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# Ministry Catalogue



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CARE

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**ROB REIMER**

God is far less concerned with our behaviour than we think He is. He is much more concerned with our hearts than we'll ever know.

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# from the pastor

The idea of personal care is not a new concept. We're told to eat healthy and exercise as soon as we're tall enough to reach the cookie jar. For me, when I let this slip for a while and indulge in too many sweets, my belt loops are the first to let me know, followed by my shirts. But it doesn't stop there. There are serious health consequences to ignoring our physical health over the long term.

But how about our souls? Do our souls require the same level of care as our bodies? And if we don't care for them, are there serious consequences? The answer is a resounding "yes" to both! Our souls need as much care as our bodies. When we neglect them, they become unhealthy, and we suffer the effects. Our sinful nature becomes more prominent, leading to higher levels of unhealthy anger, anxiety, and failure to love others well.

The reality is soul care is something we desperately need in our lives, yet is often overlooked. As we go through our daily routines, our souls get battered and bruised. We sin and have to carry it like heavy baggage, we're made to feel unworthy by someone's words or actions, and we often experience the pain of loss or failure. All of these things weigh us down, and our souls pay the price.

If we want to live the fulfilling life that Jesus died to provide for us, filled with love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, as well as authentic deep-rooted joy, we have to prioritize caring for our souls.

Join us for this sermon series on Soul Care, based on the book by Rob Reimer. We'll delve into how to care for our souls so that we can experience more of the Kingdom of God and the fruit that comes with living a life in Christ!

**Joel Jacobs | Senior Associate Pastor**

## office hours

**Monday to Friday | 9 am - 5 pm**  
**Closed for Lunch | 12 pm - 1 pm**

The office is closed for all statutory holidays.

## church info



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[ellerslie.church](http://ellerslie.church)

## giving options

Thank you for your faithful giving! Donation receipts are issued annually in February. There are several convenient ways for you to give:



debit



cheque



pre-authorized  
giving



online at  
[erbc.ca/give](http://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.

To subscribe visit [erbc.ca/newsletter](http://erbc.ca/newsletter).

## stay connected

There are so many ways to stay connected! Like, follow, subscribe and share.



[ellerslie road baptist church](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



[ellerslie.online.church](http://ellerslie.online.church)



[ellersliechurchyeg](https://www.facebook.com/ellersliechurchyeg)



[ellersliechurchyeg](https://www.instagram.com/ellersliechurchyeg)

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# Sunday Services

**in-person + online | 9:15 + 11:15 am**

**Join us on Sunday mornings at one of our identical services!**

You can expect welcoming smiles, uplifting live music, and empowering, Bible-centred teaching that will challenge and encourage you, wherever you are in your faith journey.

**Unable to attend in-person?** Join the live stream online at [ellerslie.online.church](https://www.ellerslie.online.church).

# Churchwide

## thanksgiving offering

Every Thanksgiving, Ellerslie receives a special offering. This year, funds will be raised for The House of Omeed, which gives hope and support to refugees and newcomers to Canada. **To learn more visit [houseofomeed.ca](http://houseofomeed.ca).**

Funds will be distributed evenly between their ministry in Port Moody, B.C. (that provides practical supports like food distribution, ESL classes, and kids programs) and their mission efforts in the Middle East.

**To donate visit [erbc.ca/thanksgiving](http://erbc.ca/thanksgiving).**

**Donations will be received until October 31st.**

## town hall | auditorium november 3 | 6:30 pm

The Governance Committee invites all Ellerslie members and interested individuals to learn about our proposed reformatting of the bylaws. The intent is not to change any provisions in the bylaws; rather, we will present a new format with consistent language and terminology resulting from our collaboration with a consultant and other church leaders.

**Questions? Contact Glenn at [gpeters@erbc.ca](mailto:gpeters@erbc.ca).**

**membership class | online**  
**november 27 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

Membership is for those who call Ellerslie their church home. If you attend regularly, are serving within the church, and have a desire to be a part of what God is doing at Ellerslie, then we invite you to apply for membership!

To register visit [erbc.ca/register](https://erbc.ca/register).

This class will be held online via Zoom. Watch your inbox for an email with the link.

Questions? Contact Russ at [rmcdermott@erbc.ca](mailto:rmcdermott@erbc.ca).

**baptism class | online**  
**november 27 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

Followers of Jesus are called to be baptized as an outward declaration of their inward reality. Whether you're ready to take this next step in your faith journey or just want to learn more, this class is for you!

To register visit [erbc.ca/register](https://erbc.ca/register).

This class will be held online via Zoom. Watch your inbox for an email with the link.

Questions? Contact Pastor Joel at [jjacobs@erbc.ca](mailto:jjacobs@erbc.ca).

