Winning and Losing" by Frank J. Sileo.
- "Old Mikamba had a Farm" by Rachel Isadora.
- "McDuff Comes Home" by Rosemary Wells.
- "A Morning with Grandpa" by Sylvia Liu.
- "Vincent Can't Sleep, Van Gogh Paints the Night Sky" by Barb Rosenstock.
- "Is That Wise, Pig?" by Jan Thomas.
- "The Day You Begin" by Jacqueline Woodson.
- "Hungry Bunny" by Claudia Rueda, interactive.
- "This is How We Do It, One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from Around the World" by Matt Lamothe.

These items and many more are available through the Traverse des Sioux Library System at www.tdlib.org and can be picked up at the Waterville Public Library. "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"

## Those Were The Days

### 125 YEARS AGO April 25, 1894

Our ladies fine patent tip button shoes at \$1.50 and \$1.75 we warrant as good as any other \$2.00 or \$2.50 shoes of same style. Large lot just in. H.H. Stowe & Co.

Mr. Rogers recently sold a Short Horn beef cow to Namcheck & Dawald that tipped the scale at 1,640 and dressed a trifle over 900 pounds. Antone says it's the largest cow he's ever killed. Fine chewing, that.

### 100 YEARS AGO April 25, 1919

In some of the northern counties motor trucks are being used to haul gravel for the roads. The cost is shown to be approximately \$1.20 per yard for gravel placed on the road, compared with \$2.00 per yard by the wagon and team method.

G.S. Warburton sold his property on the Ridge Road to Ray Sanasac, who moved there the first of the week. Consideration \$700.

No more "sheepskins" for college graduates. The sup-

ply of sheep pelts is exhausted and the graduates will be handed a cheap substitute.

New Furniture Factory for Waterville - Last week, Mr. R.E. Osborne and Mr. E. H. Brandenburg of Minneapolis, acting as trustees for the new company acquired the old pickle factory and the adjoining piece of Mr. Frank Hruska, both pieces being equal to almost five acres. The property includes excellent trackage facilities besides being well placed for factory purposes. The new company will be known as Waterville Manufacturing Co.

### 75 YEARS AGO April 26, 1944

Lt. John W. Raedeke is reported missing in action according to a message sent to his wife who resides in Morrystown. It was thought he was on a bombing mission over Germany when he failed to return to his base in England. In the last letter received from him on April 11th he stated he had recently been awarded the

Distinguished Flying Cross and two Oak Clusters having completed nineteen missions over enemy territory.

### 50 YEARS AGO April 24, 1969

The Return of the 5 cent Root Beer at Kelley's A & W in Waterville. Sat., April 26 A & W's "Good Old Fashioned" root beer will be served at the good old fashioned price of 5 cents. A cool, frosty mug of the root beer that made A & W famous.

Perry Pope retired from his custodial duties at the Waterville School after 12 years of service.

### 25 YEARS AGO April 21, 1994

Andrea Thrun of Waterville was selected by the Elysian Legion Post 311 Auxiliary to represent WEM Schools at Girls State at Bethel College in St. Paul.

Eric Besser of Waterville received his 1st Degree black belt in Waseca at the American Tae Kwon Do Center. His test consisted of 10 forms, sparring, and multiple board breaking.



This undated photo, believed to have been taken in the 1940s, is titled "Elysian Days." The 19 names on the back of the photo are: Elmer Kuehn, Leo Pfeifer, Mrs. A Falter-sack, Florence Pfeifer, Alfred Faltersack, Harold Kuehn, Bob Slattery, Jim Morgan, Ed Rosenthal, Albert Miller, Mack Miller, Mrs. Bob Slattery, Helen Weber, Irene Morgan, Audry Miller, Mrs. Ed Rosenthal, Gladys, Don Zemick, and Emil Weber. Photo courtesy of the Faltersack Family and Lake Area Historians