

# Sew Precious In His Sight

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## GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN

*"You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."* John 14:14



**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to show parents the love of Christ, especially at a time when their personal pain is hard to endure, and let them know that God is faithful. Through acts of obedience and donations, His work can and will continue. We pray that this ministry will have an impact far beyond our expectations.

**Our Purpose:** Threads of Love is a sewing ministry meeting the needs of newborns and tiny premature infants.



## The conference is coming! the conference is coming!

You don't want to miss it. It is coming April 20-23, and you need to be ready. If you have never been, you need to be there. Wed. the 20th is an optional all day class if you want. You won't be sorry. If you've been before, I hope you are as excited as I am about this one. It hardly seems two years have passed since we had the big 20th birthday.

Keep your eyes open for a schedule of classes. I have my eyes on one that is a possibility that I really want to take. When you get the list, don't hesitate sending in your choices, or you may miss out. Remember first come first served. Some "teaser" pictures are in this newsletter.



*Happy 10  
year  
anniversary*



**Congratulations to all of you.  
Keep up the good work.**

Elisa Reamsnyder  
San Antonio, TX

## Our newest Chapters



LeAnn Morgan/Conneaut,  
Ohio  
Angela Lee/Pooler, GA  
Shirley Bridger/Jonesboro,  
Ark.  
Joan E Auld/Port Lavaca,  
TX

We look forward to meeting you  
ladies at the conference in April.  
You won't want to miss it.

Our triplets were born on 2/12/2014 at Woman's Hospital. The shirts your organization supplied were the first thing they wore. The care package were very comforting to us during a difficult time for us.

For our 1st birthday party we asked for donations for your organization. We are very thankful for the comfort your ministry provide family in need. Thanks again, Love the White Family.





You don't need a new machine to attend the conference, but then, do we need an excuse for a new machine?

This is a list of some of the other classes that will be offered.

Watch for the January newsletter for an update of classes offered.

Smocking for Beginners—Shadow Embroidery  
Tatting Crochet  
Several Heirloom Classes  
Applique Bear  
These feet are not made for walking  
Hand Embroidery  
Off the Edge  
Make a little girl's dress out of a man's shirt

There will be All Day Class for the "Bonus Day" –  
Wednesday April 20, 2016

Shark Teeth (as seen on page 5)  
Beatle Bag (as seen on page 4)  
Tote Bag  
Baby Quilt (as seen on page 4)  
Working to add 2 more class here

These are just some classes to be thinking about. You will want to sign up early to have a better chance of getting the one you want.



Stash & Dash



Self Binding Quilt



Beatle Bag



Iron Caddy/Tote



Pieced Baby Quilt

## Shark's Teeth Bereavement Gown

by Susan Myers

Inspired by "Little Boy Blue" Christening Gown  
by Elizabeth Rhodes and Sue Stewart

The picture does not do justice to this beautiful bereavement gown! It is a modification of the standard Threads of Love bereavement gown pattern with embellishment inspired by a design by Elizabeth Rhodes and Sue Stewart. The shark's teeth technique gives the gown a tailored, heirloom touch, and is suitable for boys or girls. The center top panel can be left plain, or embellished with machine or hand-embroidery.



**Eye Spy" Baby Quilt** – this adorable quilt not only makes a cute blanket or floor mat/play pad, but also becomes a fun game as baby grows. Each square is a different print and becomes a game of 'find the object' for the child. All the game pieces are contained in an envelope on the back of the quilt. In this class you will work on [lay-out and begin your quilt top.](#)



**Madeira Nightgown** – Treat yourself! This beautiful nightgown is easy to make using Madeira applique techniques on the bodice overlay. The high yoke design is flattering and comfortable. The French bias trim makes finishing the neck and arm edges easy! In this class we will cover the Madeira applique and bias trim techniques.

*\*\*\*A personal note from Renee: Let's treat ourselves while learning techniques for baby gowns. I'm so signing up for this class.*



**Madeira Table Runner** – This table runner is quick and easy using Madeira applique and bias shaping techniques. It can be made as a formal table dressing OR use holiday fabrics for fun family get-togethers. It also makes a great gift!