**christmas decorating**  
**november 25 - 29**

**It's almost time to get Ellerslie ready for Christmas!** The Design Team will be decorating the foyer and Fireside Room and we'd love your help turning the church into a Christmas Wonderland! **Learn more and sign up at [erbc.ca/register](https://erbc.ca/register).**

Questions? Contact Jenna at [jschmidt@erbc.ca](mailto:jschmidt@erbc.ca).

# Ellerslie Kids

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

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

## check-in

Visit one of our easy self check-in stations at ekids central in the foyer to print both your child's name tag and their pick up tag. Then drop them off at their classroom, which opens 10 minutes before the service.

## parents room | room 125 (west hallway)

A place you can be with your infant while still enjoying the service via live stream.

## early childhood | 6 months - kinder (main floor)

Our classes are packed with fun songs, exciting story videos, interactive teaching and purpose-filled play, all centred around the weekly Bible message.

### west hallway

ages 6 - 23 months | nursery

age 2 | room 126

age 3 | room 127

### south hallway

pre-kinder | room 143

kinder | room 145

## elementary + preteen | grades 1-6 (second floor)

Our aim is to inspire students to discover how God can be a part of their everyday lives through engaging music, meaningful Bible teaching, and interactive small groups.

grade 1 | room 227

grade 2 | room 228

grade 3 | room 229

grade 4 | room 230

grade 5 | room 225

grade 6 | room 225

To encourage active Bible learning, elementary students can earn **ekids bucks** for completing various tasks. These can be used at our ekids store to buy treats and more!

To learn more about ekids visit [erbc.ca/kids](http://erbc.ca/kids).



## ekids ministry contacts

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### parents + tots

tuesdays | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

This weekly drop-in playgroup is a great opportunity for parents with young kids to get out and have some fun! Children can enjoy free-play with new friends while parents have coffee and conversation.

Questions? Contact [Lisa](#).

### mother + son minecraft party

november 2 | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

This is a chance for elementary aged boys and their moms (or a special lady in their life) to enjoy a fun morning together!

We'll start with a pancake breakfast then play a life-sized game of Minecraft throughout the church building. Get ready to move!

**Cost: \$5 per person**  
(max of \$15 per family)

To register visit [erbc.ca/register](http://erbc.ca/register).

Questions? Contact [Pastor Kelsey](#).

### parent + child dedication

#### Interested in dedicating your child(ren)?

Learn why Ellerslie believes in child dedications, what to expect in your child's faith development, and what it means to be your child's primary spiritual teacher.

The next dedication ceremony is planned for Sunday, November 17th.

To learn more contact [Pastor Kelsey](#).

### christmas wonderland

december 8 | 5:30 - 8:00 pm

**Save the date for our annual family Christmas event!** There will be crafts, carnival games, live entertainment, and so much more.

Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbours (who don't have a church home) to join you for this joy-filled evening!

Learn more at [erbc.ca/wonderland](http://erbc.ca/wonderland).



# Youth

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

Get ready to dive deeper into your questions, what the Bible teaches, and why it matters. Right now, we're in the book of Hebrews.

Whether you're in Junior or Senior High, this is a space where you can talk through things that matter to YOU. Afterwards, we'll enjoy a cereal breakfast together before we

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

**Students in grades 7 to 12** can join in on the fun every Friday night! There's a variety of activities ranging from high energy Nerf Wars to slower paced worship nights. Bring a friend and meet up here at Ellerslie!

Keep up to date on what's happening by following us on Facebook and Instagram.

## youth ministry contacts

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## upcoming events

### Series | Bible Characters

October 25 - Small Groups

November 1 - Make A Movie (Part 1)

### Series | Relationships

November 8 - Make A Movie (Part 2)

November 15 - LEG Day

November 22 - Birthday Party

November 29 - Small Groups

**\*\*No cost or registration needed**



# Young Adults

## ya ministry contacts

General | [ya@erbc.ca](mailto:ya@erbc.ca)

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If you're 18-29 years old, this is the place for you! We meet regularly to have fun, develop authentic friendships, and grow in faith. Join the YA e-newsletter to stay up to date! Visit [erbc.ca/yaupdates](http://erbc.ca/yaupdates).

### coffee house

wednesdays | 8:15 - 9:30 pm

Join us at Ellerslie's Coffee Bar to catch up over great coffee following Family Discipleship Night. You'll find us there every Wednesday night until November 20th.

### sunday lunch

november 10 | 12:30 pm

Let's do lunch! Following the 11:15 am service, we'll meet at Ellerslie's Coffee Bar and then grab a bite to eat together at a nearby restaurant. Each person will be responsible for the cost of their own food.

Our lunch location will be announced closer to the date. Be sure to include your suggestions when you register!

