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August 2025



Join Grace First Parish for church every
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
Communion is the first Sunday of each month.

Sunday School will start October 5th. Children ages three to 5th grade are welcome!



**Open Monday thru Saturday
at 11:00 a.m.**
**If you would like to order take out,
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My name is Randy Cadwell. I grew up in Russell and my family moved out just after my 5th grade year in 1971. Brenda Johnson(Cadwell) is my cousin. Others might be familiar with my siblings, Jerry, Carolyn and Larry. I'm a video producer with Lakeland PBS in Bemidji, MN. I'm currently working on a documentary about railroad depots and what happens to them when they are no longer needed. My father, Merlyn Cadwell, was the depot agent for many years at the Russell depot before we moved to Clara City, where he took the depot agent position there. In my documentary I'm including the personal angle of how the family grew up with the railroad being a major part of our lives and mostly the depot. I was in Russell on June 24th shooting video of the rails and trestle near the home area. We lived up on Central Avenue just past Hill St. I walked that rail often as a kid. I also shot video of the town and the area around where the depot was.

Thought you might be interested in seeing this documentary when it's released after the first of the year on Lakeland PBS. Since Russell is not in our viewing area, you will be able to see it online at our website, www.lptv.org, under local documentaries.

City of Russell

Campsite fees: \$20/Night with electric

\$15/night for Non-Electric

Fees may be deposited in the white box at the park entrance or taken to the city office and left in the night drop box. Please include the number of nights you stayed and your camper license number.

Thank you!

City of Russell Clerk

Office Hours:

Monday 6:30 am-2:00 pm
Tuesday: 11:00 am-5:30 pm
Wednesday: 6:30 am-2:00 pm
Thursday: 6:30 am-2:00 pm
Friday: 6:30 am-2:00 pm

Hours are subject to change due to appointments.

If you have any questions, please leave a message at 823-4366 for Laurie.

Reminder: It is the City's ordinance to keep your lawn mowed, weeds pulled in your yard and around your house and grass clippings off of the city streets. Please make sure to follow this ordinance to keep our city looking nice as well as not letting your grass clippings plug up any drains on our roads.

Thank you!

Minnesota Memories August 2025.....O.J.T. and more

Last month it was O.B.E. (Overcome By Events), which we hope did not happen to you. This month it is O.J.T. (On the Job Training), which happened to most of us growing up on and around Minnesota farms. What started out as fun "helping" mom in the kitchen or garden or dad on the tractor and in the fields eventually turned out, for me at least, to uncounted hours plowing, cultivating, disking, mowing and baling hay, fixing fence, and feeding and cleaning up after livestock (pigs, sheep, chickens, cattle – take your pick) and milking. By the time we were teenagers we had OJTed our way to competency in all the above described tasks. When farmers wanted help all they needed to do was hire a local teenager (boy or girl)...so the OJT worked well for most all of us – kids and adults. It eased our way into adulthood and we learned some good lessons about working for and with a variety of folks. Help wanted advertisements for jobs away from the farm were often listed as offering OJT. I don't know (have not been job hunting in some-time), but I hope there is still OJT opportunity for our current youngsters. Moving on, as the days begin shortening and with their annual life cycle completed, fireflies are disappearing from our evenings...a little sad to see them go. My sources report that smoke from the Canadian fires have made some days in Minnesota downright unhealthy, don't remember that happening during my youth...anyway, that smoke managed to come as far Pennsylvania and we also experienced a few days of "Air Quality Warning". Of historical note, the media of late has certainly made you aware of WWII ending 80 years ago in August, 1945. On Tuesday, 14 August 1945, Seaman Edward Dale Burckhardt (my father) aboard his ship, the USS Coontz, arrived in Pearl Harbor and anchored at Pier 13. The ship had been to Marseilles, France, where it had picked up soldiers to move them to the Pacific Theater for the planned invasion of Japan. Imagine how relieved those troops must have been to learn that Japan surrendered on 15 August 1945. The planned invasion of Japan had been O.B.E! In closing, be careful out there, and I wonder, can tariffs be put on that Canadian smoke? © Marland J. Burckhardt

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