**Heirloom Thread Catcher and Pin Cushion** – This pin stitched pin cushion with featherstitched d straps accompanies a thread catcher you will delight in using. The thread catcher features embroidered insertion with entredeux and lace borders flanked by folded tucks. This is a project for beginners to heirloom techniques!



## Threads of Love Conference April 20—23, 2016

**Plans are to have the conference packet ready for mailing by late January or early February  
Wednesday April the 20 will be a bonus day which is optional for those that want to come ear-**

HOW ARE YOU HANDLING THE SUFFERING THAT LIES AT THE HEART OF OUR MISSION?

She suffers. Her husband suffers. Their daughter, an only child for so many years, suffers. The sonogram reveals that this new life they joyfully welcomed into their lives will not survive the pregnancy, or if he does, he will not likely live long thereafter. Soon, they tell their parents, their families, their close friends. Although their community gathers around them, trying to absorb the shock and pain, their suffering does not abate.

That is how it played out in our family when my oldest step-daughter learned her son had Trisomy 18, the genetic anomaly that would take his life. In some families we serve in Threads of Love, a child is taken suddenly by miscarriage or stillbirth. In others, a tiny soldier has to fight from birth to win or lose the battle to stay alive.

How do you respond to the suffering that is the reason for the Threads of Love mission? I propose that we handle the suffering with hope. The Apostle Paul wrote, “...we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character, and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (Rom. 5:14, NASB)

Frankly, what kind of cold-hearted creature would exult in our examples of suffering for herself, no less for someone she cares about? Who can rejoice in the midst of suffering?

Sisters, we can. We are so honored to carry the message of the risen Christ to those who suffer. We toil in anonymity and prayer to offer a small hand-crafted package to those who grieve. Our sacrifices are small compared to the grief we confront but we know Paul was right. It may be the gesture that gives an hour or day of perseverance to the grieving parent or sibling. Our gift may give a measure of distance between the stabbing wound and eventual healing. Our gift of prayer will be a salve on the wound. One day, after persevering through the unbearable, the proven character of a warrior will emerge. A woman will stand up from her bed, a man will be knit together again to share his wisdom with his family, and another family will go forward with hope. We can rejoice that we are given the privilege to walk beside those who suffer.

**Dear God, We know that hope rooted in Jesus Christ never disappoints. Help us to be devoted in prayer as we are to every snip and stitch. Graciously allow us to be instruments of Your love in the midst of tribulation, grief and tragedy. Grant us you vision so that we might ever be overflowing in hope. Amen.**

### **Jennifer heart breaking story**

My name is Jennifer. I'm a registered nurse in the obstetrics department at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital in Bolingbrook, IL and I am part of their perinatal bereavement program as well. I'm also a bereaved mother who lost my daughter Jasmine on [October 31, 2014](#) to stillbirth.

When I delivered Jasmine she was only 10.6 ounces and 10 inches long. The hospital I delivered in didn't have any clothes, blankets, diapers, or hats small enough to fit her. We kept her wrapped in a blanket that was extremely huge on her because just holding her naked seemed just.....wrong. The blanket Jasmine was wrapped in never made it home with us. The nurses were supposed to wrap her in a hospital blanket when we went home and send Jasmine's blanket home with us. I don't know how it happened but her blanket was lost or thrown away so we didn't get to bring the only thing we had that still smelled like Jasmine home with us.

When we left Jasmine behind in the hospital and went home with empty arms I felt completely confused, alone, and just horrible. I don't want any of the bereaved parents at our hospital to feel that way. I just wish we had the funds to do more for our grieving parents.

We are a relatively new facility. Before I worked there, became a member of the perinatal bereavement program, told Jasmine's story, and became very vocal about perinatal loss. Looking back at my experience I can think of things I regret not doing and things I wish I would have known about. I really wish the hospital provided us with the blanket Jasmine was wrapped in as well as clothing, a hat, a diaper, and something tangible to bring home.

Thank you for taking the time to read my story.