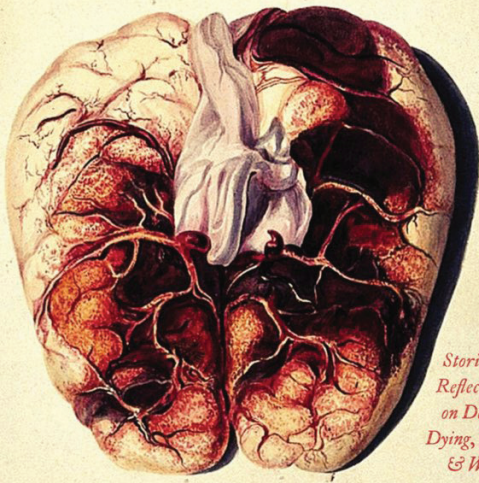


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*Stories &  
Reflections  
on Death,  
Dying, God,  
& Waste*

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foreword by Cláudio Carvalhaes

# **Book Presentation: Everyday Armageddons**

**Thursday, April 18, 2024  
1 p.m.**

**In-person, Library Commons  
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In the past hundred years, the average American lifespan has increased by nearly three decades. While a good thing, this extra time has also created the conditions for modern ordinary death marked by chronic illness, lengthy pervasive debility and often isolation from community. Most of us, most of our friends and family, and most of the world will die an ordinary modern death. Our deaths will not make the news. They will not be discussed by strangers. They won't be written about by generations to come. Rather, they will happen behind closed doors, tucked away from the world after a lengthy period of pain, illness and cognitive decline. *Everyday Armageddons: Stories and Reflections on Death, Dying, God and Waste* is a collection of narratives, stories and theopoetic reflections about those ordinary deaths. Join this conversation with Rev. Matthew J. Holmes and Rev. Thomas R. Gaulke, authors of *Everyday Armageddons*.

Rev. Matt Holmes graduated from The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in 2010. After graduating, Matt worked as a chaplain, pastor and grief support specialist in several different settings. He currently provides bereavement support for Advocate Hospice. Matt also serves as a firefighter/EMT and an adjunct instructor at Triton College. He lives in the western suburbs of Chicago with his wife and two kids. He is the author of *Breath: 52 Reflections for Those Who Care for the Dying* (Avenida Books, 2017).

Rev. Thomas R. Gaulke, Ph.D., is a belief-fluid Lutheran pastor. For 20 years he lived in Chicago, co-founding and collaborating with various community groups to improve the quality life of area residents by shutting down dangerous polluters, providing public transit and eliminating bail bond in Illinois. He currently serves as an on-call chaplain for the Black String Triage Ensemble in Milwaukee, Wis., and is the interim campus pastor to Carthage College in Kenosha. He is the author of *An Unpromising Hope: Finding Hope Outside of Promise for an Agnostic Church and for Those of Us Who Find it Hard to Believe* (Pickwick Publications, 2021).

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