



JACOB RATH appears to be content as Ruth Anne Yonken, volunteer babysitter, gives him his bottle.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

## Support group meets to learn about children

By Karen Krien

"Mothers of Young Children" support group has been meeting the second Tuesday of each month since October at Peace Lutheran Church. The meeting starts at 9 a.m.

"We had several new mothers who expressed the interest of a group where they could talk to other mothers," said Tracy Neitzel, the mother of two young boys plus running the T-N-T Tots.

"It has been a wonderful time for mothers and children to get together."

Each meeting is planned by two of the mothers. They arrange for the

program and bring treats.

Some of the past speakers have been Kody Krien, Krien Pharmacy, who talked about giving children medicines; Deb Grace, speech pathologist; Susan Roelfs, the county health nurse; and Amy Busse who showed "kidzeercises" for children.

They enjoyed a Christmas cookie and recipe exchange and there will be many other fun plans and projects throughout the year.

Babysitters are provided at each meeting which allows the mothers to listen to the speakers and also gives the children time to interact with other children. Some of the

babysitters are Ruth Anne Yonkey, Sharon Penton, Charlotte Hilt, Sharon Feikert and Jo Frewen.

"We couldn't do this without our wonderful babysitter volunteers," Mrs. Neitzel said.

Any mother with small children is welcome to attend. Mrs. Neitzel said there have been several mothers and children join them in the last month.

For more information, call Mrs. Neitzel at 785-222-2217 or Jenny Busse, 785-332-3251 or just come to the meeting at 9 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Peace Lutheran Church.



BABYSITTER SHARON PENTON volunteers her time to watch the children. Colton Neitzel plays with Play Doh at the Mothers of Young Children's meeting.

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