



# ADOPT YOUR BLOCK

## May 2020 Newsletter

The sun is out and we're well on our way to summer! Put down the remote and grab some fresh air. Enjoy the view from your deck, take a walk around the block, or if you're feeling ambitious, hike a local mountain. This summer may not be what you'd originally planned, but we can still have fun with staycations!

Since we're all staying close to home, how can you make a difference in your neighbourhood or community? Are you bringing joy to those around you? I keep hearing that together we'll get through this. Listed in this newsletter are several ideas for how we can support each other through this new reality.

Speaking of supporting each other, I've been amazed how many community partners have stepped up to support our Living Edge Neighbour Market on Thursday nights. Sysco Foods, Living Edge partners, Soap for Hope, Sidney Kiwanis Club, Gatton Farms (Jason Austin), Peninsula CO-OP, and Victoria Distillery have all partnered with us to provide food and necessities for those in need.

The cool thing is these are not faith-based organizations, but rather people who have realized the need and their value in partnering with the local church.

Even in the darkness God brings light and hope. During this season, how will care for those around you?

-Rick Boomer, Director of Care and Missions





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## Tangible ways to Adopt Your Block this month

How can we love our neighbours this summer?

- Prayer walks are beneficial in so many ways. You get to focus on God and His creation, you get fresh air and exercise, and, best of all, you get to engage others.
- What have you learned these past few months? What are you lacking or in need of? Maybe others around you are in the same boat. For a while, yeast has been hard to find. Do you have some that you can share? Maybe someone is willing to share with you?
- Many of our elderly are in care homes and family cannot visit. The separation is very difficult. How can you bring comfort to these families?
- Grocery shopping for a neighbour is another great opportunity to show God's love and to show you care.
- If you're watching our livestream Sunday service, share the link with a friend. You can invite them to watch along and then discuss the sermon afterwards. It can be a lot less scary for people to watch the service online rather than coming to our building.

In the past months we've heard some amazing stories of SBC families loving their neighbours. If you'd like to share your story or experiences please contact Rick at [rickboomer@saanichbaptist.org](mailto:rickboomer@saanichbaptist.org)

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