

Paul Frederick Bosch died in Lexington, KY in on the morning of his 92nd birthday, January 21, surrounded by loving family. After living in Waterloo Ontario for forty years, Paul had recently moved to a nursing home in Lexington to be nearer to his family.

Paul was a retired pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Born in Buffalo, NY, as the third of four children of Herbert and Ruth (née Krauss) Bosch, and the sixth generation of Lutheran pastors in the USA, he attended public schools in Buffalo. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Muhlenberg College (1952) and he received his BD from The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (1956).

In 1956 he was ordained by the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America as Assistant Pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Williamsport, PA, and in 1960 he was called as the first ordained Lutheran campus pastor at Syracuse University, NY, where he served for almost 20 years. He married Kathryn Stinar of Lakefield, MN in 1961.

In 1968 he was awarded a Danforth Campus Ministry Grant that allowed him to move with his family to study at the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, Switzerland. From March until August of that year he served a small congregation of Scandinavian Lutherans and their families in Leeds, England. In 1973 Bosch survived the first of two open heart surgeries, the first to repair a congenital flaw in his aortic valve; the second in 2001 to repair a large aortic aneurism. In 1979 he served the congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amherst, MA, and as Lutheran Chaplain at UMass, Amherst, Smith, Mt. Holyoke, and Hampshire Colleges. He was called as Lutheran Campus Pastor at Waterloo, ON, in 1982, serving University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University.

On moving to Ontario, Paul and Kathy bought 157 Albert Street, a splendid Victorian farmhouse and probably the oldest residence in Waterloo (1836). In subsequent years they succeeded in having it placed on the Register of Historic Places in Ontario.

For six years before retirement, Paul taught worship, pastoral practice, church architecture, church music and hymnody, and church drama at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary (now Martin Luther University College). Paul was prime mover in establishing in the Eastern Synod of the ELCIC an annual Spiritual Retreat for Pastors, and an annual Spiritual Retreat for laity. Upon his retirement, he was appointed by WLS as its first Emeritus Dean of the Chapel.

In 1993-94 he served as the Eli Lilly Visiting Professor of Religion at Berea College. He was honored by the ELCIC in 1996 as its first Laureate Companion of the Worship Arts. Paul was a lifelong artist and painter, and was invited to exhibit his acrylic landscapes at Wilfrid Laurier University in 2005. Waterloo Lutheran Seminary later was host to a retrospective of his paintings, drawings, and liturgical designs. In 2016, Bosch was named Distinguished Alumnus by the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary). For over 20 years Paul's monthly Worship Workbench essays have appeared and are still available on the ELCIC's worship website, [worship.ca](http://worship.ca)

Paul's gifts included a natural ebullience of spirit and a joyous love of life. He is survived by his sister Ruth Bosch Becker (Pennsylvania), sister-in-law Carol Bosch (New York), and by his

daughters and their families: Anna Bosch and Jonathan Allison of KY and their children Victor and Philip Allison; and Sarah and David Holbrooke of Telluride CO, and their children Bebe Bischoff, Kitty Holbrooke and Wiley Holbrooke. Mourners include a wide family circle of cousins, nephews and nieces. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Lutheran Campus Ministry at Syracuse University (lcmsyracuse.org), or to the UN Refugee Agency (unhcr.org). A memorial service celebrating the life of Paul Bosch will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 445 Anndale Road, Waterloo, Ontario, at 2:00 p.m. ET, February 25, 2023; livestream on <https://www.facebook.com/christlutheranwaterloo/>