To RSVP visit [erbc.ca/register](http://erbc.ca/register).

### fall fiesta

october 31 | 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Celebrate the end of autumn with a fiesta! Enjoy a movie night at the church complete with goodies, games, and a nacho bar. Mmm...nachos.

Bring a bag of wrapped Halloween treats to share, and we'll all go home with a nostalgic sugar rush!

To RSVP visit [erbc.ca/register](http://erbc.ca/register).



# Adults

## small groups + triads

At Ellerslie, we are dedicated to helping you grow in your faith and engage in meaningful community!

**Small groups** are diverse in size, focus, and stage of life. They typically consist of 6-12 people and meet weekly.

**Triads** are for deeper study, authentic sharing, and growth in groups of 3-5 people of the same gender.

To learn more contact [Pastor Joel](#).

## widow to widow november 21 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm

This group welcomes women of all ages who have lost their husbands, whether recently or in the past. Here, you'll find friendship, hope, and the comforting embrace of God's love.

Join us on the **third Thursday of each month** in the Fireside Room.

Questions? Contact Dary at [w2w@erbc.ca](mailto:w2w@erbc.ca).



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## kare kits

oct 20 + nov 17 | 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Join our team as we assemble Kare Kits for individuals experiencing homelessness in our city.

**Following the 11:15 am service, meet in Room 142.** We'll prepare the Kare Kits then carpool downtown together to distribute them and share God's love with those in need.

Sign up to serve at [erbc.ca/karekits](http://erbc.ca/karekits).

Questions? Contact Renae at [karekits@erbc.ca](mailto:karekits@erbc.ca).

## ellerslie women november 5 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Ladies**, join us for an evening of honouring teachers! Enjoy apple-themed snacks while we hear from two educators. Afterwards, we'll create encouragements to distribute to teachers.

To register visit [erbc.ca/register](http://erbc.ca/register).

Questions? Contact [Renelle](#).



# Prime Time

## prime time ministry contacts

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**A community for ages 55+** who are in the prime of life! Here you'll find a place where you can believe and belong. Join the Prime Time e-newsletter to stay up to date.

Visit [erbc.ca/ptupdates](http://erbc.ca/ptupdates).

### coffee hour

oct 24 + nov 28 | 2:00 - 3:30 pm

A monthly time to connect with your fellow Prime Timers over coffee, tea, and conversation! Snacks are welcome.

Join us on the **fourth Thursday of each month** in the Fireside Room.

### hymn sing

Every month, churches in Edmonton come together to sing their favourite hymns and gospel songs. Afterwards, there will be refreshments so please bring something to share. All ages are welcome!

**Oct 27 | 6:00 - 8:30 pm**

Ellerslie Road Baptist Church

**Nov 24 | 3:00 - 5:30 pm**

Steele Heights Baptist Church

5812-149 Ave NW

### prime time dinner

november 12 | 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Enjoy a delicious meal and listen to our special guest speaker, Brian Myrholm, who serves with both Africa Inland Mission and BGC Canada.

**Cost: \$15 per person**

To register visit [erbc.ca/register](http://erbc.ca/register).

\*\*Tickets are also available in the foyer on Sundays or through the church office.\*\*

# Worship Arts

## worship arts contacts

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Ellerslie Worship Arts is a kingdom-focused collective of talented musicians, vocalists, and production 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'd love to hear from you! Auditions are held for both vocalists and musicians.

To join the worship team, contact [Ji Ho](#).

### production + media teams

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

To join our production or media teams, contact [Pastor Nathan](#).



# Meet Mike

I was raised in a blended family with six siblings, including myself, and came to faith when I was 6 years old. During my student years, I discovered a strong desire to follow God and encountered Him in ways that set the trajectory for my life. I had a passion for sports and music, however, my plans to pursue a soccer scholarship changed when I felt God leading me to music.



In my early teenage years, I started taking music lessons for drums, guitar, bass, voice, and piano and began leading worship at the age of 15. I was actively involved at my home church, City Life in Chilliwack BC, for about 20 years where I led worship, played as a musician, and was part of teams that frequently travelled for missions and worship ministry.

I began my studies at Portland Bible College in 2009 and received my Bachelor's degree as a Worship Pastor while continuing to grow my skills as a musician and vocalist. I also worked as a High School Worship Teacher at City Christian School. During this period, I felt a reaffirmation of my calling to ministry and worship. I wrote and recorded 12 songs, one of which won a Christian songwriting contest that was featured on Christian radio.

In 2014, I returned home to Chilliwack to help with a church plant in Vancouver, BC where I took on the role of the Worship Director. In pursuit of deepening my relationship with God, I relocated to California in 2017, where I attended Bethel Church. During my time there, I enrolled in their ministry school, which provided me with the opportunity to travel around the world on ministry trips. In 2020, I was ordained as a Pastor and offered a staff position at the church's ministry school. Additionally, I interned in their audio/visual production department and was a regular member of their worship teams.

