## Farmington comedian shares his wholesome humor

Comedian Bill Thomas — who specializes in wholesome humor — will appear at 7 p.m. Friday at Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston.

The Farmington resident does routines for churches, corporations, chambers of commerce, associations and business groups to help people "lighten up, laugh more and live long."

Though not a "Christian comedian" per se — Thomas anys les a comedian who happens to be a Christian — the humorist has developed a routine that helps church members laugh at themselves. He pokes fun at humper stickers that say "God is my co-pilot" on cars with major dents and the way people

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"I'll have some jokes about church and going to church, the different personalities that go to church, it cuts across every different denomination, be said. Thomas was invited to perform by the church's Jesus, Jaw.
Jubilation team, which features alcent in a 'Coffechouse setting' every two to three months.
This week, the Christian quartet Witness will also perform. The idea is to give members an event to which they can invite their non-churched friends and relatives that lan't a worship service, said Gayle Buschur, director of outreach ministry. The performances, held in the fellowship hall, are also open to members of the public. The

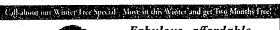
hope is that non-members will build a relationship with members. "They're more inclined to get to know Jenus by having a relationship with someone who's a Christian," Buschur said.

There is no charge for admission, though a free-will offering will be taken. Coffee and desserts will be taken. Coffee and desserts will be served.

Thomas started working as a comedian 20 years ago after he was laid off from his job, giving him real-life experience from which to draw his material on the importance of humor in the workplace. "A guy said only the truth is funny, and it's so true," he said. Thomas goal, no matter his audience, its O'lighten people's loads" by taking their mind off their troubles and helping them put things in perspective. "I have no grand plan for chang-

ing the world," he said. "You just want to ... make it a little easier for them."
Thomas, who also once worked as a radio talk show host for WXYT, has appeared "every

place from Pine Knob to
Atlantic City, he said. He has
been the opening act for Tonight
Show host Jay Leno and singer
Weyne Newtyn.
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But I digress.

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What I finally got onto the griddle and coloked on both sides tasted like flour, because I had to use so much to keep the dough from sticking. Finally, I scrapped the whole works. I was a letie loser, a Norwegian knothead. I was in a word - depressed. If there's one thing Best Priends can't tolerate, it's depression. When he got home, mine gave me a consoling hug and reminded me I wan't a fallure at lots of other things. I talked about how my mother made lefte and remembered her rolling pin was always covered with a cloth sock.

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Maybe that's what was wrong, he said, and ast down at the computer.

Minutes of exhaustive Intermet research turned up a Web site that offered the finest in lefse-making equipment, everything from an \$80 electric griddle to a turning sites with a painted handle. A few keystrokes later, he'd placed an order for the most necessary equipment; a duck-doth covered rolling board, sitek-proc socks for the rolling pin and the turning sitek. When the box arrived, not only did it include the most necessary equipment; but a lefse recipe that was nothing like the one published by the Sons of Norway – a recipe that started turning out better right from the beginning out better making one come of proved vactions on the same consult. I had the right equipment, a better recipe, and I had learned that when you've done wrong.

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you're putting things together the wrong way. Sometimes, we figure these things out for ourselves. And sometimes, we just need a little help from a friend.

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