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Ministry Catalogue



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ACTS 2:38-39

And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.

”

from the pastor

Throughout my entire adult life, I have been fascinated by understanding the context of a situation. When studying history, I often wonder what led to disagreements or wars – what circumstances caused tempers to boil over? While watching a fun superhero movie, I wonder about the origin story that enabled the character to gain their powers. I love the NFL and enjoy watching the games, but I'm also interested in the storylines and broader picture as we approach the playoffs. The Scriptures are no different and require an understanding of context.

You don't need to attend Ellerslie for very long to notice my sermons regularly include the context of the situation. For example, during *Simply Christmas* I spoke on Isaiah's prophecy about the birth of Jesus and how it didn't occur in a vacuum - it took place against the backdrop of exile and captivity for the Israelites. In both of our fall sermon series' we explored several significant topics, including money, speech, identity, and forgiveness. The overarching context for all these sermons is the healing of our hearts.

As we begin the new year and explore the opening chapters of the book of Acts, we get to go behind the scenes and see how the church was established. For three years, the disciples followed Jesus, relying on him as a safety net. But as he ascends into heaven, what are his followers supposed to do next? How do they teach? How do they live in community? How do they differentiate themselves from their Jewish brothers and sisters? How do they engage with Gentiles (anyone who isn't a Jew)?

In the coming weeks, we will witness the extraordinary power of the Holy Spirit, the boldness of Peter and John, and remarkable miracles. We will read dynamic speeches and listen to challenging conversations. Through these sermons, we will be invited to discover the rich context of Acts and how the early church began.



Dave Schmidt | Lead Pastor

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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

connecting lunch
january 26 | 12:30 pm

New to Ellerslie? Join us for lunch following the 11:15 am service.

Learn more about Ellerslie and how you can get connected while meeting our staff team and others like you! Have kids? There will be activities especially for them.

To register text LUNCH to 587-912-0002.

Questions? Contact Michelle at mjacobs@erbc.ca.

congregational meeting
february 2 | 7:00 pm
refreshments | 6:30 pm

If you call Ellerslie your church home, we invite you to attend. Ellerslie's Board will share insights on the budget, governance, and strategic vision of the church followed by uplifting ministry updates from our staff. Find answers to common questions and hear how we're making a difference together!

To learn more, access the live stream, or view the meeting package visit erbc.ca/meetings.

Questions? Contact Russ at rmcdermott@erbc.ca.

coldest night of the year
february 23 | 4:00 - 7:30 pm

All ages are invited to take part in this fundraiser supporting [Adeara](#), a local faith-based long-term addiction recovery program for women! Together we'll walk the beautiful Blackmud Creek trails followed by a light supper.

To learn more or register visit erbc.ca/register.

To donate visit erbc.ca/cnoy.

Questions? Contact Kim at kslack@erbc.ca.

membership class | online
march 26 | 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! **Learn more at erbc.ca/membership.**

To register visit erbc.ca/register.

Questions? Contact Russ at rmcdermott@erbc.ca.

baptism class | online
march 26 | 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! **Learn more at erbc.ca/baptism.**

To register visit erbc.ca/register.

Questions? Contact Pastor Joel at jjacobs@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.

parents + tots
tuesdays | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

This weekly playgroup is an opportunity for parents with young kids to get out and have some fun! Little ones will enjoy free-play with new friends while parents have coffee and conversation.

Questions? Contact [Lisa](#).

ekids team | lunch + learn
january 19 | 12:45 - 2:00 pm

If you're part of the ekids serve team, come and enjoy lunch followed by a breakout session of your choice!

To learn more and register visit erbc.ca/register.

Questions? Contact [Pastor Kelsey](#).

parent + child dedication

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 February.

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

 [/groups/ellerslieparentsandtots](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ellerslieparentsandtots)

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preteen games night
january 31 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Grade 5 + 6 students will enjoy this free event with minute-to-win-it games, cupcake decorating, and more!

To register visit erbc.ca/register.

Questions? Contact [Pastor Kelsey](#).

father + daughter minecraft party
march 15 | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

This is a chance for elementary aged girls and their dads (or other adult male) to enjoy a fun morning together.

