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ST. LUKE'S BOISE/MERIDIAN INTRODUCES NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Boise, ID (March 1, 2007) – Today, officials from St. Luke's welcomed Christopher Roth to the leadership team as the new Chief Operating Officer of St. Luke's Boise. Roth is most recently from Northwest Hospital and Medical Center in Seattle, Washington where he served as Vice President of Operations.

Roth will share the responsibility of the overall operational and clinical effectiveness of St. Luke's Boise with the Vice President of Patient Care Services; reviewing, approving, and monitoring objectives, operating and capital budgets, policies and procedures; and staffing and personnel actions in addition to other duties.

Roth has worked in various roles in health care administration since 1996. He received a Master of Health Care Administration from the University of Minnesota and an undergraduate degree from Utah State University.

Founded in 1902, St. Luke's Boise Regional Medical Center is a 369-bed community hospital. St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center is a 104-bed community hospital that began providing a full range of hospital services in 2001. St. Luke's Boise and St. Luke's Meridian are both designated as a Magnet hospital, the gold standard for nursing excellence.

St. Luke's Health System is Idaho's only locally owned, not-for-profit health system. The system offers a full continuum of care through its four hospitals and more than 30 outpatient centers and clinics. St. Luke's Health System's 6,400 employees, 867-member medical staff, and more than 850 volunteers are committed to delivering the highest quality care to those in medical need regardless of their ability to pay. With a mission "To improve the health of people in our region," St. Luke's Health System provided \$138 million (including capital) in community benefit during its 2006 fiscal year. The hospitals of St. Luke's Health System have earned numerous national awards and recognition for excellence in patient care. For more information about St. Luke's Health System, visit www.stlukesonline.org.

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