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## **St. Luke's Welcomes New Year's Day Babies at its Boise and Meridian Hospitals**

New Year's Day 2009 dawned with the St. Luke's Boise Medical Center recording the first new baby of the year.

The baby boy named Jaden was born at 12:31 a.m. at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center to Erika Lewis of Kuna. He was a healthy 7 pounds and 13 ounces.

A second baby boy was born at 5:06 a.m. at St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center to Gretl Marques of Boise. He was a healthy 7 pounds and 5 ounces.

To help mark the special occasion St. Luke's provided families with a special New Year's baby gift basket. The basket included a variety of baby items as well as a \$50 Target gift card.

St. Luke's Health System delivers more babies than any other system in Idaho. Each year nearly 6,000 babies are born at St. Luke's Boise and Meridian hospitals in the Treasure Valley. More than 8,500 babies are born at all four St. Luke's hospitals.

St. Luke's Children's Hospital in Boise is also home to Idaho's first and still the state's largest Newborn Intensive Care Unit. Opened in 1970, the NICU treats more than 1,000 premature babies every year.

St. Luke's expertise in treating premature infants has earned it a position as one of only 16 Newborn Individualized Developmental Care and Assessment Program (NIDCAP) training sites in the world. In 2008, St. Luke's NICU became the world's first NIDCAP Certified Newborn Intensive Care Unit by NIDCAP Federation International. To find out more about St. Luke's Health System visit [www.stlukesonline.org](http://www.stlukesonline.org).