

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.”

- 1 John 5:13

With rapid access to the Internet, a lack of information isn't our problem. Our problem is sifting through what information is good, what information is bad and determining how best to implement it. How many times have you hopped online to look something up - starting a new diet or exercise program, beginning a major renovation, maybe purchasing a car - only to find a cascade of contrasting information? The first idea may seem like the best idea! At least until someone presents an opposing point of view.

Several years after writing his Gospel, the Apostle John begins to pen his first letter. He's writing to a group of house churches with brand new Christians who are trying their best to follow the teachings of Jesus and his Apostles. The problem is, this movement is only a few decades old and there is a lot of false teaching floating around. For example, “Did Jesus really come in the flesh or was he just a spirit?”, “Are you sure Jesus really died for your sins?”, “Why would you love your enemies when, for hundreds of years, we've been trying to protect the promised land?” These house churches are confused and don't really know what to think.

John is the last remaining Apostle and close to 90-years-old (this makes calling his audience “little children” a lot more sense)! He is writing to combat the beginnings of heresy that threaten to destroy the foundational faith of these small house churches and he has a lot to teach us. You see, this letter isn't so much about condemning those who think and act differently, but rather point to a more excellent way by thinking and acting in the way of Jesus, a man filled with love and light.

John is writing so we might **know** the God of Love.

Since September, much of our preaching has been tied to our value of “Inescapable Mission”. Let's close our ministry year by looking at this letter of love. **Most people aren't going to be debated into the kingdom of God, they're going to be loved into the kingdom of God.** May we be a people who Know the God of Love and represent him well to the world around us.

Pastor Dave Schmidt

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Sunday Services

in-person + online

traditions | 9:15 am

A worshipful blend of traditional and classic Christian music.

renew | 11:15 am

A vibrant and energizing atmosphere with both contemporary and modern Christian music.

starlight | 11:15 am

主日崇拜时间：
(Mandarin Service)

office hours

Monday to Friday | 9am - 5pm

Closed for lunch | 12pm - 1pm

The office is closed for all statutory holidays.

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giving options

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erbc.ca/give**

newsletter

Stay up to date on all things Ellerslie! This weekly email will keep you informed about future events, serving opportunities, family news and updates from our global mission partners.

Contact the office to subscribe at office@erbc.ca or 780.437.5433.

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Church Wide

connecting lunch june 11 | 12:30 pm

Have you been attending Ellerslie for the past several months and want to get more connected? Join us for lunch in the Fireside room following the 11:15am service.

You'll get to meet some of the staff as well as other members of the church, hear about ways to get involved and ask any questions you have about Ellerslie. We look forward to getting to know you!

Please RSVP by texting "Lunch" to 587.912.0002.

Questions? Contact Pastor Joel at jjacobs@erbc.ca.

stellar summer day camp august 14 - 18, 2023

Kids, ages 4 to entering grade 6, are invited to join us on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world! Stellar Summer Day Camp is full of hands-on learning activities, songs and games that are sure to be memorable.

Cost: \$60 per child

For more information or to register visit erbc.ca/daycamp.

Volunteers

Those with children attending Day Camp will receive a 50% discount code to apply to their registration. If you have children younger than 4 years old, childcare will be provided.

Interested in serving at camp? **Contact Pastor Kelsey at kweisberg@erbc.ca.**

Ellerslie Kids

ekids church - sundays | 9:15 + 11:15 am

We are committed to creating a safe, fun, and loving space where kids can learn to know, love, and serve God.

check-in: Classroom doors open 10 minutes before the service.

Visit one of our self check-in stations to check-in your child and print both your child's name tag and pick up tag. Then walk them to their classroom.

parent's room | room 125 (west hallway)

A place where you can be with your little ones who need to stay with you while still enjoying the service via live stream. Located next to the nursery for your convenience.

nursery (west hallway) | ages 6 - 23 months

A place where babies are lovingly cared for as they play and learn about God.

early childhood | ages 2 - kindergarten

Each Sunday is filled with fun songs, exciting story videos, interactive teaching, and tasty snacks that all point to that week's Bible message.

Ages 2/3 | Rooms 126 + 127 (west hallway)

Pre-Kinder/Kinder | Rooms 143 + 144 (south hallway)

elementary | grades 1 - 6 (upstairs)

Each Sunday we inspire students to learn and understand how God can be a part of their lives through engaging music, meaningful Bible teaching, and interactive small groups.

