

## **Dr. Elisabeth Cherland**

Elisabeth Cherland (she/her) is a fourth-generation choral conductor as well as teacher, singer, song leader, violinist, and Lutheran church musician. As Assistant Professor and Director of Choral Activities at Minnesota State University, Mankato she teaches music education courses, private voice, and conducts the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers. She also serves as Artistic Director of Musicorum, a Mankato-based chamber choir. Prior to her appointment at MSU she taught at Gustavus Adolphus College and spent seven years teaching middle and high school music in the public schools of South Dakota.

Dr. Cherland earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting at the University of Washington, a Master of Music Education with teaching certification from VanderCook College of Music, and a Bachelor of Arts in Music and English from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. Her research interests include women in academia, feminist and narrative research, choral settings of Emily Dickinson poetry, song leading pedagogy, and social justice in the choral classroom.

She lives with her partner Kent and their two sons, Elijah and Leif, in St. Peter, MN. She loves storytelling and story-hearing, doughnuts, bubble tea, laughing, knitting, running (when the temperature is perfect and the course is flat), and sunshine when it's available.