In December 2023, I returned home to BC to await God's direction. This past summer, He opened a door through which I was introduced to Ellerslie. I couldn't have imagined where God's plans would take my life and I'm thankful for this new season. I feel blessed to call Ellerslie home alongside all of you!

# Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child delivers joy and the Good News of Jesus to children in need all around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love. For many, it is their first gift ever! Shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.

## pack a shoebox

Shoeboxes will be available for pick up in the foyer. To get started, grab a label and decide on whether you want to pack for a boy or a girl and in which age category. Then, fill it with gifts - you can include a personal note and photo to make it extra special! To find gift ideas or pack a shoebox online instead visit [erbc.ca/shoebox](http://erbc.ca/shoebox).

Please remember to include a \$12 donation per box to cover shipping costs.

## shoebox drop off

Return completed shoeboxes to Ellerslie on the following dates. The last day to drop off shoeboxes is November 24th.

**November 22** | 1:00 - 8:00 pm

**November 24** | sunday services or 1:00 - 6:00 pm

## volunteer

Ellerslie Church is a Regional Collection Facility in the Edmonton area and will be receiving large amounts of shoeboxes during the above drop off dates. Volunteers are needed to accept, package, and load shoeboxes on these days.

During Sunday services, volunteers are also needed to hand out shoeboxes and answer people's questions in the foyer.

To get involved contact Tim at [occ@erbc.ca](mailto:occ@erbc.ca).





# Get Involved

Ellerslie Church is a place where people can know, love, and serve Jesus. Whether you've been attending for weeks or years, you can be a part of kingdom growth right here! There are multiple areas you can get involved in that range from one-time opportunities to weekly positions, all at various skill levels.

Do you have gift or ability you'd like to use that's not mentioned here? Let us know so we can find the right fit for you! **Contact Michelle at [serve@erbc.ca](mailto:serve@erbc.ca).**

## facilities

### Flexible

- Event Set-Up + Take-Down
- Meal Train Team (providing meals for those needing comfort or support)
- Facilities Team
  - Skilled Trade Workers (ie: electrical, plumbing, etc.)
- Finance Team + Audit Committee
  - CPA's and Financial Professionals
- Safety Committee
  - OHS Professionals

To get involved or learn more contact Russ at [facilities@erbc.ca](mailto:facilities@erbc.ca).

## adult ministries

### Sunday Mornings

- First Impressions Team
- Communion Prep Team | once per month
- Coffee Bar (ie: baristas, servers, etc.)
- Post-Service Prayer Team
- Parking + Security
- Kare Kits | once per month

### Weekdays

- Small Group Leader or Apprentice
- Kitchen Team (ie: organizing, cleaning, restocking, etc.)
- LMO Childcare | Thursday mornings (paid)
- Family Discipleship Night - Serve Team | Wednesday evenings

To get involved or learn more contact Michelle at [serve@erbc.ca](mailto:serve@erbc.ca).

**ekids**

**Weekdays/Flexible**

- Craft Prep Team | once per week
- Seasonal Cleaning Crew | once per season
- KIDLead Assistant | Wednesday evenings (ie: mentoring and creative arts - puppets, drama, dancing, etc.)
- Family Discipleship Night - Kids Programs | Wednesday evenings

**Sunday Mornings**

- Check-in Team
- Nursery Coach/Assistant
- Early Childhood Coach/Assistant
- Elementary Coach/Assistant
- Preteen Coach/Assistant
- Sensory Room Leader (caring for special needs kids)

To get involved or learn more contact Pastor Kelsey at [ekids@erbc.ca](mailto:ekids@erbc.ca).

**youth**

**Friday Nights**

- Youth Leader
- Youth Worship Team (ie: musicians, vocalists, audio + lighting technicians, etc.)

**Flexible**

- Providing Meals for Youth Leader Team (once per semester for 20-30 people)
- Youth Utility Team (ie: security, prayer, driving, etc. for special events)
- Cereal Donations for Sunday Morning Live

To get involved or learn more contact Pastor Conrad at [youth@erbc.ca](mailto:youth@erbc.ca).

**worship arts**

**Worship Team**

- Musicians
- Vocalists

**Production Team**

- Audio + Lighting Technicians
- Camera Operators
- Photographers
- Media Operators

To get involved or learn more about our worship team contact Ji Ho at [worship@erbc.ca](mailto:worship@erbc.ca).  
For production contact Pastor Nathan at [production@erbc.ca](mailto:production@erbc.ca).

# Staff Team

## lead team

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