

Deb is a life-long resident of Cleveland, and graduated from Lutheran West and Valparaiso University.

She spent a semester in Germany in college, and returned to study in West Berlin at the Berlin School of Church Music.

Back in Cleveland, she worked for The Cleveland Orchestra as Secretary to Music Director Christoph von Dohnanyí. She was also Director of Music at The Lutheran Church of the Covenant in Maple Heights. She is married to Chuck Dickey, and they have been blessed with two children, Christopher and Maren.

She taught elementary music in Strongsville for 15 years. In 2018 she took a sabbatical to participate in the ELCA Global Missions' Central Europe Teachers Program in Slovakia. She taught English and religion at the Lutheran High School (Evanjelické gymnázium Tisovec) in the small town of Tisovec.

She served as Interim Director of Music Ministry at Messiah from 2023-25, and is enthused and gratified to be making church music from the organ bench once again.