BAKER VILLAGE
Baker Village offers a unique opportunity for Luther seniors who are interested in gaining an independent living and learning experience while keeping close ties to the campus community. Villagers are considered on-campus residents for most purposes and are bound by the Student Handbook policies and Housing and Dining Contract. It is important to note that with greater independence comes greater responsibility. Residents are expected to treat other residents and college property with respect and civility at all times. If an inappropriate situation is confronted, the Resident Assistant and Area Coordinator will be involved and will take corrective actions. Policy violations could lead to the immediate eviction of residents from the Baker Village.

BICYCLE STORAGE
There are outside bicycle racks in several locations around the village. Bicycle storage is available for the winter in the Ashmore-Jewell Barn (the red barn next to Baker Village); students should contact the Sustainability office for information. Bicycles should not be stored inside the houses or leaning against the houses.

BREAKS
Baker Village will remain open for all breaks; however, any resident wishing to remain in their house for any part of the time the campus is closed must register in the Residence Life office. All houses will be inspected for health and safety issues during these periods, whether residents are staying in the houses or not. Student housing is not available in Baker Village during the summer months. All residents must check out prior to 6:00 p.m. on the day of commencement.

CABLE TV
Each bedroom is wired for cable TV as well as the living room. The basic cable package is included in the student housing fee.

CLEANING
Luther College custodians clean all bathrooms on a weekly basis. A schedule is made up early in the semester and distributed to all houses. Residents should have personal items stored when the custodian comes to the townhouse, as they will not move personal items to clean behind or under them.

DESIGNATIONS
Baker Village townhouses are designated by number of bedrooms: 4 or 6-bedroom houses. Townhouses are not designated according to gender, but all residents of a house must be of the same gender. Groups of men and women meeting the draw criteria have equal opportunity to apply to live in Baker Village. All residents choose specific rooms within the house during this process, and all room assignments are binding.
FURNISHINGS
The rooms and furnishings are as follows:

- A full kitchen, including a range, oven, refrigerator/freezer, and microwave
- A furnished living room. Six-bedroom houses have the following: a three-seat couch, a two-seat couch, one armchair and an end table. Four-bedroom houses are furnished with: a three-seat couch, two armchairs and an end table. All living rooms have a cable/data port.
- A dining area containing a table and chairs (one chair for each resident of the house)
- Each bedroom includes a chest of drawers, an adjustable single bed (no lofts), desk, and chair for each student. Each room has a large closet.
- Data/cable and phone lines
- There are mini-blinds in all windows
- Each house has a vacuum, broom and dustpan

All college-owned furnishings must remain in the house at all times.

INTERNET
Wireless network access is available in the houses and Shirley Baker Commons.

LAUNDRY AND RECYCLING
Both laundry facilities and recycling containers are available in the lower level of the Shirley Baker Commons. There are six coin-operated washers and six coin-operated dryers.

LOCKOUTS
If you are locked out of your house, you should try to get in touch with the RA in Oslo 1. If you are unable to reach that person, call Security (x2111). A fee of $5.00 may be assessed for subsequent lockouts.

MEAL PLANS
No meal plan is required for Baker Village residents, but a variety of flexible off-campus meal plans is available. Contact Dining Services (x1030) for more details.

MID-YEAR VACANCIES
If there is a mid-year vacancy in the house, the remaining students will have the opportunity to fill the vacancy prior to December 1, 2017, with another student who meets the Baker Village criteria. After that time, the Residence Life office may assign a student to fill the vacancy after notifying the residents in the house.

PARKING
Baker Village lots are reserved for Baker Village residents only; a special parking permit is required. Refer to the online vehicle regulation manual for other parking restrictions for Baker Village residents.

POLICIES
As a resident of Baker Village, you are held accountable to the same standards as students living in other residence halls. However, higher expectations for Baker Village residents will be reflected in the sanctions and enforcement of policies rather than in actual changes in policy. In other words, a policy violation may lead to immediate eviction rather than lesser educational sanctions.
ROOM DIMENSIONS
The bedrooms in Baker Village measure 10.5’ x 11’ (give or take about 4”), except upstairs rooms in the 4-bedroom houses, which are approximately 14’ x 10.5’ and are considered double-occupancy rooms.

ROOM ARRANGEMENTS
Students are free to personalize the house within the limits set by campus policy (including no permanent fixtures or waterbeds), with a couple exceptions:

- All vents need to remain uncovered (upstairs bedrooms) for proper ventilation throughout the building.
- No lofts are allowed in Baker Village.
- Please do not put dressers underneath beds; this has caused damage to dressers in the past.

Before you begin to decorate your townhouse, you need to know a few things about closing. We will not have allowances for “excessive wear-and-tear.” Anything damaged beyond normal wear-and-tear (as judged by the Residence Life office and/or Facilities Management) will be replaced, especially if a policy violation has caused the damage. For example, if one screw is placed in a wall, that hole will be patched and the entire wall repainted at the residents’ expense. Also, if a carpet is stained excessively or burned at all, the entire carpet will be replaced at the residents’ expense.

ROOM RATE
The 2017-2018 room charges for Baker Village are:
- Houses with 4 bedrooms - $4,960
- Houses with 6 bedrooms - $5,800

TELEPHONES
Each bedroom has an individual phone number assigned to that room; students can request voicemail through LIS. No phone access is available in any of the common areas.

TERMINOLOGY
- **Building**: The largest structure. There are four: Bergen, Oslo, Trondheim, and Lillehammer
- **House**: Within each building, there are four or six houses. House numbers are indicated with a gold number outside each door (i.e. Oslo 3)
- **Room**: Within each house there are four or six specific bedrooms. Room numbers are indicated with a very small number in the upper corner of the doorframe (i.e. Oslo 3-1).

TORNADO SHELTER
In case of severe weather, students should go to the lower level bathroom or shower.

WHAT TO BRING
- Cooking utensils, flatware, glassware and dishes
- Cleaning supplies
- Linens, including 80” extra long twin bedding
- Trash cans
WHAT NOT TO BRING
Microwave
Pets
Candles or incense
Large furnishings such as couches, beds, etc.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
• 2-3 small nail holes for hanging pictures are acceptable in each room. You should not, however, use any permanent plastic hooks, large nails, sinkers, or screws in the walls. Any screws, mirrors, hooks, or other additions made to the house will need to be removed at the end of the year, and will result in charges for any damages to the walls.
• The area outside your townhouse should be free from debris. Grills are allowed (grills should be at least 10 feet away from building while in use) during the fall and spring, but should not be stored inside during the winter. Bikes, trash, boxes, etc. are to be stored elsewhere.
• Quiet hours and courtesy hours do apply to Baker Village.
• It is generally up to the residents to confront noise issues. If asked by another resident to reduce noise levels to a reasonable level at any time, you are expected to do so. Studying and sleeping take priority.
• Continuous noise issues should be referred to the RA.
• The alcohol policy is the same as in residence halls, though sanctions may be more severe.
• No amounts of alcohol in excess of personal consumption are permitted-this applies to large parties and the presence of kegs, bongs, tubs of alcoholic beverages, or other large amounts of alcohol.
• Outdoor areas are considered public areas; therefore, consumption of alcohol outside is also considered a violation of Luther’s alcohol policy.
• Residents who host parties that include alcohol consumption by people who have not reached the legal drinking age, excessive alcohol consumption by students of any age, excessive noise, or other problematic behavior should expect to be reassigned or evicted from the village.