Grades 1/2: Rooms 226 + 227

Grades 3/4: Rooms 228 + 225

Grades 5/6: Room 222

To encourage active Bible learning, elementary students have an opportunity to earn ekids bucks for coming to church, bringing their Bibles, memorizing verses, etc. Following ekids church, they can use their ekids bucks at our ekids store!

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rally 46

may 12 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm

If you're a student in grades 4 to 6, grab a friend and join us for a free evening of fun! There will be an inflatable obstacle course, games, crafts, live music and more! Don't forget to bring a few dollars to enjoy the concession.

To register visit erbc.ca/register.

grade 6 celebration dinner

june 2 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Grade 6 students and their parents are invited to celebrate their graduation from ekids into Ellerslie Youth! Enjoy a delicious meal followed by our Youth Directors sharing what youth ministry is all about. Grade 6 students will stay after dinner for their first Friday Night Youth!

Cost: \$5 per person

To register visit erbc.ca/register.

kinder + parents workshop

june 4 | 9:15 + 11:15 am

Kindergarten students and their parents will experience a taste of "big kids church" as they participate in the elementary chapel time! Afterward, Pastor Kelsey will share what both kids and their parents can expect as they make the transition upstairs.

This workshop will take place in the Kid's Chapel (upstairs) during both Sunday services in lieu of their regular class.



Youth

friday night youth fridays | 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Students in grades 7 to 12 are invited to join in on the fun! There are a variety of activities that range from high energy Nerf Wars to slower paced worship nights. Bring a friend and meet up here at Ellerslie!

We're here every Friday night, rotating between onsite gatherings, small groups and events. Keep up to date on what's happening by following us on Facebook or Instagram.

sunday morning live (SML) fireside room | 9:15 - 10:15 am

Where the rubber meets the road! Let's dive deeper into your questions and what the Bible teaches. There are both junior and senior high groups in which we wrestle through hot topics that are relevant to everyday life. This is a safe environment for you to ask, "what difference does God make in my life?" Afterwards, we'll enjoy a cereal breakfast!

youth ministry contacts

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youth ministry support

You can be a part of shaping the next generation by:

- providing lunch one Sunday a month for Leaders Training
- providing dinner on a Friday evening for Youth Worship Team
- being a host home after Friday Night Youth

To volunteer, please contact Abbey at adyck@erbc.ca.

upcoming events

April 21 - Dragon Slayer

April 28 - Small Groups

May 5 - Junior/Senior High Split

May 12 - Bowling Night **

May 19 - Jello Night

May 26 - Small Groups

June 2 - LPC Takeover

June 9 - Tye Dye Night

June 16 - Final Youth Night

**** Visit erbc.ca/register for this event.**



Young Adults

If you're 18-29 years old, this is the place for you! We meet together regularly to have fun, develop authentic friendships, care for others and grow in faith.

sunday lunch

may 15 + june 11 | 12:30 pm

Let's do lunch! Meet up in the foyer after the second service and together we'll decide on our lunch destination. Each person will pay for their own food.

young adults hangout

may 17 | 7:00 pm

Meet in the Gym for delicious food, fun games, and great people! If you've never been a part of young adults, this is a great place to start. No cost and no need to register. See you there!

ya ministry contacts

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young adults fire

june 7 + 21 | 7:00 pm

Join us in the green space to the east of the Church for a fire and games like bocce and football. Bring along a lawn chair or blanket and we'll provide the snacks and hotdogs for roasting! Should the weather not cooperate, we'll move indoors for some games and a movie.

No cost and no need to register.

upcoming events

May 14 - Sunday Lunch

May 17 - YA Hangout

June 7 - YA Fire

June 11 - Sunday Lunch

June 21 - YA Fire



Adults

mens sports drop-in **april 26 | 7:00 pm**

Get your sweat on and have some fun! Men, you're invited to drop-in for a night of floor hockey in the Gym. Feel free to bring a friend!

cashflo course **wednesdays | 7:00 pm**

Money is often a source of stress and frustration, but did you know it can also be life-giving? If you want to find joy in your finances or simply learn how to better manage them, take part in this 6-week online course starting May 3rd.

Cost: \$50 per household

To register visit erbc.ca/register.

