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ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL NOW OFFERS HOSPICE SERVICES

St. Luke's Hospice Services provides quality, compassionate end-of-life medical care and counseling in the comfort of patients' homes.

CHESTERFIELD, MO, September 8, 2010 – St. Luke's Hospital announces the addition of St. Luke's Hospice Services, providing quality, compassionate end-of-life medical care and counseling for patients in the comfort of their own homes.

Talat Nawas, MD, is interim medical director and Lisa Heisserer is the administrator of St. Luke's Hospice Services.

“St. Luke's Hospice Services completes the continuum of quality healthcare St. Luke's provides the community,” said Lisa Heisserer, administrator of St. Luke's Hospice Services and St. Luke's Home Health Services. “We bring the same personalized, compassionate care that St. Luke's is known for to patients and families as they make difficult end-of-life decisions about their medical treatment. This ensures the patient's last days are as comfortable and as meaningful as possible.”

St. Luke's obtained the business from Faith Hospice, Inc., which has provided comprehensive, compassionate end-of-life care to the community since 2006. St. Luke's Hospice Services is committed to ensuring the continuity of medical services and personal attention to patients during the transition.

For more information, patients or their family members may call 314-205-6707.

About St. Luke's Hospital:

St. Luke's Hospital, located in Chesterfield, Missouri, is a regional healthcare provider committed to improving the quality of life for patients and the community. The 493-bed, not-for-profit hospital offers more than 60 specialty areas including cardiovascular care and surgery, cancer care, neurosurgery and neurology, orthopedics, maternity and other women's health, general medicine, outpatient services, pediatrics and comprehensive surgical services.

St. Luke's was the only Missouri hospital recognized in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 as an America's 50 Best Hospital™ by HealthGrades®, ranking among the top one percent in

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the nation based on superior clinical quality. St. Luke's is also the only Missouri hospital to receive the HealthGrades 2009/2010 Women's Health Excellence Award for providing quality healthcare to women.

St. Luke's Hospital is part of the Spirit of Women® Hospital Network, a coalition of hospitals and healthcare providers across the United States that ascribes to the highest standards of excellence in women's health, education and community outreach. For more information about St. Luke's Hospital, please visit www.stlukes-stl.com/newsroom.

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