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Larry Cope Named Chairman of St. Luke's Health System Board of Directors

Magic Valley Resident Alan Horner Joins Health System Board

Boise, ID—(December 29, 2008) St. Luke's Health System Board of Directors announced today that Larry W. Cope has been elected as Chairman. Mr. Cope assumed his new responsibilities at the Board's November meeting. In addition, to the election of Mr. Cope, Magic Valley resident Alan Horner has transitioned from his position on the Board of St. Luke's Magic Valley to a new role on the Health System Board. Mr. Horner will join 10 other community volunteers from throughout St. Luke's service area who serve on the Health System Board and devote their time and talents to help guide the organization in fulfilling its not-for-profit mission of improving the health of people in the region.

Mr. Cope is the President and CEO of Clear Springs Foods, Inc. which is headquartered in Buhl, Idaho. He joined the company in 1973. Cope received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the College of Idaho in 1966. In addition to his service to St. Luke's, Mr. Cope has served as Chairman of the National Fisheries Institute, the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry and is a past president of The College of Southern Idaho Foundation. He currently serves on the Board of the Idaho Community Foundation, and the College of Idaho. Mr. Cope was deeply involved in the merger process between St. Luke's and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center which was confirmed with an 88 percent positive vote from the residents of Twin Falls County in 2006.

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Mr. Horner is currently the President and CEO of First Federal. He joined the financial institution in 1992. Mr. Horner attended Weber State University and received a bachelor's degree in Marketing from Boise State University. Beyond his service to St. Luke's, Mr. Horner is a Board member on the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, an executive committee member for Business Plus, serves on the American Bankers Association Mutual Advisory Board, the Idaho Independent Bankers Association and the American Bankers Association.

Mr. Cope will replace Arthur "Skip" Oppenheimer who served as Chairman of the Health System Board since its inception in 2006. Mr. Oppenheimer will continue serving as a member of the Board. Mr. Horner replaces Jerry Meyerhoeffer, former President of the College of Southern Idaho, who served on the Health System Board between 2006 and August, 2008.

Members of St. Luke's boards of directors provide guidance for medical center and Health System policy, development and service enhancement, and determination of how hospital revenues will be reinvested back into local health care services, facilities and equipment.

St. Luke's is Idaho's only locally governed, 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 more than 7,500 employees, 970-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 provided \$187 million (including capital) in community benefit during its 2007 fiscal year. The hospitals of St. Luke's have earned numerous national awards and recognition for excellence in patient care. For more information about St. Luke's, visit www.stlukesonline.org.

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