

# META FINANCIAL GROUP INC

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**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): August 23, 2004

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**First Midwest Financial, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

0-22140  
(Commission File)  
Number

42-1406262  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

Fifth at Erie, Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (712) 732-4117

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On August 23, 2004, the Registrant issued the attached press release announcing the declaration of a cash dividend for the fourth quarter of its fiscal year 2004.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

The following Exhibits are being furnished herewith:

99.1 Registrant's Press Release dated August 23, 2004.

## **SIGNATURE**

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 FINANCIAL, INC.**

*By:        /s/ Ronald J. Walters*

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*Ronald J. Walters  
Senior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer  
and Chief Financial Officer*

*Dated:    August 24, 2004*

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Description of Exhibit  
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99.1	Registrant's Press Release dated August 23, 2004.
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**FIRST MIDWEST FINANCIAL, INC. DECLARES CASH DIVIDEND**

Storm Lake, Iowa - (August 23, 2004) First Midwest Financial, Inc. (NASDAQ NM: CASH) announced that the Company will pay a cash dividend of \$0.13 per share for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2004. This dividend will be payable on or about October 1, 2004 to shareholders of record as of September 15, 2004. The Company has paid regular quarterly cash dividends since the first dividend paid on January 5, 1995.

At June 30, 2004, First Midwest Financial, Inc. had assets of \$757.5 million and shareholders' equity of \$44.8 million, or \$17.95 per common share outstanding.

Corporate Profile: First Midwest Financial, Inc. is the holding company for First Federal Savings Bank of the Midwest, headquartered in Storm Lake, Iowa, and for Security State Bank, headquartered in Stuart, Iowa. First Federal Savings Bank operates as a thrift with four divisions: First Federal Storm Lake, Brookings Federal Bank, Iowa Savings Bank, and First Federal Sioux Falls. Security State Bank operates as a state-chartered commercial bank. Sixteen offices support customers throughout northwest and central Iowa, and in Brookings and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. During the first half of calendar 2005, First Midwest Financial, Inc., will change its name to Meta Financial Group. The Company's stock will continue to trade on the NASDAQ National Market under the symbol "CASH".

This release may contain forward-looking statements which reflect management's expectations regarding future events and speaks only as of the date of this release. These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties. A list of factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in, or underlying, the Company's forward-looking statements is detailed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, such as its annual and quarterly reports.

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