We'll start with a pancake breakfast then play a live action version of Minecraft. Get ready to move!

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

Registration opens in February.
To register visit erbc.ca/register.

Questions? Contact [Pastor Kelsey](#).

 [/groups/ellersliekidsandparents](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ellersliekidsandparents)

Youth

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

Starting January 12th, get ready to dive deeper into your questions, what the Bible teaches, and why it matters. We'll kickoff the new year with **Everyday Faith**.

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 head into the 11:15 am service.

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

Starting January 10th, 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.

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upcoming events

Series | Galatians

January 10 - Winter Kickoff
January 17 - Infomercial Night
January 24 - Gender Split Night
January 31 - Small Groups
February 7 - Music Mayhem
February 14 - Bread Night
February 21 - Missing Persons **
February 28 - Small Groups
March 7 - Dragon Slayer
March 14 - Youth x PT Night
March 21 - Twin Night
March 28 - Small Groups

** Visit erbc.ca/register for this event



Young Adults

ya ministry contacts

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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.

sunday lunch monthly | 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Starting January 5th, on the first Sunday of each month, meet at Ellerslie's Coffee Bar following the 11:15 am service. Together we'll grab a bite to eat at a nearby restaurant.

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

To learn more and RSVP visit erbc.ca/register.

coffee house wednesdays | 8:15 - 9:30 pm

Starting January 29th, 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 March 19th.

monthly events

Enjoy a fun night out with friends every month!

January 22 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Meet at [Millwoods Park](#) for an evening of sledding followed by hot chocolate!

February 18 | 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Enjoy an evening of board games and snacks in Room 225 (upstairs).

March 25 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm

We're going glow bowling at [Gateway Entertainment Centre!](#)

Cost: \$16 per person
(includes shoe rental)

To register visit erbc.ca/register.



Adults

widow to widow | luncheon
january 16 | 12:30 - 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 at 1:30 pm.

Questions? Contact Dary at
w2w@erbc.ca.

kare kits
january 26 | 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Ages 18+ can 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.

Sign up to serve at erbc.ca/karekits.

Questions? Contact Renae at
karekits@erbc.ca.



ladies morning out (LMO)
thursdays | 9:00 - 11:00 am

Ladies, connect with other women while growing in your relationship with God, wherever you are in your spiritual journey! Starts January 23rd and ends April 10th.

Together we'll work through a video study called *7 Feasts* by Erin Davis, then transition into smaller groups for discussion and prayer. **To learn more visit erbc.ca/lmo.**

Kids Morning Out

Children (ages 9 months to Kindergarten) will enjoy their own fun at KMO!

Cost

\$50 per person (includes book)
\$15 per child

registration + refreshments
january 16 | 9:30 - 10:30 am

Enjoy refreshments in the Fireside Room while you register. Use your smartphone or let us assist you!

You can also register online wherever you are! Registration goes live on **January 16th at 9:30 am.**

To register visit erbc.ca/register.

Questions? Contact Melissa at
lmo@erbc.ca.



impactus men's conference
march 15 | 8:45 am - 4:30 pm

Men, get ready for this one-day event designed to help you grow in your faith! You'll enjoy engaging speakers, practical breakout sessions, and powerful worship.

Learn more at erbc.ca/impactus.

To access the discounted group rate, please register at erbc.ca/register.

Questions? Contact AI at men@erbc.ca.

ellerslie women

Ladies, join us as we uplift one another, develop meaningful friendships, and spend time together in God's presence.

Learn more at erbc.ca/women.

Girls Night In

January 18 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Enjoy an evening of group games and cozy conversation over coffee.

Prayer + Share

February 25 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Further details to come.

Worship Night

March 18 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Further details to come.

adult ministry contacts

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family discipleship night

january 29 - march 19

An intentional evening of community and faith development for everyone at Ellerslie!

This church wide weekly gathering happens on Wednesday evenings, beginning with an optional meal and followed by programming options for every life stage and interest.

