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Peace Focuses on Global Poverty and Hunger

Queen of Peace High School students focused on the issues of global hunger and poverty during Hunger Awareness Week from Nov. 15-19. Students raised more than \$1,600 during the week, which will aid the victims of the Haitian earthquake and Pakistan floods.

Throughout the week, students and faculty were encouraged to give to “Change 4 Change” by bringing brown-bag lunches and donating the change and money they would have spent on a cafeteria lunch. Students also brought canned goods to be donated to Our Savior Lutheran Church and gathered in Peace’s chapel on Tuesday for Thanksgiving Prayer Services.

The Poverty and Hunger Task Force sponsored a Hunger Banquet after school on Wednesday, Nov. 17. Each student who attended the banquet represented one of three groups. The high-income group represented 15 percent of the world’s population, earning more than \$12,000 a year. The few students in this group were served a nutritious garden salad with dressing; pasta; rolls and butter; and pop, at a table with plates, napkins, silverware and cups. The middle-income group consisted of roughly 35 percent of the population, earning less than \$12,000 a year. Students placed into this group dined on rice and beans on a plate with a fork, as well as a cup of water. Students seated on the floor represented nearly 50 percent of the world’s population. These individuals in the low-income group earned about \$2.70 a day and were served a cup of water and rice on a plate without utensils or a napkin.

On the final day of Hunger Awareness Week, students and faculty participated in the Oxfam Fast and Soup Sale.

“In order to stand in solidarity with so many people around the world who do not get

enough to eat, we asked the Peace community on this day to eat lighter meal options or fast,” said Kristine Owens, moderator of the Poverty and Hunger Task Force.

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Poverty and Hunger Task Force member Kelli Peyronet serves rice to junior Ashley Bartosz and other students who were placed in the low-income group during Queen of Peace’s Hunger Banquet on Nov. 17.