If cost is a barrier, contact Pastor Joel at jjacobs@erbc.ca.

widow to widow **monthly | 1:30 - 3:30 pm**

A safe and informal place where women who are experiencing widowhood can discuss the challenges they face. Join us on the **third Wednesday of each month** in the Fireside Room.

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Widow to Widow | w2w@erbc.ca

women's dessert night **may 11 | 7:00 pm**

A night of uplifting music, delicious desserts and an inspirational message. Please note, childcare will not be available.

Cost: \$5 per person

To register visit erbc.ca/register.

Questions? Contact Renelle at office@erbc.ca.

women's walk + prayer **may 27 | 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Ladies, meet at the Church and together we'll walk the scenic Blackmud Creek Trail together. Afterward, we'll enjoy each other's company over refreshments and prayer.

For more information contact Renelle at office@erbc.ca.

Worship Arts

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Ellerslie Worship Arts is a kingdom-focused collective of talented musicians and production team members that desire to lead others in worshipping Jesus. We are always looking for gifted people who love Jesus and are passionate about worshipping through music and technology.

worship team

If you would like to be a part of the worship band on Sunday mornings, we are always looking for new team members. We hold auditions for both vocalists and instrumentalists.

To join our Renew service, contact Pastor Kolten at kzenner@erbc.ca.

To join our Traditions service, contact Pastor Rick at rfoster@erbc.ca.

production team

Whether you're interested in video, audio, photography, media or slide control we have a position for you! Whatever your skill level may be, we invite you to be a part of this dynamic team.

For more information contact Nathan at nbudge@erbc.ca.

ellerslie worship playlists

Interested in what kind of music we play at Ellerslie? Search "Ellerslie Worship" on Youtube, Apple Music, or Spotify.

Each platform has a playlist of songs we sing regularly on a Sunday morning, along with new songs that will be introduced in future!



Prime Time

This is a community for ages 55+ who are in the prime of their life! Here you'll find a place where you can believe and belong.

coffee hour
thursdays | 2:00 - 3:30 pm

On the **fourth Thursday of each month**, enjoy an informal time of coffee and conversation with your fellow Prime Timers in the Fireside Room.

Coffee and tea are provided. If you'd like something else to drink or a snack, feel free to bring it along with you.

hymn sing
april 23 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Once a month, Edmonton area churches join together in singing some of our favourite hymns! Be sure to stay afterwards to enjoy refreshments - please bring something to share.

Location:
Zion Community Baptist Church
(9802 76 Ave NW)

Visit erbc.ca/seniors for future event locations.

prime time ministry contacts

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spring banquet
may 10 | 6:00 pm

You are invited to enjoy a catered dinner followed by a program of special music from Ellerslie's very own talented musicians!

Dinner: \$25 per person

To register visit erbc.ca/register.

Tickets are also available in the foyer on Sundays or through the office during regular business hours.

upcoming events

April 23 - Hymn Sing
April 27 - Coffee Hour
May 10 - Spring Banquet
May 25 - Coffee Hour
May 28 - Hymn Sing (Ellerslie)
June 22 - Coffee Hour

global mission partners

Our Global Mission Partners work across cultural and demographic boundaries to give people the opportunity to discover new life in Jesus and to embrace the reason for their hope in Him. The Global Missions Team helps support this world-wide, cross-cultural work. **Please join us in prayer by visiting erbc.ca/missionsprayer.**

good friday offering

Ellerslie Church has the opportunity to serve the world this Easter season by supporting two Mission Partners. Our Good Friday offering will begin on April 7th and run through the end of the month, split evenly between the ESL and Freedom Pakistan projects.

To donate please visit erbc.ca/easter.

millwoods friendship centre

Edmonton is home to many new Canadians of which English is a second language for every 1 in 3 people. Ellerslie members, Paul and Rose Chugg, offer free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to new Canadians.

These classes are often a first step in learning about life in Canada and about new life in Christ. Donations will go toward providing fresh curriculum and learning technology for this ministry.

partners international

Pakistan is a Muslim-majority country in which Christian converts are often marginalized by the rest of society, facing a lifetime of poverty.

The Freedom Pakistan Project seeks to provide brick kilns to help improve the lives of Christians. The project includes kilns and bi-vocational missionaries who share the good news of Jesus Christ. As a church, we hope to sponsor at least one kiln at \$6,000.

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