5:30 - 6:45 pm | Dinner (arrive anytime)

6:45 - 8:15 pm | Kids Programs

7:00 - 8:15 pm | Youth + Adult Programs

Dinner (optional)

\$6 per person

\$18 per family

Pay for dinner when you arrive or for the full term in advance at erbc.ca/register.

To view the upcoming studies visit erbc.ca/discipleshipnight.

Registration opens on January 12th.

To register visit erbc.ca/register.

Questions? Contact [Michelle](#).

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.

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

A 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

Each 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!

Jan 26 | 3:00 - 5:30 pm
Greenfield Community Church

Feb 23 | 3:00 - 5:30 pm
Steele Heights Baptist Church

Mar 23 | 6:00 - 8:30 pm
Central Baptist Church
9419 95 St NW (Connors Hill)

pizza + movie night february 11 | 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Come enjoy a pizza dinner followed by a movie! Stay tuned for what movie we'll be watching.

Cost: \$15 per person

Registration opens February 2nd.
To register visit erbc.ca/register.

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

pt + youth dessert night march 14 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Prime Time will join with Ellerslie Youth for a dessert-filled evening of fun!

Cost: \$5 per adult

To register visit 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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Nathan Budge | nbudge@erbc.ca

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 [Mike](#).

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](#).

worship night

march 1 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Join us for an evening of music, prayer, and community at Ellerslie! Together, we'll lift our voices and experience the presence of God.

Whether you come with friends and family or on your own, this is an opportunity for everyone to feel encouraged and renewed. Please note, childcare will be not be available.

We look forward to coming together and filling the room with praise!

Questions? Contact [Mike](#).

Missions

When I think about Global Missions, I'm reminded of John Piper's powerful quote: "Missions exists because worship doesn't." This truth drives our actions as a church - whether it's through singing songs like *World Needs Jesus* by River Valley Worship, dedicating 13% of our budget to missions, or the vital work of the Global Missions Team. Each of these efforts highlights the urgent reality that countless individuals around the world have yet to hear the good news of Jesus and fully embrace Him. We have a responsibility to change that.

Ellerslie is about to begin a new chapter with its Global Missions Team! We've been blessed with dedicated individuals who have served faithfully and passionately, and as some transition out, new voices are needed. With David Holzmänn, our previous chair, moving to another church, we also look forward to welcoming new leadership, redefining our approach to mission trips, and effectively sharing the incredible work of our partners. That's where you come in!

If you want to be a part of shaping the future of missions at Ellerslie, I would love to connect with you about joining the Global Missions Team. Please send an email to myself at missions@erbc.ca.

Our next meeting is January 9th @ 7:00 pm in the Parent's Room (west hallway).

I look forward to collaborating with you to see our dreams become a reality!



Dave Schmidt | Lead Pastor

Summer Day Camp

august 11 - 15, 2025

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Kids, ages 4 to entering grade 6, are invited to join us on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. True North Summer Day Camp shows them that Jesus is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

Cost: \$55 per child

To learn more or register visit erbc.ca/daycamp.

registration

March 10th | opens to Ellerslie families

March 16th | opens to the public

Registration fills up fast! If the age group you're looking for is sold out, be sure to sign up for the waitlist. As more people volunteer we're able to accommodate more kids.

volunteer

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. **Sign up to serve at erbc.ca/daycamp!**

Questions? Contact Lisa at lhart@erbc.ca.

special needs

Kids with special needs will need to attend with an aide. Recognizing this is a costly commitment, we offer a 50% registration discount. Please contact Lisa at lhart@erbc.ca for the discount code before you register.

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.**

facilities

Flexible

- Sidewalk Snow Removal | Sunday mornings
- Event Logistics Team (set up and tear down)
- Facilities Team
 - Skilled Trade Workers (ie: electrical, plumbing, painters, etc.)
- Meal Train Team (providing meals to those needing comfort or support)
- 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.

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 Teams
- 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.

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.

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 for special events, etc.)
- Cereal Donations for Sunday Morning Live

To get involved or learn more contact Pastor Conrad at 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 Mike at worship@erbc.ca.
For production contact Pastor Nathan at production@erbc.ca.

Staff Team

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