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ST. LUKE'S BOISE/MERIDIAN INTRODUCES NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF NURSING

Boise, ID (April 3, 2007) – This week, officials from St. Luke's welcomed Joanne Clavelle, RN, MS, FACHE, as the new vice president for Nursing and Patient Care Services. Joanne is a registered nurse by training and has held a number of management leadership positions in large health care organizations, most recently as vice president for Ancillary Services for Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, Vermont.

Joanne's patient care and management experiences, along with her focus on helping people, fits St. Luke's mission "To improve the health of the people in our region." Joanne will share responsibility with Pam Bernard and Chris Roth, chief operating officers of our Meridian and Boise facilities, respectively, for the overall operational and clinical effectiveness of these campuses.

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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