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ROMANS 8:5-6

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the spirit have their minds set on what the spirit desires. The mind of the sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the spirit is life and peace.

”

from the pastor

For as long as I can remember, I have been taught that spending time with God is a duty. I want to clarify that this instruction hasn't come across as harsh or authoritarian; for the most part, people have been loving and encouraging. However, as teachings about reading the Bible, praying, and lesser-known practices like fasting, solitude, and journaling have continued, this concept can sometimes feel more burdensome than joyful. Even the terminology we use—calling these activities disciplines, practices, and devotions—makes me wonder if we have done ourselves a disservice.

On a personal level, I'm an introvert and a fairly disciplined individual. I recharge my batteries when I'm alone, and I thrive on having a regular routine and structure. However, have we unintentionally sidelined our extroverted friends by focusing so much on the importance of solitude in our spiritual practices? If these spiritual rhythms are designed to draw us closer to God, how can we approach them from a different perspective than what we may have heard in the past? How can we experience the joy, freedom, and closeness we often hear about, but may struggle to find on our own?

In this series on ***Spiritual Rhythms***, we want to accomplish three main objectives. First, teaching you five different rhythms to help you grow closer to God, which is what you would expect in a series like this. The next two goals may be more unique. Second, speaking to both introverts and extroverts, exploring how this experience can resonate with individuals based on how each of us are wired. Finally, we will discuss the significance of these spiritual rhythms in the Christian life and their impact on our souls.

Spiritual rhythms serve as a form of spiritual warfare, rather than just another task on a Christian to-do list. By reading Scripture, we affirm God's truth and dispel the lies of the enemy. Taking a day of Sabbath rest reminds us that God is in control, not our schedules. Living in community helps us combat spiritual isolation. These are some of the spiritual rhythms that God invites us to embrace in order to experience a fuller life.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Schmidt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dave Schmidt | Lead 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.

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giving options

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online at
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newsletter

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To subscribe visit erbc.ca/newsletter.

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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? Join the live stream online at [ellerslie.online.church](https://www.ellerslie.online.church).

Easter

easter offering

A special Easter offering will be taken up to make a meaningful impact in the work of two of our Global Mission Partners - **Youth Workers Community**, where Sid Koop is the Executive Director, and **Laura Russell**, a BGC missionary faithfully serving in Argentina. **To learn more about these partners, visit erbc.ca/partners.**

Your generosity will help extend the love of Jesus by building into the next generation. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in this Easter's offering.

Donations will be received until April 30th. **To donate visit erbc.ca/easter.**

good friday service april 18 | 10:30 am

Join us in worship and reflection as we focus upon Jesus' death on the cross.

ekids classes will be available for ages 6 months to 3 years old. Ages 4 and up will be given activity bags to enjoy during the service.

Unable to attend? Join the live stream at ellerslie.online.church.

easter sunday service april 20 | 9:15 + 11:15 am

Together we'll celebrate the hope and renewal of Jesus' resurrection!

ekids classes will be available for ages 6 months up to and including Kindergarten. Grades 1 to 6 will be given activity bags to enjoy during the services.

Unable to attend? Join the live stream at ellerslie.online.church.

Churchwide

last supper experience
april 9 | 6:45 - 8:00 pm

Join us for an interactive, all-ages event as we share in a taste of what Jesus' disciples experienced during the Last Supper. We'll draw closer to Christ through a sampling of the symbolic meal, heartfelt worship, and reflection. Let's prepare our hearts together for Easter and remember the love and sacrifice of our Saviour.

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

connecting lunch
may 4 | 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 members of 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.

annual general meeting
june 1 | 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 ministry updates from our staff. Hear how we're making a difference together!

You can learn more, access the live stream, or view the meeting package starting May 23d. Visit erbc.ca/meetings.

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 each 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.

faith + family workshops

These workshops take place during regular ekids classes on Sunday mornings. **At least one parent must be present.**

preteens + parents april 6 | 9:15 am + 11:15 am

Discover the significance of communion and baptism and determine if your child is ready for these next steps in their faith journey. This workshop will replace the regular grade 5/6 class.

kinders + parents june 1 | 9:15 am + 11:15 am

Kinders and their parents will experience a taste of “big kids church” as they join in elementary chapel time. Afterwards, Pastor Kelsey will share what to expect as they make the transition upstairs. **Meet in the ekids chapel (upstairs).**

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 June.

Interested? Contact [Pastor Kelsey](#).

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rally 46 may 2 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Grade 4 to 6 students are invited to enjoy this FREE evening of fun at Ellerslie! There will be inflatables, games, live music, and more. Invite a friend and bring a few dollars for the concession.

Registration opens on March 31st.

To register visit erbc.ca/register.

grade 6 celebration dinner june 6 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Celebrate your grade 6 student as they transition from ekids to Ellerslie Youth! Following dinner, Pastor Conrad will share what youth ministry is all about and each student will be prayed for.

The new graduates will then stay for their very first Friday Night Youth! (see page 10)

To register visit erbc.ca/register.

Questions? Contact [Pastor Kelsey](#).

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. Afterwards, we'll enjoy a cereal breakfast together before we head into the 11:15 am service.

The final SML is June 22nd.

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!

youth retreat
may 16-18, 2025

Ellerslie Youth is heading to Lone Prairie Camp for a weekend of making memories and diving into God's word!

Learn more and register at erbc.ca/register.

