

FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC  
Form 425  
June 29, 2016

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest  
event reported) June 28, 2016

(Exact name of registrant as  
specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State  
or 0-10967 36-3161078  
other Commission (IRS Employer  
jurisdiction number) Identification No.)  
of  
Incorporation)

One Pierce  
Place, Suite  
1500, Itasca,  
Illinois  
(Address of 60143-1254  
principal (Zip Code)  
executive  
offices)

(630) 875-7450  
(Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On June 28, 2016, First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. (“First Midwest”) issued a press release announcing the execution of an agreement and plan of merger in connection with its proposed acquisition of Standard Bancshares, Inc. (“Standard”) and Standard’s wholly owned subsidiary, Standard Bank & Trust Company, based in Hickory Hills, Illinois. First Midwest also provided supplemental information regarding the proposed transaction in connection with a presentation to investors. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and a copy of the presentation materials is attached as Exhibit 99.2, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc., dated June 28, 2016.

99.2 Investor Presentation of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K may contain certain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as “may,” “might,” “will,” “would,” “should,” “could,” “expect,” “plan,” “intend,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “probable,” “potential,” “possible,” “target,” “continue,” “look forward,” or “assume” and words of similar import. Forward-looking statements are not historical facts or guarantees of future performance or outcomes, but instead express only management’s beliefs regarding future results or events, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and outside of management’s control. It is possible that actual results and events may differ, possibly materially, from the anticipated results or events indicated in these forward-looking statements. We caution you not to place undue reliance on these statements. Forward-looking statements are made only as of the date of this report, and First Midwest undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect new information or events or conditions after the date hereof.

Forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including, but not limited to: expected synergies, cost savings and other financial or other benefits of the proposed transaction between First Midwest and Standard might not be realized within the expected timeframes or might be less than projected, the requisite shareholder and regulatory approvals for the proposed transaction between First Midwest and Standard might not be obtained, or might not be obtained in a timely manner, credit and interest rate risks associated with First Midwest’s and Standard’s respective businesses, customer borrowing, repayment, investment and deposit practices, and general economic conditions, either nationally or in the market areas in which First Midwest and Standard operate or anticipate doing business, may be less favorable than expected, new regulatory or legal requirements or obligations, and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions identified under the sections entitled “Risk Factors” and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in First Midwest’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, as well as First Midwest’s subsequent filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission. However, these risks and uncertainties are not exhaustive. Other sections of such filings describe additional factors that could impact First Midwest’s business, financial performance and pending or consummated acquisition transactions, including the proposed acquisition of Standard.

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#### Additional Information for Stockholders

The information contained herein does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval. In connection with the proposed merger of First Midwest and Standard, First Midwest will file a registration statement on Form S-4 with the SEC. The registration statement will include a joint proxy statement of First Midwest and Standard, which also will constitute a prospectus of First Midwest, that First Midwest and Standard will send to their respective shareholders. Investors and shareholders are advised to read the joint proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available because it will contain important information about First Midwest, Standard and the proposed transaction. When filed, this document and other documents relating to the merger filed by First Midwest can be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). These documents also can be obtained free of charge by accessing First Midwest's website at [www.firstmidwest.com](http://www.firstmidwest.com) under the tab "Investor Relations" and then under "SEC Filings." Alternatively, these documents, when available, can be obtained free of charge from First Midwest upon written request to First Midwest Bancorp, Inc., Attn: Corporate Secretary, One Pierce Place, Suite 1500, Itasca, Illinois 60143 or by calling (630) 875-7463, or from Standard Bancshares, Inc. upon written request to Standard Bancshares, Inc., Attn: Lawrence P. Kelley, President and Chief Executive Officer, 7800 West 95th Street, Hickory Hills, Illinois 60457 or by calling (708) 499-2000.

#### Participants in this Transaction

First Midwest, Standard and certain of their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed under the rules of the SEC to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the respective shareholders of First Midwest and Standard in connection with the proposed transaction. Certain information regarding the interests of these participants and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed transaction when it becomes available. Additional information about First Midwest and its directors and officers may be found in the definitive proxy statement of First Midwest relating to its 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed with the SEC on April 14, 2016 and First Midwest's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 filed with the SEC on February 23, 2016. The definitive proxy statement and annual report can be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.  
(Registrant)

Date: June 28, 2016 /s/ NICHOLAS J. CHULOS

By: Nicholas J. Chulos  
Executive Vice President, Corporate Secretary, and General Counsel