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upcoming events

Series | Galatians

March 21 - Twin Night

Series | Baptism + Communion

March 28 - Small Groups

April 4 - Wii Sport Resort

April 11 - Tournament Night

April 18 - NO YOUTH

April 25 - LEG Day

May 2 - Small Groups

Series | Big Questions

May 9 - Game Show Night

May 16-18 - Youth Retreat **

May 23 - DIY Night

May 30 - Small Groups

Grade 12 Grad **

June 6 - JELLO Night / Grade 6 Grad **

June 13 - Field Games

June 20 - Year End Party

** 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

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.

monthly events

Enjoy a fun night out with friends every month! Register at erbc.ca/register.

march 25 | 7:30 - 9:30 pm

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

april 23 | 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Let's serve together! We'll be assembling Kare Kits to support those experiencing homelessness.

may 21 | 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Meet at the Church and we'll carpool for a hike in the River Valley.

june 23 | 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Celebrate summer with a bonfire, snacks, and lawn games at the church!



Adults

small groups + triads

At Ellerslie, we're dedicated to helping you grow in your faith and engage in meaningful community.

Small groups are diverse in size, focus, and stage of life that typically consist of 6-12 people.

Triads are for deeper study, authentic sharing, and growth in groups of 3-5 individuals of a single gender.

Interested? Contact [Carolyn](#).

kare kits monthly | 12:30 - 3:00 pm

On the fourth Sunday of each month, 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 to distribute them and share God's love! **Sign up to serve at erbc.ca/register.**

Questions? Contact Renae at karekits@erbc.ca.



widow to widow monthly | 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.

high tea celebration june 19 | 12:30 - 3:30 pm

To celebrate the friendships we've built this past year at Widow to Widow, we'll be enjoying an afternoon of teas and treats!

Please RSVP to Dary at w2w@erbc.ca.

christian singles

When Christian Single Connect is a city-wide community of mature Christian singles, ages 40-55+. Create genuine friendships, overcome loneliness, and feel valued without the pressure of dating.

Learn more and find upcoming events at whenchristiansinglesconnect.ca.

Questions? Contact TY at hello@whenchristiansinglesconnect.ca

ellerslie women | spring tea may 24 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ladies, join us for a delightful morning of tea, refreshments, and laughter as we welcome the beauty of spring!

Cost: \$10 per person

Registration opens on May 1st. To register visit erbc.ca/register.

Questions? Contact [Renelle](#).

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rightnow media

RightNow Media is the world's largest streaming library of Christian video content! With thousands of Bible studies, devotionals, and teaching on topics like marriage, parenting, personal finances, mental health, and more, there's something for everyone in your family. Plus, kids can enjoy a dedicated library with over 2,000 safe, entertaining shows!

Get started by creating a FREE account at erbc.ca/rightnow.

Download the RightNow Media app to stream on all your major devices, so you and your family can access uplifting content anytime, anywhere.

We hope this gift from Ellerslie will be a blessing to our whole church family!

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!

March 23 | 6:00 - 8:30 pm
Central Baptist Church (Connor's Hill)

April 27 | 6:00 - 8:30 pm
Terwillegar Community Church

May 25 | 6:00 - 8:30 pm
Leduc Fellowship Church

There is no Hymn Sing in June.

monthly events

Join us on the **second Tuesday of each month** for a dinner and fun!

Learn more and register at erbc.ca/register. Tickets are also available in the foyer on Sundays.

april 8 | 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Share your skills at **Prime Time's Got Talent!** Registration opens March 30th.

Cost: \$15 per person

may 13 | 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Enjoy an evening of music at our **Spring Banquet**. Registration opens April 27th.

Cost: \$25 per person

june 10 | 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Bring a food dish and recipe to share for our **Potluck Dinner!** Registration opens May 25th.

Worship Arts

worship arts contacts

Mike Barton | mbarton@erbc.ca

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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 worship@erbc.ca.

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 production@erbc.ca.

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: \$60 per child

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

registration

Registration is open and filling 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 campers.

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.

Meet Carolyn

As I anticipate joining the Ellerslie Church staff team as the **Adult Ministries Director starting March 24th**, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

My husband, Rob, and I have been part of the Ellerslie family for over 30 years, raising our three daughters—Rachel, Lynette, and Joelle—within this church community. Throughout the years, I have been deeply involved in numerous ministries, including Worship Arts, Children’s Ministry, Ladies Morning Out, Young Families, the Pastoral Support Team, and Alpha. I have also served on the Church Board for 10 of the past 13 years, holding key leadership roles such as Board Vice-Chair, Discernment Committee Chair, and a Search Committee Member.



Professionally, I hold a Diploma of Biblical Studies, a Master’s in Education, and a Graduate Certificate in School Leadership. I have extensive experience in administration, curriculum development, and teaching, equipping me to serve effectively in ministry leadership.

Two years ago, I began praying about what God had next for me, sensing He was leading me into something new. Through much prayer, discussion, and discernment with church leadership, I felt God’s clear direction toward this role.

My passion is to see Ellerslie continue to reach people for Christ, help them grow in their faith, and speak into their lives. I am honoured to step into this new role, following God’s calling to serve the church in a deeper way.

I look forward to engaging with you on this new journey and invite you to join me in prayer as I begin this next chapter in ministry!

Carolyn Klassen | Adult Ministries Director

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 a 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

- 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.)

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.)

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 production@erbc.ca.

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